SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

# 2025
# SCI® ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

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HOW NEW ENERGY SOURCES WILL HELP TO POWER THE FUTURE
GROWTH INDUSTRY
HOW SCIENCE IS FINDING NEW WAYS TO PRODUCE VACCINES – THROUGH PLANTS
SOFT ROBOTICS
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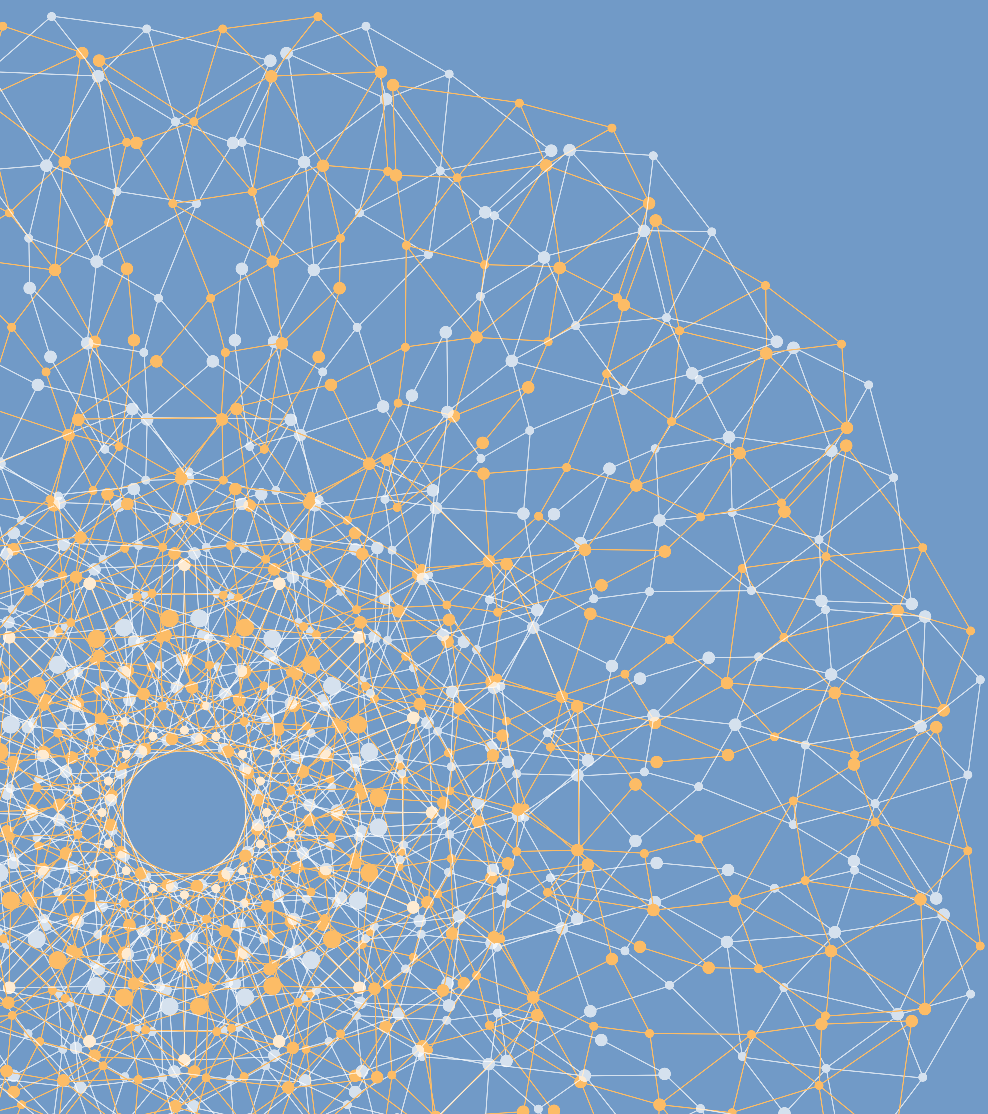

# OVERVIEW



## TRUSTEES



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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 2025. 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 CHAIR

I was delighted to be asked to take up the chair of the board position at SCI® as it enters its 145th year.

Convening communities to address the challenges facing society today through science is at the heart of SCI®. Whilst the organisation had a strong focus on Sustainability throughout 2024, in 2025 we have focussed on supporting government and regulators as they address the rapid and often structural changes occurring, which are impacting on industry and resilience. During the year three additional research reports were published, addressing the important topics of start-ups to scale, energy pricing and the role of industry in national resilience. This latter research piece being very prescient to the situation evolving in the middle east.

As we are increasingly seeing change across various industry sectors, economies and geographies this thought leadership work is important in helping provide independent expert advice to government and regulators as they seek to adapt to the changing times.

Throughout the year I have seen the wide range of programmes provided by SCI® to its members and had the chance to meet people from across the diverse community. The vibrant SCI® community exemplifies how diversity and collaboration is essential today – convening across industry sectors, multiple disciplines and with those who enable good innovation to be delivered to society.

**Rt Hon Greg Clark**
*Chair of the Board of Trustees, 2025*

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

1

### 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.

2

### SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION

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

3

### RECOGNISING & REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

Recognising individuals or teams who show leadership in innovation or who excel in the application of science.

4

### 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.

# OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

*Charitable Purpose* SCI® was established in 1881 by forward thinking scientists, inventors and entrepreneurs to accelerate the rate of adoption of science into industry for the benefit of society. During its 145 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. As a charity SCI® is focussed on this charitable purpose and delivering impact for society.

Operating as an international 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 issue. Harnessing its unique networks novel solutions are developed, new entrepreneurial businesses are supported, and ideas are developed into reality.

SCI® was designed to have a very diverse community. 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, horticultural scientists, physicists, environmental scientists, digital scientists and engineers.

## 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 drive to Net Zero.

## ADDRESSING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SCI®'s communities work on advancing new therapies and treatments to address cancer and other major diseases. Sustainability of agriculture and food production is a key thematic area, as is new sustainable materials for a wide range of consumer products.

## CONVENING MULTIDISCIPLINARY COMMUNITIES

Collaboration is a key underpin to advancing scientific innovation. SCI® convenes communities across multidisciplinary boundaries so that ideas can be developed, and new alliances formed to work together to solve societal challenges. Convening occurs across industry, academia and policy makers to help accelerate solutions.

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.

## SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

SCI has a strong focus on supporting and developing early and mid-career members. Programmes are aimed at educating and developing this critical group of future scientists, inventors and entrepreneurs, such as the SCIdea programme which supports entrepreneurs as they start their businesses.

## RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

The SCITalks public lecture programme ran throughout 2025. 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 Building a renewable carbon economy (Michael Carus Nova-Institute), *Assessing sustainability: The good, the bad, and the ugly of Life Cycle Assessment* (Rachel Rothman, University of Sheffield) and *Regenerative agriculture – what does it mean for farmers, policy makers and citizens?* (Louise Manning, University of Lincoln).

| CLIMATE & PLANET | HEALTH & WELLNESS |
|---|---|
| **Renewable Energy**<br>*Hydrogen / Electrification / Batteries / Low Carbon Systems* | **Life Sciences**<br>*Precision Medicines / Process Technologies* |
| **Sustainable Materials**<br>*Green Feedstocks / Materials Recycle & Reuse* | **AgriFood**<br>*Sustainable Foodchains / Food Ecosystems* |
| **Regenerative Agriculture**<br>*Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture* | **Consumer Products**<br>*Sustainable Ingredients / Sustainable Packaging* |

SUSTAINABILITY

CRITICAL UNDERPINS

| People & Skills | Carbon management | AI, data and digital | Policy & Regulation |
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# YEAR IN REVIEW

**In 2025, the organisation continued to deliver on its strategic plan. Membership has continued to grow in numbers and is now in its ninth consecutive year of growth. SCI® has continued its work on the Manifesto for science and innovation, with additional research work being published in the year.**

## 2025 IN FOCUS: A MANIFESTO FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (UK)

In 2025 the Society has had a focus on continuing to support the UK Modern Industrial Strategy with three major reports. The first addressed how to support science-based starts ups to grow and scale, reporting on feedback from 100 high growth SMEs in the UK. The second focussed on high energy pricing and its impact on industry. A final report, published with the National Preparedness Commission, focussed on the role of Industry in Resilience. This report highlighted significant supply chain and capability gaps and the potential impact of these gaps. All reports were well received and sought to continue to assist with independent, informed views.

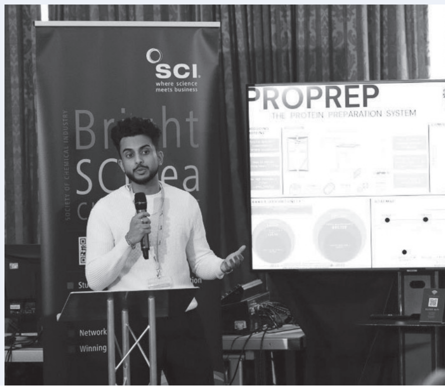
## FLUE TO CHEM (F2C): SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

F2C is a collaboration of 17 partners working together to develop new sustainable materials for a range of consumer products. The collaboration is ground-breaking – seeking to solve several inventive steps to both capture the $CO_2$ on an industrial scale and then convert this into useable materials that would otherwise be derived from virgin fossil fuel.

In 2025 the project concluded with key outcomes being the demonstration of flue gas $CO_2$ on small commercial scale was possible. The work also showed the significant challenges of managing carbon foot printing in complex systems and the commercial reality of deployment of new technology such as this on scale commercially.

## SCIDEA WINNER 2025

The Bright SCIdea Challenge final took place on 18 March 2025 where finalists pitched their scientific business idea to the panel of industry experts. ProPrep, from the Brunel University London, presented their business for the development of protein production technologies that will reduce cost and increase productivity for scientists who produce proteins to detect, treat and prevent diseases. Owing to their well-rounded pitch, their clear and concise answers to all the judges' questions and the potential value of their idea in use, paired with its excellent sustainability impact – ProPrep went home with the £5,000 cash prize.




It was encouraging to see the growth of the international applicants and finalists in 2025 coming from Nigeria, Japan, the US and Canada.

## OPERATIONS

2025 has been another strong year with income across most areas steady throughout the year and strong growth in publishing. Expenditure came in below budget but with increases on 2024 due to investments in the areas of publishing and member support. The investment portfolio had a steady year with income on target and with the portfolio finishing the year valued at £8.8 million, up from £8.2million at the end of 2024.

*Membership* Membership numbers have continued their steady growth, with year-on-year increases over the last nine years, but with income flat compared to 2025.

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

SCI® represents organisations with revenues more than $400 billion, with research and development investments amounting to over $25 billion 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 life sciences and biotech to food, materials and consumer products. The disciplines range from chemistry, biology, biochemistry, data science, physics, Mechem, horticultural science, environmental science, food science and all forms of engineering.

*Publishing* D Publishing income grew strongly in 2025, increasing by 8.5% with growth across most of the portfolio. The charity continued to strengthen the in-house editorial team with expenditure increasing to cover new roles.

Readership across all publications continues to grow across the portfolio of products. 2025 saw year-on-year increases in online visits to *C&I* (up 54%) and the general news section of the website (up 9%). Downloads of the Society's journals also increased by 9% to over 5million, reflecting the importance of the journals in applied research.

The journals market continues to evolve. Previously highly focussed on moving to Open Access the market has evolved to a mixed model, where journals of different types are predicted to exist into the future. All of SCI®'s journals facilitate open access publishing through a blend of gold open access and hybrid.

*Conferences* 2025 was a mixed year for conferences with face-to-face conferences being well attended but income down from 2024, predominantly due to the range of conferences held. Throughout the year, over 50 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 steady with the property tenant units fully let. Room hire was down in 2024 due to restricted budgets and more online meetings and events.

*Awards* During the year 144 awards were presented, including scholarships, fellowships and prizes to a wide range of recipients to celebrate excellent in science, leadership in innovation and entrepreneurship.

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

SCI®'s charitable purpose is built on inclusion and diversity, being established in 1881 as an open and multidisciplinary Society. Collaboration, co-creation and working across non-traditional boundaries for a common purpose are at the heart of the organisation as innovation needs diversity of thought, expertise and approach. SCI® strives to ensure that these values are operating in action within the organisation, with a focus on ensuring the environment is friendly and welcoming for all. In addition, the charity runs a scheme to support members with disabilities to attend conferences and events.

