Annual Review 2018-2019





The British Nutrition Foundation – Our vision, mission and values

Our vision: Everyone can access healthy, sustainable diets.

Our mission: Translating evidencebased nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways.

Our values

- Integrity: we are science-led, impartial, open minded, transparent and committed to diversity and sound ethical principles.
- Collaboration: we amplify our impact via partnership working with a range of stakeholders.
- Quality: we deliver excellence consistently.
- Positivity: we are a team of highly qualified experts who care about providing credible nutrition science and are passionate about the positive influence it can have on healthier lives.

The British Nutrition Foundation is a registered charity (Registered Charity 251681, Scotland SC040061).

- We do not lobby, endorse any products, engage in food advertising campaigns or allow commercial or political pressure to influence us when publishing or disseminating information.
- We are certified by the Information Standard, a quality mark supported by NHS England, which identifies our website as a reliable and trustworthy source of information that is based on evidence and appropriate for its audience.
- Our Council and Trustees ensure that we deliver our charitable aims, are impartial, transparent and act with integrity. A majority of our Council are leading academics, supported by leaders in education, communication and the food chain.

- Our funding comes from: membership subscriptions; donations and project grants from food producers and manufacturers, retailers and food service companies; contracts with government departments; conferences, publications and training; overseas projects; funding from grant providing bodies, trusts and other charities.
- We are proud of our long-established reputation for partnership working.
 What sets BNF apart is its ability to bring together those with an interest in food and nutrition from diverse sectors - academia, health care, education, communication and the food chain.

Find out more, go to: www.nutrition.org.uk/aboutbnf



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Professor Colin Dennis Chair of the Board of Trustees



Welcome to the BNF Annual Review 2018-2019

It is a great personal pleasure and honour to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees. I very much look forward to working with colleagues to build on the successes of our predecessors. Public interest in, and awareness of, the interaction between nutrition, diet, health and lifestyle is such that the need for balanced advice and impartial scientific interpretation on food and nutrition has never been greater.

Through its interactions with government, universities, research institutes, healthcare professionals, educators, the media, the food chain and directly with the general public, the BNF is in a unique position to provide evidence-based guidance. Our staff are expert in making complex nutrition science accessible to diverse audiences, from junior and secondary school children to policy makers to industry and the general public. Furthermore, the BNF delivers important public benefit, in that virtually all of its work is ultimately in the public domain. For example, this year we published the Task Force Report on Cardiovascular Disease -Diet, Nutrition and Emerging Risk Factors and the highly publicised, and widely available, advisory leaflet on portion size (Find your balance - Get portion wise!).

The highly successful BNF Healthy Eating Week engaged approximately 7,000 schools, universities and workplaces representing nearly 3 million schoolchildren and employees, while our work with teachers and pupils continues to expand, with 10% increase in use of our free nutritional analysis tool for schools, via *Explore Food* over the last year. Similarly, during the year we had an 88% increase in the views to **nutrition.org.uk** with 2.79 million visitors, a 33% increase in our media presence and a 35% increase

in the use of our education website, Food - a fact of life. Our Nutrition Bulletin is now distributed to over 14,000 institutions worldwide, with a 23% increase in overall article downloads (now 210,970) and a 40% increase in article citations. In addition to these successes, we continue to be honoured by the significant and enthusiastic support from our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal. Her Royal Highness presented the prizes at our Annual BNF Day, and participated and interacted with delegates at the launch of the Cardiovascular Disease Task Force Report and with staff and children at the launch of BNF Healthy Eating Week in Jersey.

In planning for the future, the Trustees and Council agreed a new strategic plan which provides clear focus, via four 'pillars', on our aspirational Vision of 'Everyone can access healthy, sustainable diets' and, particularly, on delivering our Mission of 'Translating evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways'. The 'Develop' pillar focusses on producing high quality nutrition resources, information and training, whereas 'Inform and facilitate' involves disseminating resources, information and training to make healthier choices easier. We 'Champion' by strongly advocating the importance of evidence-based nutrition and strong engagement with stakeholders, while 'Progress' focuses on advancing our mission by ensuring future growth and sustainability, by

building an increasingly diverse membership, ensuring development of staff potential and having efficient and effective operations (see pages 16-17).

