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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT For the year ended 31 December 2009



**The United Kingdom Environmental Law Association
Making the law work for a better environment**

Main activities and achievements during 2009

The UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) aims to make the law work for a better environment. This includes raising awareness and advancing education of the public about environmental law. The outcomes UKELA aims for are a better quality environment and helping people take action to improve the quality of the environment. This benefits everyone, especially those particularly badly affected by poor environmental quality, and also benefits habitats, species, air, soil and water quality.

Overview

The highlights of the year were:

- Increased effectiveness of the working parties supported by the new role of Working Party Support Officer
- Launch of our public information website, Law and Your Environment, which aims to help people help themselves to a better environment
- Launch of our international research report: "Wild Law: is there any evidence of earth jurisprudence in existing law and practice?"
- Popular events on climate change; the Marine Bill; civil sanctions; Northern Ireland; Wild Law; the Garner lecture on Water and Law by Prof Philippe Sands QC
- Increased student recruitment in response to more initiatives for students led by a new student adviser to Council
- New strategic plan including ambitious aim to review Environmental Law
- A smaller deficit than expected – thanks to new recruitment and the loyalty of members - despite the challenges of managing a small charity through a recession
- Our journal, e-law, packed with informative articles and news, published bi-monthly
- Young UKELA continues to thrive with regular events
- Introduction of online membership registration helping to streamline joining the organisation

There were also some disappointments.

- The "Law and Your Environment" website remains difficult to find funding for and the challenge of finding resources to keep it up to date persists
- Not all UKELA's regional groups managed to hold events for members, although overall the events programme was more packed than ever.

UKELA's work has been monitored against its strategic aims set out in its strategic plan, which ended in July 2009, and the new plan which came into effect then and runs until July 2012.

UKELA is very grateful to its Patrons: its President, Lord Justice Carnwath; Tom Burke; Prof Sir Francis Jacobs; Prof Richard Macrory; Baroness Young of Old Scone – particularly for advice on fundraising and the new strategic plan.

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The Council Members, who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law and the Trustees for charity law purposes, submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 January - 31 December 2009. The Council Members confirm that the Annual Report and Financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Charity's governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Objects

The primary objects of the Charity, which was established in 1986, are to promote for the benefit of the public generally the enhancement and conservation of the environment in the United Kingdom and in particular to advance the education of the public in all matters relating to the development, teaching, application and practice of law relating to the environment. There were no changes to the objects during the year.

Organisation of the Charity

The role of the elected Council is to set the policy and direction of the organisation and to monitor performance against agreed targets. In 2009 Council members agreed a new three year Strategic Plan, which runs until 2012. Work to implement the Strategic Plan was undertaken by the two members of staff – Executive Director Vicki Elcoate and Member Support Officer Alison Boyd, paid employers and the organisation's many volunteers. Rosie Oliver joined UKELA as the Working Party Support Officer (on a one year contract) and the Membership Secretary function continued to be provided by the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management.

The Council met quarterly with a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Peter Kellett acted as Chair, and Mark Brumwell was Vice-Chair. Jim Drysdale handed over to Andrew Wiseman as Treasurer. The Executive Committee carried out a more hands-on management role between Council meetings.

Council Members undertake roles such as co-ordinating the Charity's Working Parties (this work was carried out by Colleen Theron) and Regional Groups (Mark Poustie). The Company Secretary was Council member Michael Woods.

Risk

Council carries out a risk review annually and monitors risks between times. The main risks in 2009 were concerns that the volunteer input would be reduced because of work pressures on individuals due to the recession. There was also a transition in financial management arrangements and new financial guidelines were drawn up. Managing the many events run by UKELA was also carefully considered. The resulting risk plan and revised governance guidelines were published and placed on the website.

Method of appointment or election of Council Members

Council members are appointed annually and the Annual General meeting was held at the Conference at Durham University on 5 July 2009. There was no need for an election in 2009 as the number of candidates fitted the number of vacancies exactly, although one Council member subsequently resigned (at the end of 2009). Over 100 members were in attendance at the AGM. New trustees receive induction from the Chair and Staff and training opportunities are regularly offered.

The Charity has no issued share capital or debentures, hence there are no directors' interests requiring disclosure.

Public benefit

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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Review of developments, activities and achievements

Aim 1: Influencing

We aim to make UKELA's interventions more influential across the range of its activities.