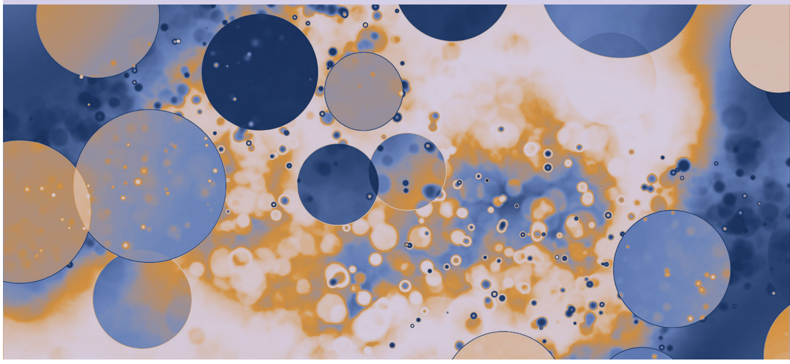
As a truly interdisciplinary organisation this diversity is reflected in members who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

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 as with the average age of members dropping to the mid-40s and the gender split increasing to 32% female, 68% male.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTHAMPTON'S IGNITE PROGRAMME

During the year SCI® reached agreement with Southampton University to support their Ignite programme, aimed at supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds. SCI® has provided membership to Ignite students undertaking a STEM degree. The programme provides an impactful way of supporting these students not only on their university journey but also helping to provide career advice, support and networks. A total of 94 students were enrolled on the SCI® scheme in 2025, and an on-site launch event was held with the students.

We continue to seek ways to work with partners to support diversity and inclusion and to amplify their programmes.



# FUTURE PLANS

## SCI STRATEGY

SCI® was established in 1881 with a critically important charitable objective – to help accelerate science out of the laboratory through industry to address the key societal challenges of the day. Then the big issues were about food poverty, improving health and wellbeing and supporting a growing population. Over the last 145 years multiple products have been created from clever science, which through effective entrepreneurship have delivered for society. Nearly all of what we see, use and need in our daily lives is enabled by science – whether that is food, critical medicines or electronics.

As SCI® reaches its 145-year the Society is facing some similar challenges but amplified by the 8.29bn global population – improving accessibility to food, supporting health and wellbeing across the globe and improving daily lives. Significant additional challenges face us with the changing climate and the need to protect our natural resources and nature itself, which is declining at a concerning rate in various places around the world. The challenges of population versus the planet are very real and there are no easy solutions whilst consumption grows.

Against this backdrop the rapidly changing and increasingly challenging global economic and political environment is precipitating structural changes. And advances in digital and AI are creating risk and opportunities at an accelerated pace. These are seen in industry which is at a pivotal point in many places – built up over the last 100 years and now being forced into significant restructuring, in particular across Europe and the UK. So, the role of science and industry in supporting resilience will be a prominent aspect in the coming years.

So, SCI® will continue to focus on delivering on our charitable objectives, focussed on the practical interventions that are now needed to accelerate the pace of adoption of new technologies. Convening communities to address sustainability, clean energy, precision medicines and regenerative agriculture, whilst harnessing the powerful AI tools being developed.

All of this means growing the network of innovators needed to address these challenges, so growth is fundamental to our strategy. Enabling them to work and collaborate effectively is also important and so the effective digitalisation of products they need will also be important. To that end SCI is in the process of upgrading its digital architecture and will continue to invest in digital assets as a key enabler for delivery.

Supporting the NextGen of innovators and entrepreneurs' remains central to our strategy, equipping them with tools, connections and skills as they are the future leaders. SCIdea is an important part of this work and in 2026 SCI will be launching a further programme to support startups to scale.

## SCIDEA IN FOCUS

Finally assisting governments and regulators to make informed choices based on a strong expert input but an evidenced based approach is key to ensuing that regulation drives the right outcomes. To this end the ongoing development of our policy and thought leadership work will be central to the support we provide in the coming years. Our work involves bridging the translation of scientific innovation into industry, ensuring the science is sound but commercially viable whilst ensuring that the environmental impact is also appropriate and measurable. To do this involves deep knowledge of a complex mix of parameters and collaboration is key so convening bringing experts together to help shape and inform, alongside our independent research will provide more insightful and impactful input.

Over the last 10 years we have seen significant growth and progress in the Society's activities. Membership numbers and income have both doubled over this time, we have launched three major new programmes in support of the NextGen and launched a new community to support SMEs – all delivering impact against our charitable objectives. A major restructuring on publishing has brought capability to grow our activities here back in house and new content streams have been launched to reach new audiences building to over 5m article downloads last year and growing – showcasing the impact of SCI® publishing.

It has been a real privilege to lead SCI® through this time of significant change. Our community is broad reaching out across the globe and each day I have the pleasure of working with our community of vibrant and highly skilled practitioners. SCI® delivers significant impact because of the huge amount of time and energy given by the many volunteers around the charity. From our President and Chair and those working in governance positions to those working in committees or on editorial boards.

As a non professional body members engage because they believe in the mission of SCI® and that makes them standout as volunteers – contributing because they feel it is important to give of their time and not because they are required to do so. So continuing to recognise their contributions is essential. Alongside the existing members awards – the Lampitt Medal and Distinguished Service Awards and the Publishing Medal, we have launched a new Excellence Award for teams, and a new Early Career Award. Our senior stakeholders are also key supporters and during the year we were delighted to appoint a number of them to be Patrons of the Society. As we look forward, once again scientific innovation and effective collaboration will ensure that science delivers again for society.

# 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

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.

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND 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.

TABLE 1

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

| TRUSTEE | APPOINTED/ RESIGNED |
|---|---|
| Rt Hon Greg Clark (Chair) | |
| Dr Geoff Fowler (Honorary Treasurer) | |
| Dr Dave Allen (Vice Chair) | |
| Dr Elizabeth Rowsell (Vice Chair) | |
| Dr Ben Alston | |
| Mr Thomas Birk | |
| Dr Victor Christou | |
| Mr Jeremy Compton | |
| Dr Simon Curtis | |
| Dr Jonathan Hague, OBE | |
| Dr Geoff Mackey | (term ended July 2025) |
| Dr Sharali Malik | |
| Dr Kevin Matthews | |
| Dr Jeremy Parker | |
| Dr Ana Perroni Laloe | |
| Dr Jacqueline Sheridan | |
| Dr Sarah Skerratt | |
| Dr Andrew Waterhouse | |
| Dr Tiffany Wood | |

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 charity.

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

### 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.

## 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, reserves and 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.

***Careers Committee (CC)***

The Careers Committee advises on services to support careers members of SCI®. The CC also manages the College of Scholars and oversees key awards.