In future, the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Charity Governance Code, will be the sole governing body, but will receive advice and input on strategic initiatives from a new Advisory Committee, which in turn will liaise with a reconstituted Scientific Committee on detailed matters relating to scientific and educational needs and initiatives. Membership of all three groups will be as diverse as possible, and have a majority of academics/educationalists/lay (independent) members to ensure the continued strong independence of the BNF and to avoid undue commercial and political influence.

Professor Colin Dennis

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Our achievements in 2018-2019

To translate evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways, we undertake a variety of projects and initiatives across the audiences with whom we interact.

Key highlights from the past year

- BNF events: Our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, attended three events, the BNF Annual Day, the BNF conference to launch the report of the BNF Task Force on cardiovascular disease and the BNF Healthy Eating Week launch.
- BNF website: 2.79 million people visited our website www.nutrition.org.uk for evidence-based nutrition information, an increase of 88% on the previous year.
- 2.79
 MILLION PEOPLE



- BNF resources: We launched a number of new resources including a Task Force report on Cardiovascular Disease: Diet, Nutrition and Emerging Risk Factors and Find your balance — Get portion wise!
- Media work: BNF was quoted on average 96 times per month in the media, up from 72 per month in the previous year.
- Social media: Our Twitter accounts had 4.1 million impressions, an increase of 234% on the previous year.
- Nutrition Bulletin: This was available in 6,418 institutions (plus provided at low low-cost or free to access to 7,911 institutions in the developing world) up 7% on 2017, and downloads of papers from the Wiley website were up 19% to 210,970.
- Education website: This was used on 303,044 occasions, an increase of 35% on the previous year.

- Explore food: Pupils analysed 282,000 recipes and diets using our free nutritional analysis tool for schools, up 10% on the previous year.
- BNF Healthy Eating Week: The week attracted registrations from 6,943 schools and workplaces/ universities (representing 3 million students and employees).
- Teachers: We trained 139 teachers at events and a further 860 registered for education webinars.
- Healthcare and other professionals: 277 professionals attended our two high-profile conferences and a further 3,000 registered for our nutrition science webinars.
- Committee membership:
 Senior staff members contributed to the work of several government and research funding committees.



nutrition.org.uk

- 2.79 million people visited our website www.nutrition.org.uk for evidence-based information, viewing 13.6 million pages and downloading 180,842 resources.
- The top five page views in the year were:
 - Fibre (1,192,389);
 - Find your balance (437,334);
 - Healthy, balanced diet (356,938);
 - Portion wise (306,106);
 - Ramadan (188,370).
- Our Find your balance Get portion wise! guide, to improve understanding of not just which foods to eat, but how often and in what quantities, was downloaded 61,251 times. In response to interest following the publication of the EAT-Lancet Commission on Food, Planet, Health report, we updated the information on sustainable diets and produced new information about the health benefits of plant-based diets.
- Following the positive response to our QC (Quality Calorie) resource, which encourages people to think about the nutritional quality of foods and drinks as well as the calories they contain, 'QC on a budget' was launched, providing examples of how this approach (based on swaps) can be used without increasing (and in most cases lowering) cost.
- The website retained the Information Standard accreditation, a certification scheme for health and social care information, supported by NHS England.

Task Force

- The BNFTask Force report on Cardiovascular Disease: Diet, Nutrition and Emerging Risk Factors (2nd edition) was published. The Task Force was chaired by Professor Keith Frayn, Emeritus Professor of Human Metabolism, University of Oxford. For further details, go to: https://bit.ly/2A3UQLt
- To mark the launch of this important new publication, we were delighted to welcome some of the eminent scientific contributors to the Task Force to present their key findings and recommendations at an event on the 27 February 2019, which was attended by HRHThe Princess Royal.

Nutrition Bulletin

- The journal *Nutrition Bulletin*, a joint venture with Wiley, was available in 14,329 institutions around the world (including low-cost or free access to 7,911 institutions in the developing world).
- Downloads of papers from Wiley were up 19% on the previous year to 210,970.
- In January 2019, we published a Virtual Issue on portion size and appetite control. This included 10 papers, free to download, and coincided with the launch of BNF's new portion size resource.
- A new mini virtual issue series 'Nutrition Bulletin Spotlight' was launched with the first edition focussing on bodyweight in childhood, published in response to

