# 2024 SCI® ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

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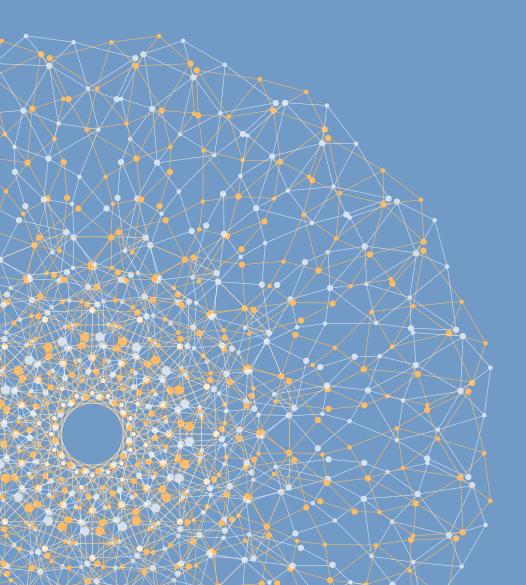
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# REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION



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#### CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

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# TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their statutory report together with the audited accounts of the Society of Chemical Industry ("SCI" or "the Society") for the year ended 31 December 2024. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 27 to 30 of the attached accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

# A NOTE FROM THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN

I am delighted to report a strong year in 2024. SCI activities continue to convene and facilitate the development of scientific solutions to the big societal challenges facing us today. The first year of the new strategy was delivered. There was a strong focus on sustainability throughout the year, as SCI is in a unique position to help convene those who need to collaborate to deliver true sustainability.



Harry Swan

**Harry Swan** 

Chair of the Board of Trustees, 2023-24

#### **OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

SCI® was established in 1881 by forward thinking scientists, inventors and entrepreneurs to help support and accelerate the rate of adoption of chemistry and related science into industry for the benefit of society. During its 144 years SCI®'s community has developed a multitude of new products and processes across a wide range of industry sectors, from new medicines to new materials, bringing extensive benefits to society.

Operating as an international membership organisation, SCI® connects industry with academia, government and other key stakeholders to come together to solve some of the biggest global challenges facing society, whether that is developing scientific solutions to Climate Change or Health and Wellbeing issues. By harnessing its unique networks novel solutions are developed, new entrepreneurial businesses are supported, and ideas are developed into reality.

SCI®'s is a unique community, being multidisciplinary, bringing together people from different disciplines, businesses and backgrounds. A wide range of industry sectors are represented, including agrifood, energy and materials, pharmaceutical and consumer products. Members range from C suite and Heads of R&D and Innovation to marketing and business development professionals, patent lawyers and a wide range of scientists and engineers. Academics include chemists, biochemists, biologists, horticulturalists, environmental scientists, digital scientists and engineers.

#### SCI®'s current strategy has focussed on SCI® committing to:



#### **ACCELERATING INNOVATION**

Helping to promote and support the acceleration of emerging technologies into industry for the benefit of society through the translation of knowledge via conferences, publications and by building communities.



# SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION

Providing valuable resources for members including gaining new knowledge, personal development and training, and support to build new networks.





#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Engaging the pubic in the benefits of the application of science via events, publications, C&I magazine, SCIBlog, and the SCITalks Public Lecture Programme.

In formulating the Society's aims and in planning the work of the charity, the trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the general guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2024, the first year of the new strategy was delivered and income levels have been strong across the organisation. Membership has continued to grow and is now in its eighth consecutive year of growth. A new journal has been launched and publishing operations strengthened under the new contract with Wiley. SCI® has continued its campaigning on the Manifesto for science and innovation in the UK.

Charitable Purpose As a charity SCI is focussed on its charitable purpose and delivering impact for society. Our community is working to provide scientific solutions to the most difficult challenges facing society today, ranging across Climate and Planet, Sustainability and Health and Wellbeing. The SCI community consists of the practitioners and leaders who are developing and then commercialising these new technologies.

#### ADDRESSING CLIMATE AND PLANET

SCI's communities continue to work on addressing the energy transition, developing new forms of energy such as hydrogen, new more carbon efficient materials and recycling technologies in the race to Net Zero. SCI continues to publish cutting edge translational research in these areas and run conferences showcasing emerging technologies.

#### **ADDRESSING HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

SCI's communities work on addressing a range of societal challenges across new therapies and treatments to address cancer and other major diseases. Health and sustainability of agriculture and food production is a key thematic area, as is new sustainable materials for a wide range of consumer products, the everyday products we use every day. Throughout the year SCI published emerging research that could be applied in these areas and ran a range of conferences and events addressing how emerging technologies are being adopted by industry.

#### **CONVENING COLLABORATIONS**

Collaboration is a key underpin to accelerating scientific innovation and this was seen very clearly with the rapid development of the covid vaccines. One of SCI's roles is to convene communities across multidisciplinary boundaries so that ideas can be developed, and new alliances formed to work together to solve societal challenges.

Since the beginning of 2020 SCI has connected over 2,000 companies with over 3,000 universities to help accelerate science out of the lab and into industry

#### **INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION**

SCI continues to have a strong focus on supporting and developing early and mid-career members. Activities are aimed at educating and developing this critical group of

future scientists, inventors and entrepreneurs. Events covered a wide range of technology areas as well as functional areas covered in various training programmes, such as developing and managing a commercial intellectual property portfolio. During the year all programmes, such as the Mentoring Programme, continued to operate.

#### **SCIDEA WINNER 2024**

The Bright SCIdea Challenge 2024 took place on 19 March 2024 where five finalists pitched their scientific business idea to the panel of industry experts. AGregen, from the University of Birmingham, presented their business for a non-ammonia-based fertiliser based on a novel polymer designed to degrade precisely into the nutrients required for the soil at a slow and controlled rate. Owing to their well-rounded pitch, their clear and concise answers to all of the judges' questions and the potential value of their idea in use, paired with its excellent sustainability impact – AGregen went home with the £5,000 cash prize.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The SCITalks public lecture programme ran throughout 2024. The programme is an important part of SCI's outreach programme, helping to educate and engage the public on the importance of science and industry for society. Talks given included AI4You: What can AI do for you and what do you need to be able to use it? (Jeremy Frey, University of Southampton), Bayesian optimization and design of experiments (Ruth Missener, Imperial



College) and *AI in Drug Discovery* (John Overington, Exscientia).

#### **2024 IN FOCUS: SUSTAINABILITY**

During the 2024 the focus was on developing programmes to address Sustainability. Sustainability at SCI encompasses not only scientific innovations but also ensuring businesses and supply chains are sustainable.

A new industry body was formed to enable companies to work together to find solutions across their supply chains. SCI Sustainability, a new journal focussed on sustainability, was also developed and launched late in the year.

Since 2020 SCI has connected up over 2,000 companies with 3,000 Universities to help accelerate science out of the lab and into industrial products for society.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY AT SCI**

SCI also takes its own sustainability obligations seriously. We work to reduce our impact on the environment by using our resources wisely, cutting waste, and improving energy efficiency. In 2024 we installed new energy efficient boilers in the Belgrave Square headquarters and moved our electricity provision onto 100% green tariffs, saving 16 tonnes of  $\mathrm{CO}_2$ .

