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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION**

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# THE UNITED KINGDOM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2012

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

### **Main activities and achievements during 2012**

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:

- Helping 300,000 people get the information they need about their environmental rights and responsibilities through our website, Law and Your Environment
- 6,000 people viewing our environmental advice videos on YouTube
- Publishing a major research report on the views of our members and industry on the State of Environmental Law and engaging government with its findings
- New Wales Working Party set up and changes to UKELA's organisation in Scotland
- Working parties responded to over 20 policy consultations and inquiries, and engaged proactively with policy-makers on issues including criminal sentencing and the review of Habitats Directive implementation
- Closer links with international partners and involvement of the Flemish Environmental Law Association in the Garner lecture by Karl Falkenberg, head of DG Environment in the EU
- Focus on planning for the energy challenge at the annual conference in Southampton
- Attracting a diverse audience at nearly 30 UKELA educational events on a range of topics from hydraulic fracking to contaminated land to planning
- Great fundraising efforts by the Recyclists and the kayakers who support UKELA's public information work
- New Strategic Plan which recognises needs to address the challenges of devolution, stronger international links and greater influencing to ensure good quality law

There were also some disappointments:

- YouTube not enabling UKELA to fulfil its potential on videos for public consumption

UKELA's work has been monitored against its strategic aims set out in its strategic plan, which ran until July 2012, and its successor which runs until July 2015.

UKELA is very grateful to its Patrons: its President, Rt Hon Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill CVO; Maria Adebawale; Sir Crispin Agnew; Tom Burke; Professor Malcolm Grant; Professor Sir Francis Jacobs; Professor 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 in 2012 – your donations continue to support our Law and Your Environment website. In total we received over £6,600 during the year.

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT For the year ended 31 December 2012

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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 2012. 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 1988, 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 2012-15 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, plus the organisation's many volunteers. During the year the Membership Secretary function transferred from the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management to be provided in house, and the annual and Scottish conferences were organised by Origin Events.

The Council met quarterly with a Chair, Vice-Chairs and Treasurer. Mark Brumwell was the Chair, Richard Kimblin and Tim Clare were the vice-Chairs and Paul Evans was the Treasurer. The Executive Committee carried out a more hands-on management role between Council meetings. Council Members undertake roles such as editing e-law (this role was undertaken by Cate Davey) and project co-ordination (Begonia Filgueira, Bridget Marshall and Eloise Scotford). The Company Secretary was James Taylor.

### **Risk**

Council carries out a risk review annually and monitors risks between times. The main risks in 2012 were about income falling short of expenditure, the review of the Environmental Law project (which concluded successfully in May), the danger of UKELA activities becoming stuck in a rut, failure to deliver to members what they want at a fair cost or becoming irrelevant to them, succession planning, having a new strategy to guide work and devolution. UKELA assesses the risk at all its events (outside the regular office seminar format). As a result of a formal risk planning exercise to prepare the 2013 work plan, the highest perceived risks (in terms of impact and likelihood) and those which are most manageable include: lack of surplus revenue from the annual conference, and generally for the organisation; failure to line up successors for UKELA's officers, strategic aims being wrong or misdirected and the relevance of UKELA and quality of its offering.

UKELA complies with the law on charity governance, employment, data protection, equality and intellectual property and has a small team to assess new contracts. The risk plan and governance guidelines are included in the operational guidelines which are regularly reviewed.

### **Method of appointment or election of Council Members**

Council members are appointed annually and the Annual General Meeting was held at the Conference at Southampton University on 8 July 2012. There was an election for Council places. 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.

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### **Public benefit**

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

### **Review of developments, activities and achievements**

**Due to the adoption of a new Strategic Plan in July 2012 the report is by reference to the Strategic Aims before and after July.**

#### **Aim 1: Influencing**

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

New aim: Make UKELA's interventions more strategic, diverse, focused and influential in order to shape UK environmental law.

UKELA's working parties responded to over 20 consultations and inquiries during this period. The Scottish law working party was particularly active, responding to 8 consultations/inquiries.

Outside formal consultation channels, UKELA has engaged proactively with policy makers in a number of areas. For example: the environmental litigation working party arranged a pre-consultation meeting with the Sentencing Council to discuss their early proposals to sentencing guidelines for some environmental crimes; the same group also wrote to Ministry of Justice minister Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP with concerns about the new policy on civil sanctions; and the nature conservation working party convenor, Wyn Jones, has participated in the high level advisory group for Defra's review of Habitats Directive implementation.