- the latest statistics from the government's National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), which revealed rates of childhood obesity remain high and are not improving. Each 'Spotlight' comprises three to five papers from the Bulletin's archive on topical nutrition issues and are free to download for a 4-month period.
- In the context of the continued policy focus on diet and nutrition, and the confusion often associated with mixed messages and/or a single nutrient focus, BNF continues to provide scientifically supported evidence, information and advice on a broad range of topics relating to nutrition, diet and healthy eating, focusing on a holistic approach to dietary advice. In May 2019, Making every calorie count was published in Nutrition Bulletin which focused on the topic of nutrient density/diet quality this can be accessed here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/nbu.12384



Our achievements in 2018-2019

Food – a fact of life

- In January 2019, a new website was launched in collaboration with the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB). The website has a number of new features, such as 'recipe', 'whole school' and 'professional development' areas and a 'teacher dashboard', which enables teachers to create collections of their favourite resources and recipes.
- During the year, the website was used on 303,044 occasions, an increase of 35% on the previous year.
- Pupils analysed 282,000 recipes and diets using our free nutritional analysis tool for schools, Explore Food, up 10% on the previous year.
- The publication, Guidelines for producers and users of school education resources about food was completed, ready for dissemination in June 2019. The publication set out a series of voluntary guidelines that can be adopted as part of a good practice approach by those who produce education resources for schools about food.
- The publication Characteristics of good practice in teaching food and nutrition education in secondary schools was completed. These characteristics were determined via consensus building exercises with the secondary school food teaching community from the UK and will be made available in the summer 2019 school term.





Conferences, events and training

- The 2018 BNF Annual Lecture, entitled Nutritional Science: Diet, Lifestyle and Health, was delivered by Professor lan Macdonald, Professor of Metabolic Physiology in the School of Life Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Nottingham, and winner of the BNF Prize in 2017.
- 'The what, how and when of weight loss'
 conference was held on 2nd October
 at St Thomas' Hospital, with speakers
 including Prof James Stubbs, who presented
 on the psychological control of eating,
 and Dr Wendy Hall who talked about
 the effect of sleep on diet. I 56 delegates
 attended the event, which received
 an overall satisfaction score of 4.5/5
 (covering content, length and organisation).
- A conference to mark the launch of the BNF Task Force report on Cardiovascular Disease: Diet, Nutrition and Emerging Risk Factors (2nd edition) was held on the 27 February 2019, chaired by Professor Keith Frayn, Emeritus Professor of Human Metabolism, University of Oxford. As well as Professor Keith Frayn speakers included Professor Caroline Fall (University of Southampton), Professor Parveen Yaqoob (University of Reading) and Professor Julie Lovegrove (University of Reading). Our Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, attended the event.

- 3,000 health and other professionals registered for three webinars during the year these were Why is everyone talking about gut microbiota?, The prebiotic potential of our diets fibre and more, and Full of beans! Encouraging preschool children to eat vegetables. The overall satisfaction score was 4.4/5 (covering content, length and organisation). The webinars were recorded and are available to view on www.nutrition.org.uk.
- BNF developed a Keeping Well at Work online course, to support BNF Healthy Eating Week, designed to support health and wellbeing in the workplace - 570 employees used the course. Feedback to date shows that 89% of users completing a feedback survey said the course gave them information that would help them to be healthier at work.

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Our achievements in 2018-2019

- BNF supported dissemination activities on a BBSRC DRINC project being carried out by King's College London and the Quadram Institute, on the health impact of industrial interesterification of dietary fats. This featured the launch of a free-to-access online training course on dietary fat on the BNF training portal, as well as a *Pint of Science* event exploring dietary fat entitled *Processing the Nutribabble: Is natural always best?*
- An online training course on low calorie sweeteners (free for students and health professionals) was launched, which aims to support better understanding of the current science in this area, and present the evidence around some of the controversies frequently raised by the media. The course includes short videos from leading experts in appetite research.
- 120 teachers attended the first Food a fact of life (FFL) National food and nutrition education conference for primary and secondary teachers that took place on 2nd February. Post-event evaluation, conducted in May, indicates that 85% have used the training provided to update lessons and/or resources, and 64% have shared or used the training provided with other colleagues at school (with a further 16% planning to do so).
- 860 teachers registered to attend a FFL webinar and evaluation indicates that 8 in 10 teachers are likely to update their resources and lessons based on attending.

