

**ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
2024/2025**



## Photographs from 2024/25 Events



John Powell, DEFRA,  
presenting at the Autumn  
Conference



Visit to the changing rooms Shrewsbury Town FC  
during the Autumn Conference held in the same  
location



Nick Edwards handing over  
presidency to Mike Pinches at  
the AGM



Visit to Cropwell Bishop prior to the  
Spring Conference (India Bosden)



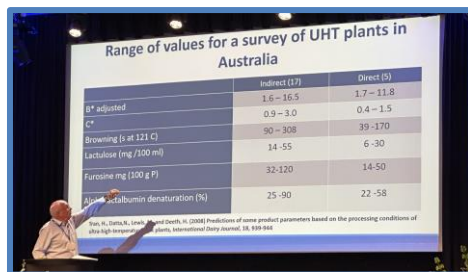
Sukalpa Dey, Novonesis, presenting  
at the Spring Conference



Spring Conference delegates



Eden Cohort 14 student, Zoe Younger  
(RHS) sponsored by the SDT to attend  
the Nordic Dairy Congress in Reykjavik



SDT Brian Peacock Award winner, Dr Mike  
Lewis, presenting at the Nordic Dairy  
Congress



Dr Nivedita Datta presenting Poster Award  
Winner, Sigrid Norgaard Beldring, with the  
Wiley Award at the Nordic Dairy Congress



Guests at the Annual Dinner  
(Sabrina Pearson, Jowita  
Sosnowska & Lyn Bell)



Paul Gregory, Kersia, presenting at the  
Summer Symposium



Dr Ian Gordon, presented with  
an SDT service award by Nick  
Edwards & guest speaker Ben  
Fogle at the Annual Dinner

***THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY***  
***82<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024
3. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda
4. Confirmation of Officers and Council Members for 2025/26
5. To receive President's Report to Members for 2024/25
6. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts of the Society for 2024/25
7. To receive the Publications Committee report for 2024/25
8. To appoint an Auditor
9. Any Other Business

**THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Online via Zoom**  
*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 11:00GMT*

**MINUTES**

40 members and 6 guests attended. Nick Edwards hosted the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from the following:  
Liz Whitley, Colette Fagan, Jonathan Hogg, Stephen Walker, Rachel Mirfattahi, Derek Pitman, Ralph Early, Eurwen Richards.
2. The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike Pinches and seconded by Alan Stack.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. The officers and Council members for 2024-25 were confirmed as:

**Executive Officers**

President:	Mike Pinches
Senior Vice-President:	Ritchie Clarke
Junior Vice-President:	Chris Hay
Immediate Past President:	Nick Edwards

**Officers**

Honorary Secretary:	Dr Ken Burgess
Honorary Treasurer:	Alan Stack
Chairman of Publications:	Dr Liz Whitley

**Members of Council**

Dr Luisa Candido	Katie Powell (replacing Dr Ian Gordon)
Alex Duckworth	Chris Edwards
Dr Seamus O'Mahony	

Editor of IJDT:	Dr Michael Mullan
Section Representatives:	Micheál Cosgrove (S. Ireland), Gary Andrews (N. Ireland)
Midlands and North:	Mike Bennett
South and West:	Vince Adams (replacing Sharlene Harrison)
Scotland:	Chris Hay
Wales:	Mark Jenkins (replacing Sian Davies)

The new Wales Section Chairman was confirmed as Mark Jenkins and Vince Adams was confirmed as the new South West Section Chairman, replacing Sharlene Harrison who resigned. Katie Powell replaced Dr Ian Gordon who resigned as a Council Member.

All other Council members listed above were elected to serve for a further year. These were proposed by Mike Pinches and seconded by Alan Stack



## 5. Report to members by Council

The President's Review was presented by Nick Edwards.

*The second year of my Presidency is now coming to its end and once again it has been a remarkably busy and important year for the Society as we achieved the landmark of 80 years of service to our members, our Oak Anniversary. More of that later in this report. You will be reassured to know the Society is in good health with a membership that is still growing with the introduction of the Company Membership programme. As always, we do not leave things to chance with the Society and are always planning for the future. The next President is currently identified, Mike Pinches and then our Junior Vice President Ritche Clarke takes up the role after Mike. We always have a six-year succession plan aligned with our Strategy.*

*Although the Industry is still struggling back from the perfect storm of Covid, Brexit and war in Ukraine increasing energy and raw material costs, milk production is on the increase but the portion turned into bottles or cartons has fallen significantly. This means cheese, yogurt production, powdered products and niche products are increasing with a further need to increase assets to process this growing milk production trend, although the weather has tempered those growth trends this year. The point is the industry should grow and processing is key to utilising the volume milk production growth in the future. So, the relevance of the Society of Dairy Technology to the industry and its members to support this activity as an educator, facilitator of knowledge transfer, networking forum and training provider is critical to support this growth and investment.*

*Our Society of Dairy Technology six year rolling strategy is aligned with this to provide value to members. Some of the key focus points of the plan are as follows:*

- Further develop regional activities through the role of the Regional Chairpersons. This is really taking off now with several successful regional events this year. These activities are free to attend and have a social element to them as well.*
- Reach out to all UK dairies and ensure they are aware of the Society and its role. This has brought several new company members on board. This strategy will continue as time allows.*
- Develop our links with other industry bodies in the UK and globally. This has led to joint events with the IFST and the Society joining the Nordic Dairy Council with an involvement with the 2025 Conference in Reykjavik Iceland, plus our relationship with AEDIL through the University College Cork CoVE*
- Aim for the International Journal of Dairy Technology to be the highest rated dairy processing journal in the market measured by impact factor and citescore.*

*All this has led to that membership increase I mentioned earlier. Our success is bringing in new members with a significant increase of 30% over this year boosted by the 80th Anniversary Conference in Ireland. Company Membership now stands at ten companies adding fifty-eight individuals to our ranks with total membership standing at five hundred.*

*With all this success brings extra administration tasks and management, so to support the Executive Director a part time Commercial Administrator has been added to the team. Linda Beckett is now on board focusing on accounting processes and general administration leaving Marian Pusey to focus more on our events, marketing, and the growing links with other industry bodies.*