Key outcomes and activities:

The appointment of a Working Party Support Officer in January was aimed at raising the game of three working parties in the priority areas of Environmental Litigation, Water and Climate Change. With the support officer's assistance, these three working parties have had meetings with government officials and submitted detailed written responses to consultations on a range of issues including the new civil sanctions regime, civil litigation costs, the draft Floods and Water Management Bill and the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficient Scheme.

Overall the working parties (co-ordinated by Council member Colleen Theron) covered the areas of Contaminated Land, Corporate Due Diligence; Insurance and Liability, Nature Conservation, Planning and Sustainable Development, Environmental Litigation, Northern Ireland, Waste, Climate Change, Scottish Law, and Water. Most of the working parties are active and involved in a number of discussions with government and other decision-makers.

In Northern Ireland an autumn seminar, which included an address by the Environment Minister, discussed access to justice and regulatory issues.

To further this aim Council agreed to ask the President, Lord Justice Carnwath, to approach more potential patrons. By the end of 2009 Professor Malcolm Grant, Lord Woolf and Sir Crispin Agnew had agreed to support UKELA in this way, which is enormously welcome.

The UKELA conference in Durham was on Coal and Water issues - "Legacies and Challenges – Underground Overground." The opening address by Jonathan Robinson, Director of Legal Services at the Environment Agency, was a significant contribution to the discussion set out below at Aim 5. The conference was well attended – although bookings were slightly lower than usual because of firms tightening their budgets – and made a small surplus. Our thanks to the main sponsors WSP Environment & Energy and 39 Essex Street.

Aim 2: Provide relevant and up to date information to the public in a manner that's accessible and user-friendly

During the course of 2009 UKELA became the proud manager of two websites: www.ukela.org and www.environmentlaw.org (Law and Your Environment).

Law and Your Environment went live at the end of January and had an "official" launch courtesy of the kind support of WSP Environment & Energy in June. This was well attended by community groups, NGOs and the media. The website aims to provide down to earth, free, easy to access information on environmental law to individuals and community groups. It was well received in trials and the focus of post-graduate study on its effectiveness by one of UKELA's student members.

The main challenge for Law and Your Environment has been in attracting funding, particularly for maintenance. The need to add Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland remains pressing and as the law changes there is an ongoing need to keep the site up to date. In 2009 UKELA launched the Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment. We aim to build a fund over time which will yield an annual income sufficient to pay for the maintenance of the site as long as it's needed. This attracted nearly £18,000 in about six months and UKELA is very grateful to Lord Nathan's family, Clifford Chance and all those who have offered support.

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Law and Your Environment attracted about 2,000 visits per month, with users seeking out information including on flooding, noisy neighbours and planning.

www.ukela.org provides some information to the public on Environmental Law and also to its members about events and activities. During 2009 podcasts were introduced to the site which means those who miss events can catch up at a later date. The student area was improved and sponsorship – by PLC – added for the first time.

Aim 3: Modernise member engagement

Despite the recession UKELA ended the year above target on its income from membership subscriptions. Although there was a noticeable and regrettable fall in the number of corporate members, the introduction of on-line joining prompted a flurry of new members in the autumn. The lively events programme aimed to provide something for everyone – from technical law, to academic discussion and student networking and careers advice, to camping at Wild Law and enjoying the Garner Lecture at Clifford Chance's offices in Canary Wharf (our thanks to Clifford Chance for their support). UKELA is grateful to Professor Philippe Sands QC for giving the 2009 lecture on the subject of Water and Law, which was very well received.

By continuing to offer a wide range of opportunities to members the aim is to attract back corporate members – who can have up to ten members for their subscription fee – in 2010.

The online booking system continued to reduce administrative time and encourage attendance at events by making it easier to book, with reminders and various payment options.

Aim 4: Broaden the membership base

This aim is to make sure UKELA has a diverse and growing membership base.

A major conference was held in York in January in partnership with the Institution of Environmental Management and Assessment Institute on the Way We Live Now. Partnering with a body whose members include a wide number of environmental consultants helped raise the profile of UKELA with a new audience. UKELA also continued to provide a monthly "Legal Opinion" article to IEMA's journal "the environmentalist".

The issue of maintaining corporate membership was reviewed by a small group and, as a result a new (cheaper) category for local authorities joining as corporate members was introduced.

A new tier of membership was also introduced for trainee solicitors, pupil barristers and graduate consultants. This addresses their concerns about affordability of the subscriptions whilst being relatively junior.