UKELA has also taken opportunities to promote the findings and recommendations of the Aim 5 research report to policy makers (see further below).

Working parties have put on a lively programme of events on topical issues, for example the well-received sessions at the Southampton conference on subjects including climate change and water scarcity, energy from waste projects and the National Planning Policy Framework. Meetings like these can help influence policies indirectly, by raising awareness among policy makers present, and improving members' understanding of policy areas so they can better engage on consultations etc.

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

Old aim: Provide relevant and up to date information to the public

New aim: Improve delivery of information to the public across the UK and improve the general and social media profile of UKELA

During the year nearly 300,000 people visited the Law and Your Environment website, which UKELA maintains, to find out information about their environmental rights and responsibilities. Visits have gone from a couple of thousand a month in 2009 to 25,000 a month, proving how useful this unique website is. Our thanks to Google for continuing to support our Charity AdWords campaign. The Recyclists' sponsored cycle effort, David Hart's kayakers and others all contributed funds (totalling £6,600) to ensure the site is kept up to date. Council decided to spend the money in the year it is raised, whilst maintaining a central pot of funds. This money was spent on a general overhaul and adding dedicated Scottish content. The addition of two short videos on planning, by Rosie Oliver, also proved popular with over 3,000 people finding out how to apply for or object to planning permission.

Social media also took off with discussions on all manner of environmental law topics on LinkedIn (1,350 members), Facebook (250 members) and Twitter (300 followers). This helps UKELA deliver education and information to a much wider audience, and enables them to share knowledge amongst themselves via the UKELA portals.

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

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

The use of videolinks helped UKELA reach out to the regions – and to the Flemish Law Association – for the annual Garner lecture, given by Karl Falkenberg, Director General of DG Environment in the EU. The lecture was also tweeted live using #garner2012. There were events all around the UK, although that is still largely dependent on the enthusiasm of volunteers to organise events. The annual conference in Southampton attracted a good audience on the theme of Planning for the Energy challenge. 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 2011 Garner Lecture given by David Kennedy of the Committee on Climate Change. We provided 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.

### **New Aim 3: Devolution**

UKELA has to ensure that it has a sufficiently resilient structure across the devolved administrations so as to meet the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly divergent UK system of Environmental Law and governance. During 2012 a Wales Working Party (Gweithgor UKELA ar gyfer Cymru) was established and held two meetings and submitted its first consultation response. Its role will become increasingly important as the Welsh Government develops its own legislation affecting the environment, and establishes structures specifically for Wales. A major funding application was made to support an increasingly independent UKELA Wales and we heard subsequently that this was successful with work due to start in mid 2013. Similar discussions were held in Scotland, where a raft of new legislation and guidance provided work for the Scottish working party. UKELA Scotland – thanks to Sir Crispin Agnew – organised a very successful conference on planning issues – which will help build a robust organisation in Scotland for the future.

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

### **New Aim 4: Retain, diversify and activate membership networks**

We aimed to make sure UKELA has a diverse and growing membership base. The Membership Development Working Group identified key targets for recruitment with some success. However, this work must continue in 2013 to ensure that membership subscriptions provide the backbone of financial support for the organisation.

The student membership dipped and we are mindful of the economic and other pressures on our younger members. A student summit was held to discuss how to improve the offer to students, and to redesign the student competitions. Thanks to Ben Du Feu for his very active role in promoting UKELA's student work over the year and to those organisations who support and encourage UKELA's role in providing educational opportunities (particularly No5 chambers; 39 Essex Street; LexisNexis; Lawtext Publishing; Oxford University Press).

The membership numbers remained broadly static in 2012 at just over 1500 (members plus named individuals under corporate membership).

UKELA welcomes partnerships with other organisations and in 2012 organised events with the Planning and Environmental Bar Association and the Environmental and Planning Association in Northern Ireland.

### **Old 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?

We conducted a two year collaborative research project with King's College London and Cardiff University. This involved, amongst other things, interviewing and surveying people from different sectors and sizes of business, regulators, consultants, legal practitioners, judges and academics. We prepared the final report in the Spring of 2012 and launched it in May. It identified a number of specific problem areas and practices that adversely affect the coherence, integration and transparency of

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environmental legislation in the UK. These issues can pose problems for people who have to use and comply with the law. The report also highlighted problems with legislative scrutiny processes. It made a number of recommendations for addressing the problems. UKELA has also been working with government officials involved in the Red Tape Challenge to make sure the report's recommendations are translated into the streamlining of legislation being proposed by the Coalition Government.