*We have had one or two changes with our Regional Chairpersons over the year.*

*Chairpersons:*

*Chris Hay – Scotland*

*Gary Andrews – Northern Ireland*

*Micheal Cosgrove – Southern Ireland*

*Sian Davies – Wales, from South Caernarfon Creamery joined in October 2023*

*All the above remain in place. Paul Winfield has stepped down in the Midlands and North being replaced by Mike Bennett of Reaseheath College. Sharlene Harrison has also stepped down in the Southwest and*

*we are currently seeking a replacement. We thank both Paul and Sharlene for their efforts in developing the Regional Strategy and running their local events.*

*In September Marian Pusey and I visited John Sumner, a long-standing member of the Publications Committee, who recently retired. John was awarded Honorary Membership of the Society for his long service. John's speciality was agricultural content for the Journal.*

*During October, the Society attended the inaugural Dairy Processing Expo held in Harrogate. We shared a stand with Kersia UK one of our Company Members. The exhibition and seminars were dedicated to Dairy Processing in the UK. The Society also held its Annual General Meeting at this event.*

*In November 2023, the Southern Irish Section of the Society of Dairy Technology ran the Society's Autumn Conference at University College Cork (UCC). This was the 80th Anniversary event. Two hundred and ten delegates attended, and the topic was Digitalisation of Processing in the Dairy Industry. Twenty Trade Stands were present with speakers from academia and the industry. also attended and addressed the conference. The conference was busy with a visit to Moorepark Animal and Grassland Research Centre, a student poster competition and flash presentations by suppliers. The Gala Dinner was held in the Aula Maxima Hall where the Society's Gold Medal was awarded to Dr Michael Mullan for his hard work in raising the Journal to the leading publication in its sphere. The Supplier Service Award was presented to Tetra Pak for support to the Society over the past 80 years. Peter Howard, Processing Sales Manager UK and Ireland, accepted the Oak Separator on behalf of the company.*

*At the same time as the 80th Anniversary Conference was taking place Dr Ian Gordon was representing the Society at the inaugural Profset (Professional Food Science, Engineering and Technology Group) Conference in London at the Institute of Physics. There were speakers from FDA and DEFRA along with societies such as ourselves debating the topic of Creating a Sustainable Food System.*

*November was a busy month with the Scottish Region holding a joint local event with the IFST early in the month. Chris Hay IFF (Scottish Regional Chair) and Rachael Mirfattahi (IFST Scottish Regional Chair) organised a visit to the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS). There were several presentations, a tour of the facilities on offer to the industry plus we all met for dinner locally afterwards. The Society was also able to recognise Dr Adnan Tamine for his many years of service on the Publications Committee and for his work with the Technical Series of Books. Adnan announced after many decades he was stepping down but was remaining a member of the Society.*

*Regarding the Technical Series of Books, we added to the series this year with the launch in October of the Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products book, kindly edited by John Tuohy.*

*We entered 2024 and soon it was time for the Spring Conference. Eighty-Five delegates arrived at a new venue for the Society Foodworks Southwest in Weston Super Mare. The topic for this year's Spring Conference was Yogurt and Fermented Creams Technology: What's New? We covered starter cultures, plant and hybrid products, handling fluids and rapid cooling. Chris Edwards, IPP Quality of Muller Yogurts and Desserts, provided the final paper providing much food for thought on how little has changed in yogurt processing over the decades apart from the decreasing time between production and distribution and the impact this was having on quality. Eleven Trade stands supported this event with a visit to Rich's Cider plant, organised by Steve Walker, from our Publication Committee, the day before.*

*Another Regional Event took place in April 2024 at Reaseheath College. This was organised by Mike Bennett, the new Regional Chairman. Forty members and guests attended. They heard from the supporting supplier Kersia UK on the topic of Sustainable Innovation plus members of the Reaseheath staff highlighting what the college has to offer the dairy industry. There were visits to see the robotic milking parlour and the processing hall facilities. Again, as we encourage at Regional Events there was a networking session and meal at a local restaurant in Nantwich.*

*This year's Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner once again preceded the International Cheese and Dairy Awards. We started the Symposium with increased attendance (127) over the 2023 event and*

*eleven trade stands supporting. Diversey and Faedah Solutions were the main sponsors of the event. We had four presentations on or around the topic of cheese from Mettler Toledo, DSM, Novenesis and Sealed Air.*

*I am pleased also to report that the numbers at the Annual Dinner are still increasing year-on-year, breaking the two hundred mark (210) again this year. Our pre-dinner speaker this year was the well-known BBC Countryfile presenter, Adam Henson. Adam delivered an interesting overview of his career to date and some great messages about promoting agriculture and dairy to the public. He is also highly enthusiastic about bringing young people into careers in agriculture and dairy. The whole room was on board with his messages.*

*As always, we had several awards to present which is always a very enjoyable task. Adam Henson helped with this process. We are rewarding talent and those who have worked so hard throughout their careers both for the Industry and the Society. The SDT/ICDA Student of the Year Award was awarded to Ellie Gregory from Reaseheath College. Ellie is employed by Saputo Davidstow. Ellie's project involved looking into resolutions to overcome weak-bodied 1st Vat cheese due to high moisture content. She received a certificate, voucher, Tetra Pak handbook plus the trophy.*

*This year we have two Eden cohorts, 12 and 13, graduating from Reaseheath College due to a hangover from Covid. The SDT Student of the Year for Cohort 12 was Anita Galezewska, from Wyke Farms. Her project examined starter culture changes. There were two runner-up prizes for this cohort, Will Collins, from Wyke Farms and Aaron Morgan who was a student at Dairy Partners but now has moved to Pembrokeshire Creamery. For Cohort 13 the winner was Tom Woodward of Cotteswold Dairy who conducted a regeneration efficiency improvement exercise over many months providing an amazing return on investment for the business. The runner up from this Cohort was Adam Leonard from Arla Aylesbury. The winners each received the Tetra Pak Handbook and a trophy.*

*The next award was the Brian Peacock Award which is presented to a member of the Society that has performed outstanding work as a dairy technologist, not only over the past 12 months, but also throughout their career. This year's well deserved recipient was Dr Ken Burgess. Ken has worked in the Dairy Industry for over 40 years. He has a degree in Chemical Engineering and a doctorate in Biological Engineering, plus a master's degree in business administration and food law. He has held a wide range of roles including Research and Development, Quality Assurance, Engineering, Manufacturing Services, Compliance and Environmental Management. He has held Technical Director positions for Dairy Crest and Yoplait before setting up his Consultancy business. He has also been a long-time member of the SDT and our Council. This award as I have already said is very well deserved and we hope Ken continues with his support to the industry for many years to come.*

