

The Elias Ashmole Trust

A Company Limited by Guarantee

Registered Charity Number: 1083867

Company Number: 04087719

Report and Unaudited Accounts

for the year ended

31st July 2025

Wenn Townsend

Chartered Accountants

Oxford

The Elias Ashmole Trust

**Reference and administrative information
for the year ended 31st July 2025**

Trustees:	Dr A J Sturgis Lady Carington (resigned 31 August 2024) Mrs C Laing Mrs N Walton (resigned 31 August 2024) Mrs V Emmett Mr M Chambers Ms Kathryn Uhde Dr Y Etgar (appointed 17 September 2024)
Secretary:	Mrs N O'Farrell
Registered office:	The Ashmolean Museum Beaumont Street Oxford OX1 2PH
Company registration number:	04087719
Charity registration number:	1083867
Accountants:	Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants 30 St Giles Oxford OX1 3LE
Bankers:	Barclays Bank Oxford

The Elias Ashmole Trust
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st July 2025

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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).

Reference and administration information

As detailed on page 1.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charitable company was incorporated on 11th October 2000 and has adopted Memorandum and Articles in place of a Trust Deed.

The Charity's objects are to support and assist the Ashmolean Museum and in furtherance thereof to engage in such charitable activities as may enrich the collections of the Museum or otherwise enhance its usefulness as an institution for teaching, research and public enjoyment connected with art and antiquity.

The Elias Ashmole Trust is governed by a body of 4 to 10 individuals who are members of the charity and who constitute directors for the purpose of company legislation and trustees for the purposes of charity legislation.

The Trust meets approximately three times a year to consider reports from the Director and Management Team and reviews membership policies. Furthermore, the Trust advises the Museum on membership fundraising and activities and oversees the proposals from The Ashmolean Collective Group previously called the Tradescant Patrons Advisory Committee and the Elias Ashmole Group Committee.

The role of the Trust is non-executive and voluntary. The Trust may, at any time, appoint a new trustee and sanctions the directors' appointment of new trustees. The aim is to achieve a balance of skills and experience in the Trust relevant to the objectives of the charity.

Achievements and Performance

During the year grants totalling £150,000 were donated to the Museum by the Trust, and £50,000 for the Fra Angelico gallery.

The Elias Ashmole Group

Current Membership: 61 members

The Tradescant Patrons Group

Current Membership: 47 memberships

Patrons Events throughout the year:

- Patrons private tour of Money Talks: Art, Society & Power
- Patrons private tour of Simple Pleasures: Jin with Roger Law
- Patrons private tour of Ashmolean's Western Art Print Room
- Annual Gala Dinner 2024
- Ashmolean Collective Launch Party
- Patrons private visit to Van Gogh Exhibition at the National Gallery, London
- Spring Trip – Turin, Italy
- Patrons private tour of Cheung Yee: And is 1960s Hong Kong Contemporaries
- Patrons private tour of Anselm Kiefer: Early Works
- Ashmolean Collective visit to Gasworks Galleries, London
- Private visit to the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, London

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
for the year ended 31st July 2025

Financial Review

Revenue for the year was £181,043 (2024: £181,436). Reserves at 31st July 2025 stood at £78,171 (31st July 2024: £134,158). This is the total for the Elias Ashmole Group and Ashmolean Collective Group combined. The Trustees aim to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to meet any un-budgeted running expenditure.

The Elias Ashmole Trust's reserves levels are kept at a minimum of £8,000.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

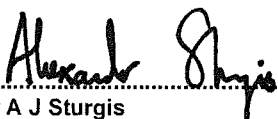
The Elias Ashmole Trust have made a generous financial contribution, during the 2024/25 financial year, and supported some of the Museums extraordinary exhibitions; Radiohead: This Is What You Get, In Boom: How Plants Changed Our World and Continuing Support for Ashmolean NOW series in Gallery 8. The Trust also made a grant to secure the purchase of Fra Angelico's Crucifixion for the Museum.

The Ashmolean Museum is free at the point of entry and available to all. The Elias Ashmole Trust's role is to support the Museum and its visitors.

Small company exemptions

Advantage has been taken in the preparation of this report of special exemptions applicable to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board on24/4/..... 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


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Dr A J Sturgis

The Elias Ashmole Trust

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Elias Ashmole Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st July 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



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Partner
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The Elias Ashmole Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st July 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2025	2024
Income		
Income from charitable activities:		
Subscriptions and donations	137,997	153,486
Tax recoverable	28,085	21,538
Event income	194	4,990
Trips income	13,700	-
Income from investments	1,067	1,422
Total income	£ 181,043	£ 181,436
Expenditure		
Charitable activities:		
Cost of events	15,989	21,473
Grants	200,000	160,000
Cost of trips	18,098	-
Governance costs	2,943	1,422
Total expenditure	£ 237,030	£ 182,895
Net income / (expenditure)	(55,987)	(1,459)
Total funds brought forward	134,158	135,617
Total funds carried forward	£ 78,171	£ 134,158

The accounts of the Ashmolean Collective Group have been incorporated in these accounts.

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**Balance Sheet
31st July 2025**

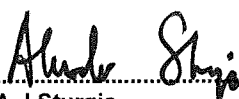
	Note	2025	2024
Current assets			
Cash at bank		51,339	113,810
Debtors – Gift Aid	4	27,822	21,348
		<u>79,161</u>	<u>135,158</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	5	(990)	(1,000)
Net assets		<u>78,171</u>	<u>134,158</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		<u>78,171</u>	<u>134,158</u>
Members' funds		<u>78,171</u>	<u>134,158</u>

For the year ending 31st July 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime, and the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 / 4 / 2026 and signed on their behalf by

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Dr A J Sturgis

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The Elias Ashmole Trust
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st July 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, 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 1st January 2019) (Charity SORP FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Elias Ashmole Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies note.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider there to be no uncertainties with regard to the charity continuing as a going concern and that the charity will be able to operate for at least 12 months from the date of the signature of the accounts. They are confident that subscriptions from donors, though perhaps reduced, will be sufficient to meet the modest administrative costs of the charity and also continue making grants to the Ashmolean Museum.

Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable that the income will be received. Subscriptions are recognised as income when received by the charity.

Volunteer time

A significant contribution is made by members. The value of these donated services is not reflected in the accounts.

Grants

Grants are accounted for when approved by the Trustees.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis (inclusive of VAT which is irrecoverable) and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These funds are to be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objects.
Restricted funds	The charity has no restricted funds.

2 Trustees and employees

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or other benefit for their services in the year (2024: £Nil), neither were they reimbursed for expenses incurred on the charity's behalf (2024: £Nil). No sums were expended on any trustee indemnity insurance.

There were no employees.

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for the year ended 31st July 2025

3 Net (expenditure)/income

This is stated after charging:	2025	2024
Grants to the Ashmolean Museum	£ 200,000	£ 160,000
Independent examiner's remuneration	£ 990	£ 1,000
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4 Debtors

	2025	2024
Gift Aid recoverable	27,822	21,348
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	£ 27,822	£ 21,348
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5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Accruals	990	1,000
Grants payable	0	0
Trade creditors	0	0
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	£ 990	£ 1,000
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6 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Every member of the company is liable to contribute up to £1 in the case of winding up while a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member.

7 Related party transactions

The charity received £15,408 (2024: £15,000) in subscription income from the trustees in the year.