Thanks also to Matrix chambers for funding the final report.

The report's launch in May attracted a good audience, press coverage and was commended by the Government's Red Tape Challenge initiative spokesman, who spoke at the event. Its findings are now being used by the working parties to bolster their consultation responses and provide a solid base of evidence of influencing government.

Wild Law and developing ideas about environmental governance and earth jurisprudence is still a popular strand within UKELA's work about how environmental law can work most effectively. A workshop in Scotland provided a means of stimulating discussion and enabling members to enjoy the wonderful natural environment in the Cairngorms.

### **New Aim 5: International**

UKELA aims to interact with international bodies, particularly in Europe, to influence better EU law, and key jurisdictions globally which are relevant to members' working lives, to provide opportunities for knowledge sharing and foster cooperation on key issues. Council has agreed that work should be led by volunteers and Tim Clare, in particular, did a sterling job in making contact with sister associations in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Europe. UKELA was represented at the American Bar Association conference and US speakers participated in a seminar on fracking, where the technology is more advanced, in London. UKELA members attended a conference in Belgium on Nature Conservation and joint publications are planned.

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

UKELA's Council provided strong direction and sound advice. A new strategic plan was drawn up in July, following a wide consultation including some of UKELA's hard working patrons, which focuses on new challenges until 2015. Despite economic uncertainties UKELA maintained a solid performance under the watchful eye of the Treasurer, Paul Evans, and the trustees. Work on risk planning was developed and a more proactive approach taken to risk mitigation. Council continued to attract a high level of interest, resulting in an election for places at the AGM in July. Most Council members are most diligent and committed in carrying out their designated roles. The split of leadership responsibilities between the Chair, Mark Brumwell, and vice-Chairs, Tim Clare and Richard Kimblin, worked well in providing clarity to others and getting the job done.

### **Resources**

#### **Volunteer support**

A huge vote of thanks goes to the President, Lord 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 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. UKELA is also grateful to the Young UKELA organisers (James Burton and Sasha Blackmore) and students who helped with events and provided some much needed energy and enthusiasm – this is very much appreciated. The London meeting organisers, Tim Clare and Kirsty Schneeberger, did an excellent job in securing

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a stimulating programme of seminars on a range of hot topics which proved of great interest to members. Our thanks to Herbert Smith Freehills for hosting these meetings and to Angela Pallett and Julie Rayner 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. At the end of 2012 UKELA set up a fundraising team to help build core funds to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. This will add to the efforts to support the Lord Nathan Fund.

### **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, GroundSure Ltd, Landmark Information Group, WSP Environment & Energy. UKELA is also grateful to the other sponsors – Argyll Environmental (for the bags), 39 Essex Street (memory sticks), Landmark Chambers (organic and local produce), One Crown Office Row (pens), Hart Publishing (stand).

The Garner Lecture was generously sponsored and promoted by Clifford Chance.

The UKELA mooted competitions for 2012 were kindly sponsored by No 5 Chambers and Lawtext Publishing provided subscriptions to Environmental Law and Management. Oxford University Press generously supported the Simon Ball prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Thanks to University College London for hosting the UKELA student competitions day.

UKELA is grateful to Herbert Smith Freehills for its continuing support for the programme of London meetings, King's College London for hosting the Review of Environmental Law launch and the strategic planning session, Simmons and Simmons for hosting the planning seminar, Nabarro's for hosting climate change and energy working party special events, to Hugh James and Eversheds in Cardiff for supporting the Wales Working Party, 39 Essex St for supporting and hosting student and young UKELA events, Tughans and Landmark Chambers for supporting our seminar in Belfast, Anderson Strathern for hosting Scottish events, as well as Pinsent Masons, Turcan Connell, Burges Salmon, Wragge & Co, Eversheds and Hugh James for hosting regional events.

Environmental Law and Management kindly published the UKELA 2012 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 2011 Garner Lecture.

Argyll Environmental was generous in providing the time and expertise of Simon Boyle to support UKELA's work in a number of areas and in pledging support for Young UKELA in 2013.

Dundas & Wilson, King's College London, Simmons & Simmons, 39 Essex St and Landmark Chambers 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**

2013 will be an exciting year with several new initiatives:

- Increased activity by UKELA in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Fun and fundraising as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign
- Redesigned student competitions
- A fantastic 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference in Cambridge in July featuring international speakers
- Discussion to develop an internship programme for students
- Stronger international partnerships and more joint activity

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**Financial Review and Reserves policy**

The Charity ended the year with a net movement on unrestricted funds of £4,997 excluding the donations to the Lord Nathan Memorial Fund.