*It was then was onto the President's Award. This only happens once in your two-year tenure as President so is a little special. The award winner, is chosen by the President to a member of the Society who they deem to have provided outstanding service to the Society. This award, a medal, was presented to Dr Liz Whitley who has been a member of the Society since 1978 and in this time has been Chairperson of the East Midlands Section, Council Member, Honorary Treasurer, President, and Executive Director. She is still the Chair of our Publications Committee today. Another well-deserved award.*

*This year the Society has introduced a new award for the Company Supporter of the SDT and is now an annual award. This is in recognition of the support given by a company throughout the year based on membership profile, conference and symposium support, regional event support, attendance at the Annual Dinner plus trade stand and other sponsorship support. This year the clear winner was Kersia UK and Richard Fine Sales Director collected the award. The evening closed after one of our most successful Annual Dinners.*

*As always, the Society had a stand at the ICDA where we were visited by many members, friends, and non-members that we hope will soon become members and keep our membership base growing.*

*The Publications activities of the Society play a significant role not only in the finances of the Society but also in the disseminating technical knowledge in our area of excellence throughout the world. As mentioned previously Dr Michael Mullan as Editor in Chief and his team of Associate Editors are now delivering the market leading Journal in our field. It is to this team and the Publications Committee guided by Liz Whitley that I pass on a tremendous vote of thanks from the Society, its members and Council.*

*To support Dr Michael Mullan the Society has appointed a Deputy Editor, Dr Nivedita Datta. Dr Datta has worked as a faculty member at Food Science departments in five universities in Australia, Nepal, Ireland, and India. She will support Michael over the coming years to successfully continue the Journals growth and diversification.*

*The monthly newsletter is eagerly awaited, and the content now regularly seen on social media sites all takes time to gather and put together. We thank Marian Pusey for this extremely popular content.*

*In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, enthusiasm and support over the past year and previous year of my office. As always, a special word of thanks must go to Marian Pusey Executive Director in continuing to play a remarkable role in the management of our organisation. I have to say it has been a great honour to serve the Society as President and an enjoyable one. The Society is all about people and it's our members that are the engine of our Society. With our Passion for Dairy, I have every confidence that the Society has a relevant long-term future as our industry comes back to growth.*

#### **6. Membership – Marian Pusey, Executive Director**

*Membership of the Society was significantly higher this year compared to the previous year, with 506 members at the end of June 2024. This fantastic increase was in-part boosted by the 80th Anniversary Conference held in Ireland. Company membership rates for dairy businesses coupled with the 18 new members from Eden Cohort 14, starting their course in September 2023, has also supported these numbers. The following 146 new members joined the Society in the last year, eleven of these became members as a result of publishing their research in the International Journal of Dairy Technology for which they are eligible for one year's free membership (marked \* in table below).*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Cherie Gardener	Trewhithen Dairy
Sian Davies	South Caernarfon Creamery
Tracey Burr	South Caernarfon Creamery
Lois Williams	South Caernarfon Creamery
Hannah Shaw	Glanbia Cheese
Gerallt Morris	Food Centre Wales
Mark Jones	Food Centre Wales
Richard Phillips	Volac
Chris Terrett	Retired
Rachel Boyce	CAFRE
Sinead Wall	First Milk
Rhian Jones	Food Centre Wales
Srecko Ladisic	Student UCC
Thisari Bandara*	Researcher
Peter Harpley	Diversey
William McCarthy	Teagasc

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Nurdan Ersoz	Teagasc
Digvijay digvijay	Teagasc
Bhavya Mysore Lokesh	Teagasc
Jenny Byrne	UCC
David Mitchell	Dairy Consultant
Eva Normoyle	UCC
Anastasia Palatzidi	UCC
Emily Boiocchi	Biomerieux UK
Robert Butler	Biomerieux UK
Sacha Griffin	Biomerieux UK
Tom Long	UCC
Tiziana Racca	UCC
Cathy Casey	UCC
Karen Challis-Jones	Biomerieux UK
Aritra Sinha	UCC
Paula Rojas	UCC



Name	Company
Jemma Deighan	Dale Farm
Luke Ramsey	Dale Farm
Hannah Madden	Dale Farm
Eamonn Donnelly	Dale Farm
Hannah Faulkner	Dale Farm
Aaron Brownlee	Kersia Group
Sangeeta Sengupta	Tiffinwalli
Dylan Moore	Volac
Simran Kaur Arora	Researcher
Julie Cakebread	PhD New Zealand
Annalie Wilson	Trewithen Dairy
Vijay Kumar Gahlawat*	Researcher
Mutian Niu*	Researcher
Akos Kenez*	Researcher
Laura Hook	Dale Farm
Lorna Twomey	Dale Farm
Istvan Gubik*	Researcher
Finlay Wotherspoon	Arla Foods
Zsofia Ko	Muller M&M
Lucy Sanger	Arla Foods
Maja Konczyklo	Dairy Solutions
Jake Massey	Barber
Aaron Chand	Arla Foods
Thomas Smith	Muller M&M
Alicia Reed	Arla Foods
Sylwia Szewczyk	Fayrefield Foods
Malgorzata Buda	Muller M&M
Elliott Stirrop	Muller M&M
Emma Rowley	Muller Y&D
Zoe Younger	Muller Y&D
Ben Crerand	Muller Y&D
Henry Hardwicke	Arla Foods
Jamie Medlicott	Muller Y&D
Norah O'Shea	Teagasc
Hanieh Amani	Teagasc
Behrad Mozafari	Teagasc
Hussain Khan	Teagasc
Noel McCarthy	Teagasc
Yuanyuan pu	Teagasc
Prashant Shelke	Teagasc
Poonam Rani	Teagasc
Le deng	Teagasc
Arlene Mcgrath	Teagasc
Anuya Mane	Teagasc
Muireann Egan	Teagasc
Sara Pacheco	Teagasc

