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Bath Geological Society

53rd Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2nd February 2023

(via Zoom)

1	Apologies for Absence
	Linda Drummond-Harris and Bob Mustow
2	Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting
	Read
3	Matters arising
	Hybrid lectures – feedback about hybrid/Zoom lectures was positive. Members are enjoying them, especially those further afield. Consensus was that we are going to continue with them for the foreseeable future.
4	Chairman's report for 2022
	<p>2022 has been another unusual year as we have emerged from the Covid 19 pandemic only to be plunged into a cost of living/energy crisis and the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We have witnessed the shortest serving PM in history, record breaking heatwaves and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. These are all unsettling events that affect our lives - just when we were hoping things would go back to how they were before COVID. Despite all of these uncertainties the Society has continued to hold a full programme of lectures and field trips. Our membership currently stands at 74, a healthy number and reflects the enthusiasm that the committee have shown in putting together the programme. The committee has continued to meet on a regular basis, remotely, to conduct the business of the Society.</p> <p>In February we held the 2022 AGM over Zoom. We had a good discussion about how members felt about hybrid lectures; the committee proposed that lectures be held on Zoom only over Winter and then inperson over Spring/Summer. The purchase of a Bluetooth microphone by the Society has overcome the poor sound quality of hybrid lectures for those listening online. It was decided that in-person lectures would also be hybrid. Technically, hybrid lectures have been quite difficult to host as there are many things that can go wrong, but feedback from those watching online has been positive so we have continued with them throughout the summer.</p> <p>Our lecture programme has covered a wide range of geological topics and we hope you have found them stimulating. We are grateful to the speakers who have</p>

provided some excellent and interesting presentations. We are grateful to Anne Hunt, our Program Secretary, for her efforts in securing a successful lecture program. In April the Society held our long awaited 50th Anniversary celebrations. (2020 was the original anniversary date). The celebrations consisted of a lecture by Professor Jon Blundy, followed by cake and drinks. At the weekend a Field Trip was held led by Professor Maurice Tucker. Both events were very enjoyable and well attended. With the assistance of the GA regional groups grant we were able to cover the costs and invite our neighbouring geology groups to share in this milestone event.

The Society held six field trips during 2022. Those at the beginning of 2022 were very well attended as people ventured out again after the winter and the ‘Omicron wave’. Several Field Trips had to be rearranged as we experienced severe weather warnings (extreme heat in the summer as well as storms at the start of the year). One trip to the Forest of Dean had to be cancelled due to lack of people signing up. We thank all the leaders for sharing their time and expertise with us. We thank too Sue Harvey and Bob Mustow for arranging trips, advertising, sign-up and safety in the field.

I have been very grateful to the hard work and commitment of the Committee during the year. Their efforts have resulted in the delivery of a full programme of lectures and field trips. The committee has met about 6 times during the year using the Zoom virtual conference technology. This seems to have worked well and assisted with communications and keeping track of our finances. The strength of a Society like ours is measured by those who volunteer their time, and I am indebted to those on the committee.

The 2022 Committee

Chairman: Graham Hickman, Treasurer: Phil Burge, Secretary: Katie Munday, Membership Secretary: Polly Sternbauer, Meetings Secretary: Anne Hunt, Journal & Zoom: Mellissa Freeman, Field Trip Secretary: Sue Harvey, Field Trip Safety: Bob Mustow, Webmaster: James McVeigh, Linda DrummondHarris, Professor Maurice Tucker.

On a personal note, many of you may be aware that in May 2022 I was elected as the President of the Geologists’ Association. This has been an honour for me but also an additional responsibility. In February 2023 I intend to stand down as Chairman of the Bath Geological Society having served three years. This is the normal term of office as set out in our constitution. If you have any comments or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. On behalf of your committee, thank you again for your support.

**BATH GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
INCOME AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2022**

These accounts are prepared on a cash accounting basis. Receipts are recorded in the period when they are received and payments are recorded in the period that they are made. An end of year accrual is recorded only to show available cash if this differs from cash in bank.

		31.12.22	31.12.21	Notes
Section 1: Income				
	Membership subscriptions	£2,335.00	£2,264.00	
<i>Record income in period of receipt</i>	Visitors/Field trip and temporary members	£50.00	£20.00	
	Sales of books and publications	£0.00	£0.00	
	Zoom receipts	£63.24	£68.34	
	Field trips	£0.00	£0.00	
	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	
	Sub Total	£2,448.24	£2,352.34	
Section 2: Expenses				
	Lecturers expenses	£347.75	£19.70	
<i>Record expenses in period when paid</i>	Field trips	£75.00	£0.00	
	Room hire deposit	£0.00	£0.00	
	Room hire balance	£1,002.36	£0.00	1
	Zoom payments	£143.88	£156.96	2
	Administrative expense	£122.63	£48.07	
	Refreshments	£153.22	£0.00	3
	Insurance	£143.94	£143.94	
	GA affiliation	£0.00	£40.00	4
	Publication stock	£0.00	£0.00	
	Miscellaneous	£0.00	£2.30	
	Other	£0.00	£0.00	
	Sub Total	£1,988.78	£416.97	
	Surplus/Deficit	£459.46	£1,941.37	
Section 3: Cash				
	Opening bank balance	£5,481.78	£3,540.41	
	Closing bank balance	£5,941.24	£5,481.78	
Section 4: Net assets				
	Cash in bank at end of year	£5,941.24	£5,481.78	
	Cash in float	£0.00	£80.00	5
	Publications in stock	-	£0.00	
	Total assets	£5,941.24	£5,561.78	
Section 5: Available Cash				
<i>Cash available after considering payments due but not made</i>	Closing bank balance	£5,941.24	£5,481.78	
	Accruals	£0.00	£0.00	
	Available cash	£5,941.24	£5,481.78	
Section 6: Reconciliation				
<i>Reconciliation check-sum only</i>	Opening bank balance plus Surplus/Deficit	£5,941.24	£5,481.78	
	Closing bank balance	£5,941.24	£5,481.78	
	Reconciliation	£0.00	£0.00	

6 Election of Officers

Graham is standing down as Chairman and Sue is standing down as Field Trip Secretary. The remaining members of the committee will continue their roles.

7 Any other business

None

8 Date of next Annual General Meeting

Thursday 1st February 2024