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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION**

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT For the year ended 31 December 2011

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

### **Main activities and achievements during 2011**

The UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) aims to make the law work for a better environment. This is achieved by promoting the enhancement and conservation of the environment and by promoting public education about environmental law.

#### **Overview**

The highlights of the year were:

- Interim report for major project, reviewing the state of Environmental Law 2011-2012, published with findings widely supported, aiming to influence Government
- Interventions in some high profile issues: independent environment agency for Northern Ireland, planning reforms, litigation costs, carbon floor price and CRC energy efficiency scheme simplification.
- Helping nearly 300,000 people access information about environmental rights and responsibilities through our website, Law and Your Environment (compared with 80,000 in 2010), a major public benefit
- Trial of Garner lecture on climate change linked by video to seven UK regions successful in attracting take up and stopping some carbon emissions
- Finished financial year with a surplus despite the economic climate – thanks to support from members and sponsors
- Against the recessionary trend, attracting over £30,000 in sponsorship for the successful annual conference in Norwich attended by 175 people
- Record membership income with overall membership numbers up by just under 5% and student members increasing by 17%
- Record number of events for members and others interested in Environmental Law across the UK, delivering UKELA's educational purpose
- Strengthening international links in Europe and North America

There were also some disappointments:

- Losing four valued trustees at short notice in a conflict of interest over the Review of Environmental Law project

UKELA's work has been monitored against its strategic aims set out in its strategic plan, which runs until July 2012.

UKELA is very grateful to its Patrons: its President, Lord Justice Carnwath; Maria Adebawale; Sir Crispin Agnew; Tom Burke; Prof Malcolm Grant; Prof Sir Francis Jacobs; Prof Richard Macrory; Lord Woolf; Baroness Young of Old Scone.

And a big thank you to all who supported the Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment – your donations continue to support our Law and Your Environment website ([www.environmentlaw.org.uk](http://www.environmentlaw.org.uk)). In total we received nearly £9,000 during the year which brings the total in the fund to nearly £60,000.

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT For the year ended 31 December 2011

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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 2011. 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. UKELA is currently working to deliver the aims in its 2009-2012 Strategic Plan, which is set out in more detail below. Work to implement the Strategic Plan was undertaken by the three members of staff – Executive Director, Vicki Elcoate, Member Support Officer, Alison Boyd, and Working Party Support Officer, Rosie Oliver, and the organisation's many volunteers. The Membership Secretary function continued to be provided by the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management and the annual and Scottish conferences were organised by Origin Events.

The Council met quarterly with a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Peter Kellett acted as Chair until February when the Vice-Chair, Mark Brumwell, took over. Tom Mosedale was Treasurer until he handed over the role to Paul Evans. 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 (Kenneth Ross). The Company Secretary was James Taylor.

### **Risk**

Council carries out a risk review annually and monitors risks between times. The main risks in 2011 were about the review of Environmental Law project, the danger of UKELA activities becoming stuck in a rut, events or income failing to meet expectations and whether UKELA is really making a difference. There was also an opportunity to review risk relating to conflicts of interest and the role of trustees from certain external bodies because of the resignation of four trustees.

The risk plan and governance guidelines are included in the operational guidelines which are regularly reviewed and published on the [www.ukela.org](http://www.ukela.org) 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 Norwich University on 24 June 2011. There was no need for an election in 2011 as the number of candidates fitted the number of vacancies exactly. Over 100 members were in attendance at the AGM. New trustees receive induction from the Chair and Staff and training opportunities are regularly offered. In 2011, 11 trustees attended external training on the duties of a trustee; strategic and business planning; and governing effectively.

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

### **Public benefit**

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

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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.

During 2011 UKELA responded to consultations on costs, biodiversity and nature, sustainable development, carbon emissions trading, the CRC energy efficiency scheme, flood policy, contaminated land, the draft national planning policy framework, waste policy and implementation of the Waste Framework Directive. In submitting comments and suggestions from members with expertise and experience in these issues of public importance, UKELA has aimed to influence and better inform decisions, so that the resulting policies and laws work for a better environment in the public interest.

Events, which aim both to influence decision makers and inform members and others, were held including on localism, on the challenges facing the Coalition government with the Environment minister Lord Henley, protection of the deep sea environment, the Rio earth summit, green real estate and renewables, the environmental tribunal here and the US Environment Court and climate change. In this way UKELA has aimed to raise the profile of these important environmental issues and contribute to the debates that surround them, in the public interest.

