

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending 31st August 2023

Summary of the Year

The Consultancy SG has operated well within its allocated budget again. The expenses from the SG were for speakers' travel expenses and for refreshments for the Networking part of the SG's CPD Events programme and totalled £873.

About the Consultancy SG

The Consultancy Specialist Group is one of the largest community groups within the BCS and has operated successfully for many years. Its main activity is the provision of a CPD events programme covering skills and topics relevant to IT consultants. The SG is resourced by volunteers and all speakers give their talks and events free of charge. A budget is allocated from the BCS to support the events primarily with refreshments for networking and for incidental expenses of speakers. Post Covid, most events are now hybrid events comprising a physical meeting in the London offices of the BCS simultaneously streamed on the BCS Zoom or Teams platform. Full-time BCS staff support the SG.

Budget Performance 2022/23

	£	£
Budget allocated for year		1229
Expenditure for year:		
Speakers' travel expenses	302	
Event refreshments	571	

		873

Variance (i.e., budget not spent)		356
% of budget utilised		71%

Budget Allocation 2023/24

The SG has been fortunate to receive the same budget for the forthcoming year.

Other Economic Aspects of the SG

To complete the picture, it is important to add in the volunteer efforts of the Committee members and speakers, the support received from the BCS full time staff, and the physical and technical facilities provided by the BCS. Special thanks to Mandy Bauer for her support managing events expenses and Kirsty Thorne for her support on budget reporting.

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As Treasurer for the BCS Consultancy Specialist Group