

**UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH**

**AUDITED**

**COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2020**



Chartered Accountants and  
Chartered Tax Advisers  
Statutory Auditors

# UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

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## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND VICE PRESIDENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### **President**

Lord Taverne QC

#### **Chairman**

Professor Jeremy Pearson

#### **Honorary Treasurer**

Dr Miles Maxwell

#### **Chief Executive**

Mrs Wendy Jarrett

#### **Members of Council**

Dr Claire Cockcroft  
Mr Paul Finnemore  
Dr Gill Fleetwood  
Professor Anna Mitchell  
Professor Clive Page  
Dr Lesley Penny  
Dr Tim Sampson  
Dr Geoff Watts  
Dr Lucy Whitfield  
Mr Stephen Woodley

#### **Honorary Vice Presidents**

Sir Colin Berry DSc FRCPATH FRCP FFPM FMedSci  
Sir Colin Blakemore FMedSci FRCP(Hon) FRS  
Sir Walter Bodmer FRCPATH FRS FMedSci  
Sir Arnold Burgen FRCP FRS FMedSci  
Sir Roy Calne FRCS FRS  
Baroness Knight of Collingtree DBE  
Dr Peter Read CBE  
Professor Nancy Rothwell DBE FRS  
Sir Richard Sykes DSc FRS FMedSci  
Lord Turnberg of Cheadle FRCP FMedSci  
Lord Winston of Hammersmith DSc FRCP FRCOG FMedSci

**UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH**  
**COUNCIL'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Council presents their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**COUNCIL**

The Council Officers, Members and Vice Presidents who served during the year are shown on page 1.

**VISION AND MISSION**

Understanding Animal Research (UAR) wants to see a time when everyone understands the benefits that animal research brings to science and society.

UAR fosters public understanding of the humane use of animals in bio-scientific research in the UK. It achieves this by engaging with and providing information for the public and by encouraging the bioscience sector to be open in explaining to the public why and how animals are used in research. UAR also works towards a favourable policy, regulatory and operating environment for the humane use of animals in research in the UK.

The UAR approved strategy for 2019 - 2023 has top level goals as follows:

**• Engaging the public**

Fostering greater understanding of the use of animals in scientific research by providing information for the public and facilitating dialogue

**• Sharing ideas**

Encouraging and supporting the scientific community to be open in explaining how and why animals are used in research

**• Shaping a supportive environment**

Working for a supportive and open policy, regulatory and operating environment for the humane use of animals in scientific research

**ACTIVITIES**

The major activities of the organisation are to communicate to the public, to influence policy development and to run a schools education programme.

During 2020, the work of UAR, alongside other organisations within the bioscience sector, continued to contribute to a favourable public debate and policy climate for animal research. Face-to-face events and meetings were curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but UAR continued to pursue its strategy in the online environment.

**MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020**

During the year, Understanding Animal Research:

- Increased the number of Concordat on Openness on Animal Research in the UK signatory organisations to 127
- Published the sixth Annual Report on the progress of the Concordat
- Spoke at more than 30 conferences and meetings about the development of the Concordat and the importance of openness on animal research
- Held the seventh Understanding Animal Research Openness Awards
- Continued to host and support the European Animal Research Association as a separate, stand-alone organisation with its own Board and funding
- Held a series of 20 training days for members in various aspects of public engagement
- Provided support for its members in the media and in relation to Freedom of Information requests

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### COUNCIL'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020 CONTINUED

- Expanded UAR's social media following to counter misleading claims about animal research online and in social media
- Maintained and developed new content for its websites: [www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk](http://www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk), and [www.AnimalResearch.info](http://www.AnimalResearch.info)
- Continued its dialogue with transport companies and other sectors of the supply chain
- Attended virtual conferences and science fairs to promote public engagement on animal research
- Created new videos and infographics for the UAR website and other social media channels
- Created new online resources aimed at school students
- Supported members and stakeholders in communicating about their animal research, particularly in the context of planning applications
- Gained high-profile proactive and reactive media coverage of animal research
- Alongside the UK Bioscience Sector Coalition, worked with the Home Office, other Government departments and politicians to ensure a continued emphasis on good science and animal welfare
- Countered the campaigning of the animal rights movement

#### GOVERNANCE ISSUES

##### Staff and Council Changes

There were no staffing changes during 2020.

At the 2020 Annual General Meeting Jeremy Pearson was re-elected as Chair of Council and Miles Maxwell was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. Lesley Penny was also re-elected for a second three year term.

#### FUNDING OF UAR

The principal funding source of the organisation in 2020 was subscriptions from member organisations. UAR has more than 140 institutional supporter organisations, most of whom pay an annual subscription. These organisations are listed on the website. Project funding was also received from organisations wishing to support UAR projects.

The funding of UAR will remain an issue in 2021, following the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are confident that the combination of continued funding from existing member organisations, diversification of income and prudent control on outgoings will enable UAR to mitigate the potential downturn in income.

#### DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The Council at the time when this Council's report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as it is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the society's auditors are unaware, and
- it has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Council in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the society's auditors are aware of that information.

#### POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Subsequent to the year end global economies have continued to be affected by the negative financial impact of the spread of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. This is considered a non-adjusting event at the year end date and details of the officers' assessment of this event on the society is included in the going concern note 2.3.

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### COUNCIL'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

In preparing this report, the Council has taken advantage of the small entities exemptions provided by applicable law and regulations.

This report was approved by the Council and signed on its behalf.



Professor Jeremy Pearson (May 17,  
2021, 12:10pm)

Professor Jeremy Pearson  
Council

Date: 17 May 2021

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Council is responsible for preparing the Council's report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Council has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under applicable law the Council must not approve the financial statements unless it is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the society and of the surplus or deficit of the society for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Council is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue in business.

The Council is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the society and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

#### OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Understanding Animal Research (the 'society') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise the Statement of income and retained earnings, the Balance sheet and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the society's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its surplus 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 Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

#### 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Council has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the society's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.



## **UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH (CONTINUED)**

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Council's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Council's report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper books of account have not been kept by the society in accordance with the requirements of the legislation; or
- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained by the society in accordance with the requirements of the legislation; or
- the revenue account or the other accounts (if any) to which our report relates, and the balance sheet are not in agreement with the books of account of the society; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL**

As explained more fully in the Council's responsibilities statement on page 5, the Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Council is responsible for assessing the society'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 Council either intends to liquidate the society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH (CONTINUED)

#### AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' 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 financial statements. 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:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in tax and compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business; and
- Reviewing accounting estimates for bias, specifically those relating to revenue recognition.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission, or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH (CONTINUED)

#### USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the society's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 87 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the society's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 society and the society's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robin John FCA CTA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Wellden Turnbull Limited**

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors

180 Piccadilly  
London  
W1J 9HF

Date: 17 May 2021

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME</b>		666,874	732,574
Administrative expenses		(634,704)	(728,308)
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	3	32,170	4,266
Tax on surplus	5	(450)	-
<b>SURPLUS AFTER TAX</b>		31,720	4,266
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		530,720	526,454
Surplus for the year		31,720	4,266
<b>RETAINED SURPLUS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>		562,440	530,720

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

**UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH  
REGISTERED NUMBER:MS28954R**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	3,120	14,461
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	96,227	158,772
Cash at bank and in hand	8	530,659	417,483
		626,886	576,255
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(66,569)	(58,999)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		560,317	517,256
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		563,437	531,717
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		563,437	531,717
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	10	100	100
Capital reserves	11	897	897
Income and expenditure account	11	562,440	530,720
<b>NET FUNDS</b>		563,437	531,717

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Council and were signed on its behalf on

08 May 2021

.....  
**Professor Jeremy Pearson**  
Chair



.....  
Dr Miles Maxwell 10 May 2021 8:08am  
**Dr Miles Maxwell**  
Honorary Treasurer

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**Mrs Wendy Jarrett**  
Chief Executive

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10 May 2021

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**Professor Jeremy Pearson**  
Chair

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**Dr Miles Maxwell**  
Honorary Treasurer

*Wendy Jarrett*

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**Mrs Wendy Jarrett**  
Chief Executive

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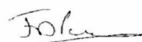
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17 May 2021



.....  
Professor Jeremy Pearson (May 17, 2021 12:10pm)  
**Professor Jeremy Pearson**  
 Chair

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**Dr Miles Maxwell**  
 Honorary Treasurer

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**Mrs Wendy Jarrett**  
 Chief Executive

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## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Understanding Animal Research promotes the use of animal research and the role it plays in advancing basic and applied science, including the development of treatments for people and animals and a better understanding of the world we live in. The organisation is a non-profit organisation, registered with the FCA as a mutual society number MS28954R, and is incorporated.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### 2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and applicable law.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the society's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

##### 2.2 COMPLIANCE WITH ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102. There were no material departures.

The accounts are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the Society and rounded to the nearest £.

##### 2.3 GOING CONCERN

In assessing the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation, the officers have taken into account the key risks to the business, including the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and its potential impact on the society's financial position. In doing so, the officers have considered the society's business model and its availability of cash resources and assessed the society's cash flow needs.

Having undertaken this assessment, and secured future cash flow considerations, the officers believe the current market conditions will not have any material impact as the society has sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. The officers consider it appropriate to therefore prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis.

##### 2.4 SUBSCRIPTIONS INCOME

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the society and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Subscriptions and donations are credited to the income and expenditure account in the year to which they relate but credit is not taken in the income and expenditure account for amounts received in advance.

Income relating to projects is taken to income as it is earned by the organisation.



## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

##### 2.5 OPERATING LEASES: THE SOCIETY AS LESSEE

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of income and retained earnings on a straight line basis over the lease term.