#### FLUE TO CHEM (F2C): SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

F2C is a collaboration of 17 partners working together to develop new sustainable materials for a range of consumer products. This is a complex project but the

collaboration will demonstrate that it is possible to recycle carbon from flue gases into useful products for society. The impact of this project will be demonstrate a completely renewable carbon system.

The collaboration is ground-breaking – seeking to solve several inventive steps to both capture the  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  on an industrial scale and then convert this into useable materials that would otherwise be derived from virgin fossil fuel. Through the year several significant steps forward were made, with the  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  being successfully captured from flue gases from a paper mill and being converted to a new sustainable surfactant material. Further work is needed to optimise the technologies being developed. The project concludes in 2025.

#### **OPERATIONS**

2024 has been another strong year as the organisation has stabilised after the covid pandemic, with income across all areas steady throughout the year. Membership has continued to grow and is now in its eighth consecutive year of growth. Publishing operations have been restructured throughout the year, and SCI continued to support its Manifesto for science and innovation in the UK.

*Membership* Membership numbers have continued their steady growth, with year on year increases over the last seven years, and increasing 8% in 2024.

During the year existing corporate partners continued their support for SCI and we were delighted to welcome Reckitt as a new partner. SCI's community of start-up and Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) also continues to grow with around 300 companies being active in the organisation.

SCI now represents organisations with revenues in excess of \$468bn, with research and development investments amounting to over \$25bn per annum globally.



The SCI membership is very diverse with different disciplines, sectors and ages being represented. Members range from early career to mid-career and C-suite, sectors represented range from lifesciences and biotech to food, materials and consumer products. The disciplines range from chemistry, biology, biochemistry, data science, physics, medchem, horticultural science, environmental science, food science and all forms of engineering.

Publishing During the year the restructuring and rebuilding of the publishing business continued. A new contract was concluded with our publishing partner, Wiley, with terms designed to facilitate the transition to open access for the journals. The charity has also now assumed responsibility for some editorial functions from Wiley and as a result the team has been strengthened with new hires.

A new journal, *SCI Sustainability* was launched, bringing together research across *SCI's* multidisciplinary academic community with industry to identify solutions to the significant challenges of sustainability across a range of industry sectors.

This unique platform bridges the gap between research and industry, aiming to solve some of the world's most pressing challenges across climate, sustainability, health, and wellbeing. *SCI Sustainability* journal is accessed here: https://scijournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/29976286

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Gross income from publishing was marginally down in the year – reflecting the competitive environment and the ongoing move to open access. However, due to the impact of the new publishing contract with Wiley, the SCI royalty share was actually higher. Readership across all publications continues to grow, in particular in the digital media area. 2024 saw year-on-year increases in online visits to *CBI* (+36%) and the general news section of the website (+11%). Downloads of the Society's journals also increased by 6%.

Conferences 2024 was a strong year for conferences with face-to-face conferences being well attended, and continued high income levels. Throughout the year, 53 events were held, across a range of topics covering our Societal Challenge areas of Climate and Planet, Health and Wellbeing and Sustainability.

**Property** Income from property has remained strong with the building fully let. Room hire performed well during the year although income was down on 2023 as many organisations continue to meet online.

#### Awards: Recognising Excellence in Innovation

SCI runs an extensive international Awards Programme, promoting and recognising excellence in innovation and industry. Scholarships and awards are presented to early and mid-career innovators from academia and industry, to support their personal development or to fund research.

During the year 118 awards were presented, including scholarships, fellowships and prizes to recipients in organisations across 12 countries. 51% of award recipients were female and 49% male.

### 2024 in Focus: A Manifesto for Science and Innovation (UK)

Throughout the year work continued on the Manifesto for Science and Innovation. This is a UK based programme which seeks to promote how new scientific innovations can create benefits for the economy as well as society in general. During the year extensive work was carried out with UK government bodies and departments to assist in shaping the role of science in the economy in future years.

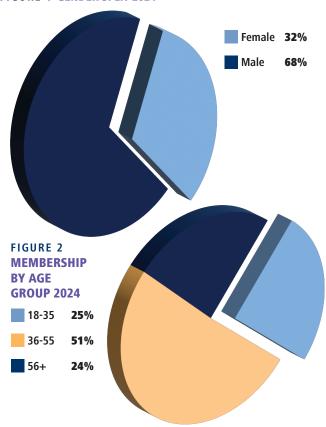
#### **DIVERSITY**

SCI's charitable purpose is built on diversity. Collaboration, working across non-traditional boundaries and supporting others for a common purpose are at the heart of the organisation. SCI strives to ensure that these values are operating in action within the organisation.

As a truly interdisciplinary organisation this diversity is reflected in members who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines and in the activities of the charity – from our publications and journals to our conferences and events.

Over recent years we have sought to encourage a broadening of the age range of members within the organisation and encouraged gender diversity. The age demographic has moved over recent years and the representation of females in the Society has increased from 26.6% in 2016 to 32% in 2024 shown in Figure 1, with strong representation in the student member group, where 53% are female. The average age of

#### FIGURE 1 GENDER SPLIT 2024



members is 46 as shown in Figure 2 with increasing numbers of younger members.

The Society continues to seek to strengthen diversity across its governance committees, including the Board of Trustees, with a first female chairs of the Careers Committee and the Membership Committee being appointed.

A new leadership in Diversity Award was launched in 2024 - showcasing programmes operating across the membership. The submitted programmes for the year were very broad ranging from Johnson Matthey's programme to build a talent pipeline of women for leadership roles to GSK transforming their recruitment practices and which is serving as a model for others in a

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science-led industry.

In the year a new scheme was launched to support members with disabilities to attend conferences and events.

We continue to focus on recognising and valuing diversity and on making SCI a welcoming environment for all.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS**

The Society continues to run a wide range of activities thanks to the incredible contribution of the many members and volunteers who support SCI. We continue to recognise their important contribution and are grateful for their vision and passion, giving their time and expertise to the charity.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

#### SCI STRATEGY

During 2025 SCI will continue to focus on delivering the strategy that will deliver our charitable objectives into the future. The strategy is focussed on the practical interventions that are now needed to accelerate the pace of adoption of new technologies across the societal challenges identified in Climate and Planet and Health and Wellbeing as shown below.

Within the strategic aims the following areas were identified for focus:

Climate and Planet Health and Wellness Renewable Energy Life Sciences

Sustainable Materials AgriFood Regenerative Agriculture **Consumer Products** 

The Society has focussed its activities on knowledge sharing and developing solutions to societal challenges in Climate and Planet and Health and Wellbeing, as shown in the Societal Challenges map below. Content creation and curation develop knowledge, which is shared through conferences and events, where connections are made, and collaborations are built. With close of 5m downloads and 50 conferences SCI is the place where science meets business.

