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The Anglo-Omani Society
Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 March 2023

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	6708685 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1127561
PATRON	H.M. The Sultan of Oman
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The directors (referred to herein as the 'Trustees') of The Anglo-Omani Society (a 'charitable company' referred to herein as the 'Charity' or the 'Society') present their annual report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard effective 1 January 2015 (the 'Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)', in preparing this annual report and financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity's governing document is its Articles of Association, dated 4 July 2013.

The Charity is an English registered company, limited by guarantee with no share capital. It is also a registered UK charity. The liability of the Charity's members is limited, such that each member of the Charity promises, if the Charity is dissolved while he or she is a member or within twelve months after he or she ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £1) as may be demanded of him or her towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Charity incurred before he or she ceases to be a member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up the Society, and towards any adjustments of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

In pursuance of its charitable objectives, the Charity is managed by a duly elected Board of Trustees (the 'Board') which governs the Charity's activities in accordance with its Articles of Association. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities' Act 2006, to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Trustees are responsible for managing the risks faced by the Charity and treat risk management as a priority. Accordingly, a review of the Charity's main areas of risk has been undertaken, including health and safety matters, and appropriate policies and practices have been implemented so as to minimise any adverse impact on the Charity arising from such risks. A risk review is undertaken regularly.

TRUSTEES, MANAGEMENT AND THEIR INTERESTS

Trustees

The Trustees at the date of this report or who served during the year ended 31 March 2023, together with their respective responsibilities, were:

Maj-Gen. R J A Stanford CB MBE (*Chairman*)
Brig. J McKeown CBE MA MPhil (*Vice-Chairman*)
Sheikh M H Al Rawahi
Col. G D Allen QGM, WKhM(G), MBA (appointed
17 May 2023)
Mr M C Bishop FCA (*Honorary Treasurer*)
Mr O E S Blake
Mr J N G Bowden CMG OBE MVO

Mr C M Breeze
Sir Sherard L Cowper-Coles KCMG LVO (appointed 18 May 2022)
Mr S F Dickson
Dr E Kendall BA MA Hons DPhil
Ms K J Kinninmont
Mr S Laing MA MPhil (resigned 18 May 2022)
Miss D H Martin
Ms E P M Simpson

Managing Committee

A Managing Committee of Trustees comprising: Maj-Gen R J A Stanford (as Chairman), Brig. J McKeown (as Vice-Chairman), Mr M C Bishop (Honorary Treasurer) and Mr J R G Traill (Secretary) is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day management of the Society.

Day-to-day management of the Charity

The day-to-day management of the Society is carried out by the Society's Director who reports to the Chairman or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman, assisted by the Communications Manager, the Business Development Manager and Interns at certain times of the year. Following regular performance reviews, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman determine the annual remuneration of key management personnel.

TRUSTEES, MANAGEMENT AND THEIR INTERESTS *continued***Organisational structure**

The Trustees, all of whom are non-executive, meet as a Board on a regular basis to review the strategy and performance of the Charity, to consider grant applications, and to set operating plans and budgets. The Chairman, and in his absence the Vice-Chairman, in consultation with the Secretary and the management team, is responsible for setting the agenda for such meetings, for managing the meetings, and for ensuring that all matters arising are properly considered and addressed. The Board may elect a sub-committee of Trustees, or may co-opt individuals with relevant experience, to deal with specific issues or topics. Details of the Charity's professional advisors are given on page 1.

Retirement, recruitment and appointment of Trustees

At each annual general meeting of the Charity, one third of the Trustees must retire from office. The Trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment and are eligible for re-election at the same annual general meeting.

Due to the nature of the Charity, Trustees are selected on the basis of their experience and knowledge of Oman, their particular field of expertise and their ability to contribute to the wellbeing of the Charity. To enhance the potential pool of Trustees, the Charity looks regularly for new Trustees to enable it to develop and innovate within the existing programmes of work, and also to develop new programmes of work to enhance its impact in the communities it serves. The Board has representation from; diplomatic, governmental, educational, military and commercial links to Oman as well as expertise in UK legal, charity and accounting requirements.

