

THE ARTS SOCIETY ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements of The Arts Society Royal Leamington Spa ("TASRLS") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Registration as a charity

TASRLS was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission with effect from 9 March 2004, under registration number: 1102548, and is affiliated to the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies ("The Arts Society"), a company limited by guarantee and also a registered charity.

Officers, Committee Members and Trustees

The names of the officers and Committee members as at the date of this report are set out below:

President:	Mrs A Conway
Chairman and Trustee:	Mr K Roberts
Vice Chairman, Trustee and IT:	Mr M Hornbrook (IT & Website)
Treasurer and Trustee:	Mr R Kenyon
Secretary and Trustee:	Ms Ann Barton
Committee Members and Trustees:	Dr E Batt (Programme)
	Mrs R Crampton (Short Breaks)
	Dr S Dunnett (Days of Special Interest)
	Mrs R Barton (Heritage Volunteers)
	Mrs E McConville (Arts Volunteering)
	Mrs M Radomska (Membership secretary)
	Mrs P Weinbren (Day Visits)

Structure, Governance and Management

TASRLS is an unincorporated society governed by its constitution and rules, adopted on its formation on 8 October 1993, with subsequent modifications of an administrative nature approved at the Annual General Meetings held on 13 June 2001, 2 June 2004, 4 June 2014 and 3 July 2019.

The President and Vice President are appointed by the Committee for a period of three years; the Immediate Past Chairman, where appropriate, is appointed by the Committee for a maximum of two years. All of these are honorary offices. The holders are not entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee and they are not Trustees.

All of the Committee members are registered with the Charity Commission as Trustees. The Committee comprises not more than twelve members, who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All members of TASRLS may propose a member for election to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting and indeed are encouraged to do so. The Committee may fill any casual vacancy to hold office until the following Annual General Meeting and may co-opt up to four non-voting additional members, having regard to any specialist skills needed, for a period not exceeding twelve months.

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Reporting on public benefit

The objects of TASRLS are: the promotion and advancement of the education of the public in the cultivation, appreciation and study of the decorative and fine arts; the conservation and preservation of the artistic heritage of the United Kingdom and other countries for the benefit of the public; and the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage, in particular, but without limitation, the decorative and fine arts.

The principal means by which these objectives are achieved is the programme of nine lectures complemented by days of special interest, day visits and short breaks. In addition, the young arts programme enables young people to develop an appreciation of the arts and our volunteers work in our catchment area assisting in the preservation and conservation of our heritage. Details of the main activities and achievements in relation to these objectives are set out in the Chairman's report, which forms part of this annual report. The Committee keeps in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at the relevant Trustee meetings where the programme of activities for the year ahead is considered.

Membership of TASRLS is open to anyone and, although there is an annual membership subscription, it is set at such a level (£48 for the year ended 31 March 2023) that almost no-one should be excluded from membership by virtue of it. In addition, each member may bring guests to each lecture, subject to the same guest not attending more than two lectures in any lecture year. In the year to 31 March 2023 220 guests attended the lectures.

Financial review

There was a deficit of incoming resources over resources expended for the year of £750 (2022 £1,445 deficit).

All of the liquid working capital of TASRLS is held on deposit with its bankers or other appropriate institutions, pending its utilisation to meet expenditure in furtherance of its objectives. Sponsorships and donations to other bodies or individuals are made after assessment by the Committee and amounted to £2,200 in the year (2022 £2,781).

It is the policy of TASRLS to maintain a balance of unrestricted reserves approximately equivalent to the level of annual recurring expenditure, other than expenditure on study days, visits and other events, which are self-funded by the participants. These funds both guard against any shortfall in receipts and generate interest, which helps to fund discretionary sponsorships and donations.

£1,905 of the "ARG Third Sector Support Scheme" Covid recovery grant received in March 2022 being held to fund activities to re-build membership numbers after the pandemic was used in the year, leaving £10,595.

Independent examiner

Matrix Accountants of Stratford upon Avon have indicated their willingness to continue as honorary independent examiners of TASRLS and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Mr Keith Roberts, Chairman

