The responsibilities of the Expeditions and Fieldwork Committee shall be to guide both Council and the Senior Management Team in work concerning scientific expeditions, fieldwork and outdoor learning.

Membership (2021-22)

Robert Lucas (Chair, Vice President: Expeditions & Fieldwork)
Stephen Jones (Honorary Secretary: Expeditions & Fieldwork)
Professor Helen Walkington
Charlotte Kenyon
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Professor Adrian Parker
Hugh Thomson
Stefan Wathan

Duties

The duties of the Committee shall be:

Policy and strategy

- To contribute to the development of the Society’s thinking on all aspects of scientific expeditions, fieldwork and outdoor learning
- To advise on the prioritisation of work relating to scientific expeditions, fieldwork and outdoor learning across the Society’s teams leading to an agreed work plan
- To monitor progress against agreed priorities, in line with the published work plan
- To contribute to the creation of the Society’s strategic plans, focusing on areas relating to scientific expeditions, fieldwork and outdoor learning, ensuring they are aligned with current good practice

Communication

- To advise the Society on the handling of controversial issues in expeditions and fieldwork where there is an overlap with the Society’s interests
- To recommend effective engagement strategies for the communication of the
Society’s thinking to those planning expeditions and fieldwork

**Health & Safety**

- To have oversight of the Society’s policy regarding field-based activities where it is the ‘venture provider’ and to report annually to Council on updates to the policy and any issues arising. Procedurally, the policy should be reviewed by the committee annually. Council should review the policy every three years, aligned with each Presidential appointment.

- To have oversight of the processes whereby fieldwork and expedition advice and guidance is given to recipients of Society grants. The processes should be reviewed by the committee annually.

- To have oversight of the Society’s Professional Indemnity Insurance regarding information, advice and guidance given by the Society related to expeditions, fieldwork, outdoor learning and related activities. Procedurally, the policy should be reviewed by the committee annually. Council should review the policy every three years, aligned with each Presidential appointment.