A Trustee may be appointed by the members in general meeting, or by the Board. The number of Trustees shall be not less than three, but is not subject to any maximum number. A Trustee may not appoint an alternate trustee or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of Trustees.

Induction and training of new Trustees

New Trustees are selected from the current membership of the Charity and therefore, usually already have some experience and knowledge of Oman. Prior to the appointment of a new Trustee, the Chairman (or in his or her absence the Vice-Chairman) and the Secretary will brief the individual on; the Objects of the Charity, their legal obligations as a Trustee under both UK charity and company law, the contents of the Charity's Articles of Association, the respective roles and expertise of the other Trustees, the Charity's decision making process, and its operating and financial plans.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**Objectives and aims**

The Charity's Objects, as set out in its Articles of Association, are to:

- advance the education of the British public by the promotion of learning and a wider knowledge about Oman, its people, history, geography, economy, literature, art, music, antiquities, languages, cultures, religions, beliefs and customs by arranging lectures, seminars and meetings, which may be open to the public; and by assisting individuals and organisations by providing bursaries, scholarships, awards, and financial and logistical support in order to help them attain a wider knowledge about Oman; and
- advance the education of Omani nationals about the United Kingdom and its people, history, geography, economy, literature, art, music, heritage, the English language, cultures, religions, beliefs, customs, industry and commerce by arranging lectures and meetings, which may be open to the public; and by assisting individuals and organisations by providing bursaries, awards, scholarships, training, apprenticeships and financial and logistical support in the United Kingdom and Oman.

In furtherance of these aims, the Charity arranges a regular schedule of lectures and seminars in London and webinars and podcasts covering a wide variety of subjects related to Oman which are reported on in the Society's Annual Review. The Charity also provides regular programmes of placing British students from a wide range of backgrounds as Educational Assistants in schools in Oman, and of placing British students of Arabic in Omani institutes to improve their spoken Arabic. A further programme for Arabic language student placements is planned for 2023-24. In addition, the Charity also provides opportunities for Omani nationals to attend educational and other training courses in the UK. The Charity also runs on-line Arabic language courses for beginners and for more advanced language students.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE *continued*

Revaluation of investment property

It is the Trustees' intention to assess the market value of the Property periodically and at least every three years via an independent valuation carried out by a professional valuer. However, following new leases for all the rented areas of the Premises in 2022 yielding reduced annual rental income compared to prior years, the Trustees considered it prudent to reduce the valuation of the premises by £2,000,000 to £16,500,000 in the 2022 accounts. In accordance with the Charity's accounting policy in respect of fixed asset investments, the Property was professionally revalued at £15,000,000 as at 31 March 2023 representing a reduction of £1,500,000 from the carrying value of the Property as at 31 March 2022, reflecting reduced rental income from a vacant floor in the Property and continued pressure on local market rentals.

Movement in net assets

The Charity's net assets decreased over the year by an amount of £1,489,715 and stood at £17,656,428 as at 31 March 2023 (2022 - £19,146,143). This decrease follows mainly from the further reduction to the carrying value of the Property.

FINANCIAL REVIEW INCLUDING RESERVES POLICY

As at 31 March 2023 the Charity's reserve funds were £17,656,428 (2022 - £19,146,143) comprising the restricted endowment fund and property revaluation reserve amounting to £15,000,000 (2022 - £16,500,000) and unrestricted funds of £2,656,428 (2022 - £2,646,143). The restricted endowment fund represents the funds advanced by a donor which were applied to purchase the Property and pay for its subsequent structural modification and fit-out. The increase in the value of the Property following its revaluations in 2014 and 2017 and the subsequent decreases in value in 2020, 2022 and 2023 are also reflected in the endowment fund balance. The Trustees have limited powers over the use of the endowment fund and are required to retain it indefinitely. They are not permitted to convert it in to expendable income. The Trustees do though have unlimited powers to apply the unrestricted funds as they consider appropriate and may convert part or all of it in to expendable income.