A comprehensive subs review is due in 2010.

UKELA is grateful to its first student adviser to Council, Kirsten Griffin, who worked with a small team of trustees and staff to improve and develop the programme of competitions on offer to students. Her suggestion of a "competitions day" which also aims to provide an educational experience to students is being trialled early in 2010. Kirsten stood down at the end of 2009 and is succeeded by Claire Collis. Our thanks to Landmark Chambers for supporting our work with students and academics, including hosting a joint seminar with the Society for Legal Scholars.

UKELA aims to make sure all its regions are active and offering a lively service to members. The Scottish Regional Group was reinvigorated in December with a new committee being formed, which is planning a full programme for members in 2010.

The issue of finding an active Welsh champion remains a challenge, although various offers of help will be followed up in 2010.

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Aim 5: Review whether environmental law is working effectively to deliver a better environment

Achievements

Universally greeted as “ambitious,” this aim seeks to explore the argument that Environmental Law is not working effectively and so is failing to deliver policy objectives and a good quality environment in some areas.

A group of Patrons helped frame the project and academics and working parties have also contributed ideas. A project plan has been prepared with the aim to produce a report by the end of the Strategic Plan period. The priority now is to secure funding for this work which cannot be carried out within the limits of UKELA's current resources. A group of Council members are working actively to secure funding.

The Wild Law work, in partnership with the Gaia Foundation, has been exploring this question for some time from a different perspective. The international research project's final report, edited by Professor Lynda Warren and compiled by Begonia Filgueira and Ian Mason, was published in March. Thanks to Matrix chambers for hosting the launch. The annual workshop was held in September at the Magdalen Project in Dorset. About 40 people enjoyed the organic farm and its produce, and camping in the grounds. A team of volunteers will continue to lead on this work and monitored developments with a Wild Law interest at Copenhagen

Aim 6: Ensure the management and leadership of UKELA continues to comply with best practice in good governance and is statutorily compliant having regard to the current economic climate

During 2009 the two longer serving UKELA contractors – Vicki Elcoate and Alison Boyd – became UKELA employees. In order to replace the generous volunteer arrangements for the role of Treasurer and accountant, provided for some years by Jim Drysdale and Anderson Strathern, a paid arrangement had to be found. Andrew Wiseman took over as Honorary Treasurer and Bullimores became the paid accountant. A thorough review was carried out of the provision of conference organiser services and Origin Events was reappointed as contractor for another four years, starting in 2010 with the Exeter conference. There was significant investment in a fundraising contractor in 2009 to help launch the Lord Nathan Fund and to advise on other matters. This work came to an end in the autumn and will be kept under review. The risk plan and operational guidelines were reviewed and updated in July.

Resources

Volunteer support

A huge vote of thanks goes to the President, Lord Justice Carnwath, for all his help both behind the scenes and at UKELA events. The Patrons have provided much needed advice and helped with high profile activities. As ever, the backbone of UKELA is the membership, which continues to support the organisation with suggestions, organising and attending events, sharing ideas and knowledge and generally making the organisation work effectively.

Council Members and other members of the Charity continued to provide their services free – on Working Parties, the Executive Committee, Regional Groups, and in other ways. UKELA enjoys a high level of support from engaged and expert volunteers who provided the governance, organisation of major events and advice on the formulation of UKELA's published views. It is fortunate to find such a reserve of enthusiasm amongst, on the whole, busy working professionals. UKELA is also grateful to the Young UKELA organisers (Gabrielle Tipple, Ruth Coffey and Chris Badger) and students who helped with events and provided some much needed energy and enthusiasm – this is very much appreciated. The London meeting organisers, Simon Boyle and Begonia Filgueira, did an excellent job in securing a stimulating programme of seminars on a range of hot topics which proved of great

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interest to members. Our thanks to Herbert Smith for hosting these meetings. The numerous speakers, who willingly give presentations, sometimes travelling long distances to do so, are the mainstay of much of the work UKELA does in informing, educating and provoking debate which further environmental law. They often do this for minimal expenses. Thanks go to all of you.

A huge vote of thanks goes to all UKELA volunteers: the trustees; those who help in special areas like Wild Law and the websites; those who help with the student competitions and careers advice; those helping with fundraising and sponsorship.

UKELA is particularly grateful to the Chair, Peter Kellett, the Vice-Chair Mark Brumwell, and the Treasurer, Andrew Wiseman. They are in daily contact with the staff and provide much needed expertise and support on a regular basis.