UKELA has been tying up some of its reserves in longer term deposits, to reflect its interest in maintaining the Lord Nathan Fund, which supports the Law and Your Environment website maintenance work. £20,000 has been designated by the trustees for this purpose and, including that, there was just over £60,000 in the endowment fund at the year end. The Fund will now be maintained at that level, topped up for inflation, with any further funds spent in the year on keeping the site up to date.

At the year end there was £80,748 in the general fund which is well above the reserves policy limit below.

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 24 April 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

**MARK BRUMWELL    Chair**

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

For the year ended 31 December 2012

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The United Kingdom Environmental Law Association  
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**UKELA Council Members** Legal and Administrative Information for 1 January 2012-31 December 2012

### **UKELA Council Members**

Sasha Blackmore

Mark Brumwell\*

James Burton (2)

Tim Clare\*

Catherine Davey\*

Fiona Darroch

Paul Evans\*

Begonia Filgueira\*

Anne Johnstone\*(2)

Richard Kimblin\*

Paul Leonard

Bridget Marshall

James Maurici\*

James Pereira

Kenneth Ross

Kirsty Schneeberger

Eloise Scotford

Ben Stansfield

Hayley Tam (2)

James Taylor\*+

Colleen Theron\*(1)

Richard Wald

Jamie Whittle

Andrew Wiseman\*(1)

### **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 2012

(2) elected to Council at AGM July 2012

\* Members of Executive Committee during the period included –Mark Brumwell (Chair), Paul Evans (Treasurer), Tim Clare (Vice Chair), Richard Kimblin (Vice Chair), Catherine Davey, Begonia Filgueira, Colleen Theron (until AGM), James Maurici, Anne Johnstone (from AGM) and James Taylor (from AGM).

+ UKELA Company Secretary

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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 2012 set out on pages 10 to 14.

This report is made solely to the Council of Management, as a body, in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Council of Management matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Council of Management for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the statement I have given below.

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

The Council of Management, who are the directors of The United Kingdom Environmental Law Association for the purposes of company law, and the trustees for the purposes of charity law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Council of Management consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 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 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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  
Chartered Accountants  
New Bridge Street House  
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London EC4V 6BJ      Date:

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(incorporating income and expenditure account)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2012**

	Unrestricted Funds 2012 £	Endowment Fund 2012 £	Total Funds 2012 £	<i>Total Funds 2011 £</i>
Notes				
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Membership subscriptions	58,654	-	58,654	60,881
Gift Aid on qualifying subscriptions and donations	3,065	-	3,065	2,100
Regional meetings and subscriptions	7,992	-	7,992	7,412
Annual conference - Attendance fees	59,019	-	59,019	64,784
Annual conference - Sponsorship	25,200	-	25,200	30,500
Events & seminars income	13,842	-	13,842	12,061
Donations to Lord Nathan Memorial Fund	-	6,625	6,625	8,823
Review of Environmental Law	2,275	-	2,275	-
Wild Law conference income	2,495	-	2,495	7,105
Interest receivable	530	700	1,230	1,446
Other income	1,123	-	1,123	2,445
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>174,195</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>181,520</b>	<b>197,557</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Annual Conference expenses	58,818	-	58,818	63,599
Staff costs	69,048	1,400	70,448	62,168
E-library Law and Your Environment	3,120	560	3,680	4,042
Events, meeting and conference expenses	9,201	-	9,201	10,716
Wild Law conference expenditure	2,123	-	2,123	7,148
Influencing support	-	-	-	-
Membership fees & expenses	5,041	-	5,041	10,555
Website	211	2,909	3,120	3,120
IT costs	548	-	548	464
Training	808	-	808	3,158
Travel expenses	1,927	-	1,927	1,480
Office costs	6,504	-	6,504	7,061
Student competitions	265	-	265	252
Student placement support	-	-	-	1,500
Fees payable to Independent examiner:				
Accounts preparation and assurance	2,754	-	2,754	2,646
Advice and assistance	-	-	-	108
Book-keeping and other professional fees	5,616	-	5,616	5,775
Sundry expenses	2,295	-	2,295	2,212
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>168,279</b>	<b>4,869</b>	<b>173,148</b>	<b>186,004</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>5,916</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>8,372</b>	<b>11,553</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(919)	-	(919)	(511)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>4,997</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>7,453</b>	<b>11,042</b>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011	95,751	38,478	134,229	123,187
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012</b>	<b>£ 100,748</b>	<b>£ 40,934</b>	<b>£ 141,682</b>	<b>£ 134,229</b>