As at 31 March 2023, the Trustees held £100,000 (2022 - £84,075) of the unrestricted funds as a 'property fund', to form a contribution towards future refurbishment costs for the Property. The Board monitors regularly the sufficiency of this fund. The balance of the unrestricted fund (the 'general fund') is available to meet the costs of the Charity's activities. The Board will continue to review at regular intervals the level of funds that may need to be held to meet the costs of any future rental voids and periodic refurbishment requirements for the Property.

An operating budget for the Charity is agreed by the Board each year, which projects the level of reserves to be retained and the funds available to meet the Charity's day-to-day activities, including an allowance for making grants and awards in furtherance of the Charity's Objects.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Trustees have the power to invest surplus funds as they see fit. The Board's policy is to have the majority of its surplus funds invested by an experienced third party charities fund manager on a discretionary basis, with the balance of its funds held in low risk interest bearing term deposits with a secure UK clearing bank. Charles Stanley & Co. Limited are the Charity's fund manager and twice a year report in person to the Board, enabling Trustees to assess the performance of the Society's investments. As at 31 March 2023, the value of the invested fund stood at £2,441,700 (2022 - £2,547,520), a net decrease in value of £105,820 over the year.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Society intends to continue its current level of activities over 2023-24 and to increase the sums allocated to awards and grants, as its financial resources permit. Membership levels have gradually increased over recent years, including the number of corporate members, helped by the introduction of the Charity's new web-site in late 2019 and the introduction of a Business Development Manager. The Society continued its close working relationship with the Omani-British Business Council (OBBC), formerly the British arm of the Omani British Friendship Association, and other Oman-focused UK bodies.

REQUIREMENT FOR AUDIT

As a result of receiving a donation of some £11 million in 2009, the Charity was required to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis as is of a size under both charity and company law where its annual accounts are required to be audited. Accordingly, the Board appointed its accountants, Azets Audit Services Limited, to act as its auditors.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors of the Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in its present form.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The Trustees have discussed with the Auditors, as part of the clearance and review process, the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Charity, consistently applied and adequately disclosed. The discussion with the Auditors also covered points arising from the work the Auditors performed during their audit; and explanations were given where the Auditors considered them necessary in order to provide them with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the Charity's Auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The Trustees will place a resolution before the annual general meeting to confirm the re-appointment of Messrs Azets Audit Services Limited as auditors to the Charity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



Maj-Gen R J A Stanford CB MBE (Chairman)

Date: 16 June 2023

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Anglo-Omani Society

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Anglo-Omani Society (a 'charitable company' referred to herein as the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, and its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Anglo-Omani Society *continued*

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 6), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the Charity, we identified that the principal risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of health and safety employee laws and regulations. We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on those that had a direct effect on material figures and disclosures in the financial statements, the main regulations considered in this context included the UK Companies Act 2006 Charities Act 2011, as well as the Charity SORP.

We evaluated the incentives and opportunities for fraud in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the risk of override of controls, and designed procedures in response to these risks as follows:

- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;
- assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias, and;
- evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Anglo-Omani Society *continued*

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements *continued*

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Azets Audit Services Limited

Jonathan Vickery BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services Limited, Statutory Auditor

Ashcombe Court
Woolsack Way
Godalming
Surrey,
GU7 1LQ

Date: 16 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted endowment funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	16,324	-	16,324	14,689
Charitable activities	3	7,500	-	7,500	5,683
Income from investments	4	426,144	-	426,144	425,173
Other income	5	213,808	-	213,808	42,755
Total		663,776	-	663,776	488,300
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	(25,541)	-	(25,541)	(34,343)
Charitable activities	7	(453,189)	-	(453,189)	(542,420)
Governance costs	8	(20,917)	-	(20,917)	(11,922)
Total		(499,647)	-	(499,647)	(588,685)
Loss on fixed asset investments	9	-	(1,087,885)	(1,087,885)	(1,450,514)
(Losses)/gains on current asset investments	12	(153,844)	-	(153,844)	51,527
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		10,285	(1,087,885)	(1,077,600)	(1,499,372)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Loss on revaluation of fixed assets	10	-	(412,115)	(412,115)	(549,486)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		10,285	(1,500,000)	(1,489,715)	(2,048,858)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	14	2,646,143	16,500,000	19,146,143	21,195,001
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	2,656,428	15,000,000	17,656,428	19,146,143

The Charity has no recognised gains/losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains/losses has been presented.