Name	Company
Eoin Bergin	UCC
Jeppe Madsen	Lyras Denmark
Tatiana Dushkina	Biomerieux
Nicolas Malterre	UCC
Sue Nock	Saputo
Andy Green	Orchard Valley
K. Leo Pullin	Daisy Brand
Matteo Roattino*	PhD Student (Italy)
Craig Hodgson	Arla Foods
Eugene O'Connor	Dairy Gold
Aine Fitzgerald	Consultant
Pankajkumar Parmar*	Parul University (India)
Kevin Van Cleef	Friesland Campina
David Roberts	Consultant
Stephen Daly	Endress Hauser
Joey Hardy-Gould	Odysea
Nemanja Kljajevic*	Belgrade University
Norah O'Shea	Teagasc
Anna Ranki	Collo (Finland)
Sangita Ganguly*	National Dairy Institute India
Dan Ridley(M)	OV Group
Megan McKeown	Greenfields
Ammar Al-Farga*	King Khalid University
Bruce Makie	Rora Dairy
Oliver Macfarlane	JKM Foods
Yvonne Smith	IFF
Mateusz Wolf	FoodBuzz
Danny O'Regan	DSM
James Little	Saputo
Abdelhak Medjour*	Researcher
Georgie Smyth	Smyth Farm
Rachel Mirfattahi	University of Strathclyde
David Hughes	Lakeland Dairies
Adam Brown	Dewlay
Jon Roberts	Burkert
Michelle Taylor	Greenfields
Simon Kidd	Foss
Harry Flannery	Watson Marlow
John Kirwin	Penmann
Gage Hoque	Salutivia
Catherine Syrad	Tofoo
Carin Cronstrom	Tetra Pak
Christopher McClellan	Foss
Ben Todd	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Rob Reid	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Dale Ellerby	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd

Name	Company
Mark Timlin	Teagasc
Sophie Gaspard	Teagasc
ELena Hayes	Teagasc
Eoin Murphy	Teagasc
Ali Alehosseini	Teagasc
Kexin Zhang	Teagasc
Liam Kelly	Teagasc
Adam Cogan	Teagasc
Sean Hogan	Teagasc
Karan Pant	Teagasc
Seán Wrenn	Teagasc

Name	Company
Jonathan Muse	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Alex Carter	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Jonathan Youles	Ytron Quadro
David Marriott	Longley Farm
Amy Logan	CSIRO
Rory Stone	Highland Fine Cheese
Richard Fine	Kersia Group
Matthew Hooper	First Milk
Annabel Mclelland	McLelland
Gaurav Joshi	Student
Holger Schmidt	Mettler Toledo

## 7. Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer

*The Society has made strong financial progress this year. In fact, it is in the strongest financial position since my time as Treasurer. This is due to the continued success of the journal, along with excellent attendances at our major meetings and Annual Dinner. We have employed a bookkeeper/administrator to assist Marian and we have also had to invest some £23000 into the roof at our premises in Huntingdon yet we still have a very positive result for the year. This will allow us to invest more into our meetings and activities for the benefits of all members. I commend these accounts to you.*

Alan Stack proposed acceptance of the accounts and asked members to raise their electronic hands if there were objections. No objections were received.

## 8. Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman

Mike Pinches, provided the Publications Committee report on behalf of Dr Liz Whitley who was unable to attend the meeting.

*In the year to July 2024, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective of the provision of technical information. As well as our events and online training courses, our wide range of publications continue to be a major contributor to achieving this objective.*

*The International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT) has continued its success in the Food Science and Technology area of academic publications. The development of Open Access (OA), where publications are free to view, was originally seen as a threat to the Journal but in fact the Journal has continued to thrive and discussions concerning the “flip” to OA continue. Open Access requires authors to pay to publish and, as said, that publication is then free to view. The IJDT is at present a hybrid of OA and subscription and royalties have continued to increase and at some point in the not too distant future it is expected to become purely OA (the “flip”).*

*Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Dr Nevidita Datta has taken on the role of Deputy Editor, covering for Dr Mullan when he is away and eventually taking on the Editorship when he retires. This succession planning is imperative to the smooth operation of such a high quality journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Giuseppe Aprea continue as Associate Editors and we have also appointed Dr Mohan Li to the Editorial Board as AE. We have recently recruited Dr Daniel E. Rico as an AE for the area of Production Agriculture as this is an area that we wish to grow to expand*

*our impact in China and to grow the Journal further. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor has reflected this.*

*In recognition of the tremendous work that Dr Mullan has put into the Journal, he was awarded the highest honour that the Society can bestow. The Gold Medal was awarded to Michael at the Autumn Conference in Cork in September last year.*

*The editorial team has been working to grow the IJDT in preparation for a potential move to Open Access. While a significant increase in submissions and articles published has been obtained this has come at the expense of an anticipated reduction in Impact Factor, 2.5 compared with the previous years. Most of the other Dairy Journals have also seen a reduction, but our position as the number one Dairy Journal has succumbed. Our team anticipated the general reduction in IF and is working hard to reverse this in 2024. The CiteScore is another analytical tool and we saw a small decrease to 7 in 2023 from 8.0 in 2022. It is thought that this is partly due to the increase in submissions from China, which are less frequently cited. Despite the less than welcome news the Journal continues to provide excellent revenue for the Society and is a major contributor to our success.*

*The technical series of books is very well respected for its quality and stands at 15 books. We are in the process of assessing which books are in need of revision in order to ensure that the series is kept up to date.*

*The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource. The latest handbook has been prepared by Andrew Wilbey and is focused on Ice Cream Production and related products, including equipment, ingredients, recipe development, manufacturing procedures and parameters and quality.*

*Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Special thanks go to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).*

*Reports from Andrew Wilbey and others continue to be published in Dairy Industries International, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.*

*Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.*

## **9. Appointment of Auditors for 2024-25**

Nick Edwards proposed to invite Gravita (was Critchleys) to audit the accounts for the forthcoming year.. There was no raising of electronic hands to object, thus the proposal was agreed.

## **10. Any Other Business**

No questions were received.

Nick Edwards handed over President to Mike Pinches.

Mike stated that it had been a privilege to serve on the Societies Council for several years, and as a Trustee and had been fortunate to serve as Senior VP to Nick, stating it was daunting to realise what a difficult act he is to follow. Mike thanked Nick for leading the Society during the last two years, a time which had included the Society's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and seen the introduction of his initiative of a new company membership scheme. He commented that in recent months Nick had led the negotiations with our publisher, Wiley, who we will continue to deliver our Flagship publication, *The International Journal of Dairy Technology*, the leading Journal in its field and a great means to contribute to part of our core purpose: to advance professional development through knowledge.