#### **Aim 2: Informing**

We aim to provide relevant and up to date information to the public. In 2009 UKELA launched Law and Your Environment ([www.environmentlaw.org.uk](http://www.environmentlaw.org.uk)) which provides information to the public about their environmental rights and responsibilities. Visits have gone from a couple of thousand a month to over 25,000 a month, thanks to the charity Google AdWords campaign which supports the site. This means that people searching for topics on search engines see ads directing them to the right page on our website. With volunteer and some paid help we have managed to keep the website up to date and add some new information on marine law. Fundraising efforts continue, bringing in nearly £9,000 over the year to our endowment fund which maintains the site from the interest raised by the investment.

The UKELA site ([www.ukela.org](http://www.ukela.org)) also has more information in a variety of formats for members on a range of topics.

UKELA's volunteers also support our social media work and in June a UKELA YouTube channel was launched. Videos on noisy neighbours and how to access environmental information are attracting visitors. By the year end UKELA had 800 contacts on LinkedIn, over 200 on Facebook and over 100 followers on Twitter.

#### **Aim 3: Modernising**

This aim is to make sure that all members can access UKELA's member services in a way that suits them.

UKELA's members have been enthusiastic participants in at least thirty events from the annual conference in Norwich to Wild Law in Scotland and Hampshire, and events in Northern Ireland and Wales. The Scottish conference has become an annual feature.

The Garner lecture, given by David Kennedy of the Committee on Climate Change, pioneered interactive videolinks to seven UKELA regions.

Members received our journal, e-law, edited by Catherine Davey, six times plus our conference papers published as a special edition of Environmental Law and Management and the 2010 Garner Lecture given by Sir Konrad Schiemann.

Cost is an important consideration. We try to provide free or subsidised places for students and those on lower incomes at all UKELA events. But, as a charity with very limited resources, we do need to cover our costs. We do this by keeping a close eye on our budget to make sure that income streams are set at an appropriate level. We are pleased that all our events in 2011 broke even or made a small surplus, allowing us to continue to plan a diverse programme to suit all our members.

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### **Aim 4: Broaden the membership base**

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

UKELA managed to secure over £60,000 in membership subscription income in 2011, increasing its student/unwaged and graduate membership significantly. This was also helped by the trustees' decision to reduce the graduate membership tier to that paid by students, helping to make the transition for our younger members easier. Thanks go to Claire Collis and Kathleen Wainwright, as student advisers to Council (both of whom stood down in 2011). A successful student competitions day was held in March before Lord Justice Carnwath. In addition UKELA was pleased to be able to award two bursaries and to award the Simon Ball Prize for Outstanding Achievement to Frances Aldson. The membership numbers in 2011 remained steady at just under 1500 (members plus named individuals under corporate membership).

### **Aim 5: Review of environmental law**

We aimed to find out if Environmental Law is working and what we can do if it's not?

The interim report from this important project was published in July. It aimed to find out if Environmental Law was effective, measured by its clarity, coherence, accessibility and integration. A team comprising UKELA Council members and others worked hard alongside five interns to progress this work on very modest funding. Thanks go to Matrix Chambers and Kings College London for their support and to Cardiff University which started a complementary project on the industry perspective towards the end of 2011. The final report will appear in mid 2012.

As part of this more fundamental reviewing work, Wild Law provides an outlet for new ideas and thought leadership on the issue of rights of nature. Over 70 people were involved in two workshops in 2011 – in the Scottish Borders and the Sustainability Centre in Hampshire. The task of hosting the main annual Wild Law workshop has now passed to the independent group, Wild Law UK.

### **Aim 6: Good governance**

UKELA's Council provided strong direction and sound advice but normal service was interrupted with the sudden departure of four trustees in February. This was over a conflict of interest issue arising from Aim 5 above. However UKELA's remaining trustees seamlessly stepped up and provided a smooth transition to a new order. The role of Treasurer was advertised externally and, for the first time, UKELA has a qualified accountant (Paul Evans) in the role. The size of Council was increased slightly to allow for some slack in the system. This remains important due to the small staff resources and reliance on Council members to act in an executive manner at times.

## **Resources and thanks**

### **Volunteer support**

A huge vote of thanks goes to the President, Lord Justice Carnwath (whose appointment to the Supreme Court was announced in December), 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 including charring meetings. 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. This is particularly true of the Aim 5 project which required a huge amount of input, particularly from the co-ordinators Begonia Filgueira and Eloise Scottford.