- A pilot training scheme was launched with 11 regional secondary school teachers. The teachers were trained to run an approved FFL training course with local teachers. This initiative continues until July 2019 when it will be assessed for reach and impact.
- Our free online training continued for primary school teachers throughout the UK, with a Gaelic version made available. Since launch in early 2018, 734 schools have registered (representing 233,002 pupils), with 4,215 teachers undertaking the training. In addition, 181 initial teacher-training providers have registered to provide access to 1,049 trainee teachers.
- BNF presented at, or chaired, a range of other external events, including the AACC Cereals and Grains 2018 conference: the California Walnut Commission Scientific and Health Research Meeting; the Alpro Foundation Symposium for Students; lectures for University of Surrey, King's College London, University College London, Goldsmiths University and the University of East London; the IFST Food Science and Nutrition Group event; IFST Annual Conference: BBSRC dissemination event: NFU Roundtable event: Food Manufacturers Forum: Food Matters Live; SMA Nutrition event; NEC Primary Care Conference; and the Nestlé Nutrition Institute.





BNF Healthy Eating Week

- Attracted registrations from 6,943 school and workplaces/universities (representing three million students and employees).
 The five challenges this year were Have breakfast, Have 5 A DAY, Drink Plenty, Get active, and Sleep well.
- Schools and workplaces received free resources, including printed posters, planning guides, videos, promotional tools and activity ideas. Special thanks to AHDB, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Danone, Greggs, Innocent Drinks, Quorn and Waitrose for their support.
- Most popular in schools were healthy eating sessions, food tasting and being active. For workplaces it was information about healthy eating, providing fruit and vegetables, and information on how to be more active.
- We were delighted that HRHThe Princess Royal was able to launch the week at Jersey College for Girls, Jersey.
- 68% of schools and 63% of workplaces said that they would continue with an activity started during the Week, such as having fruit or promoting walking. 66% of workplaces said they were more likely to review their approach to employee/ student health in the future because of their involvement, and 58% of schools said that they would change how they teach healthy lifestyles (e.g. healthy eating and drinking, being active and sleeping well).

Media engagement

- BNF was featured on 1,149 occasions during the year, with more TV and radio interviews than the previous year.
- The portion size resources achieved a combined print circulation of 5,026,816 and a combined online circulation of 52,569,822. This, coupled with the broadcast coverage, reached an estimated audience of 261,509,254, taking into account opportunities to read. In total 264 pieces of coverage were achieved, reaching a number of target audiences, including BBC Breakfast, BBC News Online, Sky News, The Guardian, Huffington Post, Metro, Evening Standard and national and local radio stations.
- BNF Healthy Eating Week achieved a total media circulation of 28,320,938, with a total estimated reach of 78,863,122.
- BNF continued its 'out of hours' service for journalists and a series of proactive media activities were undertaken.
- BNFTwitter accounts had 4,172,676 impressions, with 18,678 followers.
- BNF videos on YouTube and Vimeo were viewed on 282,733 occasions.
- BNF News newsletter was sent to 11,240 subscribers twice during the year and the FFL newsletter monthly to 4,959 subscribers.







Our achievements in 2018-2019

Wider stakeholder engagement

We continue our engagement work with key stakeholders and policy makers, including Public Health England (PHE), Department of Health and Social Care, Department for Education and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). Professor Judy Buttriss was appointed to the School Meals Standards panel and continues work on the UK Nutrition Research Partnership for Health and Disease (UK NRP) and Chairs BBSRC's DRINC steering group. She has provided nutrition input for Defra's Food and Drink Sector Council and was a member of a BBSRC grant assessment panel. She also continues a close relationship with the Nutrition Society, the British Dietetic Association, the Association for Nutrition and the Institute of Food Science and Technology.

Services to members

A proportion of BNF's income comes from provision of membership services.

- Corporate membership: BNF provides quarterly updates via Emerging Issues and Emerging Research e-newsletters, 'hot off the press' nutrition and health email alerts, Nutrition Bulletin subscription, summaries of key reports, scientific reviews, face-to-face discussion forums and 'sounding board' meetings.
- Student and recent graduate membership: BNF provides professional development

support and quarterly e-newsletters, nutrition and health alerts, and access to support information.

Details about membership can be found on page 35.