***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.

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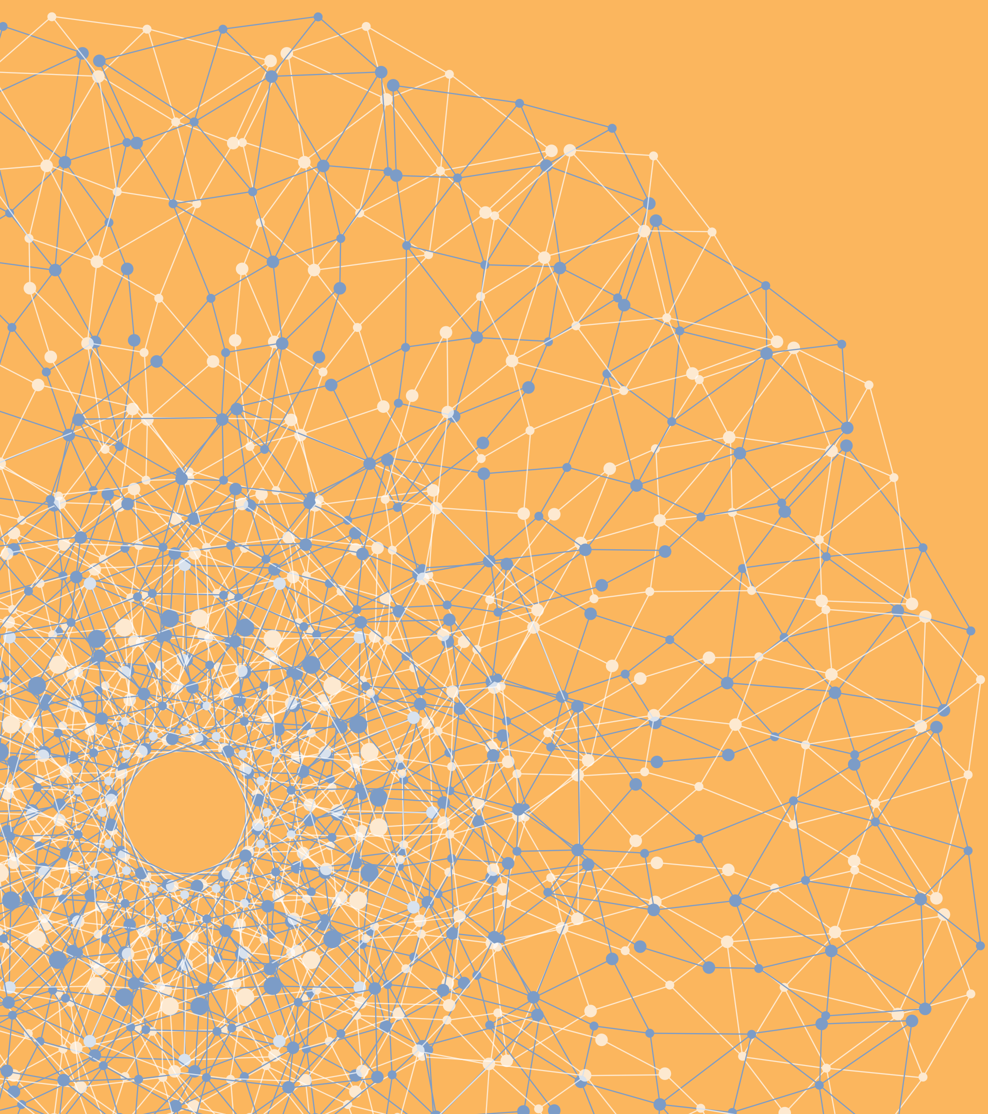
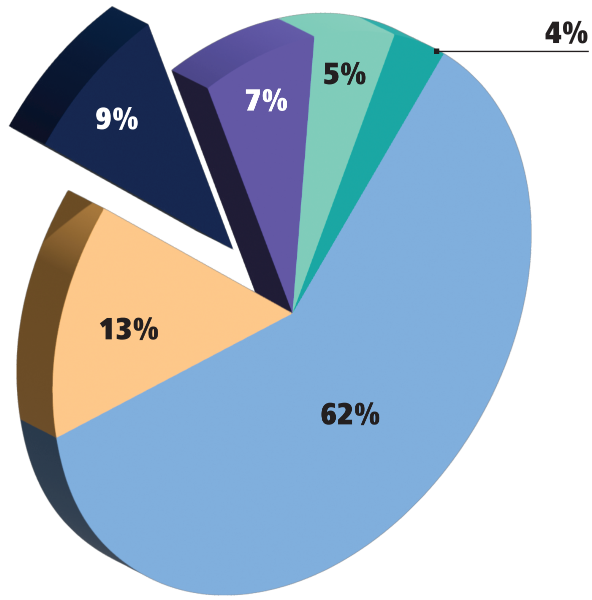
# ACCOUNTS



# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## SCI®'s TOTAL INCOME 2025

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|---|---|
| 2,787k | Publications |
| 601k | Letting and licensing premises |
| 392k | Conferences |
| 323k | Investments |
| 250k | Member subscriptions |
| 168k | Commercial trading & Other income |

### RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Total income for the year amounted to £4,521k (2024 – £4,384k). The principal funding sources were: publications £2,787k (2024 – £2,567k), conferences £392k (2024 – £426k), investment income £323k (2024 – £335k), income from letting and licensing of premises £601k (2024 – £603k), commercial trading operations £94k (2024 – £113k); and member subscriptions of £250k (2024 – £253k).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £4,561k (2024 – £4,261k). Of the expenditure incurred in the year, £4,265k (2024 – £3,982k) representing 94% (2024 – 93%) 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 £296k (2024 – £279k) was in respect of trading activities, letting and hiring of premises and investment management.

The net expenditure for the year before investment gains and losses was therefore £40k (2024 – net income of £123k).

After accounting for the net gains generated on the revaluation and disposal of listed investments of £650k (2024 – gains of £470k), the charity's overall funds increased by £610k (2024 - £593k).

The Society's wholly owned trading subsidiary, SCI Business Limited, reported a profit before Gift Aid donations of £19k (2024 – £44k). The profit earned is payable to the parent charity under Gift Aid in order to assist in meeting its objectives.