UKELA is also grateful to the Young UKELA organisers and students who helped with events and

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provided some much needed energy and enthusiasm – this is very much appreciated. The London meeting organiser, Tim Clare, (succeeded by Kirsty Schneeberger and Richard Wald) worked hard to provide a stimulating programme of seminars on a range of hot topics which proved of great interest to members. Our thanks to Herbert Smith for hosting these meetings and to Angela Pallett for organising them. 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. Special thanks to David Hart QC for organising a second sponsored kayak to support the endowment fund and to the cyclists who travelled to the Norwich conference by bike to raise funds. Thanks to Rebecca Breen for help setting up YouTube and to Paul Collins and Julian Bertrand for looking after the social media.

UKELA is particularly grateful to the Chairs, Peter Kellett and Mark Brumwell, to the Vice Chairs, Tim Clare and Richard Kimblin, and the Treasurers, Tom Mosedale and Paul Evans. Their regular contact with the staff provided much needed expertise and support.

Finally thank you to our interns: Srijanee Bhattacharyya, James Corbet-Burcher, Rebecca Findlay and Jemma Braid for their support for our Aim 5 project and to Eduard Vijulie for his work for the YouTube project.

### **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, Landmark Information Group, Lexis Nexis, WSP Environment & Energy. UKELA is also grateful to the other sponsors – Environ UK, GroundSure Ltd, Landmark Chambers and 6 Pump Court for sponsoring, respectively, memory sticks, delegates' bags/pens and welcome drinks.

The Garner Lecture was generously sponsored and promoted by Clifford Chance and extra special thanks are due for the videolinks support.

The UKELA mooted competitions for 2010-2011 were kindly sponsored by No 5 Chambers and Lawtext Publishing provided subscriptions to Environmental Law and Management. Oxford University Press generously supported the new Simon Ball prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Thanks to University College London for hosting the UKELA student competitions day and the US Environment Court seminar.

UKELA is grateful to Herbert Smith for its continuing support for the programme of London meetings, to Stephenson Harwood for the Minister meeting, Simmons and Simmons for hosting the Environmental Tribunal seminar, DEFRA for accommodating Young UKELA at short notice.

Environmental Law and Management kindly published the UKELA 2011 conference papers and we are grateful to the editor, Rachel Caldin, for her help at the conference in providing transcripts and for her editing. Lawtext also published the 2010 Garner Lecture.

Landmark Chambers kindly hosted the student social and careers evening.

Clifford Chance, Dundas & Wilson, Landmark Chambers and Simmons & Simmons kindly provided venues for Council and Executive Committee meetings.

Our regional group and working party programme was generously supported by our member private companies, through provision of venues and administrative support.

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

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### Future Plans

2012 will see many small charities battling to survive in a very tough economic climate and UKELA will try to do as much as it can for the benefit of the public and its members within limited resources:

- The State of Environmental Law report will be published in May providing a valuable resource for all those interested in the overall mission of making the law work for a better environment
- The working parties and regional groups have a range of seminars planned – on water, climate change and Scottish Law – and a continuing emphasis on influencing the law as it is developed
- Law and Your Environment will aim to provide information to about 300,000 people during the course of the year and we aim to keep up to date with legal developments
- The annual conference in Southampton will discuss Planning and Energy issues
- The trustees will produce a new strategic plan to carry the organisation forward to 2015
- Increasing our emphasis on links with international networks of environmental law professionals

### Financial Review and Reserves policy

The Charity ended the year with a small surplus of £2,219 (2010 - £3,777) excluding the donations to the Lord Nathan Memorial Fund, which totalled £8,823 (2010 - £11,427).

UKELA has been tying up some of its reserves in longer term deposits, to reflect its interest in maintaining an endowment fund to support the Law and Your Environment website in future. £20,000 has been designated by the trustees for this purpose and there was just under £40,000 in the endowment fund at the year end. Sums raised in 2012 will be used to top up the fund and maintain the website.

UKELA runs a number of events and any sums paid for attendance at events (e.g. the annual conference) are designated for that purpose until the event is held.

UKELA keeps in reserve (excluding the restricted and designated funds) 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.