Projects with others

In all aspects of our work, we aim to translate evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways to support the needs of diverse audiences, in particular the general public, the media, government, schools, health professionals, and food and beverage companies. A substantial amount of the Foundation's contribution to nutrition science communication is through collaborations with others, either as a result of project grants or consultancy work. Project work included:

- work with the not-for-profit HarvestPlus to publish an independent review of the evidence on the role of biofortification in improving micronutrient intake and status, and the potential relevance of this in countries such as the UK. BNF also cohosted a stakeholder forum on this topic;
- running a roundtable event with financial support from Yakult, Danone and Dupont to gather expert view on the content of, and best delivery mode for, evidence-based information for healthcare professionals about the use of probiotics, in the context of the current regulatory framework;
- working with Tate & Lyle to improve awareness of the scientific literature on

low carlorie sweeteners, producing an online course for students and health professionals with videos from leading experts in appetite research;

- work with Warburtons on their School Visitors programme, which provides healthy eating and cooking sessions in primary schools. BNF updated resources, undertook quality assurance visits in schools and provided training for staff;
- a review of the Eat Like A Champ programme, provided by Danone, a six-week healthy eating programme for primary schools throughout the UK;
- the Early Years Nutrition Partnership (EYNP), a collaboration with the Early Years Alliance with funding from Danone.
 The initiative was established to deliver nutrition support to nurseries and other early years settings;
- involvement in two EIT project applications with the University of Reading – 'Developing a Digital Toolkit to Enhance the Communication of Scientific Health Claims'; and 'SEE & EAT' which is investigating the benefits of visual familiarity (testing acceptance of vegetables following exposure to tailored e-books) – as a strategy for introducing healthy foods into children's diets.



BNF Awards

During the year, BNF administered various awards, which are funded through the Drummond Memorial Fund, originally established to mark the work of Sir Jack Drummond.



The BNF Prize

The BNF Prize is awarded annually to a person or group for their outstanding achievement in an area of nutrition. The BNF Prize is awarded by BNF's Council, based on a ballot of potential candidates nominated by the BNF Council.

The winner of the BNF Prize in 2018 was Professor Susan Lanham-New, Professor of Human Nutrition and Head of the Nutritional Sciences Department at the University of Surrey.

BNF Drummond Pump-priming Awards

The Foundation supported the provision of two grants to help newly-appointed university lecturers and research fellows, in human nutrition, to undertake the pilot work needed to generate data that can be used as the basis of a more substantial grant application. The recipients of the grants in 2018 were:

Dr Rebecca Jones, University of Bedfordshire Dr Oonagh Markey, Loughborough University

BNF Drummond Early Career Scientist Award

The BNF Drummond Early Career Scientist Award recognises early career excellence in nutrition science. Applicants are judged on their contributions to nutrition science to date, their potential to become future leaders in the field, and the scientific merit and clarity of communication of their work. Winners and runners up are invited to submit a paper to Nutrition Bulletin, to showcase their research to date.

Winner

Dr Caoileann Murphy, University College Dublin

Runners-up

Dr Jing Guo (University of Reading) Dr Fiona Malcomson (Newcastle University) Dr Keri McCrickerd (Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences)

BNF Drummond Education Awards

The Foundation rewards excellent work in food and nutrition by students and their teachers throughout the UK. Annual awards, covering each of the Awarding Organisations, are given to students at GCSE and National 5 levels, and at A-level and Advanced Higher.

GCSE/National 5 Awards

Assessment and Qualifications Authority

Student: Anna Margaret West

Teacher: Nick Powley

Penair School Truro

Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

Student: Daniel Fry Teacher: Claire Thomson

Sullivan Upper School, Hollywood

Edugas

Student: Lily Grace Forster Teacher: Trudi Mayo

Chapel-en-le-Frith High School, High Peak

Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations Group

Student: Jenna Morris Teacher: Alexandra Wigg

St Albans High School for Girls, St Albans

Scottish Qualifications Authority Student: Adriana Helen Stronach,

Teacher: Lesley Wilsom Portlethen Academy, Aberdeen

Welsh Joint Education Committee **Student:** Millie Hughes-Butterfield

Teacher: Non Knott

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin,

Caerfyrddin

A-level/Advanced High Awards

Assessment and Qualifications Authority

Student: Emily Alice Kirkman Teacher: James Finch Sheldon School, Chippenham

Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

Student: Aine Casey
Teacher: Joanne Maguire
St. Patricks' Academy, Dungannon

Edexcel

Student: Katie Alice Prescott

Teacher: Natalie Kay

Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe

Scottish Qualifications Authority
Student: Jennifer Heslop
Teacher: Joyce Morrison