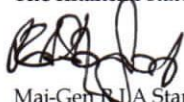
The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted endowment funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9	-	10,380,506	10,380,506	11,468,391
Tangible assets	10	19,209	4,619,494	4,638,703	5,033,327
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		19,209	15,000,000	15,019,209	16,501,718
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	33,704	-	33,704	232,551
Investments ~ managed investment fund	12	2,441,700	-	2,441,700	2,547,520
Rental deposits held for third parties		-	-	-	44,283
Cash at bank and in hand		249,017	-	249,017	27,630
		2,724,421	-	2,724,421	2,851,984
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(87,202)	-	(87,202)	(207,559)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,637,219	-	2,637,219	2,644,425
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,656,428	15,000,000	17,656,428	19,146,143
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		2,656,428	15,000,000	17,656,428	19,146,143
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	14	2,556,428	-	2,556,428	2,562,068
Property fund	14	100,000	-	100,000	84,075
		2,656,428	-	2,656,428	2,646,143
Restricted funds					
Endowment fund	14	-	9,872,124	9,872,124	9,872,124
Revaluation reserve	14	-	5,127,876	5,127,876	6,627,876
		-	15,000,000	15,000,000	16,500,000
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	14	2,656,428	15,000,000	17,656,428	19,146,143

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and the provisions of Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements on pages 10 to 20 were approved by the Board on 16 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Maj-Gen R. A. Stanford CB MBE (Chairman)

Date: 16 June 2023

Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted endowment funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Net movement in funds during the year	10,285	(1,500,000)	(1,489,715)	(2,048,858)
Revaluation decrease of fixed asset investments	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	2,000,000
Less investment income	(272,300)	-	(272,300)	(476,700)
Add back depreciation charged in the year	2,618	-	2,618	4,817
Decrease/(increase) in investment fund value in the year	105,820	-	105,820	(108,591)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	198,847	-	198,847	(231,470)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors due within one year	(120,357)	-	(120,357)	84,451
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(75,087)	-	(75,087)	(776,351)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Add back investment income	272,300	-	272,300	476,700
Cash withdrawn from managed investment fund	-	-	-	100,000
Additions to fixed assets	(20,109)	-	(20,109)	-
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	252,191	-	252,191	576,700
Reconciliation of net cash flow				
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	177,104	-	177,104	(199,651)
Cash balances at start of the year	71,913	-	71,913	271,564
CASH BALANCES AT END OF THE YEAR	249,017	-	249,017	71,913

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Anglo-Omani Society is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is set out on page 1. The nature of the Charity's operations is set out in the Report of the Trustees.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The Trustees have paid particular attention to the likely effects of the recent Covid-19 pandemic on the future viability and going concern of the Society. However, although the value of the Charity's fixed asset investments and income from investments may be adversely affected in 2023-24 due to any continuing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trustees remain confident that the Society has sufficient funding and resources in place to remain as a going concern for the foreseeable future and continue with its charitable activities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included gross of any related expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income from donations is included in incoming resources when it is receivable, except when donors specify that donations must be used in future accounting periods, in which case the income is deferred until those periods. When donors specify that donations are to be applied for restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources when receivable, but as restricted funds.

Membership fees, investment income and other income is accounted for on an accruals basis. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy, the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure, including the award of grants, is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs to the category. Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, these are accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance, then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the Charity.

Cost of generating funds

Costs of generating funds represent the costs relating to fund-raising events organised by the Charity.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure incurred in the pursuance of the Charity's Objects.

Governance costs

These comprise the costs of compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments represent assets held for the long-term with the aim of providing the Charity with a continuing benefit in the form of income and capital appreciation. Fixed asset investments are held in the balance sheet at their fair value, or at the Trustees' best estimate of fair value. All changes in the value of fixed asset investments in the year, whether or not realised, are reported as 'gains or losses on investment assets' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed asset investments are revalued annually, with the exception of investment property, which is revalued at least every three years. Investment property is not depreciated and represents freehold property, which is held by the Charity for its income and investment potential and which is predominantly let to third parties.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

Fixed assets ~ other than investments

Fixed assets other than investments comprise; freehold property, computer equipment and fixtures and fittings relating to that part of the investment property occupied by the Charity and which were acquired after the purchase and full fit-out of the investment property. These assets, other than freehold property, are being fully depreciated on a straight line basis over a period of three years, commencing in the month of purchase.