##### 2.6 PENSIONS

###### Defined contribution pension plan

The society operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the society pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the society has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Statement of income and retained earnings when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the society in independently administered funds.

##### 2.7 Taxation

Tax is recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the society operates and generates income.

##### 2.8 TAXATION

Tax is recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the society operates and generates income.

##### 2.9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

##### 2.9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Office equipment - 25% to 50% on cost

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings.

##### 2.10 DEBTORS

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

##### 2.11 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

##### 2.12 CREDITORS

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### 2.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The society only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

#### 3. OPERATING SURPLUS

The operating surplus is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	11,341	9,870
Fees payable to the society's auditor and its associates for the audit of the society's annual financial statements	5,000	5,000
Other operating lease rentals	54,100	55,744
Defined contribution pension cost	43,187	44,792
	<u>113,628</u>	<u>115,406</u>

## UNDERSTANDING ANIMAL RESEARCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 4. EMPLOYEES

During the year, no council members received any emoluments (2019 - £nil)

Included within staff and council expenses are other costs in respect of Council members' travel and accommodation totalling £nil (2019 - £343).

The average monthly number of employees, excluding the Council, during the year was 9 (2019 - 10).

#### 5. TAXATION

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>CORPORATION TAX</b>		
Current tax on surplus for the year	450	-

#### FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR

The society is treated for corporation tax purposes as being mutually trading and is not liable to UK corporation tax on its operating surplus. The charge for taxation is based on investment income for the year.

#### FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>	
At 1 January 2020	32,856
At 31 December 2020	32,856
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2020	18,395
Charge for the year on owned assets	11,341
At 31 December 2020	29,736
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2020	3,120
At 31 December 2019	14,461

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**7. DEBTORS**

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	30,082	77,696
Other debtors	66,145	81,076
	96,227	158,772

**8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand	530,659	417,483
	530,659	417,483

**9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	11,612	9,998
Corporation tax	450	-
Other taxation and social security	44,363	35,447
Other creditors	10,144	13,555
	66,569	59,000

**10. SHARE CAPITAL**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
100 (2019 - 100) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	100	100
	100	100

Each paid up member holds an ordinary share of £1 each.

**11. RESERVES**

**Capital redemption reserve**

The capital redemption reserve is made up of cancelled share capital. When a member ceases to be a member or is expelled, under the society's rules, the share is cancelled and the amount paid up is the society's property.

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#### Income and expenditure account

The retained surplus account represents the cumulative surplus and deficit net of all adjustments from the start of the organisation.

#### 12. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The society operates a defined contributions money purchase pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the society in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the society to the fund and amounted to £43,187 (2019 - £44,792).

No contributions were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date (2019 - none).

#### 13. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2020 the society had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Not later than 1 year	45,260	45,260
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	45,260	90,520
	<u>90,520</u>	<u>135,780</u>

#### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

European Animal Research Association (EARA), a company in which Chief Executive Mrs Wendy Jarrett is a director, were charged management fees of £21,000 (2019 - £19,500) in the year. No balance was outstanding at the year end.

#### 15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Subsequent to the year end global economies have continued to be affected by the negative financial impact of the spread of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. This is considered a non-adjusting event at the year end date and details of the officers' assessment of this event on the society is included in the going concern note 2.3.

#### 16. CONTROLLING PARTY

The society is controlled by the Council on behalf of its members.

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### DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME		666,874	732,574
<b>LESS: OVERHEADS</b>			
Administration expenses		(634,704)	(728,308)
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>		<u>32,170</u>	<u>4,266</u>
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities		(450)	-
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u><u>31,720</u></u>	<u><u>4,266</u></u>

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### SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions and donations	533,827	553,684
Grants and donations	81,626	84,977
Interest received	2,393	990
Project income	28,028	73,423
EARA management charge	21,000	19,500
	666,874	732,574
	666,874	732,574
	2020 £	2019 £
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Project costs	3,352	7,116
Staff salaries	388,643	409,677
Staff national insurance	38,559	41,971
Staff pension costs - defined contribution schemes	43,187	44,792
Staff training and recruitment	42	4,045
Staff and Council expenses	3,555	27,460
Stationery, postage and telephone	3,134	6,500
Communications	28,266	46,781
Information technology costs	28,691	32,608
General office expenses	377	1,095
Grants and subscriptions	1,183	(50)
Gifts and donations	225	53
Legal and professional	-	1,000
Auditors' remuneration	5,000	5,000
Accountancy, bookkeeping and payroll fees	14,100	14,150
Bad debts	-	6,400
Bank charges	94	181
Rent and service charges	54,100	55,744
Premises expenses	9,856	9,032
Repairs and maintenance	366	353
Education costs	603	3,877
Policy costs and scientific reports	30	654
Depreciation - office equipment	11,341	9,870
	634,704	728,309
	634,704	728,309