



BSST Secretary/Treasurer's Report for 2022

Dear Members,

I am very pleased to report that our "Hope" of the last report turned into reality and we managed to hold two face-to-face and Zoom meetings last year, as detailed in the President's report.

In addition to buying the Zoom licence last year, the Council agreed to purchase our own microphones and speakers, after an indifferent AGM for those attending on Zoom. As a result, the ATM was much improved from an audio point of view but we are still learning and hope to make the experience even better this year!

Thank you to all of you, both personal and corporate, who paid their subscriptions in 2022. This has ensured that the bank balances are reasonably healthy, as you will see from the accounts. The Council's decision to subsidise the ATM heavily has made a significant dent in those balances but the Society remains solvent and does not expect to incur similar costs for the next few years.

The London venues of SCI and RGS are expensive and it helps the bank balance if a majority of the members attend in person, rather than via Zoom, not only filling the venue but also ensuring that the vital benefit of networking amongst the members continues apace.

We are, as a Society, coming out of the strange world that we used to inhabit, gaining members and getting back to more normal activities. As I hand over to my successor in April, I wish each of you and the Society well now and in the future.

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