#### CLIMATE & PLANET **HEALTH & WELLNESS** Renewable Energy **Life Sciences** Hydrogen / Electrification / Batteries / Low Carbon Systems Biopharmaceuticals / Precision Medicines / Process Technologies tainability **Sustainable Materials AgriFood** Green Feedstocks / Materials Recycle & Reuse Sustainable Ingredients / Healthy and Chancing Diet Diet / Sustainability Regenerative Agriculture **Consumer Products** Harnessing the natural ecosystem sustainably Sustainable Ingredients / Sustainable Packaging

#### SUSTAINABILITY

CRITICAL UNDERPINS					
People & Skills	Carbon management	Al, data and digital	Policy & Regulation		

#### GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

#### CONSTITUTION

The Society of Chemical Industry was founded in 1881 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1907. A copy of the Royal Charter, By-laws and Rules which governs the charity's activities may be obtained on request from the principal office at 14-15 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PS or viewed on our website, www.soci.org. SCI registered itself with the Charity Commission in 1962 (Charity Registration No 206883).

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Overall responsibility for the affairs of the charity lies with its Board of Trustees ("the Board" or "BoT"). The following trustees were in office throughout the period of report and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts, except where shown:

#### **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT**

The Chief Executive is responsible to the Board for the efficient conduct of SCI's affairs in accordance with the Royal Charter, By-Laws and Rules and the delivery of the strategy and the day-to-day management of SCI. The Chief Executive delegates to the line managers. Staff work to an operational plan and budget agreed with the Board, with progress reported to the trustees on a regular basis. The management and staff work within a framework of delegated authority.

#### **GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

SCI is governed by the Board of Trustees, supported by governance committees, to provide advice and support to the Board and the CEO on aspects of the Society. Authority is delegated to the Chief Executive and her team to manage the strategy and operations of the Society. The trustees consider that they, together with the Chief Executive, comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and running the operations of the charity.

Trustees are kept up-to-date with best practice standards and developments in governance through the Chief Executive and the Society's professional advisors. SCI seeks to comply with the Charity Governance Code for the voluntary and community sector. New trustees and those taking office on Standing Committees are made aware of the responsibilities of trustees and office bearers under the Charities Act 2011 and under the Society's governing documents.

Members are elected to governance committees via an annual election process. Co-opted positions are used to attract trustees with skills and talent to complement the trustees elected by the membership of the Society. Trustees are not remunerated for their services to the

BOARD OF TRUSTE	ES
TRUSTEE	APPOINTED/RESIGNED
Rt Hon Greg Clark (Chair)	appointed January 2025
Mr Harry Swan (Chair)	term ended December 2024
Dr Dave Allen	
Dr Ben Alston	
Mr Thomas Birk	appointed September 2024
Dr Nick Challoner	term ended July 2024
Dr Victor Christou	appointed July 2024
Mr Jeremy Compton	
Dr Charlotte Crowhurst	term ended July 2024
Dr Simon Curtis	appointed July 2024
Dr Geoff Fowler	
Mrs Chloe Frankish	resigned November 2024
Dr Jonathan Hague	
Prof Ray Jones	term ended July 2024
Dr Geoff Mackey	
Dr Sharali Malik	
Dr Kevin Matthews	
Dr Jeremy Parker	
Dr Ana Perroni Laloe	appointed September 2024
Dr Elizabeth Rowsell	
Dr Jacqueline Sheridan	
Dr Sarah Skerratt	
Dr Andrew Waterhouse	

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Dr Tiffany Wood

SCI pursues an overall policy of transparency and clear communication. Minutes are taken at all meetings and actions documented. SCI communicates with its community through a range of publications, such as C&I, electronic newsletters, via the website and social media.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Board is supported by one Standing Committee and five Sub-Committees, which advise on specific aspects of SCI's work. The Chairs of each are also members of the Board of Trustees.

#### Finance and Investments Advisory Committee (FIAC)

FIAC is a Standing Committee and advises the Board on all financial matters relating to the Society including investments, investments, reserves IT policies and property.

Membership Committee (MC) The Membership Committee advises the Board and the Chief Executive on ways and means of enhancing the value of SCI membership from the members' perspective.

Publications Committee (PC) The Publications Committee advises on SCI publishing strategies.

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Senior Appointments and Remuneration Committee (SARC) SARC's role is to appoint the Chief Executive and

to approve overall pay increases for staff.

Nominations Committee (NC) The Nominations Committee has the remit to oversee and strengthen the process of appointment or election of members to governance positions.

#### **TRADING SUBSIDIARY**

SCI owns and controls a wholly owned subsidiary company, SCI Business Limited (Company Registration Number 02994541). It undertakes trading activities, which are ancillary to, but not part of, SCI's core activities, and donates the annual profits to SCI in the form of a Gift Aid donation. The accounts accompanying the annual report are consolidated and incorporate the financial results and year end position of both SCI and its wholly owned subsidiary.

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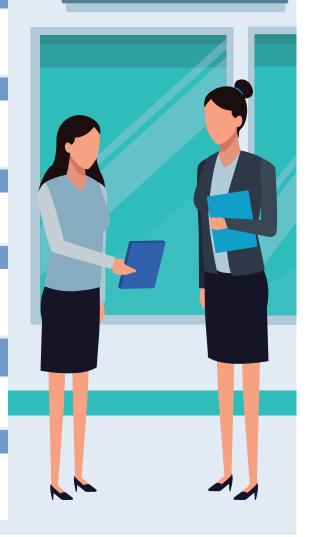
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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### **RESULTS FOR THE YEAR**

Total income for the year amounted to £4,384k (2023 – £3,840k). The principal funding sources were: publications £2,567k (2023 – £1,862k), conferences £426k (2023 – £583k), investment income £335k (2023 – £272k), income from letting and licensing of premises £603k (2023 – £604k), commercial trading operations £113k (2023 – £172k); and member subscriptions of £253k (2023 – £240k).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £4,261k (2023 – £3,862k). Of the expenditure incurred in the year, £3,982k (2023 – £3,642k) representing 93% (2023 – 94%) of the total expenditure incurred, was spent on charitable activities, which includes directly attributable costs, project costs and overhead costs supporting core charitable objectives.

Other expenditure incurred of £279k (2023 – £220k) was in respect of trading activities, letting and hiring of premises and investment management.

The net income for the year before investment gains and losses was therefore £123k (2023 – net expenditure of £22k).

After accounting for the net gains generated on the revaluation and disposal of listed investments of £470k (2023 – gains of £648k), the charity's overall funds increased by £593k (2023 – £626k).

The Society's wholly owned trading subsidiary, SCI Business Limited, reported a profit before Gift Aid donations of £44k (2023 – £72k). The profit earned is payable to the parent charity under Gift Aid in order to assist in meeting its objectives.

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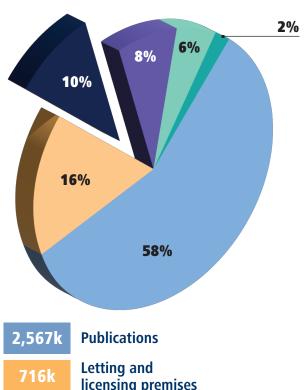
#### **FUNDRAISING**

The Society does not currently engage in traditional forms of fundraising activity such as collections or appeals, and as such, the trustees do not consider it necessary at the moment for the Society to adopt any particular code of practice in this area. However, the Society has conducted an initial scoping exercise in the area of fundraising, incorporating process, procedure, governance and compliance. No complaints have been received by the Society in relation to fundraising.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE**

All funds of the Society not immediately required to be used or applied for the ordinary purposes of, or in

#### SCI®'s TOTAL INCOME 2024



2,567k Publications
716k Letting and licensing premises
426k Conferences
335k Investments
253k Member subscriptions
87k Other

carrying out the objects of, the Society and any property held by the Society, subject to the terms of any trust, may be invested by the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Society in any permitted investment.