### 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 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

£4,521k

In 2025, SCI® income was £4,521k

£4,561k

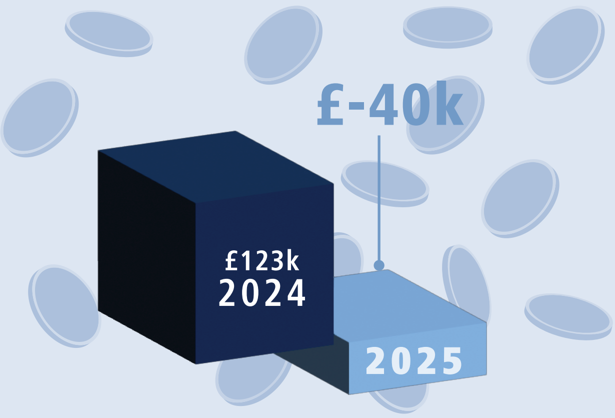
2025 total expenditure amounted to £4,561k, of which £4,265k was spent on charitable activities


£2,787k

In 2025 total publication revenue was £2,787k

£601k

In 2025 total revenue income from lettings and room hire was £601k

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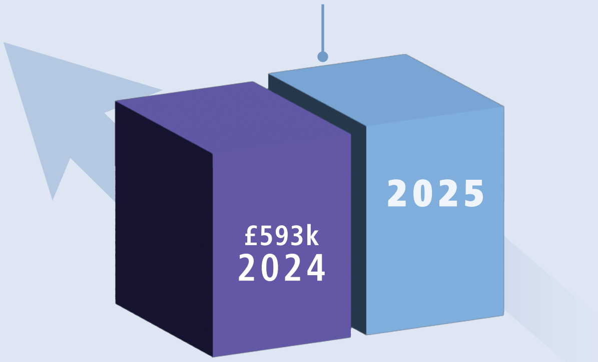



The charity's overall funds increased by £610k appetite, with balanced expectations of income and gains.

The market value of investments at 31 December 2025 was £8,819k compared with £8,215k at 31 December 2024.

Income from listed investments during the year amounted to £234k (2024 – £243k) representing an income yield of approximately 2.8% (2024 – 3.1%). The net gains on the listed investments in 2025 were £650k (2024 – gains of £470k). The total return on the portfolio for the year to 31 December 2025 was 10.3% compared with the benchmark return of 9.3% as per the published ARC Steady Growth Charity Index (2024: 8.6% vs 8.2%).

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-to-day 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 £3,729k (2024 – £3,854k).

At 31 December 2025, funds totalling £2,749k (2024 – £2,570k) 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 market 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 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.

**£8,819k**
The market value of investments at 31 December 2025.

**£234k**
Income from investments during 2025.

**£650k**
The net gains on the listed investments in 2025.

**10.3%**
The total return on the portfolio for the year to 31 December 2025.

**£8,263k**
Year end balance of general funds.

**£2,749k**
At 31 December 2025, funds totalling £2,749k comprised restricted funds that must be applied in accordance with the wishes of the donor.

- 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 2025, the charity held free reserves totalling £8.3m (2024 – £7.7m) 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 2025.

## 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 2025 are investments, which amounted to £168k.

## 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 2025 are investments, which amounted to £16k.

## 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 and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK 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

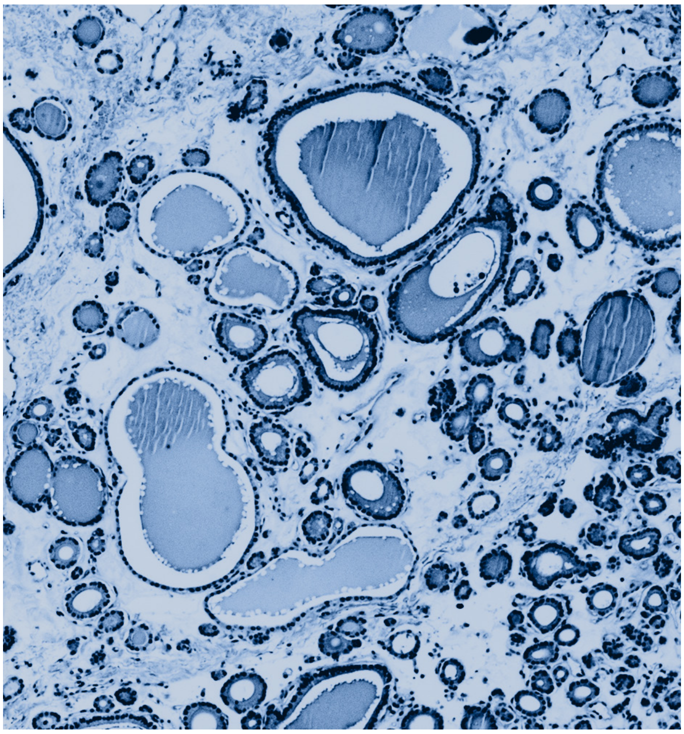
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group 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.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Geoff Fowler

***Honorary Treasurer***
*Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 7 July 2026*



*Sir Eric Keightley Rideal*
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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

## OPINION

We have audited the accounts of Society of Chemical Industry (the 'parent charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the group statement of financial activities, group and parent charity balance sheets, group statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and 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 2025 and of their income and expenditure 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 the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 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; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- the parent charity accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, 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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about 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.

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

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 group and 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 non-compliance 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 non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of key 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/auditorsresponsibilities. 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 section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. 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.

Buzzacott Audit LLP

7 July 2026

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

*Buzzacott Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.*

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Year to 31 December 2025

| | Note | Unrestricted funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | 2025 Total funds £'000 | Unrestricted funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | 2024 Total funds £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income from:** | | | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 2 | **3,429** | **61** | **3,490** | 3,246 | 82 | 3,328 |
| Other trading activities | 3 | **695** | **—** | **695** | 716 | — | 716 |
| Investments | 4 | **264** | **59** | **323** | 272 | 63 | 335 |
| Other income | | **13** | **—** | **13** | 5 | — | 5 |
| **Total income** | | **4,401** | **120** | **4,521** | 4,239 | 145 | 4,384 |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 5 | **296** | **—** | **296** | 279 | — | 279 |
| Charitable activities | 6 | **4,157** | **108** | **4,265** | 3,836 | 146 | 3,982 |
| **Total expenditure** | | **4,453** | **108** | **4,561** | 4,115 | 146 | 4,261 |
| **Net (expenditure) income before gains and losses on investments and transfers** | | (52) | **12** | **(40)** | 124 | (1) | 123 |
| Transfers | | (5) | **5** | **—** | — | — | — |
| **Net (expenditure) income before gains and losses on investments** | | **(57)** | **17** | **(40)** | 124 | (1) | 123 |
| Net gains (losses) on the revaluation and disposal of listed investments | 13 | **488** | **162** | **650** | 349 | 121 | 470 |
| **Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds** | 10 | **431** | **179** | **610** | 473 | 120 | 593 |
| **Reconciliation of funds:** | | | | | | | |
| Fund balances brought forward at 1 January | | **11,561** | **2,570** | **14,131** | 11,088 | 2,450 | 13,538 |
| Fund balances carried forward at 31 December | | **11,992** | **2,749** | **14,741** | 11,561 | 2,570 | 14,131 |