Kyle Academy, Ayr

Welsh Joint Education Committee Student: Selina May Radcliffe Teacher: Kathryn Mallows

Cowbridge Comprehensive School,

Cowbridge



Professor Judy Buttriss Director General



Looking ahead

Although the nutrition headlines have again been driven by a focus on childhood obesity trends, the past year has brought growing recognition of the impact on the planet of what we grow and eat (or waste), particularly among younger generations from whom some high profile agents of change have emerged.

The importance of securing a food supply that is healthy yet sustainable from an environmental perspective has been on the Foundation's agenda for some time, and this is set to continue. The announcement in June about government's plans for a food strategy provides the chance to look at food, nutrition and the environment afresh, through multiple lenses.

Food is more than fuel, it characterises who we are and how we live our lives. It influences our health and wellbeing, and the food we produce in the UK shapes the landscape we live in, provides jobs and supports the economy. Eating healthily is not just about eating less and cutting things out; for most of us it is also about eating more of some things such as wholegrains and vegetables. The integrated message of variety, balance and nutrient density — making every calorie count — needs to be reflected in food production right through to what we teach children in school about food, establishing food literacy from an early age.

A vibrant food sector is reliant on a ready supply of talent to grapple with challenges around soil health, agronomy, food technology and food engineering, right through to the practical skills and passion needed to deliver tasty, nutritious and appealing food. Our education system needs to foster an interest in science-based careers in food, and can the new strategy improve matters?

At the Foundation, we believe that a minimum level of 'food education' should be provided for all young people providing a springboard for careers — and, importantly, the skills required to implement an integrated food strategy. The government's food strategy announcement provides an opportunity for joined-up planning — not only ensuring we have the right food for our nation, but also delivering future generations who aspire to have a career in 'food'.

In summer 2019, a new BNF strategy was signed off, the essence of which is illustrated on pages 16-17 and incorporates the vision that 'Everyone can access healthy, sustainable diets', the Foundation's role in this being the translation of evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways.

In working towards this vision, collaboration will be key and BNF is delighted to be a founder member of a formal alliance, to be known as the Academy of Nutrition Sciences, which builds on the existing collaboration between four established organisations with a history of involvement in: nutrition science research; the communication and application of research; nutrition and dietetic education; and regulation of the nutrition profession. The aim of the Academy is to work at a strategic level to deliver outputs and impact at a scale that would be unlikely for the individual member organisations alone. The creation of the Academy comes at an important time when the central role of diet and nutrition in wider

public health is firmly in the spotlight. Working to improve the availability of well-informed and safe advice on food and nutrition will be a critical goal, alongside operating as a champion for education and research in food and nutrition.

Professor Judy Buttriss

Director General

Plans for 2019-2020

During 2019-2020, the Foundation will implement its new strategy, as well as its new governance arrangements.

In 2019-2020, we shall:

- focus on delivering the strategic objectives of the strategy;
- relaunch www.nutrition.org.uk, improving the user journey and updating the information provided;
- produce four issues of Nutrition Bulletin, plus three issues of Spotlight, focusing on topical issues:
- host a series of webinars for health professionals, teachers and those working in industry;
- champion nutrition science through our networks and stakeholder groups, and through our interactions with journalists, research funders and government, and with the Academy of Nutrition Sciences;
- deliver the Food a fact of life education programmes for UK schools, including teacher training;

- publish a series of parental engagement resources for schools, supporting parent -child activities at home;
- launch an online food science course for secondary school teachers, supporting the new GCSE;
- produce a resource characterising good practice in delivering food and nutrition education in primary schools across the UK;
- host BNF Healthy Eating Week 2020, encouraging more nurseries, schools and workplaces to participate;
- run our internship programme, supporting future nutrition scientists;
- establish network schemes for nutrition science undergraduates and recent graduates, and for teachers.



Our Values

INTEGRITY	We are science-led, impartial, open minded, transparent and committed to diversity and sound ethical principles.
COLLABORATION	We amplify our impact via partnership working with a range of stakeholders.
QUALITY	We deliver excellence consistently.
POSITIVITY	We are a team of highly qualified experts who care about providing credible nutrition science and are passionate about the positive influence it can have on healthier lives.