### 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 25 April 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

**MARK BRUMWELL** Chair



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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS For the year ended 31 December 2011

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### UKELA Council Members

<b>Sasha Blackmore</b>	<b>Mark Brumwell*</b>
<b>Tim Clare*</b>	<b>Catherine Davey*</b>
<b>Paul Collins (1)</b>	<b>Fiona Darroch (2)</b>
<b>Paul Evans (4)</b>	<b>Begonia Filgueira*</b>
<b>Elizabeth Hattan*(1)</b>	<b>Anne Johnstone (2)</b>
<b>Peter Kellett*(1)</b>	<b>Richard Kimblin*</b>
<b>Paul Leonard</b>	<b>Bridget Marshall</b>
<b>James Maurici</b>	<b>Tom Mosedale *(1)</b>
<b>James Pereira (2)</b>	<b>Kenneth Ross</b>
<b>James Taylor+</b>	<b>Kirsty Schneeberger (2)</b>
<b>Eloise Scotford (2)</b>	<b>Ben Stansfield</b>
<b>Stephen Sykes (3)</b>	<b>Colleen Theron*</b>
<b>Richard Wald (2)</b>	<b>Jamie Whittle</b>
<b>Andrew Wiseman*</b>	

### 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 February 2011
- (2) elected to Council at AGM June 2011
- (3) stood down from Council at AGM June 2011
- (4) co-opted to Council May 2011

\* Members of Executive Committee during the period included – Peter Kellett (Chair until February), Mark Brumwell (Vice Chair, then Chair from February), Andrew Wiseman (Acting Treasurer – February to May), Tom Mosedale (Treasurer until February), Paul Evans (Treasurer from May), Tim Clare (Vice Chair from February), Richard Kimblin (Vice Chair from February), Catherine Davey, Begonia Filgueira, Elizabeth Hattan, Colleen Theron, James Maurici, Stephen Sykes

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

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I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 set out on pages 9 to 13.

## **Respective responsibilities of Council of Management and independent examiner**

As described on page 10 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 Charities

have 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.

Simon Erskine FCA FCIE DChA  
**MHA MacIntyre Hudson**  
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Date:

THE UNITED KINGDOM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(incorporating income and expenditure account)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2011**

	Unrestricted Funds 2011 £	Endowment Fund 2011 £	Total Funds 2011 £	Total Funds 2010 £
Notes				
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Membership subscriptions	60,881	-	60,881	54,646
Gift Aid on qualifying subscriptions and donations	2,100	-	2,100	1,420
Regional meetings and subscriptions	7,412	-	7,412	9,995
Annual conference - Attendance fees	64,784	-	64,784	64,195
Annual conference - Sponsorship	30,500	-	30,500	26,550
Events & seminars income	12,061	-	12,061	14,159
Donations to Lord Nathan Memorial Fund	-	8,823	8,823	11,427
Wild Law conference income	7,105	-	7,105	8,780
Interest receivable	1,446	-	1,446	1,448
Other income	2,445	-	2,445	3,370
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>188,734</b>	<b>8,823</b>	<b>197,557</b>	<b>195,990</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Annual Conference expenses	63,599	-	63,599	62,244
Staff costs	62,168	-	62,168	48,129
E-Library	4,042	-	4,042	4,555
Events, meeting and conference expenses	10,716	-	10,716	16,007
Wild Law conference expenditure	7,148	-	7,148	5,165
Influencing support	-	-	-	8,278
Membership fees & expenses	10,555	-	10,555	11,021
Fundraising	-	-	-	294
Website	3,120	-	3,120	3,082
IT costs	464	-	464	-
Training	3,158	-	3,158	2,298
Travel expenses	1,480	-	1,480	1,208
Office costs	7,061	-	7,061	8,355
Student competitions	252	-	252	-
Student placement support	1,500	-	1,500	1,687
Fees payable to Independent examiner:				
Accounts preparation and assurance	2,646	-	2,646	2,520
Advice and assistance	108	-	108	71
Book-keeping and other professional fees	5,775	-	5,775	3,887
Sundry expenses	2,212	-	2,212	1,925
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>186,004</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>186,004</b>	<b>180,726</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>8,823</b>	<b>11,553</b>	<b>15,264</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(511)	-	(511)	(60)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>8,823</b>	<b>11,042</b>	<b>15,204</b>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010	93,532	29,655	123,187	107,983
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011</b>	<b>£ 95,751</b>	<b>£ 38,478</b>	<b>£ 134,229</b>	<b>£ 123,187</b>