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 2025**

| | Notes | Group 2025 £'000 | Group 2024 £'000 | Charity 2025 £'000 | Charity 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed assets** | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 12 | **3,729** | 3,854 | **3,729** | 3,854 |
| Long-term cash deposits | | **300** | 300 | **300** | 300 |
| Investments | 13 | **8,819** | 8,215 | **8,819** | 8,215 |
| | | **12,848** | 12,369 | **12,848** | 12,369 |
| **Current assets** | | | | | |
| Debtors | 14 | **1,397** | 1,340 | **1,428** | 1,469 |
| Short-term cash deposits | | **900** | 1,500 | **900** | 1,500 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | **1,238** | 734 | **1,191** | 591 |
| | | **3,535** | **3,574** | **3,519** | 3,560 |
| **Creditors:** Amounts falling due within one year | 15 | **(1,135)** | (1,086) | **(1,119)** | (1,072) |
| **Net current assets** | | **2,400** | 2,488 | **2,400** | 2,488 |
| **Total assets less current liabilities** | | **15,248** | 14,857 | **15,248** | **14,857** |
| **Creditors:** Amounts falling due after more than one year | 16 | **(507)** | (726) | **(507)** | (726) |
| **Total net assets** | | **14,741** | 14,131 | **14,741** | 14,131 |
| **The funds of the group and charity:** | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | |
| Designated funds | 17 | **3,729** | 3,854 | **3,729** | **3,854** |
| General funds | | **8,263** | 7,707 | **8,263** | **7,707** |
| | | **11,992** | 11,561 | **11,992** | **11,561** |
| Restricted funds | 18 | **2,749** | 2,570 | **2,749** | **2,570** |
| | | **14,741** | 14,131 | **14,741** | **14,131** |

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Geoff Fowler

**Honorary Treasurer**

*Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 7 July 2026*

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year to 31 December 2025

| | Notes | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash flows from operating activities:** | | | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | A | **(349)** | 1,000 |
| **Cash flows from investing activities:** | | | |
| Investment income | | **323** | 335 |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | **(116)** | (119) |
| Proceeds from the disposal of investments | | **1,680** | 443 |
| Purchase of investments | | **(1,404)** | (1,827) |
| **Net cash provided by investing activities** | | **483** | (1,168) |
| **Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year** | | **134** | (168) |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January** | B | **1,217** | 1,385 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December** | B | **1,351** | 1,217 |

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

| | Notes | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Net income (as per the statement of financial activities)** | | **610** | 593 |
| **Adjustments for:** | | | |
| Depreciation charge | | **240** | 286 |
| Loss on the disposal of fixed assets | | **1** | 12 |
| (Gains) on investments | | **(650)** | (470) |
| Investment income | | **(323)** | (335) |
| Decrease (increase) in debtors | | **(57)** | 241 |
| Increase in creditors | | **(170)** | 673 |
| **Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities** | | **(349)** | 1,000 |

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

| | Notes | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash at bank and in hand | | **1,238** | 1,191 |
| Cash held by investment managers | | **113** | 26 |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | | **1,351** | 1,217 |

# 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 2025 with comparative information in respect of the year to 31 December 2024. 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 2026, 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 earlier.

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 floor space or in proportion to turnover. 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 equipment***
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

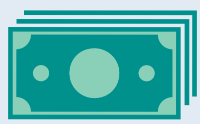
The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

***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

| | Unrestricted funds | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 Total funds £'000 | 2024 Total funds £'000 |
| Conferences | **392** | 426 |
| Publications | **2,787** | 2,567 |
| Members subscriptions | **250** | 253 |
| | **3,429** | 3,246 |

## 3. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted funds | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 Total funds £'000 | 2024 Total funds £'000 |
| Commercial trading operations | **94** | 113 |
| Letting and licensing of premises | **601** | 603 |
| | **695** | 716 |

## 4. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

| | Unrestricted funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | 2025 Total funds £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Income from listed investments | 175 | 59 | **234** |
| Interest receivable | 89 | — | **89** |
| | **264** | **59** | **323** |

| | Unrestricted funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | 2024 Total funds £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Income from listed investments | *180* | *63* | *243* |
| Interest receivable | *92* | — | *92* |
| | *272* | *63* | *335* |

## 5. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £'000 | Unrestricted funds 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Commercial trading costs | **269** | 255 |
| Investment management costs | **27** | 24 |
| | **296** | 279 |

## 6. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | 2025 Total funds £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Conferences | | | |
| Direct costs | 426 | — | **426** |
| Support costs (note 8) | 168 | — | **168** |
| | 594 | — | **594** |
| Publishing | | | |
| Direct costs | 1,455 | — | **1,455** |
| Support costs (note 8) | 1,161 | — | **1,161** |
| | 2,616 | — | **2,616** |
| Membership activities | | | |
| Direct costs | 823 | — | **823** |
| Support costs (note 8) | 118 | — | **118** |
| | 941 | — | **941** |
| Awards, bursaries and scholarships | | | |
| Grants payable (note 7) | — | 39 | **39** |
| Other direct costs | 6 | 69 | **75** |
| Support costs (note 8) | — | — | **—** |
| | 6 | 108 | **114** |
| | **4,157** | **108** | **4,265** |

## 6. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

| | Unrestricted funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | 2024 Total funds £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Conferences* | | | |
| *Direct costs* | *519* | — | ***519*** |
| *Support costs (note 8)* | *176* | — | ***176*** |
| | *695* | — | ***695*** |
| *Publications* | | | |
| *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*** |

## 7. GRANTS PAYABLE

| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Awards, bursaries and scholarships to individuals in the year | **39** | 21 |
| Adjustment to previous year provisions (awards not claimed) | **—** | (1) |
| | **39** | 20 |

| | 2025 Number | 2024 Number |
|---|---|---|
| Awards of £1,000 or more | **7** | 7 |
| Awards of up to £1,000 | **25** | 9 |
| Total number of grants awarded | **32** | 16 |

Grants which have been agreed internally, but for which no legal or constructive obligation existed at 31 December 2025 and thus not accrued in these accounts totalled £nil (2024 – £nil).