Managed investment fund

Funds held by third party professional fund managers on a discretionary basis are shown in the balance sheet at market value at the year end, based on valuations provided by the fund manager, less any accrued fees. The increase/decrease in the value of the funds under management is reflected as a combination of net investment income/losses and gains/losses on current asset investments in the year in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Charity's Objects at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the Objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. There are three separate funds within the Charity; the Statement of Financial Activities for these funds are contained in these financial statements. The funds held were as follows:

General ~ comprising unrestricted assets less liabilities, effectively 'free reserves';
Property ~ established to meet future property refurbishment costs; and
Endowment ~ being the donation to the Charity for the purchase of and modification to the investment property, adjusted to match any revaluation of the investment property.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from paying Corporation Tax on its charitable activities. The Charity's activities are though subject to VAT and the Charity is registered for VAT.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at the transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2023 £	2022 £
Unrestricted funds		
Membership fees ~ corporate	6,667	2,850
Membership fees ~ private	9,517	11,839
Donations	140	-
	16,324	14,689
3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Society's Annual Lunch and other events	5,200	4,925
Investment property room hire fees	1,275	-
Advertising income from the Society's Annual Review publication	825	-
Sale of Society ties and books	200	758
	7,500	5,683
4 INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Rental income from letting of investment property	375,181	368,001
Net income from managed investment fund (see note 12)	48,024	57,064
Interest received	2,883	13
Exchange gains in the year	56	95
	426,144	425,173

5 OTHER INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Lecture attendance fees	14	5
Fees charged for providing Arabic language courses	17,254	22,750
Lease surrender and dilapidations proceeds	175,294	-
Insurance claim proceeds	21,246	-
Sponsorship of NGG 'high-flyers' conferences	-	20,000
	213,808	42,755

6 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS		
Costs of holding the Society's Annual Lunch and other Society events	9,011	8,800
Costs of providing on-line Arabic language courses	16,530	25,543
Purchase of Society ties and books for resale	-	-
	25,541	34,343

7 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	(a)	(b)	(c)	Total	Total
	Direct cost	Support costs	Property costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Promotion of Oman	13,262	73,893	236,597	323,752	353,904
Grants and awards	55,543	73,894	-	129,437	188,516
	68,805	147,787	236,597	453,189	542,420

An analysis of direct costs, support costs and property management costs is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£

(a) Direct costs comprise:

Promotion of Oman ~

The Society's regular NGG activities (other than 'high-flyers' conferences)	1,426	1,821
Costs of holding lectures including lecturers' travel costs	11,836	6,171
	13,262	7,992

Grants and awards ~

Sponsorship of UK students to attend academic courses in Oman	23,321	-
Sponsorship of Omanis studying in the UK	5,300	5,000
Educational expeditions to Oman	-	2,981
Conservation, archaeology, natural history, photography, literary and research grants	13,500	22,500
Cultural, development, training and heritage exchanges with Omanis	9,547	20,724
Grants to other Omani focused bodies and associations	3,875	54,730
	55,543	105,935

Total direct costs	68,805	113,927
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Analysis of grants and awards made in the year ~

	Grants and awards to institutions	Grants and awards to individuals	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Sponsorship of UK students to attend academic courses in Oman	-	23,321	23,321
Sponsorship of Omanis studying in the UK	5,300	-	5,300
Conservation, archaeology, natural history, photography & literary grants	11,000	2,500	13,500
Cultural, development, training and heritage exchanges with Omanis	13,635	(4,088)	9,547
Grants to other Omani focused bodies and associations	3,875	-	3,875
	33,810	21,733	55,543