Sponsorship and Partnerships

UKELA could not do all it does without such a high level of support from its member private companies and legal partnerships with related interests. Support was provided either in kind (e.g. by providing venues for meetings and administrative support) or by financial contributions. It really would be impossible to hold such high quality meetings and conferences without help of this kind.

- The UKELA conference would not have been possible without the support of the main sponsors 39 Essex Street and WSP Environment & Energy
- The UKELA mooting competitions for 2008-2009 were kindly sponsored by No 5 Chambers and Oxford University Press provided editions of Environment Law by Bell and McGillivray and Lawtext Publishing provided subscriptions to Environmental Law and Management.
- UKELA is grateful to Herbert Smith for its continuing support for the programme of London meetings and to Clifford Chance for hosting the Garner lecture and speaker's dinner.
- Environmental Law and Management kindly published the UKELA 2009 conference papers and we are grateful to the editor, Rachel Caldin, for her help at the conference in providing transcripts and for her editing.
- Landmark Chambers kindly hosted the student social and careers evening and Matrix chambers the Wild Law launch.
- Argyll Environmental was generous in providing the time and expertise of Simon Boyle to support UKELA's work in a number of areas.
- Dundas & Wilson, Landmark Chambers and the Environment Agency kindly provided venues for Council and Executive Committee meetings.

To others not specifically listed – thank you very much and please keep up your support.

Future Plans

UKELA's priorities for the year from 1 January 2010:

- Capitalise and consolidate influencing work with a special focus on the National Policy Statements and civil penalties;
- Hold events on key topics that further strategic aims;
- Bring in income, especially from member development;
- Reviewing its fundraising strategy and delivery of new areas of work;
- Drive down overhead costs;
- Keep up interest in the endowment – sponsored activities;
- Continue to add new material from the regions and to update Law and Your Environment
- Conference 2010 in Exeter
- 1st student competitions day
- Produce E-law six times in the year
- Build more options into our communications programme

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The top environmental law issues for influencing are uncertain given the change of government that is possible during 2010. At present these are the priorities:

- National Policy Statements for some/all of the following types of infrastructure: energy; ports; national networks (roads/railways); airports; waste water; water supply; hazardous waste.
- Wild Law – events in Scotland and North London
- New civil litigation costs rules following the Jackson Review
- Transposition of the revised Waste Framework Directive

Financial Review and Reserves policy

The Charity ended the year with a deficit of just over £16,000. Council had already decided to spend some of its reserves investing in the Law and Your Environment website and in paying for a Working Party Support Officer. Substantial investment was also made in fundraising during the year. In assessing the organisation's free cash, the endowment income needs to be removed from the equation as this was given for a specific purpose. This effectively reduced the amount of cash by nearly £18,000 that the Council had available to cover its core work and to plan for 2010, making an effective deficit of £34,000 which is less than the £40,000 planned

The 2010 budget proposes only a very small deficit, with the expectation of fundraising income for core work being secured, recognising that there is a challenging financial environment. The Aim 5 work also needs to have funds raised for it. This means an even greater emphasis in 2010 on raising income, with the Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment continuing towards its ultimate goal of £285,000. Council is planning a tight budget based on covering all costs, which means putting up the price of attendance at events. These will however remain excellent value for money as UKELA operates on a low overheads base (having no office and running with lean administrative and management support).

UKELA keeps in reserve a sufficient sum to cover any redundancy payments; outstanding, payments to its contractors; any bills that might be outstanding in the event of the organisation having to wind up its affairs and enough to cover the annual conference liabilities in the event of an unforeseen cancellation. The sum of £50,000 is considered adequate for the purpose of meeting obligations. This policy will be reviewed at least annually if there are no substantial changes to income or expenditure, or the level of risk UKELA faces. UKELA is now holding a designated fund for Law and Your Environment, as well as the Lord Nathan Fund for donations given for the future of this website. Sums paid for attendance at events are designated for that purpose until the event is held.

