

Leave a legacy
to science



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Treasurer's Message

The Royal Society is one of the world's oldest and most distinguished scientific academies famed for its pioneering work in furthering science in the United Kingdom.

For over 350 years legacies have played a major role in supporting this work, and to secure our scientific programme and ensure our future independence it is vital that they continue to play a major role for the next 350 years.

During my time as Treasurer of the Society I have seen how crucial legacies are in helping us to achieve our goals. Using income from legacies we have been able to establish research professorships, create PhD studentships, increase our programme of scientific discussion meetings, and acquire historic works to expand our library collection. We undoubtedly

would not be the institution that we are today without the generous support of a number of individuals that have left us a gift in their Will. That is why, some time ago, my wife and I made the decision to leave a gift to the Society in our Wills. We did this for three reasons. Firstly, with the knowledge that we are able to support our loved ones and family members in our Wills as well as supporting an institution that we care deeply for. Secondly, knowing that throughout its history this institution has based its activity on a founding charter that we believe in so fundamentally. Thirdly, with its unrivalled history we know that we can trust the Society to carry out our wishes and sustain its excellence for years to come.

The gift that you make will protect our future and the future of science in the UK for subsequent generations.



Professor Tony Cheetham FRS

Treasurer and Vice-President
of the Royal Society



What legacies mean to the Society

Since our inception legacies from Fellows and friends have helped the Royal Society to achieve our fundamental purpose of recognising, supporting and promoting excellence in science. Through the generosity of our benefactors the Society has been able to preserve its independence,

and maintain its flexibility in responding to emerging scientific issues. Many of our core activities such as discussion meetings, independent policy advice, research grants, and public engagement would not be possible without this long-term support.

What we want to achieve

The Society's main strategic priorities emphasise its commitment to the highest quality of science, to curiosity-driven research, and to the development and use of science for the long-term benefit of society.

One of our founding Fellows John Wilkins made the first ever bequest to the Royal Society, of £400 in 1675 (worth around £50,000 today). From this point and throughout our history bequests have helped to build the Society's

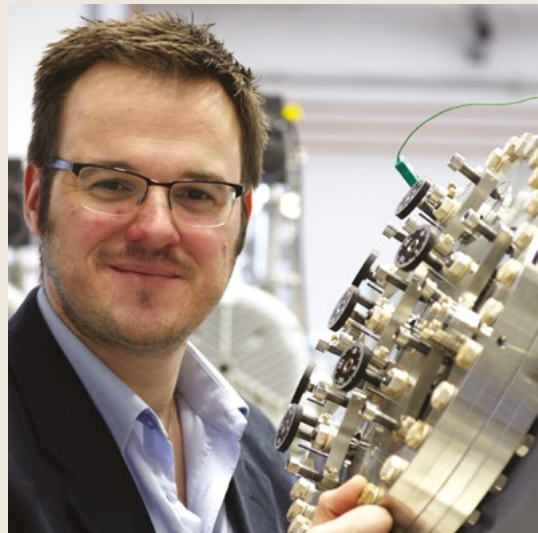
reputation as the national academy of science in the UK, and helped us to play a part in some of the most significant scientific discoveries the world has seen.

The Society continues to seek flexible support to help us maintain a proactive approach to all upcoming scientific challenges. Your bequest to the Royal Society will serve the cause of science for the coming centuries.

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Dr David Payne
Royal Society University Research Fellow.



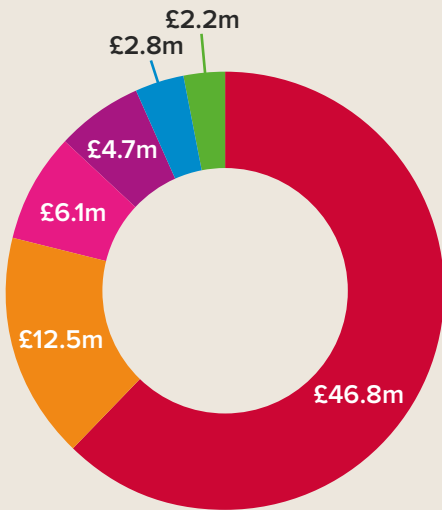
How we will look after your money

The Society understands that leaving a legacy to an organisation in your Will is a personal decision that has been undertaken after much careful consideration.

We are grateful for this amazing act of kindness and in recognition of this the Society dedicates itself to using your money as effectively as possible.

How we fund our work

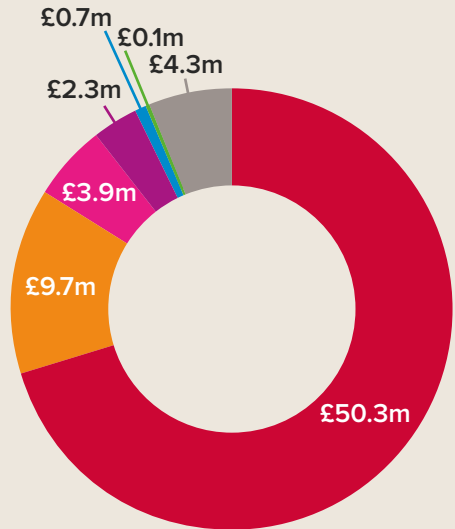
Total income 2014 – 15: £75.1m



- BIS Grant
- Grant and donation income
- Publishing income
- Investment income
- Conferencing income
- Trading and other income

How we spend our money

Total expenditure 2014 – 15: £71.3m



- Supporting outstanding science including Grants
- Fostering international cooperation
- Education and public engagement
- Providing scientific advice to policymakers
- Promoting science
- Recognising excellence in science
- Other

Dr Stuart Reid

Reader in the Institute of Advanced Technologies in the School of Computing and Engineering at the University of the West of Scotland.