THE BNF STRATEGY

VISION		Everyone can access h	ealthy, sustainable diets	
MISSION	Translating evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways			
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	DEVELOP Produce high quality nutrition resources, information and training.	INFORM AND FACILITATE Disseminate resources, information and training to make healthier choices easier.	CHAMPION Advocate evidence-based nutrition science.	PROGRESS Advance our mission by ensuring the future growth and sustainability of BNF.
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Generate evidence-based nutrition information, resources and training. Advance the development of Nutrition Bulletin. Create curriculum and qualification compliant education resources.	Provide health professionals, key opinion leaders, academics and the media with information on relevant aspects of nutrition. Deliver the Food – a fact of life education programme to teachers. Work with corporate members and others to encourage a food environment that promotes healthier choices.	Advance and amplify our impact, influence and profile through engagement, collaboration and partnerships that seek to improve public health. Recognise and reward excellence in nutrition science. Advance high quality food and nutrition education in schools. Expand the impact and raise the profile of BNF Healthy Eating Week.	Showcase our work and impact. Build and diversify membership. Secure and grow finances. Develop staff potential. Utilise efficient and effective office systems.

BNF – Translating evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways

The core purpose of the British Nutrition Foundation is to translate evidence-based nutrition science in engaging and actionable ways and we do this through developing, informing, facilitating and championing nutrition science information, training and resources. In all aspects of our work, we aim to generate and communicate clear, accurate, accessible information on nutrition, diet and lifestyle, which is impartial and relevant to the needs of diverse audiences, in particular the general public, the media, government, schools, health professionals, and food and beverage companies.

Our broad funding base, networks and governance structure are inherent strengths that ensure we work with a diverse range of groups and talented individuals within the food and nutrition world. As a result, we are ideally placed to understand the nutrition challenges faced and the opportunities and context for activities associated with delivering improved public health.

BNF has robust procedures in place to sustain the quality and clarity of its outputs. BNF's key publications are peer reviewed by technical committees and external experts drawn from the education and nutrition science communities.

Our website content is governed by the Information Standard and a web panel exists to help ensure relevance to the intended audiences and clarity of the information.

In the spirit of openness and transparency, our corporate members and committee membership are listed on our website and in our annual reports.

The Foundation is part of a broad network and we attach substantial value to the collaborations and partnerships that we have forged, both in the UK and also across Europe and beyond, that enable us to extend our influence without moving our focus from the things we do well.

Our strengths lie in our:

- networks and strong links with the nutrition science community residing in universities and research institutes;
- networks within the wider education sector, especially schools;
- longstanding working relationships with government officials and with health professional sectors engaged in communicating nutrition advice;
- nutrition science communications;
- collaborations over many years with the food and agriculture sectors, across the food chain;
- broad funding base and a robust and open governance structure.



BNF actively engages with a variety of stakeholders

How we ensure our integrity

For 2018-2019, the Foundation's governance comprised a BNF Council and a Board of Trustees, on which served senior/experienced individuals in the field of food and nutrition.

The composition was deliberately weighted towards the scientific 'academic' community based in universities and research institutes. BNF had a number of advisory committees that advise on, reflect on and provide constructive feedback on the Foundation's work, resources and training activities. These include: the Scientific Advisory Committee; the Industrial Scientists Committee; the Editorial Advisory Board; and Education Working Groups.

We are privileged to have a Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, who takes an active interest in the work of the Foundation and its events.

The future

During the year, the Foundation commissioned an independent review of its governance against the Charities Governance Code (www.charitygovernancecode.org). This included looking at organisational purpose, leadership, integrity, board effectiveness, diversity, and openness and accountability, as well as our charitable legal requirements. The results of the review

highlighted how our governance procedures could be further enhanced to be more fully compliant.

The BNF Council approved:

- the Board of Trustees (BoT) to become the sole governing body;
- a new Advisory Committee (AC) to provide advice and input on strategic initiatives:
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- a Scientific Committee to advise on matters relating to scientific and educational needs and initiatives.