Preparation of the report

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006. It was approved, and authorised for issue, by the Council of Management on 26 April 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

PETER KELLETT Chair

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS For the year ended 31 December 2009

The United Kingdom Environmental Law Association
Making the law work for a better environment

UKELA Council Members

Simon Boyle (1)	Sasha Blackmore (2)
Mark Brumwell*	Tim Clare*
Catherine Davey*	Jim Drysdale* (1)
Begonia Filgueira*	Elizabeth Hattan*
Neil Humphrey (1)	Tim Jewell
Peter Kellett*	Richard Kimblin
Paul Leonard (2)	Bridget Marshall (2)
Ian Mason (1)	James Maurici
Steve McNab (1)	Tom Mosedale
Mark Poustie (3)	Kenneth Ross (2)
Stephen Sykes*	Colleen Theron*
Jamie Whittle (2)	Andrew Wiseman*
Michael Woods +	

Notes

The above Council members served throughout the period, and are still serving, except where otherwise stated, as follows:

- (1) stood down from Council at AGM July 2009
- (2) elected to Council at AGM July 2009
- (3) stood down from Council in December 2009

* Members of Executive Committee during the period included – Peter Kellett (Chair), Jim Drysdale (Treasurer until AGM), Mark Brumwell, Tim Clare, Catherine Davey, Elizabeth Hattan, Colleen Theron, Stephen Sykes, Andrew Wiseman (Treasurer from AGM), Begonia Filgueira

+ UKELA Company Secretary

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 set out on pages 10 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of Council of Management and independent examiner

As described on page 11 the Council of Management, which is the board of directors of The United Kingdom Environmental Law Association for the purposes of company law, and the board of trustees for the purposes of charity law, is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Council of Management considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the 1993 Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Council of Management concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Chartered Accountants
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THE UNITED KINGDOM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2009

	Inrestricted Fund 2009 £	Endowment Fund 2009 £	Total Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2008 £
Notes				
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Membership subscriptions	60,204	-	60,204	60,633
Gift Aid on qualifying subscriptions	1,224	-	1,224	1,056
Regional meetings and subscriptions	3,166	-	3,166	2,020
Annual conference - Attendance fees	75,012	-	75,012	92,010
Annual conference - Sponsorship	16,750	-	16,750	23,545
Events & seminars income	10,128	-	10,128	10,182
Donations to Lord Nathan Memorial Fund	-	17,418	17,418	810
Wild Law conference income	7,957	-	7,957	10,519
Interest receivable	1,486	-	1,486	3,593
Other income	3,145	-	3,145	2,630
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	179,072	17,418	196,490	206,998
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Annual Conference expenses	69,495	-	69,495	83,532
Staff costs	47,058	-	47,058	41,400
E-Library consultancy	23,551	-	23,551	12,853
Events, meeting and conference expenses	9,675	-	9,675	5,959
Wild Law conference expenditure	8,644	-	8,644	9,701
Influencing support	9,760	-	9,760	-
Membership fees & expenses	8,432	-	8,432	9,662
Fundraising	12,279	-	12,279	8,881
Website	2,990	-	2,990	4,014
Training	1,263	-	1,263	1,625
Travel expenses	2,057	-	2,057	975
Office costs	7,089	-	7,089	5,857
Student placement support	1,650	-	1,650	-
Fees payable to Independent examiner (2008 - Reporting accountants):				
Accounts preparation and assurance	2,233	-	2,233	2,944
Advice and assistance	-	-	-	1,279
Book-keeping and other professional fees	4,696	-	4,696	1,456
Sundry expenses	1,424	-	1,424	1,331
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	212,296	-	212,296	191,469
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(33,224)	17,418	(15,806)	15,529
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(396)	-	(396)	1,758
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(33,620)	17,418	(16,202)	17,287
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008				
As previously stated	133,610	810	134,420	111,503
Prior year adjustment (see Note 9)	(10,235)	-	(10,235)	(4,605)
Restated total funds at 31 DECEMBER 2008	123,375	810	124,185	106,898
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009	£ 89,755	£ 18,228	£ 107,983	£ 124,185

NOTE

Details of the Endowment Fund are given in Note 10.

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2009

	Notes	£	2009 £	£	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	3		31,362		31,758
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	455		1,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		94,594		109,255	
		<u>95,049</u>		<u>110,255</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	7	(18,428)		(17,828)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			76,621		92,427
NET ASSETS/TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>£ 107,983</u>		<u>£ 124,185</u>
FUNDS					
Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment:					
Expendable endowment fund	10		18,228		810
Designated fund	10		20,000		20,000
General fund (unrestricted)			69,755		103,375
			<u>£ 107,983</u>		<u>£ 124,185</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2009 the Charity was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The Council of Management's responsibilities:

- (i) The members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- (ii) The Council of Management acknowledges its responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). They were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Council of Management on 26 April 2010 and signed on its behalf by:-

PETER KELLETT, Chair

ANDREW WISEMAN, Treasurer

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below, have remained unchanged from the previous year and have been consistently applied.