Mike commented that with an enthusiastic group of regional Chairpersons and several National Symposia we will also meet our objectives to facilitate development through recognition and networking. He commented that one of his first tasks was to introduce a new initiative whereby members would be invited to apply for funding to support their attendance at a relevant dairy technology event of their choosing. Council will select a member based on the application and grant funding to support their attendance at their chosen event.

Mike advised that he was looking forward to working with Council, with the regional chairpersons and with Marian and Linda to continue the progress made in Nick's tenure. He stated that as we look forward, we see an industry in an ongoing process of change but he felt that we can be optimistic and confident that we have a strong and stable position from which we can build on the progress to date.

He concluded by thanking members very much and stated that he looks forward to serving as President for the next two years.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

## COUNCIL'S REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR July 2024 to June 2025

### President's Review – Mike Pinches

The first year of my presidency is well underway. I have been fortunate to take over from an active and capable immediate past President, am surrounded by a fabulous group of people on the Society Council, a very capable and successful Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Dairy Technology and an outstanding Executive Director who knows the Society mechanisms and does an excellent job.

In March we undertook a review of our activities and boiled the many aspects down to 3 key objectives:

The first is about our members who are the real reason for everything we do; the Society was founded in 1943 with the declared purpose “to facilitate contact and discussion between representatives of all sections of our many-sided society”. Maintaining our membership and serving them properly is our number one objective upon which the other two rest.

Our second objective is a restatement of the original purpose although this was updated more recently to read “Our purpose is to advance professional development and recognition through knowledge transfer and networking”. We do this with a structured calendar of technical events: Spring Conferences, Summer and Autumn Symposia, and active regional meetings across the UK & Ireland.

Four years after the Society formation the first journal was published. In 1947 the Society launched the Journal of the Society of Dairy Technology to record proceedings and technical papers from its meetings and this evolved into our fabulous publication the International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT), the Society's flagship, published by Wiley and focused on research and practice at the interface of dairy science and technology. Our third major objective is to maintain and develop the status of the International Journal of Dairy Technology.

The time since my tenure started has been extremely busy and was just preceded by our Autumn Conference, which focused on the dairy farm end of the supply chain. The conference took place at Shrewsbury Town Football Club with a conference theme of ‘*Smart Dairy Farm Practices to enhance Milk Quality, Productivity, Nutrition & Functionality*’ the 75 delegates listened to 8 informative papers, presenters ranged from the Head of Agriculture of DEFRA, together with research scientists and suppliers to the dairy industry. All the delegates, speakers and trade stand holders, enjoyed the presentations, networking opportunities and also chance to look around the football club!

I took over from Nick Edwards at the online AGM in November when I was pleased to take the opportunity to thank him for his excellent and hard work over two years while looking forward to continuing to receive his valuable support in his role as the immediate past president. During the AGM attendees learned about our activities, publications and financial report for 2023-24 and were informed of our Council members for 2024-25. The meeting concluded with a presentation on ‘*Wastewater Reuse & Energy Recovery from Dairy Product Processing*’ from Aquabio.

Our Spring Conference with the theme ‘*Extending the Shelf Life of Milk and Dairy Products*’ took place on 27th March at University of Nottingham with 65 attendees. The seven presentations were very well received and the facilities and hospitality at the University were excellent. University personnel kindly provided a very informative tour of the food science laboratories and food processing hall in the School of Biosciences,. The day before the Conference we were grateful for an opportunity to visit Cropwell Bishop Creamery who kindly provided talks about the creamery history, stilton manufacture and challenges in blue cheese manufacture. The very generous cheese tastings provided in Cropwell's tearoom proved extremely popular and we were all very grateful for the generosity of Robin Skailes and his team.

The SDT is a member of the Nordic Dairy Group which includes nine organisations across Scandinavia. This group collectively organises the Nordic Dairy Congress every three years and on May 20-22<sup>nd</sup> the Nordic Dairy Congress took place in Reykjavik, Iceland, bringing together experts, industry leaders and researchers to explore the future of dairy. The theme was '*Unlocking the power of dairy for people and the planet*', highlighting innovation, sustainability, and technological advancements in the sector. Participants engaged in discussions on improving dairy environmental production, impact, reducing and ensuring a sustainable future for the industry.

At the end of June we held our Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner in the Members Pavilion of the Staffordshire County Showground to coincide with the International Cheese and Dairy Expo. We had five excellent presenters who provided us with presentations on a non-thermal (UV) treatment of milk for cheese processing, optimising cheese coagulation, cheese yield calculation considerations, listeria management and barcode changes.

For several years we have always held our Annual Dinner during the evening following the Summer Symposium, this year we held it on the following day to coincide with the ICDA show judging day. Some people found this supportive and others not. We are grateful to the ICDA for permitting us to use the facilities and continue to work with them to get a perfect structure at what is the time of the year when the highest number of industry professionals meet under one roof with networking is at its best!

This year 170 guests attended our Annual Dinner and we were treated to a guest appearance by Ben Fogle, TV personality and explorer who spoke about his adventures rowing across the Atlantic, running the 3 peaks marathon in the Dolomites, racing across Antarctica and most challenging of all, his climb of Mount Everest and losing his oxygen cylinder with 48m to go! He even managed a few dairy references in his presentation which was not easy. I was able to publicly offer thanks to our sponsors especially our key sponsor Diversey, represented by Pat Redman, Sales Director for Food and Beverage UK & Ireland. During the dinner we presented our annual awards.

As part of our ongoing support to the Eden programme we make awards to the Student of the Year and runners up based on our panel award for project presentations at the end of their course. This year Eden cohort 14 was completed and the Student of the Year award went to Jamie Medlicott, Muller Yogurts and Desserts with runners up Ben Czerland also from Muller Yogurts and Desserts and Sylwia Szewczyk from Fayrefield Foods.

The special SDT/ICDA Student Dairy Technologist of the Year went to Maeve Cusack, Kerry Dairy Ireland studying at University College Cork.