The Board may appoint and terminate the appointment of investment managers upon such terms and conditions as they may from time to time determine, except that no person should be appointed as investment manager unless authorised for this purpose in accordance with the Financial Services Act 2010 or any statutory modification thereof or replacement thereof.

Under delegated authority from the Board of Trustees, administration of the funds of the Society, subject to the overall authority of the Board, are overseen by the Finance, Investments and Audit Committee ("FIAC"). FIAC members take advice on the investment portfolio and performance from an independent advisor, Quilter

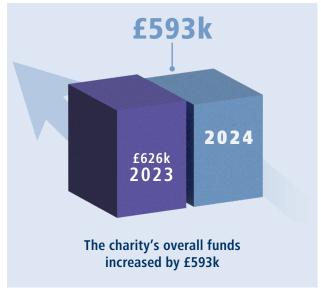












Cheviot Investment Management, who are also responsible for the management of the charity's investments. They assist the Committee to review the investment policy, asset reallocation and risk level. The Committee last reviewed SCI's investment policy in late 2018. The overall policy is for a broadly moderate risk appetite, with balanced expectations of income and

The market value of investments at 31 December 2024 was £8,215k compared with £7,785k at 31 December

Income from listed investments during the year amounted to £243k (2023 - £228k) representing an income yield of approximately 3.12% (2023 - 3.18%). The net gains on the listed investments in 2023 were £470k (2023 – gains of £648k). The total return on the portfolio for the year to 31 December 2024 was 8.6% compared with the benchmark return of 8.2% as per the published ARC Steady Growth Charity Index (2023: 11.9% vs 7.5%).

Surplus cash is held in deposit accounts or term deposits with the Society's bankers, HSBC.

#### **RESERVES POLICY AND FINANCIAL POSITION**

Part of the charity's net assets is represented by the net book value of SCI's interest in its tangible fixed assets. The availability of these assets is essential to the day-today work of the charity and as such, the value of these assets cannot be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies. As such, an amount equal to the net book value of the tangible fixed assets has been separated from the charity's general funds and held as a separate designated fund. At the year end, the balance on this fund was £3,854k (2023 - £4,033k).

At 31 December 2024, funds totalling £2,570 (2023 -£2,450k) comprised restricted funds that must be applied in accordance with the wishes of the donor.

FIAC has considered SCI's free reserves requirements and advises on the same to the charity's Board. Free reserves comprise the general funds of the Society, excluding designated and restricted funds.

The primary purpose of reserves is to mitigate financial risks and ensure the continuity of the charity's operations in the face of unforeseen circumstances or economic uncertainties. Reserves serve as a buffer to address cash flow challenges, unexpected expenses, changes in values or revenue shortfalls without compromising the delivery of charitable objectives.

During 2024 the FIAC and Board reviewed and approved a new reserves policy in line with the Charity Commission guidelines CC19. The reserves requirement has been £8,215k

The market value of investments at 31 December 2024.

£335k

Income from investments during 2024.

£470k

The net gains on the listed investments in 2024.

8.6%

The total return on the portfolio for the year to 31 December 2024.

Year end balance of general funds.

£2,570k

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determined by a comprehensive risk analysis, focusing on the risks that their charity and their beneficiaries might face and how to manage them. Key areas considered were:

- · The nature of the charity's income including predictability of timing and whether it is contractual or voluntary in nature.
- The nature and quantum of risks that may impact the financial stability of the charity
- The future planned expenditure of the charity

The Board has designated a target range for reserves, rather than a fixed amount to accommodate fluctuations in income, expenses, and external factors impacting the charity's operations.

As at 31 December 2024, the charity held free reserves totalling £7.707m (2023 £7.055m) which is within the reserves range of £5.0m to £8.4m. The Board will continue to monitor the financial health of the charity compared to this requirement.

#### **GOING CONCERN**

There is a reasonable expectation that the Society of Chemical Industry has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the charity's ability to continue operating as a going concern. In making this decision, the trustees have taken into consideration the current balance sheet of the charity, the economic climate and a view on future risks and uncertainties and conclude that the charity can sustain its operations for a period of at least twelve months from date of signing these accounts. Consequently, the financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity remains a going concern.

#### **RELATED ENTITIES**

In 2019, SCI established two Dutch legal entities to support and promote SCI's activities in Europe post Brexit. SCI Europe B.V. (registration no. 860729813) and Stichting SCI Europe (860729795) were both registered on 16th December 2019 and remained dormant to 31 December 2024.

#### **FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE**

The Society acts as Custodian Trustee for the SCI Benevolent Fund and Rideal Trust. The financial results of these two charities are consolidated into SCI's accounts and full accounts for the trust funds are produced in note 22 in compliance with Charity Commission guidelines.

#### **SCI BENEVOLENT FUND**

The object of SCI's Benevolent Fund is to provide financial relief to persons who are or have been members of the Society and to their spouses, children and dependents and to the widows/widowers, children and dependents of deceased members. The assets as at 31 December 2024 are investments, which amounted to £155k.

#### THE RIDEAL TRUST

The object of the Rideal Trust is the general advancement of chemical science and, in particular, branches relating to chemisorption, colloid science, interface science, catalysis and related topics. The Trust is jointly administered by SCI and the Royal Society of Chemistry. The activities of the Trust directly support the overall object of the Society which is to advance the science of applied chemistry and related sciences for the public benefit by providing information, granting bursaries, awards etc. The assets as at 31 December 2024 are investments, which amounted to £18k.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees pursue a system of risk management through FIAC, the Executive, and the Board of Trustees. A Risk Register is in place and is regularly reviewed throughout the year by FIAC, the Executive and BoT.

The trustees regularly review the high-level risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The main risks to the Society continue to be market related – in particular from the potential impact of open access on publishing income and the potential volatility in investment earnings. The potential loss of income from publishing is managed by having programmes in place to deliver income growth and appropriate agreements with the publishing partner. The investments are reviewed by FIAC regularly against benchmarks to determine the effectiveness of the investment strategy, which can then be modified if required.