**NOTE**

Details of the Endowment Fund are given in Note 8.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31 December 2012**

	Notes	£	2012 £	£	2011 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	3		20,224		30,791
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	8,675		45	
Cash at bank and in hand		141,913		127,058	
		<u>150,588</u>		<u>127,103</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	7	(29,130)		(23,665)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
			<u>121,458</u>		<u>103,438</u>
<b>NET ASSETS/TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
			<u>£ 141,682</u>		<u>£ 134,229</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment:					
Expendable endowment fund	8		40,934		38,478
Designated fund	8		20,000		20,000
General fund (unrestricted)	8		80,748		75,751
			<u>£ 141,682</u>		<u>£ 134,229</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2012 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 24 April 2013 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 2012**

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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.

***Pensions***

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

**2. COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT**

None of the members of the Council of Management (2011 - same), who are the directors for company law purposes and the trustees for charity law purposes, received any remuneration from the Charity (2011 - same). During the year 8 members of the Council of Management (2011 - 8) were reimbursed travel and subsistence expenses totalling £834 (2011 - £1,637).

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<b>3 INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January 2012	30,791	31,302
Disposals	(9,648)	-
Unrealised gain/ (loss)	(919)	(511)
At 31 December 2012	<u>£ 20,224</u>	<u>£ 30,791</u>

Investments represent UK Government bonds dated between 2013 and 2014.

<b>4. STAFF COSTS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	£	£
Gross salaries	63,464	57,016
Employer's National Insurance	5,701	5,152
Pension contributions	1,283	-
	<u>£ 70,448</u>	<u>£ 62,168</u>

Staffing of the Charity is provided by the Executive Director, Member Support Officer and Working Party Support Officer.

<b>5. OFFICE COSTS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	£	£
Photocopying, printing, stationery & mailing	2,115	2,073
Telephone and fax	917	1,331
Insurance	754	730
Bank charges	2,718	2,927
	<u>£ 6,504</u>	<u>£ 7,061</u>

<b>6. DEBTORS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	£	£
Prepayments	8,550	-
Accrued income	125	45
	<u>£ 8,675</u>	<u>£ 45</u>

<b>7. CREDITORS</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	£	£
Trade creditors	4,360	3,951
Other taxes and social security costs (PAYE and NI)	4,219	4,049
Accruals	4,462	2,646
Deferred income (see below)	16,089	13,019
	<u>£ 29,130</u>	<u>£ 23,665</u>

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	2012 £	2011 £
<b>Movements in deferred income</b>		
Balance at 1 January 2012	13,019	12,166
Amount released to incoming resources	(13,019)	(12,166)
Subscription income deferred in the year	14,666	11,615
Events income deferred in the year	1,423	1,404
Balance at 31 December 2012	<u>£ 16,089</u>	<u>£ 13,019</u>

**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 to help under-write the 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. The money raised during the year was used, in part to top up by the rate of inflation the total in the Fund at the end of the previous year, and in part to pay for maintenance work to [www.environmentlaw.org.uk](http://www.environmentlaw.org.uk). The intention was to spend all the balance of the money raised in the year on maintenance but some of the work is being carried out in early 2013, so was added to the budget for 2013.

	2012 £	2011 £
<b>Designated fund</b>		
Brought forward	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<b>Designated fund c/f</b>	<u>£ 20,000</u>	<u>£ 20,000</u>
<b>Expendable endowment fund</b>		
Brought forward	38,478	29,655
Donations received in the year	6,625	8,823
Interest receivable	700	-
Expended during the year	(4,869)	-
<b>Expendable endowment fund c/f</b>	<u>£ 40,934</u>	<u>£ 38,478</u>
<b>Total Lord Nathan Memorial Fund for the Environment</b>	<u>£ 60,934</u>	<u>£ 58,478</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>75,751</u>	<u>174,195</u>	<u>(168,279)</u>	<u>(919)</u>	<u>80,748</u>
	95,751	174,195	(168,279)	(919)	100,748
Endowment fund	<u>38,478</u>	<u>7,325</u>	<u>(4,869)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,934</u>
	<u>£ 134,229</u>	<u>£ 181,520</u>	<u>£ (173,148)</u>	<u>£ (919)</u>	<u>£ 141,682</u>