Dr Stuart Reid has benefited from a PhD studentship scheme that was established using the funds from a legacy left to us by Dr Sydney Andrew FEng FRS. The scheme was created in collaboration with the Society of Chemical Industry, to provide funding for an additional PhD studentship to help existing Royal Society Industry Fellows to expand their research.

Dr Reid is undertaking research into compact carbon dioxide detectors which are used for breath analysis in patients under anaesthesia. His team is producing low-cost devices that will increase our understanding of the effects of anaesthesia, thereby directly affecting patient safety in hospitals across the UK.

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“This is an exciting time, as we begin to test the technology that we are developing, and investigate how to best streamline the combined manufacturing processes for these devices so that they can be used in hospitals across the UK and beyond. The support and flexibility offered for such projects is truly unique and has been found to be absolutely crucial within the work summarised here.

The additional support for a PhD studentship, from legacy funding donated by Dr Sydney Andrew, has been hugely beneficial to the project and has unquestionably increased the rate of progress, and provided better continuity during the unavoidable periods of teaching and grant writing. The experience and training for the student is also truly unique and is absolutely crucial to this work.”

Thank you

We would like to thank you for considering making a gift to the Society in your Will by inviting you to special events and keeping you up-to-date on developments at the Society.

It would therefore be helpful to us if you informed us of your intentions by filling in the attached form. All pledges and enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact:

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Overseas Donors (including US and Hong Kong)

The Royal Society welcomes bequests from all over the world. We are an international organisation, acting as a champion for science across international borders.

Donors in the United States can direct their bequest to the American Friends of the Royal Society if they so choose. The American Friends of the Royal Society (AFRS) Inc., is a US-based 501(c) (3) registered charity.

The AFRS taxpayer ID number is 31-1708031 and the contact details are:

American Friends of the Royal Society
c/o Chapel & York Ltd.
1000 N. West Street, Suite 1200,
Wilmington DE 19801

The Royal Society is registered as a charitable organisation in Hong Kong at the following address:

The Royal Society
Level 54, Hopewell Centre,
183 Queen's Road East,
Hong Kong

The Royal Society

The Royal Society is a self-governing Fellowship of many of the world's most distinguished scientists drawn from all areas of science, engineering, and medicine. The Society's fundamental purpose, reflected in its founding Charters of the 1660s, is to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity.

The Society's strategic priorities are:

- Promoting science and its benefits
- Recognising excellence in science
- Supporting outstanding science
- Providing scientific advice for policy
- Fostering international and global cooperation
- Education and public engagement

For further information

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Legacy Information

When considering a legacy gift in the UK, there are four main types of bequest, some of which may be more appropriate to your financial or personal circumstances.

Residuary

This is a gift of a percentage, or the whole, of an estate following the distribution of specific gifts and payment of any debts and expenses.

Pecuniary

This is a financial gift of money or shares.

Specific

This is a gift of an item, such as a portrait or historical document. When considering a specific bequest, it is advisable to speak to the Society to make sure that the Society will be a suitable home for the object.

Reversionary

This is a gift of an asset, such as a house or fund, which can be enjoyed by a chosen beneficiary during his or her lifetime before reverting to the Society.

We recommend that you draft your Will in consultation with a qualified solicitor. The following wording is only a guide. Because the Royal Society is a registered charity, bequests (be they residuary, pecuniary or specific) will not be subject to inheritance tax in the UK.

For residuary legacies:

“I give _____% of my Residuary Estate to THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF LONDON FOR IMPROVING NATURAL KNOWLEDGE of 6 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AG (Registered Charity Number 207043) absolutely and I express the wish but without imposing any binding trust or obligation that this be used in / applied towards...”

For pecuniary/specific legacies:

“I give a pecuniary / specific legacy free of all tax of X to THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF LONDON FOR IMPROVING NATURAL KNOWLEDGE of 6 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AG (Registered Charity Number 207043) and I express the wish but without imposing any binding trust or obligation that this legacy be used in / applied towards...”*

Reversionary legacies should be drafted in consultation with a solicitor.

Tax Information

For up-to-date information on current UK tax legislation relating to gifts in Wills please contact the Development team on +44 20 7451 2211 or email us on development@royalsociety.org

*Please note to protect pecuniary legacies against being devalued by inflation we advise supporters to link their gift to an eligible pricing index such as the Consumer Prices Index. All amendments should be made in consultation with a qualified solicitor.

Pledge Form

If you have included, or intend to include, the Royal Society in your Will then we would be very grateful if you could let us know by completing this form and returning it to the Development Office in the envelope provided.

The Society promises to keep your intentions private, never to ask the size of the bequest, and to use your gift wisely in the future to further the impact of science within the UK for generations to come.

Providing us with this information will assist the Society in its long-term financial planning and ensure that we are able to thank you appropriately for your support. The pledge is not binding and does not commit you to any particular course of action but it does provide us with an indication of your intentions.

Please tick the appropriate box

- I have already made a legacy to the Society in my Will.
- I intend to make a legacy to the Society in my Will.
- I would like to discuss the possibility of leaving a legacy to the Society confidentially with a member of the development team.
- I am not interested in leaving a legacy to the Society in my Will and do not wish to be contacted about this topic in the future.

Contact details

Name _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Telephone No. _____

Email _____

Date _____