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the income and expenditure of the charity and the group for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the

and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the charity and the group's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

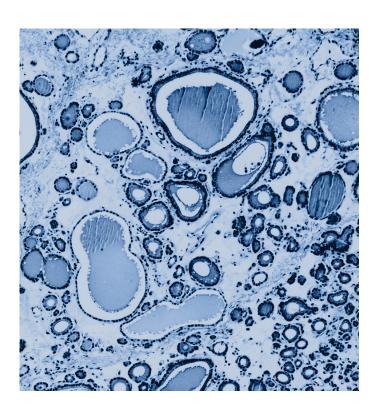
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the group and financial information included on the charity and the group's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Geoff Fowler

**Honorary Treasurer** Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 22 May 2025





# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent auditor's report to the members and trustees of Society of Chemical Industry

We have audited the accounts of Society of Chemical Industry (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiary (collective the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the group and parent charity statement of financial activities, balance sheets, statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of their incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice: and
- · have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

In auditing the accounts, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the accounts themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the accounts;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- the parent charity accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page [X], the trustees are

responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about



# How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud.

whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

### How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

 The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with key management and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts or the activities of the charity. These included but were not limited to the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019); and
- We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of key management and review of minutes of trustees' meetings.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- Making enquiries of key management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate



risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and noncompliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Agreeing accounts disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- · Reading the minutes of meetings of trustees; and
- Enquiring of as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of noncompliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit

of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors responsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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4 July 2025

Buzzacott Audit LLP Statutory Auditor 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL

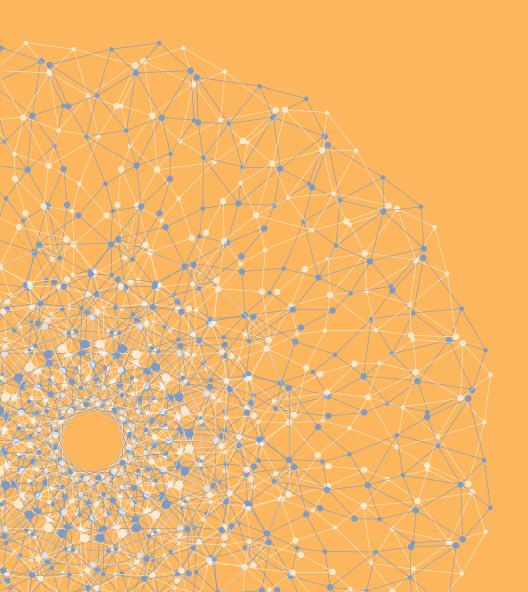
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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year to 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2024 Total funds £'000	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000
Income from:							
Charitable activities	2	3,246	82	3,328	2,685	77	2,762
Other trading activities	3	716	_	716	776	_	776
Investments	4	272	63	335	214	58	272
Other income		5	_	5	30		30
Total income		4,239	145	4,384	3,705	135	3,840
Expenditure							
Raising funds	5	279	_	279	220	_	220
Charitable activities	6	3,836	146	3,982	3,547	95	3,642
Total expenditure		4,115	146	4,261	3,767	95	3,862
Net income (expenditure) before gains and losses on investments and transfers  Transfers		124	(1)	123	(62) (50)	40 50	(22)
Net income (expenditure) before gains and losses on investments		124	(1)	123	(112)	90	(22)
Net gains (losses) on the revaluation and disposal of listed investments	13	349	121	470	483	165	648
Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds	10	473	120	593	371	255	626
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b> Fund balances brought forward							
at 1 January Fund balances carried forward		11,088	2,450	13,538	10,717	2,195	12,912
at 31 December		11,561	2,570	14,131	11,088	2,450	13,538

All of the group's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

The group has no recognised gains and losses other than those shown in the consolidated statement of financial activities.

# **BALANCE SHEETS**

31 December 2024

		Group	Group	Charity	Charity
		2024	2023	2024	2023
Fixed assets	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	12	2.054	4.022	2.054	4.022
Tangible assets	12	3,854	4,033	3,854	4,033
Investments	13	8,215	7,785	8,215	7,785
		12,069	11,818	12,069	11,818
Current assets					
Debtors	14	1,340	1,581	1,469	1,736
Cash at bank and in hand		2,534	1,278	2,391	1,104
		3,874	2,859	3,860	2,840
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,086)	(1,004)	(1,072)	(985)
Net current assets		2,788	1,855	2,788	1,855
Total assets less current liabilities		14,857	13,673	14,857	13,673
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(726)	(135)	(726)	(135)
Total net assets		14,131	13,538	14,131	13,538
The funds of the group and charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	17	3,854	4,033	3,854	4,033
General funds		7,707	7,055	7,707	7,055
		11,561	11,088	11,561	11,088
Restricted funds	18	2,570	2,450	2,570	2,450
<del></del>		14,131	13,538	14,131	13,538
		17,131	15,550	17,131	15,550

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Geoff Fowler

**Honorary Treasurer** 

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 22 May 2025

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year to 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	Α	1,000	(111)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		335	272
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(119)	(162)
Proceeds from the disposal of investments		443	1,715
Purchase of investments		(484)	(1,567)
Net cash provided by investing activities		175	258
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		1,175	147
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	В	1,385	1,238
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	В	2,560	1,385

#### A Reconciliation of net income to net cash (used in) operating activities

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Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Net income (as per the statement of financial activities)	593	626
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	286	344
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets	12	6
Gains on investments	(470)	(648)
Investment income	(335)	(272)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	241	(446)
Increase in creditors	673	279
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,000	(111)

#### B Analysis of changes in cash and cash equivalents and net debt

Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	2,534	1,278
Cash held by investment managers	26	107
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,560	1,385

# PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts are laid out below.

#### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 31 December 2024 with comparative information in respect of the year to 31 December 2023. They are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### **BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION**

The consolidated statement of financial activities and group balance sheet consolidate the results of SCI® and its wholly owned subsidiary company, SCI® Business Limited, groups and applicable trust funds, made up at the balance sheet date. The results are consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

The results of all the groups were fully incorporated into the Society's accounts with the exception of the Macro Group which is jointly administered with the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The charity is taking advantage of the concession to only provide a consolidated statement of financial activities and income and expenditure account as permitted by the Charities SORP FRS 102. No separate statement of financial activities has been presented for the charity alone as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT

Preparation of the accounts requires the trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- the estimates of the useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets used to determine the annual depreciation charge;
- the assumptions adopted by the trustees and management in determining the value of any designations required from the charity's general unrestricted funds;
- the basis on which support costs have been allocated across expenditure headings; and
- assessing future income and expenditure flows for the purpose of assessing going concern (see below).

#### **ASSESSMENT OF GOING CONCERN**

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The most significant areas of judgement that affect items in the accounts are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 31 December 2024, the most significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charity are the level of investment return and the performance of the investment markets.

#### **INCOME RECOGNITION**

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity and the group have entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. It excludes VAT where charged.

Income is deferred only when the charity and the group has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor or funder has specified that the income is to be expended in a future accounting period.

Income comprises donations, legacies, grants, income from charitable activities including conferences and events, publications and membership subscription; income from other trading activities including the letting and licensing

of the charity's premises; and investment income and interest receivable.

Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Grant funding is recognised as and when the work is completed and the grant conditions are fulfilled.

Income from conferences and events are recognised in the financial period in which the conference or event was hosted.

Income from publications and royalties are recognised in the period in which the royalties were accrued or the publications sold.

Annual membership subscriptions are recognised as income on an accruals basis applicable to the membership period, and part of the subscription applicable to the following year is carried forward as deferred income. Life membership can be purchased based on 10 years standing and aged 60 or over on a sliding scale, depending on age. To reflect the costs of providing future membership benefits to such members, a provision is calculated multiplying the annual membership subscription by the estimated number of years that the benefits will be provided for each life member.