Membership of the different groups will be as diverse as possible, and have a majority of academics, educationalists and lay (independent) members to ensure the continued strong independence and avoid undue commercial and political influence. Changes to governance will be formally ratified at the BNF AGM in November 2019.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the financial year ended 31 May 2019

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Income	_	_	_	_
Income from: Voluntary income Investment income Charitable activities	901,388 18,814 601,877	- - -	901,388 18,814 601,877	837,834 16,343 668,178
Total Income	1,522,079	-	1,522,079	1,522,355
Expenditure				
Expenditure on: Raising funds Charitable activities	101,536 1,320,684	- 14,730	101,536 1,335,414	129,474 1,380,996
Total expenditure	1,422,219	14,730	1,436,949	1,510,470
Unrealised gains on investments Realised gains on investments	(2,698)	- -	(2,698)	9,841 235
Net income	97,162	(14,730)	82,432	21,961
Other (losses)/gains on foreign exchange	(9)	-	(9)	1,260
Net movement in funds	97,153	(14,730)	82,423	23,221
Funds as at 1st June 2018	1,318,301	30,720	1,349,021	1,325,800
Funds as at 31st May 2019	1,415,454	15,990	1,431,444	1,349,021

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 May 2019

	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets				
Intangible Assets Tangible Assets Investments		23,122 16,169 611,054		50,439 10,985 600,285
		650,345		661,709
Current Assets				
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	151,370 816,981		167,035 772,522	
	968,351		939,557	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	187,252		252,245	
Net Current Assets		781,099		687,312
Total Net Assets		1,431,444		1,349,021
Funds				
Restricted funds		15,990		30,720
Unrestricted funds Designated funds General funds		297,640 1,117,814		363,798 954,503
		1,431,444		1,349,021

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 May 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	56,218	(8,971)
Cash flow from investing activities Bank interest received Investment income Acquisition of fixed asset investments Proceeds from disposal of fixed asset investments (Loss)/Profit on Forex Purchase of intangible assets Purchase of tangible fixed assets	63 18,751 (15,725) - (9) (7,262) (9,835)	96 16,247 (7,500) 10,240 1,260 (25,000) (14,937)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(14,017)	(19,593)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	42,201	(28,564)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	823,261	851,825
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	865,463	823,261
(i) Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income	82,423	23,221
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge Amortisation charge Bank interest paid/(received) Investment income (Profit)/loss on Forex differences (Profit) on sale of investments Revaluation of investments	4,651 34,579 (63) (18,751) 9 - 2,698	4,479 25,439 (96) (16,247) (1,260) (235) (9,841)

Statement of Cash Flows as at 31 May 2019 continued

Decrease/(increase) in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors	15,665 (64,993)	(29,840) (4,591)
Net cash provided by operating activities	56,218	(8,971)
(ii) Analysis of Cash and cash equivalents	At 31 May 2019 £	At I June 2018
Cash at bank and in hand Cash held in investments	816,981 48,482 865,463	772,522 50,739 823,261

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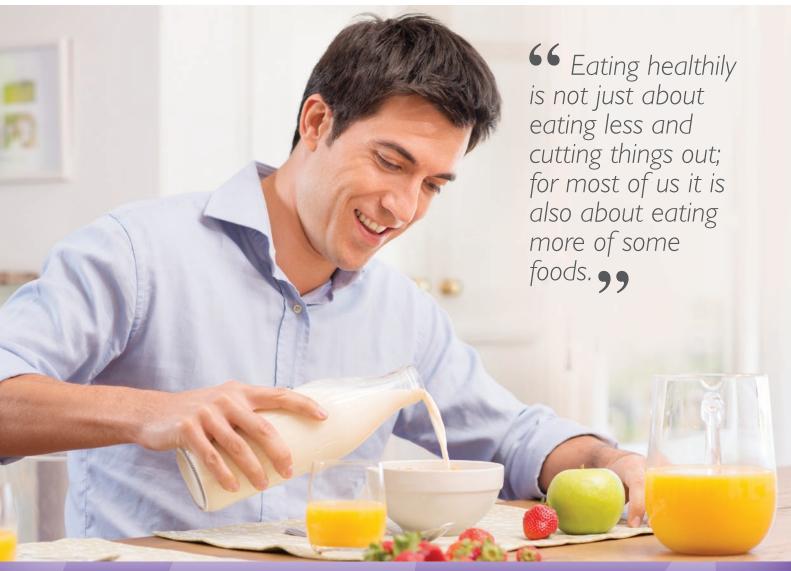
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