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

Company status

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

Incoming resources

Annual subscriptions, which are payable on 1 January and run for a calendar year, are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities evenly over the calendar year provided that they are received before the financial year-end. Subscriptions received for that calendar year after the year-end are taken to income wholly in the following financial year. Subscriptions received for the following calendar year are carried forward in the accounts as deferred income. Conference income is recognised in the accounting year in which the conference is held.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for gross and when incurred except for conference expenditure which is recognised at the time that the conference concerned is held.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

2. COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

None of the members of the Council of Management (2008 - same), who are the directors for company law purposes and the trustees for charity law purposes, received any remuneration from the Charity (2008 - same). During the year 6 members of the Council of Management (2008 - 5) were reimbursed travel and subsistence expenses totalling £1,444.41 (2008 - £1,423).

3 INVESTMENTS

	2009	<i>2008</i>
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January 2009	31,758	-
Additions	-	<i>30,000</i>
Unrealised gain/ (loss)	(396)	<i>1,758</i>
At 31 December 2009	£ 31,362	<i>£ 31,758</i>

Investments are held in UK Government bonds.

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4. STAFF COSTS	2009	2008
	£	£
Gross salaries	31,200	-
Employer's National Insurance cost	2,896	-
	<u>34,096</u>	<u>-</u>
Freelance fees and expenses	12,962	41,400
	<u>£ 47,058</u>	<u>41,400</u>

Staffing of the Charity is now provided by the Executive Director and Member Support Officer who were employed from April 2009. Before that the Charity engaged staff on a freelance basis.

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000.

5. OFFICE COSTS	2009	2008
	£	£
Photocopying, printing, stationery & mailing	2,513	2,813
Telephone and fax	1,498	807
Insurance	1,140	843
Bank charges	1,938	1,394
	<u>£ 7,089</u>	<u>£ 5,857</u>

6. DEBTORS	2009	2008
	£	£
Prepaid conference expenditure	-	1,000
Accrued income	455	-
	<u>£ 455</u>	<u>£ 1,000</u>

7. CREDITORS	2009	2008
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Trade creditors	3,814	3,535
Other taxes and social security costs (PAYE and NI)	3,421	-
Accruals	2,233	4,058
Deferred income (see Note 9)	8,960	10,235
	<u>£ 18,428</u>	<u>£ 17,828</u>

Movements in deferred income

Balance at 1 January 2009	10,235	4,605
Amount released to incoming resources	(10,235)	(4,605)
Amount deferred in the year:		
Subscription income	8,960	10,235
Balance at 31 December 2009	<u>£ 8,960</u>	<u>£ 10,235</u>

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8. COMMITMENTS

The Charity has contracted with Exeter University to provide accommodation and facilities for its 2010 Annual Conference at a cost of £35,000. At the year-end there was also a contract with the conference organiser to organise the annual conferences in 2010, 2011 and 2012 at a cost of £11,950 each.

9 PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

In previous years membership subscription income (which is due at the start of the calendar year for that year) has been accounted for on a cash basis. This year income received in the year for the following calendar year has been carried forward as deferred income and the 2008 comparatives have been adjusted accordingly. A prior year adjustment to reserves amounting respectively to £10,235 and £4,605 for 2009 and 2008 has been made reflecting deferred income at 31 December 2009 and 2008. Reserves brought forward, membership income for the year and reserves carried forward have been restated accordingly.

The effect on the results has been to increase subscription income by £1,275 for 2009 and to reduce income by £5,630 in 2008.

10. LORD NATHAN MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In 2008 the Council established the Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment in two parts. £20,000 was transferred into a designated fund and donations as shown below were received into an expendable endowment fund. The purpose of the fund, which celebrates the work of Lord Nathan as a past president of the Charity, is to pay for the development and upkeep of a new public information website "The Law and Your Environment".

	2009	2008
Designated fund	£	£
Brought forward	20,000	-
Transfer from General fund	-	<i>20,000</i>
Designated fund c/f	£ 20,000	£ 20,000
Expendable endowment fund		
Brought forward	810	-
Donations received in the year	17,418	810
Expendable endowment fund c/f	£ 18,228	£ 810
Total Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment	£ 38,228	£ 20,810

Both designated fund and endowment fund are represented by money in the bank.