## 8. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Basis of allocation | Conferences £'000 | Publications £'000 | Membership activities £'000 | Awards, bursaries and scholarships £'000 | Total 2025 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Finance | Turnover | 43 | 309 | 28 | — | **380** |
| IT and Human Resources | Turnover | 16 | 111 | 10 | — | **137** |
| Executive Office | Turnover | 30 | 216 | 19 | — | **265** |
| Facilities Management | Floor space and turnover | 43 | 301 | 27 | — | **371** |
| Depreciation | Turnover | 27 | 195 | 18 | — | **240** |
| Governance costs (note 9) | Turnover | 9 | 29 | 16 | — | **54** |
| | | **168** | **1,161** | **118** | **—** | **1,447** |

## 8. SUPPORT COSTS (CONTINUED)

| | 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* | *Floor space and turnover* | *39* | *234* | *23* | — | **296** |
| *Depreciation* | *Turnover* | *38* | *226* | *22* | — | **286** |
| *Governance costs (note 9)* | *Turnover* | *9* | *23* | *13* | — | **45** |
| | | *176* | *1,026* | *111* | — | **1,313** |

## 9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | Unrestricted funds | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
| Auditor's remuneration | | |
| Current year | **24** | 22 |
| Prior year | **—** | 3 |
| Trustees' expenses | **13** | 12 |
| Legal and professional fees | **—** | — |
| AGM and annual review | **17** | 8 |
| | **54** | 45 |

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

This is stated after charging:

| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Auditor's remuneration | **24** | 22 |
| Depreciation | **240** | 286 |
| Operating lease rentals | **1** | 1 |

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

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Wages and salaries | **1,920** | 1,600 |
| Social security costs | **162** | 146 |
| Other pension costs | **156** | 153 |
| Other | **18** | 16 |
| | **2,256** | 1,915 |

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:

| | 2025 Number | 2024 Number |
|---|---|---|
| Conferences | **6** | 6 |
| Membership | **8** | 7 |
| Publishing | **11** | 12 |
| Premises | **4** | 3 |
| Governance and administration | **5** | 6 |
| | **34** | 34 |

Of the total average monthly number of employees, 23 were full time (2024 – 23) and 11 were part time (2024 – 11). The number of employees whose actual remuneration was £60,000 or more were as follows:

| | 2025 Number | 2024 Number |
|---|---|---|
| Between £60,000 – £70,000 | **—** | 1 |
| Between £70,000 – £80,000 | **3** | 1 |
| Between £80,000 – £90,000 | **—** | 1 |
| Between £150,000 – £160,000 | **—** | 1 |
| Between £170,000 – £180,000 | **1** | — |
| | **4** | 4 |

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 £225,876 (2024 – £206,268). None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year for their role as trustees (2024 – 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 2025 | 3,400 | 2,367 | 11 | 1,773 | **7,551** |
| Additions | — | — | — | 116 | **116** |
| Transfers | — | — | (11) | 11 | **—** |
| Disposals | — | (29) | — | (16) | **(45)** |
| **At 31 December 2025** | 3,400 | 2,338 | — | 1,884 | **7,622** |
| **Depreciation** | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2025 | 854 | 1,341 | — | 1,502 | **3,697** |
| Charge for the year | 25 | 108 | — | 107 | **240** |
| Released on disposal | — | (29) | — | (15) | **(44)** |
| **At 31 December 2025** | 879 | 1,420 | — | 1,594 | **3,893** |
| **Net book value** | | | | | |
| **At 31 December 2025** | **2,521** | **918** | **—** | **290** | **3,729** |
| At 31 December 2024 | 2,546 | 1,026 | 11 | 271 | 3,854 |

## 13. INVESTMENTS

| Group and charity | 2024 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| **Listed investments at market value** | | |
| Market value at 1 January | **8,189** | 7,678 |
| Additions at cost | **1,547** | 484 |
| Disposal proceeds | **(1,680)** | (443) |
| Realised gains (losses) | **366** | 156 |
| Disposals at opening book value | **(1,314)** | (287) |
| Unrealised gains | **284** | 314 |
| Market value at 31 December | **8,706** | 8,189 |
| | | |
| **Cash held by investment manager for re-investment** | **113** | 26 |
| | **8,819** | 8,215 |
| | | |
| **Historical cost of listed investments:** | **6,999** | 6,715 |

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

| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Fixed income | **1,675** | 1,354 |
| Equities | **6,286** | 6,141 |
| Alternatives | **745** | 694 |
| | **8,706** | 8,189 |

At 31 December 2025 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 (2024 – 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 2025 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)

| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| **Sales** | | |
| Advertising in *Chemistry & Industry* | **6** | 1 |
| Room hire and associated services | **84** | 112 |
| | **90** | 113 |
| **Other income** | | |
| Bank interest | **—** | 6 |
| | **—** | 6 |
| **Costs (including SCI® service charges)** | | |
| Room hire and associated services | **62** | 66 |
| Accounting and general administration | 9 | 9 |
| | **71** | 75 |
| **Profit for the year before Gift Aid** | 19 | 44 |
| Gift Aid to SCI | **(19)** | (44) |
| **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 | **56** | 150 |
| Current liabilities | **(56)** | (150) |
| **Net assests** | **—** | — |
| **Represented by:** | | |
| Share Capital | | |
| Profit and loss account | **—** | — |
| | **—** | — |
| | — | — |

## 14. DEBTORS

| | Group 2025 £'000 | Group 2024 £'000 | Charity 2025 £'000 | Charity 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trade debtors | **209** | 208 | **201** | 201 |
| Amount due from subsidiary undertaking | **—** | — | **40** | 136 |
| Other debtors | **23** | 18 | **23** | 18 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | **1,165** | 1,114 | **1,164** | 1,114 |
| | **1,397** | 1,340 | **1,428** | 1,469 |

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

| | Group 2025 £'000 | Group 2024 £'000 | Charity 2025 £'000 | Charity 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trade creditors | **163** | 106 | **163** | 106 |
| Taxes and social security | **39** | 34 | **39** | 34 |
| Licensee rent deposits | **85** | 50 | **85** | 50 |
| Other creditors | **329** | 377 | **313** | 363 |
| Deferred income (see below) | **519** | 519 | **519** | 519 |
| | **1,135** | 1,086 | **1,119** | 1,072 |

### *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 2025 £'000 | Group 2024 £'000 | Charity 2025 £'000 | Charity 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Deferred income at 1 January | **519** | 345 | **519** | 345 |
| Amounts released to income | **(510)** | (334) | **(510)** | (334) |
| Cash received in advance during the year | **510** | 508 | **510** | 508 |
| Deferred income at 31 December | **519** | 519 | **519** | 519 |