Our Brian Peacock Award which is presented to a member of the Society that has performed outstanding work as a dairy technologist, not only over the past 12 months, but also throughout their career. This year's winner graduated in Chemical Engineering from Birmingham University. He then worked for over 38 years at the University of Reading as a Senior Lecturer in the School of Chemistry, Food and Pharmacy before retiring in 2011. During that time he supervised over 35 PhD students and many MSc projects.

Since then, he has run training courses and workshops all over the world, and carries out consultancy globally. He has been on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Dairy Technology for many years and is also on the Publications Committee of the Society. I was delighted to present the award to Dr. Mike Lewis.

The SDT Company Award made to the company that has done the most to support the society during the year was won by the Kersia Group who are ardent supporters of the Society.

This year we awarded an SDT Special Service Award. One of our longer-term Council members, Dr Ian Gordon, has stepped down from his position as a member of Council. We thanked Ian for his support over many years, bringing in his wealth of dairy industry knowledge and business



experience. Ian attended our Annual Dinner with his wife where his valued support to the Society was recognised together with presenting him with honorary membership.

## Membership – Executive Director

Membership of the Society was slightly reduced this year compared to the previous year, with 451 at the end of June 2025. Attractive company membership rates have continued to entice groups of new members, recognising the benefits of membership, often recouping costs by attending the increasing number of events being held at both national and regional levels. This year we received 18 members from Eden Cohort 15 and seven new members who received complementary membership as a result of publishing their work in the *International Journal of Dairy Technology* (marked\* in the table below). A total of 70 new members joined the Society in the year from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June, detailed in the table below:

Name	Company
Carla Vieira*	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Rhonda Grant	Dale Farm
Mark Breese	Alfa Laval
Joe Newman	Biopharma Group
Andy Molloy	Biopharma Group
Richard Lewis	Biopharma Group
Ben Liley	Biopharma Group
Stephen Jones	Biopharma Group
Eleftherios Charakleias	Siemens
Guillermo Jimeno	Siemens
Andrew Salmon	Siemens
Edward Mihet	Arla Foods
Joshua Bowman	Arla Foods
Gemma Evans	Volac
Helen Bodie	Lactalis
Saadiyah Chaumun	Arla Foods
Michael Kennedy	Muller
Louise Lewicka	Lactalis
Shelby Hill	Arla Foods
Samuel Miles	Arla Foods
Byron Taubert	Muller
Maisie Blezard	Arla Foods
Arianne Redonga	Arla Foods
Jordon Manders	Muller
Jack Fisher Brindle	Muller
Iyona Jarvis	Arla Foods
Laurie Johnstone	Arla Foods
Robert Horwood	Arla Foods
Saadiyah Chaumun	Arla Foods
Alan Deery	Prognosis-Biotech
Khalid Alsaleem*	Qassim University

Name	Company
Jonathan Westlake	DSM-Firmenich
Paul Nilsson	St Helens Farm
Renata Kostovska	Teagasc
Roxana Matei	Caws Cenarth Cheese
Andrew Palmer	Lantra
Jowita Sosnowska	OV Group
Tom Dekker	IMD
Rachel Boyce	Lakeland Daries
Hasan Kamal	Solenis
Sarah Spearing	Niras
Nick Hickman	Niras
Amr M. Bakry*	New Valley University
John Samelis*	NIH, Greece
Yasmin Ozkaya*	Erciyes University
Mark Robertson	SRUC
Andrew Swinscoe	The Court Yard Dairy
Louise Smith	Meadow Foods
Sarah Roberts	Meadow Foods
Michaela Vachou Peirantakou	University of Reading
Aleksander Gontarz	Mighty Drinks
Heike Morgenstern	International Flavours & Fragrances
Alice Mayor	Yeo Valley
Jess Stinton	University of Nottingham
John Wright	Fayrefield Foods
Nicholas Jonsson	University of Glasgow
Jihene Jabri*	National School of Vet Med, Tunisia
Sigrid Beldring	Novonesis
Chris Whittle	Dales Dairies
Aine Murphy	Kerry Dairy Ireland
Emma Gordon	Kerry Dairy Ireland
Glen Prentice	Purple Sector

Stuart Martin	SRUC	Daniel Botezatu	Wyke Farms
Soraya Parfitt	Muller	Asma Senoussi*	University of Larbi Tebessi, Algeria
Matthew Broadbent	SRUC	Harriet Kerr	Novonesis
Sarah Vaudrey	St Helens Farm	Peter Morgan	Book & Bucket Cheese Co

### **Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

We continue to run our events and activities with a breakeven budget. However, most activities are well supported and we have been able to product a surplus to invest back into our support for the Dairy Industry.

I commend these accounts to you.

### **Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairperson**

The provision of technical information is a major charitable objective of the Society and in the year to July 2025 we met this objective in many ways, some of which are discussed in our President’s report. Our wide range of publications continue to be a major contributor to achieving this objective.

Our flagship publication, The International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT), has continued its success in the Food Science and Technology area of academic publications. Our editorial team, headed by Editor Dr Michael Mullan has continued to ensure that the Journal is highly esteemed and has relevant and interesting content. This editorial team comprises Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, Deputy Editor, Dr Nivedita Datta and Associate Editors Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Mohan Li, Dr Daniel E. Rico and Dr Giuseppe Aprea. In addition, five honorary Associate Editors Dr Fatma Ali, Dr Jihéne Jabri, Dr Lokesh Kumar, Dr Hasitha Priyashantha, and Associate Professor Lei Yuan have been appointed. Recently, Dr Datta represented the Journal team at the Nordic Dairy Conference, where she presented an award for the best poster presentation to Sigrid Norgaard Beldring, an Industrial PhD Student at Aarhus University (Denmark). During the last year publication of the Journal has moved away from the traditional format of all papers in an issue being published at the beginning of the period to continuous publication. This means that papers are added as soon as they are approved for publication and reduces wait times for authors. It also means that readers searching the Journal will find the most up-to-date information available.

The development of Open Access (OA), where authors pay to publish so that the article is free to view, continues and during a recent search for information I came across some minutes from 2004 which stated that it was as a threat to the Journal and would be unlikely to develop! By contrast, the Journal now publishes a mix of OA and pay to view and discussions concerning the “flip” to OA continue. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor for the calendar year 2024 has improved somewhat on last year at 2.8. The team are working hard to ensure that this improves further in 2025 including the introduction of structured abstracts. The Journal continues to provide excellent revenue for the Society and is a major contributor to our success.