Income derived from the letting and licensing of the charity's premises, is recognised in the period to which the letting or licencing relates. Rent free period income is recognised as a deferred debtor which is written down over the lease period or the lease break clause date, whichever is

### Life membership can be purchased based on 10 years standing and aged 60 or over on a sliding scale, depending on age.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.



#### **EXPENDITURE RECOGNITION**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity and the group to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable input VAT is included in the expenditure. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity and the group. This includes the fees payable to the investment manager in connection with the management of the charity's listed investments, the costs in connection with the management and upkeep of the charity's premises, and other direct costs associated with the charity's other trading activities.
- Expenditure on charitable activities comprises expenditure in support of the charity and the group's primary charitable purposes as described in the trustees' report. This includes the costs associated with the servicing of members, costs in connection with hosting events and conferences for the Society's beneficiaries, costs associated with the production of publications, grants and awards to individuals for endeavour in the fields of science, engineering and technology as well as bursaries and scholarships.

Grants are awarded from various restricted funds by the Early Careers Committee to successful applicants. Each fund has its own particular criteria. They are accounted for in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are awarded.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes both costs which can be directly attributed to the four key activities as well as an allocation of shared support costs (see below).

#### ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity and the group it is necessary to provide support in the form of a finance function, IT and human resources function, and facilities management support.

Furthermore, support costs include governance costs. These comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity and the group (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs including governance costs are allocated to

the various categories of charitable expenditure on an appropriate basis such as turnover, the number of staff serviced in each area, floor space, or in proportion to direct costs. The basis of allocation is further explained in note 8 to the accounts.

#### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Tangible fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised unless part of a wider project, and are written off in the year of purchase.

Tangible fixed assets which are capitalised are included at cost (including any incidental expenses of acquisition), stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:



#### Long leasehold property

by equal instalments over the life of the lease



**Leasehold improvements** ten to twenty years on cost



Furniture, IT & other eauipment

three to five years on cost

Assets under the course of construction are not depreciated until the asset is complete and available for use.

The property is subject to an annual impairment review.

#### **INVESTMENTS**

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

As noted above, the main form of financial risk faced by the charity and the group is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

The Society's investment in its wholly owned trading subsidiary is included in the charity balance sheet at cost.

#### **DEBTORS**

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

#### **CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

#### **CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS**

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity and the group anticipate it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

#### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor-imposed conditions.

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Unrestricted general funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the charity's charitable objectives.

#### **LEASED ASSETS**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

#### **FOREIGN CURRENCIES**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange

ruling at the balance sheet date or if appropriate at the forward contract rate. All differences are taken to income and expenditure through the statement of financial activities.

#### **TAXATION**

SCI® is a UK registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

SCI® Business Limited passes all its taxable profits as Gift Aid to the Society in accordance with an agreed Deed of Covenant.

#### **CUSTODIAN ARRANGEMENTS**

The Society acts as Custodian Trustee for the SCI® Benevolent Fund and Rideal Trust. The financial results of these two charities are consolidated into SCI's accounts and full accounts for the trust funds are produced in note 22 in compliance with Charity Commission guidelines.

#### **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

#### Financial assets

other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.



#### Cash at bank

classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.



#### Financial liabilities

accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost.



# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### 1. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS

Members of SCI, its trustees, committees and many other volunteers make major practical contributions to SCI's meetings, publications and other operations as well as to its overall governance. The trustees consider that there is no objective way of putting a financial value of this effort and therefore, in accordance with the guidance provided in the Charities SORP FRS 102, the value of volunteer time is not recognised in these accounts. However, Trustees wish to record their gratitude to these volunteers (and in many cases their employers) for this considerable and essential contribution.

#### 2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestric	ted funds
	2024 Total funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000
Conferences	426	583
Publications	2,567	1,862
Members subscriptions	253	240
	3,246	2,685

#### 3. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds		
	2024 Total funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000	
Commercial trading operations	113	172	
Letting and licensing of premises	603	604	
	716	776	

#### 4. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2024 Total funds £'000
Income from listed investments	180	63	243
Interest receivable	92	_	92
	272	63	335
	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000
Income from listed investments	funds	funds	Total funds
Income from listed investments Interest receivable	funds £'000	funds £'000	Total funds £'000

#### 5. **EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds	
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Commercial trading costs	255	187
Investment management costs	24	33
	279	220

#### 6. **EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2024 Total funds £'000
Conferences			
Direct costs	519	_	519
Support costs (note 8)	176	_	176
	695	_	695
Publishing			
Direct costs	1,278	_	1,278
Support costs (note 8)	1,026	_	1,026
	2,304	_	2,304
Membership activities			
Direct costs	721	_	721
Support costs (note 8)	111	_	111
	832	_	832
Awards, bursaries and scholarships			
Grants payable (note 7)	_	20	20
Other direct costs	5	126	131
Support costs (note 8)	_	_	_
	5	146	151
	3,836	146	3,982

#### 6. **EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2023 Total funds £'000
Conferences			
Direct costs	607	_	607
Support costs (note 8)	367	_	367
	974	<del>_</del>	974
Publications			
Direct costs	598	_	598
Support costs (note 8)	408	_	408
	1,006	_	1,006
Membership activities			
Direct costs	979	_	979
Support costs (note 8)	560	_	560
	1,539	_	1,539
Awards, bursaries and scholarships			
Grants payable (note 7)	_	19	19
Other direct costs	5	76	81
Support costs (note 8)	23	_	23
	28	95	123
	3,547	95	3,642

#### 7. **GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2024 £'000	2023 £′000
Awards, bursaries and scholarships to individuals in the year	21	20
Adjustment to previous year provisions (awards not claimed)	(1)	(1)
	20	19
	2024 Number	2023 Number
Awards of £1,000 or more	7	6
Awards of up to £1,000	9	11

Grants which have been agreed internally, but for which no legal or constructive obligation existed at 31 December 2024 and thus not accrued in these accounts totalled £nil (2023 – £nil).

#### 8. **SUPPORT COSTS**

Total number of grants awarded

	Basis of allocation	Conferences £'000	Publications £'000	Membership activities £'000	Awards, bursaries and scholarships £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Finance	Turnover	35	214	21	_	270
IT and Human Resources	Turnover	19	115	11	_	145
Executive Office	Turnover	36	214	21	_	271
Facilities Management and Shared Premises	Floor space and turnover	39	234	23	_	296
Governance costs (note 9)	Turnover	9	23	13	_	45
Depreciation	Turnover	38	226	22	_	286
		176	1,026	111	_	1,313

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#### 8. SUPPORT COSTS (CONTINUED)

	Basis of allocation	Conferences £'000	Publications £'000	Membership activities £'000	Awards, bursaries and scholarships £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Finance and depreciation	Cost	149	146	240	6	541
IT and Human Resources	Head count	34	41	49	3	127
Executive Office	Head count	59	72	86	5	222
Facilities Management and Shared Premises	Floor space and head count	111	135	161	9	416
Governance costs (note 9)	Cost	14	14	24	_	52
		367	408	560	23	1,358

#### 9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestric	ted funds
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Auditor's remuneration		
Current year	22	21
Prior year	3	_
Trustees' expenses	12	22
Legal and professional fees	_	1
AGM and annual review	8	8
	45	52

#### 10. NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Auditor's remuneration	22	21
Depreciation	286	344
Operating lease rentals	1	1

#### 11. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Wages and salaries	1,600	1,427
Social security costs	146	134
Other pension costs	153	111
Other	16	18
	1,915	1,690

A salary sacrifice pension scheme was introduced during 2012 under which staff members can choose to sacrifice part of their gross salary. The amount sacrificed is paid into the individual's pension plan directly by SCI, together with the associated employer's national insurance saving. The salary sacrificed element is included within other pension costs.