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

| | Group 2025 £'000 | Group 2024 £'000 | Charity 2025 £'000 | Charity 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Licensee rent deposits | **74** | 107 | **74** | 107 |
| Membership income | **16** | — | **16** | — |
| Publications income | **400** | 600 | **400** | 600 |
| Life composition fees (see below) | **17** | 19 | **17** | 19 |
| | **507** | 726 | **507** | 726 |

As at 31 December 2025 the charity held a total of £158,827 (2024 – £156,283) in seven 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.

| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| At 1 January | **21** | 24 |
| Decrease in provision | **(2)** | (3) |
| **At 31 December** | **19** | 21 |
| | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | **2** | 2 |
| Amounts falling due after one year | **17** | 19 |
| | **19** | 21 |

## 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 | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| **Tangible fixed assets fund** | | |
| At 1 January | **3,854** | 4,033 |
| Movement during the year | **(125)** | (179) |
| **At 31 December** | **3,729** | 3,854 |

The balance on the tangible fixed assets fund at 31 December 2025 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 2025 £'000 | Income £'000 | Expenditure £'000 | Other gains, (losses) & transfers £'000 | At 31 December 2025 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A J Banks | 426 | 10 | (3) | 27 | **460** |
| Commemoration | 102 | 2 | — | 7 | **111** |
| Leverhulme Prize | 17 | 1 | (6) | 1 | **13** |
| Messel | 139 | 3 | (21) | 8 | **129** |
| Seligman | 84 | 2 | (5) | 5 | **86** |
| Benevolent | 155 | 4 | (1) | 10 | **168** |
| Rideal Trust | 18 | 1 | (4) | 1 | **16** |
| S P S Andrew | 1,593 | 41 | (11) | 101 | **1,724** |
| ISEC | 37 | 9 | (6) | 2 | **42** |
| Flue2Chem | (1) | 47 | (51) | 5 | **—** |
| | **2,570** | **120** | **(108)** | **167** | **2,749** |

| 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* |

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* – supports the delivery of any aspect of the food and beverage industries.
- *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.

## 19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

| Group | General funds £'000 | Designated funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | Total 2025 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fund balances at 31 December 2025 are represented by:** | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | — | 3,729 | — | **3,729** |
| Investments & long-term deposits | 6,370 | — | 2,749 | **9,119** |
| Current assets | 3,535 | — | — | **3,535** |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (1,135) | — | — | **(1,135)** |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | (507) | — | — | **(507)** |
| | **8,263** | **3,729** | **2,749** | **14,741** |

| 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 & long-term deposits* | *5,945* | *—* | *2,570* | *8,515* |
| *Current assets* | *3,574* | *—* | *—* | *3,574* |
| *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* |

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

| Charity | General funds £'000 | Designated funds £'000 | Restricted funds £'000 | Total 2025 £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fund balances at 31 December 2025 are represented by:** | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | — | 3,729 | — | **3,729** |
| Investments & long-term deposits | 6,370 | — | 2,749 | **9,119** |
| Current assets | 3,519 | — | — | **3,519** |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | (1,119) | — | — | **(1,119)** |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | (507) | — | — | **(507)** |
| | 8,263 | 3,729 | 2,749 | **14,741** |

| 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 & long-term deposits* | *5,945* | *—* | *2,570* | *8,515* |
| *Current assets* | *3,560* | *—* | *—* | *3,560* |
| *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* |

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:

| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| **Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains:** | | |
| Total unrealised gains at 1 January | **1,474** | 1,160 |
| Add (less) in respect to disposals in the year | **366** | 156 |
| Add gains arising on revaluations in the year | **(133)** | 158 |
| **Total unrealised gains at 31 December** | **1,707** | 1,474 |

## 20. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December the group and charity were committed to total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

| | Office equipment | |
|---|---|---|
| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
| Within one year | — | — |
| Within two to five years | — | — |
| | — | — |

## 21. 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). As parts of its insurance programme, the Charity holds trustee indemnity insurance.

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.

One trustee (2024 – one trustee) received remuneration of less than £5,000 (2024 – less than £5,000) during the year for work on one of the Society's learned journals. Three trustees were reimbursed a total of £6,169 in expenses (2024 – four were reimbursed £3,587) for travel and meeting costs, with a further £3,941 (2024 – £6,394) incurred directly by the Society.

During the year, the charity received a payment of £378 from the Japan Society, for whom the SCI Chair and trustee is also a trustee. The payment was made as part-reimbursement for costs for an event. There was no outstanding balance relating to this transaction at the year end.

The charity also received a payment of £1,320 from Dyneval, for whom a trustee is the CEO. The payment was made in relation to the purchase by Dyneval of one of the exhibitor spaces available to companies at an SCI conference. There was no outstanding balance relating to this transaction at the year end.

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***

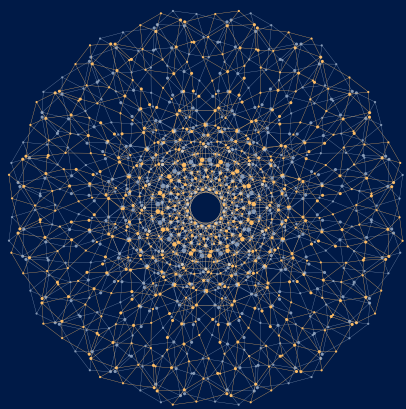
The object of SCI's Benevolent Fund is to provide financial relief to persons who are or have been members of the Society and to their spouses, children and dependents and to the widows/widowers, children and dependents of deceased members. The assets as at 31 December 2025 amounted to £168,000.

***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 2025 amounted to £16,000.

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

| | All resources are restricted by the Trust Deeds | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Benevolent Fund | | Rideal Trust | |
| | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 | 2025 £'000 | 2024 £'000 |
| **Statement of financial activities** | | | | |
| Donations | **—** | — | **—** | — |
| Investment income | **4** | 4 | **1** | 1 |
| **Total income** | **4** | 4 | **1** | 1 |
| Grants and awards | **—** | — | **(3)** | (2) |
| Other expenditure | **(1)** | (1) | **(1)** | — |
| **Total expenditure** | **(1)** | (1) | **(4)** | (2) |
| **Net income** | **3** | 3 | **(3)** | (1) |
| **(Losses) Gains on investments** | **10** | 7 | **1** | 1 |
| **Income and movement in funds** | **13** | 10 | **(2)** | — |
| **Total funds brought forward** | **155** | 145 | **18** | 18 |
| **Total funds carried forward** | **168** | 155 | **16** | 18 |
| **Balance sheet** | | | | |
| **Investments at market value** | **168** | 155 | **16** | 18 |
| **Total net assets** | **168** | 155 | **16** | 18 |



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