Ms Ann Barton, Secretary

26th June 2023

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AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	Year to 31 March 2023 £	Year to 31 March 2022 £
Incoming resources			
Members' subscriptions		22,771	19,806
New members' registration fees		270	355
Days of Special Interest, visits and other events	3	11,938	7,870
Donations from guests		373	210
Bank and other interest		140	17
Gift Aid	4	3,239	2,749
Surplus from sales of "50 Treasures of W Midlands"		225	165
Total incoming resources		38,956	31,172
Resources expended			
Lecturers' fees and expenses		6,124	5,601
Lecture hall costs		10,204	5,635
Volunteers and recorders		334	998
Sponsorship and donations	5	2,200	2,781
The Arts Society affiliation fees		7,830	7,576
Days of Special Interest, visits and other events	3	10,930	6,578
Administration, printing, postage and stationery		879	2,325
Travel costs (net of The Arts Society fares pool refunds)		117	127
Insurance		249	225
The Arts Society West Midlands area levy		264	68
Examiner's honorarium		275	275
Web site, domain maintenance, IT licences		300	328
HMRC fine re late submission of return		0	100
Depreciation of equipment	7	0	0
Total resources expended		39,706	32,617
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year		(750)	(1,445)
Total unrestricted general fund balances:			
Brought forward at 1 April 2022		47,764	49,209
Carried forward at 31 March 2023		47,014	47,764

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AUDITED BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets			
Display stand, laptop computer and other equipment at cost less depreciation	7	0	0
Current assets			
The Arts Society national affiliation fees paid in advance		6,444	5,682
Other debtors and prepayments		3,998	434
Loan to Patricia Fay Memorial Fund, repayable upon demand		5,000	5,000
Cash at bank	8	57,866	60,536
		<u>73,308</u>	<u>71,652</u>
Current liabilities			
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Ticket sales in advance		2,793	0
Deferred income - subscriptions received in advance		8,288	7,234
Other creditors and accruals		4,618	4,154
		<u>15,699</u>	<u>11,388</u>
Net current assets		57,609	60,264
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>57,609</u>	<u>60,264</u>
Representing:			
Accumulated fund:			
ARG (Additional Restriction Grant) Third Sector Support Scheme		10,595	12,500
Unrestricted general fund balance at the year end		47,014	47,764
Total Funds		<u>57,609</u>	<u>60,264</u>

Approved by the Committee and Trustees of The Arts Society Royal Leamington Spa on
26th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr K Roberts
Chairman

Mr R Kenyon
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Objectives and status

- 1 The objectives of TASRLS are set out in the Trustees' report on page 2. TASRLS was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission with effect from 9 March 2004 under registration number 1102548. At 31 March 2023 TASRLS had 508 members (2022 539).

Basis of accounting and accounting policies

- 2 The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), issued in March 2005, UK accounting standards, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and the Charities Act 2011. Incoming resources and resources expended are accounted for on the accrual basis. Members' subscriptions received in advance are carried forward as deferred income.

Study days and visits

- 3 The incoming resources and resources expended in respect of study days and visits in the year consist of:

	Income resources	Resources expended	Result to 31 March	
	£	£	2023 £	2022 £
Days of Special Interest	4,000	3,752	248	902
Visits	6,098	5,519	579	200
Biennial dinner	1,840	1,659	181	0
Other events	0	0	0	190
	11,938	10,930	1,009	1,292

Gift Aid

- 4 The Gift Aid relief relates to subscriptions and donations received:

	Year to 31 March	
	2023 £	2022 £
In the year	3,168	2,723
In prior years	71	26
Total	3,239	2,749

Sponsorship and donations

- 5 During the year, TASRLS made the following grants in furtherance of its charitable objectives:

	Year to 31 March	
	2023 £	2022 £
Warwickshire College of Arts Foundation Year Prize	325	325
Warwickshire College of Arts bursaries	525	525
Arts Insight, Loft Theatre, net of £250 from Arts Socitey HQ	500	250
Leamington Music	400	400
Coventry & Warwickshire Youth Orchestra	400	400
Koestler Art Project - W Midlands	50	500
Warwick Words	0	381
	2,200	2,781

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Expenses reimbursed to Trustees

- 6 An amount of £302 (2022 £231) was paid to 4 Trustees (2022 3) in the year for expenses, which were mainly for travel. In addition, 7 Trustees (2022 6) were reimbursed £675 (2022 £1,872) for purchases made on behalf of the Society. None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their services as Trustees.

Tangible fixed assets

7	These comprise:	Cost £	Depreciation £	Net book amount £
	Display stand, computer and other equipment at 01/04/21	1,425	1,425	0
	Depreciation for the year	0	0	0
	Total at 31 March 2022	<u>1,425</u>	<u>1,425</u>	<u>0</u>

Cash at bank

8	This comprises:	31st March	
		2023 £	2022 £
	CAF 90 day notice account with Scottish Widows Bank	34,692	34,607
	Lloyds Bank plc	23,174	25,929
		<u>57,866</u>	<u>60,536</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the financial statements of TASRLS for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees of TASRLS are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that, under section 145(1) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners, under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions give by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by TASRLS and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act, and to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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18 July 2023