#### 11. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

The average number of employees during the year, analysed by function, was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Conferences	6	6
Membership	7	9
Publishing	12	7
Premises	3	3
Governance and administration	6	9
	34	34

Of the total average monthly number of employees, 23 were full-time (2023–24) and 11 were part-time (2023–10). The number of employees whose actual remuneration was £60,000 or more were as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Between £60,000 – £70,000	1	3
Between £70,000 - £80,000	1	_
Between £80,000 - £90,000	1	1
Between £120,000 - £130,000	_	1
Between £150,000 - £160,000	1	_
	4	5

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and the group on a day-to-day basis comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total remuneration (including employer's national insurance and employer pension contributions) and on-costs of the key management personnel for the year was £206,268 (2023 - £163,069). None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year for their role as trustees (2023 - £nil).

#### 12. **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Group and charity	Long leasehold premises £'000	Leasehold improvements £'000	Assets in the course of construction £'000	Furniture, IT & other equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost		,			
At 1 January 2024	3,400	2,382	97	1,665	7,544
Additions	_	56	11	52	119
Transfers	_	_	(94)	94	_
Disposals	_	(71)	(3)	(38)	(112)
At 31 December 2024	3,400	2,367	11	1,773	7,551
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2024	829	1,253	_	1,429	3,511
Charge for the year	25	150	_	111	286
Released on disposal		(62)	_	(38)	(100)
At 31 December 2024	854	1,341	_	1,502	3,697
Net book value					
At 31 December 2024	2,546	1,026	11	271	3,854
At 31 December 2023	2,571	1,129	97	236	4,033

#### 13. INVESTMENTS

Group and charity	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Listed investments at market value		
Market value at 1 January	7,678	7,178
Additions at cost	484	1,567
Disposal proceeds	(443)	(1,715)
Realised gains (losses)	156	(85)
Disposals at opening book value	(287)	(1,800)
Unrealised gains	314	733
Market value at 31 December	8,189	7,678
Cash held by investment manager for re-investment	26	107
	8,215	7,785
Historical cost of listed investments:	6,715	6,518

At 31 December, listed investment at market value comprised the following:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Fixed income	1,354	1,344
Equities	6,141	5,594
Alternatives	694	740
	8,189	7,678

At 31 December 2024 listed investments included no individual holdings deemed material when compared with the overall portfolio valuation (including cash held by the investment manager) as of that date (2023 – no holdings deemed material).

#### **Investment in subsidiary**

SCI® owns 100% of the share capital of SCI® Business Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales, Company Registration Number 02994541. The investment in the subsidiary is held at cost on the charity's balance sheet.

The main activities of the company are advertising in SCI®'s publications and the hiring of meeting rooms. The company donates all its taxable profits to SCI® under the Gift Aid scheme. The net assets of the subsidiary at 31 December 2024 are £100 represented in full by the share capital owned by SCI®.

A summary of the subsidiary's financial results for the year is provided on the next page.

#### 13. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Sales		
Advertising in Chemistry & Industry	1	1
Room hire and associated services	112	171
	113	172
Other income		
Bank interest	6	1
	6	1
Costs (including SCI® service charges)		
Room hire and associated services	66	96
Accounting and general administration	9	5
	75	101
Profit for the year before Gift Aid	44	72
Gift Aid to SCI	(44)	(72)
Net profit for the year	_	_

A summary of the subsidiary's financial position as at 31 December is provided below:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Balance sheet		
Current assets	150	206
Current liabilities	(150)	(206)
Net assests	_	_
Represented by:		
Share Capital		
Profit and loss account	_	_
	_	_
	_	_

#### 14. **DEBTORS**

	Group 2024 £'000	Group 2023 £'000	Charity 2024 £'000	Charity 2023 £'000
Trade debtors	208	371	201	339
Amount due from subsidiary undertaking	_	_	136	187
Other debtors	18	83	18	83
Prepayments and accrued income	1,114	1,127	1,114	1,127
	1,340	1,581	1,469	1,736

#### 15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group 2024 £'000	Group 2023 £'000	Charity 2024 £'000	Charity 2023 £'000
Trade creditors	106	85	106	82
Taxes and social security	34	73	34	73
Licensee rent deposits	50	33	50	33
Other creditors	377	468	363	452
Deferred income (see below)	519	345	519	345
	1,086	1,004	1,072	985

#### **Deferred** income

Deferred income relates to annual subscriptions received in advance from SCI's members, income from corporate partner agreements covering two years, rent invoiced in advance, income received in the year for conferences taking place next year and royalties relating to SCI's journals invoiced in advance. Movements on the deferred income balance during the year were as follows:

	Group 2024 £'000	Group 2023 £'000	Charity 2024 £'000	Charity 2023 £'000
Deferred income at 1 January	345	276	345	276
Amounts released to income	(334)	(247)	(334)	(247)
Cash received in advance during the year	508	316	508	316
Deferred income at 31 December	519	345	519	345

#### 16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group 2024 £'000	Group 2023 £'000	Charity 2024 £'000	Charity 2023 £'000
Licensee rent deposits	107	100	107	100
Membership income	_	14	_	14
Publications income	600	_	600	_
Life composition fees (see below)	19	21	19	21
	726	135	726	135

As at 31 December 2024 the charity held a total of £156,283 (2023 – £133,242) in seven (2023 – eight) separate Client Deposit Accounts at HSBC in relation to rent deposits. A deposit is legally required to be paid by each of SCI's tenants on the commencement of their rental lease and is used as protection against the potential default of rent payment. The deposits are repayable at the end of the relevant lease term.

The life composition fees are in respect of income received from members who have opted for life membership of the Society. A life membership payment is released into the accounts as income over a period of nine years.

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
At 1 January	24	28
Decrease in provision	(3)	(4)
At 31 December	21	24
Amounts falling due within one year	2	3
Amounts falling due after one year	19	21
	21	24

#### **17. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The income funds of the charity and the group include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

Group and Charity	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Tangible fixed assets fund		
At 1 January	4,033	4,219
Movement during the year	(179)	(186)
At 31 December	3,854	4,033

The balance on the tangible fixed assets fund at 31 December 2024 represents the carrying value of SCI's tangible fixed assets. The availability of these assets (which is primarily the leasehold interest in the property occupied by SCI) is essential to the day-to-day work of the charity and the group and as such, the value of these assets cannot be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies. As such, an amount equal to the net book value of the tangible fixed assets has been separated from the charity and the group's general funds and held as a separate designated fund.