At our recent Annual Dinner, long time Editorial Board member and member of our Publications Committee, Dr Michael Lewis, was awarded the Brian Peacock award for technical contribution to the Dairy Industry. With his years of work on heat treatment of milk, he is a well-deserved recipient.

Summaries of the papers published in the Journal continue to be published in Dairy Industries International at the end of each issue. Our sincere thanks go to Andrew Wilbey for writing these articles for many years; he has now handed over the task to Dr Liz Whitley. In recognition of his contribution to the Society and the Dairy Industry Andrew was recently awarded the Society’s Gold Medal, an award for academic contribution

which is a very prestigious award, only being awarded twice in a decade. Previous recipients include Professor Pat Fox and Dr Adnan Tamime.

Other publication strands include the technical series of books which is very well respected for its quality and stands at 15 books. Members are able to access these electronically free of charge which is an amazing resource. The publications committee has reviewed the series recently and are committed to ensuring that it remains up to date by adding revisions. This is a lengthy process and requires people prepared to write chapters on specific subjects.

Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource. They cover a wide range of subjects including Ice Cream Technology, Whey Processing, Cutting Cheese with Wires, the Killing of Cheese Mites and the Dairy Technology Handbook. The latter is revised on a rolling programme and suggestions or contributions for further content are welcomed. In addition to these publications is Nigel White's Evolution of the British Cheese Industry.

Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).

Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the publications Committee, the Editor, Deputy and Associate Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to all of our publications.

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Company registration number 3965383

**SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	N Q Edwards	
	K Burgess	
	L Candido	
	M Cosgrove	
	A Duckworth	
	C Edwards OBE	
	M Mullan	
	M Pinches (President)	
	A Stack	
	J Tuohy	
	G Andrews	
	E Whitley	
	C Hay	
	M Bennett	
	V Adams	(Appointed 28 November 2024)
	M Jenkins	(Appointed 28 November 2024)
	S O'Mahony	(Appointed 28 November 2024)
	K Powell	(Appointed 28 November 2024)
<b>Executive Director</b>	Marian Pusey	
<b>Charity number</b>	1081615	
<b>Company number</b>	3965383	
<b>Registered office</b>	1 Anvil Close Tibberton Newport TF10 8PT	
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<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank plc	

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# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are the advancement of education in dairy science and technology, food technology and management of resources in all branches of the industry by the dissemination and application of knowledge gained from experience and experiment.

The directors have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

### **Achievements and performance**

This year the Society held an Autumn Conference in Shrewsbury, Spring Conference in Nottingham, and the Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner, at the same time as the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, at the Staffordshire County Showground in June. A Regional Meeting was held in Scotland at SRUC's Barony Campus. In addition, this year the Society also contributed, for the first time, as a full partner at the three-yearly Nordic Dairy Congress in Reykjavik, Iceland, which provided an excellent opportunity to promote our Journal, sponsor two students to attend and opportunities for our members to present. The International Journal of Dairy Technology, published quarterly, has again yielded significant revenue for the Society. The Editor-in-Chief, Michael Mullan and his team of Associate Editors have continued to strive to improve the Impact Factor and Cite Score for this publication for many years. This year the Impact Factor (based on 2024 data) increased slightly compared to the previous year to 2.8, the Cite Score dipped slightly to 5.5. The Technical Series of books continue to be updated and improved. This series of books are provided free of charge, in electronic format, to members and also continue to contribute to the income of the Society. The Society constantly strives to raise its profile amongst the dairy industry and new members are attracted to the Society; our challenge is to ensure their continued membership. The introduction of company membership a couple of years ago has been well received with over 60 additional members to date. The Society makes regular contributions to the publication, Dairy Industries International, and we continue to exhibit at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, this year a two day show, where we can reach a wide audience of dairy technologists. The Society continues to maintain links with Dairy UK; The International Dairy Federation; The Institute of Food Science and Technology; The Brewing Food and Beverage Suppliers Industry, The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, Association of European Dairy Industry Learning, The Nordic Dairy Technology Council, ProFSET and the Digital Dairy Chain Talent Forum.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### Financial review

This year's accounts show a small surplus of £5,930. This year there was additional expense mainly due to the investment in the Nordic Dairy Congress, employing the services of a consultant to support with the Society's negotiation of the Journal's publishing contract, the valuation of our Huntingdon property, additional fees for this year's Annual Dinner guest speaker, Ben Fogle, and additional consultancy fees arising from an increase in workload. We have continued to invest in our e-learning modules and continue to provide members with free access to our Technical Series of dairy technology e-books and other learning material. This year we have invested in several events including an Annual Dinner, a symposium, three conferences and a regional meeting. Investment will continue at a similar level this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to over six month's expenditure. The directors consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. The former office at Huntingdon provides an income for the Society and a reserve against major unforeseen costs. Last year expenditure was made on the roof of this property.

As at 30 June 2025 the unrestricted free reserves of the charity (excluding those held by the Southern Ireland Branch) were £119,969 (2024: £113,463)

The directors has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N Q Edwards

K Burgess

L Candido

R Clarke

(Resigned 21 February 2025)

M Cosgrove

A Duckworth

C Edwards OBE

I R Gordon

(Resigned 28 November 2024)

M Mullan

M Pinches (President)

A Stack

J Tuohy

G Andrews

E Whitley

C Hay

M Bennett

S Davies

(Resigned 28 November 2024)

V Adams

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

M Jenkins

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

S O'Mahony

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

K Powell

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

All directors must be members of the Society. Directors are initially appointed by an election amongst the members. In addition, certain directors are appointed/co-opted by the existing directors.

# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)** ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025***

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The directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors.

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**K Burgess**  
Director  
Dated: .....

# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

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I report to the directors on my examination of the financial statements of Society of Dairy Technology (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the directors of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**Elinor Upjohn ACA**

**Gravita Audit Oxford LLP**

First Floor, Park Central

40-41 Park End Street

Oxford

OX1 1JD

Date: .....