**NOTE**

Details of the Endowment Fund are given in Note 8.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31 December 2011**

	Notes	£	2011 £	£	2010 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	3		<b>30,791</b>		<i>31,302</i>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	<b>45</b>		<i>8,150</i>	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>127,058</b>		<i>108,213</i>	
		<b>127,103</b>		<i>116,363</i>	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	7	<b>(23,665)</b>		<i>(24,478)</i>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
			<b>103,438</b>		<i>91,885</i>
<b>NET ASSETS/TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
			<b>£ 134,229</b>		<i>£ 123,187</i>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment:					
Expendable endowment fund	8		<b>38,478</b>		<i>29,655</i>
Designated fund	8		<b>20,000</b>		<i>20,000</i>
General fund (unrestricted)	8		<b>75,751</b>		<i>73,532</i>
			<b>£ 134,229</b>		<i>£ 123,187</i>

For the year ended 31 December 2011 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 25 April 2012 and signed on its behalf by:-

MARK BRUMWELL, Chair

PAUL EVANS, Treasurer

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the year ended 31 December 2011

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 (2010 - same), who are the directors for company law purposes and the trustees for charity law purposes, received any remuneration from the Charity (2010 - same). During the year 8 members of the Council of Management (2010 - 6) were reimbursed travel and subsistence expenses totalling £1,637 (2010 - £1,240).

3 INVESTMENTS

	2011	2010
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2011	31,302	31,362
Unrealised gain/ (loss)	(511)	(60)
At 31 December 2011	<u>£ 30,791</u>	<u>£ 31,302</u>

Investments represent UK Government bonds dated between 2012 and 2014.

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<b>4. STAFF COSTS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	£	£
Gross salaries	57,016	42,582
Employer's National Insurance	5,152	5,547
	<u>£ 62,168</u>	<u>£ 48,129</u>

Staffing of the Charity is provided by the Executive Director, Member Support Officer and, from this year, Working Party Support Officer (Rosie Oliver became an employed member of staff from February 2011).

<b>5. OFFICE COSTS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	£	£
Photocopying, printing, stationery & mailing	2,073	2,284
Telephone and fax	1,331	2,408
Insurance	730	1,035
Bank charges	2,927	2,628
	<u>£ 7,061</u>	<u>£ 8,355</u>

<b>6. DEBTORS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	£	£
Prepayments	-	8,150
Accrued income	45	-
	<u>£ 45</u>	<u>£ 8,150</u>

<b>7. CREDITORS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	£	£
Trade creditors	3,951	5,842
Other taxes and social security costs (PAYE and NI)	4,049	3,574
Accruals	2,646	2,896
Deferred income (see below)	13,019	12,166
	<u>£ 23,665</u>	<u>£ 24,478</u>

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	£	£
<b>Movements in deferred income</b>		
Balance at 1 January 2011	12,166	4,605
Amount released to incoming resources	(12,166)	(4,605)
Subscription income deferred in the year	11,615	8,506
Events income deferred in the year	1,404	3,660
Balance at 31 December 2011	<u>£ 13,019</u>	<u>£ 12,166</u>

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8. SUMMARY OF FUNDS AND 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 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 public information website "The Law and Your Environment". All interest income to the fund was fully expended on this purpose during the year.

	2011 £	2010 £
<b>Designated fund</b>		
Brought forward	20,000	-
Transfer from General fund	-	20,000
<b>Designated fund c/f</b>	<u>£ 20,000</u>	<u>£ 20,000</u>
<b>Expendable endowment fund</b>		
Brought forward	29,655	18,228
Donations received in the year	8,823	11,427
<b>Expendable endowment fund c/f</b>	<u>£ 38,478</u>	<u>£ 29,655</u>
<b>Total Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment</b>	<u>£ 58,478</u>	<u>£ 49,655</u>

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

SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers and investment gains/(losses) £	Carried Forward £
Designated fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
General fund	<u>73,532</u>	<u>188,734</u>	<u>(186,004)</u>	<u>(511)</u>	<u>75,751</u>
	93,532	188,734	(186,004)	(511)	95,751
Endowment fund	29,655	8,823	-	-	38,478
	<u>£ 123,187</u>	<u>£ 197,557</u>	<u>£ (186,004)</u>	<u>£ (511)</u>	<u>£ 134,229</u>