#### 18. **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following to be applied for specific purposes:

Group and charity	At 1 January 2024 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Other gains, (losses) & transfers £'000	At 31 December 2024 £'000
A J Banks	400	10	(4)	20	426
Commemoration	115	3	(21)	5	102
Leverhulme Prize	15	1	_	1	17
Messel	142	3	(13)	7	139
Seligman	82	2	(4)	4	84
Benevolent	145	4	(1)	7	155
Rideal Trust	18	1	(2)	1	18
S P S Andrew	1,489	38	(8)	74	1,593
ISEC	45	1	(11)	2	37
Flue2Chem	(1)	82	(82)	_	(1)
	2,450	145	(146)	121	2,570

Group and charity	At 1 January 2023 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Other gains, (losses) & transfers £'000	At 31 December 2023 £'000
A J Banks	365	10	(3)	28	400
Commemoration	105	3	_	7	115
Leverhulme Prize	4	1	_	10	15
Messel	104	3	(13)	48	142
Seligman	76	6	(5)	5	82
Benevolent	132	3	_	10	145
Rideal Trust	16	2	(2)	2	18
S P S Andrew	1,352	35	_	102	1,489
ISEC	41	1	_	3	45
Flue2Chem	_	71	(72)		(1)
	2,195	135	(95)	215	2,450

The main purpose of each fund is as follows:

- A J Banks Fund supports research in the manufacture of foodstuffs and dissemination of science.
- Commemoration Fund supports the advancement of public education in science according to the objectives of SCI.
- Leverhulme Prize Fund distributes travel bursaries.
- Messel Fund supports the advancement of scientific research and includes a permanent endowment fund of £97,000.
- Seligman Fund assists current or former members of the Society who may be in financial need.
- Benevolent Fund assists current or former members of the Society who may be in financial need.
- Rideal Trust Fund is a fund jointly administered with the Royal Society of Chemistry, supporting the advancement of chemical science and colloids in particular.
- S P S Andrew Fund is a fund for lectures and research into neglected science.
- ISEC Fund is a restricted fund, relating to conferences on solvent extraction run by the International Committee for Solvent Extraction.
- Flue2Chem this relates to grant funding received from Innovate UK (part of UKRI) for work to be carried out by the Society and associated parties on its behalf in relation to research into converting industrial waste gases into sustainable materials for consumer products.

#### **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS** 19.

Group	General funds £'000	Designated funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	_	3,854	_	3,854
Investments	5,645	_	2,570	8,215
Current assets	3,874	_	_	3,874
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,086)	_	_	(1,086)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(726)	_	_	(726)
	7,707	3,854	2,570	14,131

Group	General funds £'000	Designated funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	_	4,033	_	4,033
Investments	5,335	_	2,450	7,785
Current assets	2,859	_	_	2,859
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,004)	_	_	(1,004)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(135)	_	_	(135)
	7,055	4,033	2,450	13,538

#### 19. **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

Charity	General funds £'000	Designated funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	_	3,854	_	3,854
Investments	5,645	_	2,570	8,215
Current assets	3,860	_	_	3,860
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,072)	_	_	(1,072)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(726)	_	_	(726)
	7,707	3,854	2,570	14,131

Charity	General funds £'000	Designated funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	_	4,033	_	4,033
Investments	5,335	_	2,450	7,785
Current assets	2,840	_	_	2,840
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(985)	_	_	(985)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(135)	_	_	(135)
	7,055	4,033	2,450	13,538

The total unrealised gains as at 31 December included in the above constitute movements on revaluation of the charity's listed investments. Movements during the year were as follows:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains:		
Total unrealised gains at 1 January	1,160	416
Add (less) in respect to disposals in the year	156	(85)
Add gains arising on revaluations in the year	158	829
Total unrealised gains at 31 December	1,474	1,160

#### 20. **COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES**

At 31 December there were no operating leases and therefore the group and charity werecommitted to total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Office ed	quipment
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Within one year	_	_
Within two to five years	_	_
	_	_

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

SCI® Business Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of SCI®. The subsidiary donates all profits to SCI® in the form of a Gift Aid donation (see note 13).

The charity holds a combined insurance policy that includes trustee indemnity insurance to protect the trustees and officers from claims arising in connection with their duties. The cost of the indemnity cover is included within the total premium for the combined policy, and a separate cost for this element is not readily identifiable.

The accounts do not include disclosure of any further transactions between SCI® and SCI® Business Limited. By virtue of SCI® Business Limited being a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of SCI®, SCI® is exempt from the requirement to disclose such transactions under section 33.1A of FRS 102.

During the year, one trustee (2023 - none) received £4,762 in remuneration for editorial work on one of the Society's learned journals. These services were provided in a capacity entirely unrelated to their role as a trustee and were made on normal commercial terms. No trustee received remuneration for services as a trustee.. Four trustees were reimbursed a total of £3,587 in expenses (2023 – five were reimbursed £5,713) for travel and meeting costs, with a further £6,394 (2023 - £7,469) incurred directly by the Society.

All of the trustees are members of the Society and as such, pay an annual membership subscription. The trustees do not benefit from any discounts in the subscription rates set by the Society for all other members.

#### 22. **REGISTERED TRUSTEES FUNDS AND JOINT ACCOUNTS**

The results of the two charities below are consolidated into SCI®'s accounts as restricted funds (see note 18). SCI® Benevolent Fund Registered Charity Number 277329 Rideal Trust Registered Charity Number 271558

#### SCI® Benevolent Fund

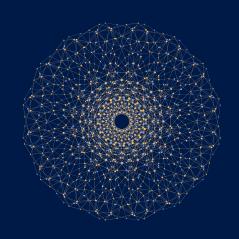
The object of SCI®'s Benevolent Fund is to provide financial relief to persons who are or have been members of the Society and to their spouses, children and dependents and to the widows/widowers, children and dependents of deceased members. The assets as at 31 December 2024 amounted to £155,000.

#### The Rideal Trust

The object of the Rideal Trust is the general advancement of chemical science and, in particular, branches relating to the chemisorption, colloid science, interface science, catalysis and related topics. The Trust is jointly administered by SCI® and the Royal Society of Chemistry. The activities of the Trust directly support the overall object of the Society which is to advance the science of applied chemistry and related sciences for the public benefit by providing information, granting bursaries, awards etc. The assets as at 31 December 2024 amounted to £18,000.

#### 22. REGISTERED TRUSTEES FUNDS AND JOINT ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	All resources are restricted by the Trust Deeds			
	Benevol	ent Fund	Rideal Trust	
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Statement of financial activities				
Donations	_	_	_	_
Investment income	4	3	1	2
Total income	4	3	1	2
Grants and awards	_	_	(2)	(2)
Other expenditure	(1)	_	(2)	(Z) —
Total expenditure	(1)	_	(2)	(2)
	(-/		(-/	(-/
Net income	3	3	(1)	_
(Losses) Gains on investments	7	10	1	2
Income and movement in funds	10	13	_	2
Total funds brought forward	145	132	18	16
Total funds carried forward	155	145	18	18
Balance sheet				
Investments at market value	155	145	18	18
Total net assets	155	145	18	18





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