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restated
		funds	funds		funds	funds	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
Notes		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Charitable activities	3	108,064	-	108,064	143,117	-	143,117
Investments	4	13,078	-	13,078	11,303	-	11,303
Miscellaneous income	5	139	-	139	30	-	30
<b>Total income</b>		<u>121,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,281</u>	<u>154,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,450</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	3,750	-	3,750	23,400	-	23,400
Charitable activities	7	111,231	380	111,611	111,346	-	111,346
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>114,981</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>115,361</u>	<u>134,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,746</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		6,300	(380)	5,920	64,704	-	64,704
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		<u>299,304</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>299,684</u>	<u>234,600</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234,980</u>
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2025</b>		<u>305,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>	<u>299,304</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>299,684</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

		2025		2024 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investment properties	13		165,000		165,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	15,844		15,398	
Cash at bank and in hand		138,085		139,787	
		<u>153,929</u>		<u>155,185</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(12,231)</u>		<u>(19,538)</u>	
Net current assets			141,698		135,647
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			306,698		300,647
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	16		(1,094)		(963)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>305,604</u>		<u>299,684</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		-		380
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	20,635		20,831	
General unrestricted funds		<u>284,969</u>		<u>278,473</u>	
			305,604		299,304
			<u>305,604</u>		<u>299,684</u>



# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2025**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on .....

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K Burgess  
**Trustee**

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A Stack  
**Trustee**

**Company Registration No. 3965383**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Society of Dairy Technology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Anvil Close, Tibberton, Newport, TF10 8PT.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Income**

Income is recorded on a receivable basis (net of Value Added Tax where applicable) with any amount being received in advance included in deferred income. Subscription income represents the amounts in respect of the year. Life subscriptions are written off by equal instalments over a 12 year period from the date of commencement of life membership.

#### **1.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs directly attributable to managing investments and governance of the charity are included in costs of raising funds and governance costs. All other costs relate to the charity's sole activity and hence are included in charitable activities.

#### **1.6 Investment property**

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.8 Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgements

##### Investment property

At 30 June 2025 the value of the investment property was deemed to be £165,000 (2024: £165,000).

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	16,195	15,533
UCC Cove	1,260	5,074
Symposium and events	29,684	68,503
Journal royalties	53,775	46,457
Sponsorship	7,150	7,550
	<u>108,064</u>	<u>143,117</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Rental income	10,513	10,479
Other income	2,565	824
	<u>13,078</u>	<u>11,303</u>

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### 5 Miscellaneous income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Miscellaneous income	139	30

### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Investment management	3,750	23,400

### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2025 £	Restated Dairy Science and Technology 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Support for the advancement of Dairy Science and Technology	109,275	109,396
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)</b>		
Governance	2,336	1,950
	111,611	111,346
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	111,231	111,346
Restricted funds	380	-
	111,611	111,346

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### 8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £
Independent examiner fees	-	2,336	2,336	-	1,950
	-	2,336	2,336	-	1,950
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	2,336	2,336	-	1,950

### 9 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred of £862 (2024: £1,970) were, however, reimbursed to 3 (2024: 5).

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	48,000	42,000

M Pusey is the Executive Director of the Society, and is classed as key management personnel. She is a director and 100% shareholder of Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd. This company charged the Society the amounts above for services provided and £3,503 (2024: £3,240) for reimbursed expenses in the year. At 30 June 2025 the Society owed Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd £Nil (2024: £Nil).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 11 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investment properties	-	45,000

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 13 Investment property

	2025 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025	165,000

This property had been valued by the Trustees on the basis of its open market value. On the 9 September 2024, the property was valued at £165,000 by Eddisons, Property Consultants.

There is a lease on the property until 2026 with rental income of £10,000 per annum.

### 14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	15,419	13,794
Prepayments and accrued income	425	1,604
	15,844	15,398

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		4,272	2,266
Deferred income	17	173	4,105
Trade creditors		436	6,003
Other creditors		5,000	5,000
Accruals		2,350	2,164
		12,231	19,538



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	17	1,094	963

### 17 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Other deferred income	1,267	5,068

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	173	4,105
Non-current liabilities	1,094	963
	1,267	5,068
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 July 2024	5,068	5,925
Released from previous periods	(4,103)	(1,007)
Resources deferred in the year	302	150
Deferred income at 30 June 2025	1,267	5,068

Deferred income consists of amounts received for lifetime membership amounts relating to future periods.

### 18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 July 2024 £	Resources expended £	At 30 June 2025 £
Memorial Fund	380	(380)	-

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 18 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Resources expended	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£
Memorial Fund	380	-	380

The Memorial Fund represents a fund set up in memory of deceased members. This is to be used to make awards for travelling to international symposia.

### 19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	20,831	4	(200)	-	20,635
General funds	278,473	121,277	(114,781)	-	284,969
	<u>299,304</u>	<u>121,281</u>	<u>(114,981)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>

Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	13,349	23,531	(16,049)	-	20,831
General funds	221,251	130,919	(118,697)	45,000	278,473
	<u>234,600</u>	<u>154,450</u>	<u>(134,746)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>299,304</u>

Southern Ireland Branch Funds are those funds designated for use by the branch of Society of Dairy Technology in Southern Ireland.

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025
	£	£	£
<b>At 30 June 2025:</b>			
Investment properties	165,000	-	165,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	141,698	-	141,698
Long term liabilities	(1,094)	-	(1,094)
	<u>305,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 30 June 2024:</b>			
Investment properties	165,000	-	165,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	135,267	380	135,647
Long term liabilities	(963)	-	(963)
	<u>299,304</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>299,684</u>

### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024: None) other than the Key Management Personnel transactions in note 10.

### 22 Prior period adjustment

#### Changes to the balance sheet

	At 30 June 2024		
	As previously reported £	Adjustment £	As restated £
Bank accounts	10,801	(10,801)	-
Taxation	(4,066)	1,800	(2,266)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net assets	<u>308,685</u>	<u>(9,001)</u>	<u>299,684</u>
Capital funds			
Income funds			
Restricted funds	380	-	380
Unrestricted funds	<u>308,305</u>	<u>(9,001)</u>	<u>299,304</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<u><u>308,685</u></u>	<u><u>(9,001)</u></u>	<u><u>299,684</u></u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 22 Prior period adjustment

(Continued)

	At 30 June 2024		
	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
	£	£	£
<b>Changes to the profit and loss account</b>			
	Period ended 30 June 2024		
	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	102,345	9,001	111,346
Net movement in funds	73,705	(9,001)	64,704

The prior year accounts did not include an invoice which related to 2024 and was paid in July. The comparatives have been restated to include this.