7 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES *continued*

(a) Direct costs comprise *continued*

<i>Institutional recipients of Grants and awards in the year ~</i>	Oman based training Organisation	British and Omani Universities	Other minor institutions	Total
	£	£	£	£
Sponsorship of Omanis studying in the UK	5,300	-	-	5,300
Conservation, archaeology, natural history, photography, and literary grants (* prior year award not claimed)	(4,000) *	15,000	-	11,000
Cultural, development, training and heritage exchanges with Omanis	5,013	-	8,622	13,635
Grants to other Omani focused bodies and associations	-	-	3,875	3,875
	6,313	15,000	12,497	33,810

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
(b) Support costs comprise:		
Managers, staff, agency staff and intern costs (see staff costs analysis below)	130,629	131,114
Recruitment and training costs	32	2,518
Annual Review, newsletters, printing, postage and stationery	12,506	9,688
Staff travel & accommodation	2,299	479
NGG 'high-flyers' conference costs	150	19,327
Other support costs	2,171	2,035
Total support costs	147,787	165,161

(c) Property costs comprise:

Security	731	736
Share of service charges and property insurance	189,067	164,849
Managing agent's fees	5,625	9,375
Business rates (2022 costs reflect a reversal of credits from the Council received in 2021)	17,249	30,392
Web-site and IT support & development	6,986	5,340
Irrecoverable VAT on the Society's activities written-back (2022 - written-off)	(14,459)	7,267
Property marketing and costs related to new leases	9,750	31,776
Depreciation of fixed assets ~ other than fixed asset investments	2,618	4,817
Repairs and maintenance	8,817	860
Phone and IT lines	5,382	4,936
Other property related costs	4,831	2,984
Total property management costs	236,597	263,332

The Charity was administered day-to-day by two full-time employees (2022 - two), neither of whom received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum, together with one part-time employee and Interns (paid the London Living Wage) at different periods during the year. The highest paid member of staff received emoluments and benefits for the year totalling £53,110 (2022 - £48,100).

Total staff costs (included within (b) support costs above) comprise:	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	114,851	112,619
Social Security costs	11,713	10,460
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes for employees	3,836	4,314
Payments made in support of Interns	229	3,721
	130,629	131,114

8 GOVERNANCE COSTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees' reimbursed travel and accommodation expenses	2,303	1,343
Professional fees	6,225	2,700
Insurance premiums	4,014	3,779
Auditors' remuneration	4,625	4,100
Property revaluation fees	3,750	-
	20,917	11,922

No Trustee received any remuneration or other benefits during the year (2022 - £Nil). Certain Trustees received reimbursement for their 'out of pocket' expenses relating directly to the Charity. The aggregate amount of reimbursed expenses was £3,214 (2022 - £1,645), covering four Trustees (2022 - four Trustees), in respect of the reimbursement of expenditure on; lecturer entertaining, travel, subsistence, postage, gifts and the purchase of small goods for the Property.

9 FIXED ASSETS ~ INVESTMENTS

	Freehold investment property
	£
Investment property	
Carrying value at 1 April 2022	11,468,391
Loss on revaluation at 31 March 2023 attributable to investment	(1,087,885)
Carrying value as at 31 March 2023	10,380,506

Fixed asset investments represent the Charity's freehold property in Central London (the 'Property') which was purchased in 2009 and is recorded as an investment property. The Trustees consider the Property as being primarily to provide an income stream and investment return for the Charity and accordingly, regard the Property predominantly as an investment asset. A proportion of the Property is occupied by the Charity and based on that proportion, part of the investment value of the Property was reclassified in a prior period as freehold property within Fixed Assets ~ Other than Investments (see note 10).

The Property was last revalued as at 31 March 2023 by Mr R Moss MSc MRICS, a RICS Registered Valuer of Cluttons LLP, at £15,000,000 on the basis of Fair Value, in accordance with the RICS Valuation - Global Standards issued in January 2022, including the UK National Supplement, for valuations for inclusion in financial statements. This has resulted in a reduction of £1,500,000 in the carrying value of the Property which has been reflected in notes 9 and 10.

10 FIXED ASSETS ~ OTHER THAN INVESTMENTS

	Freehold property	Computer equipment	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April 2022	5,031,609	10,484	31,971	5,074,064
Loss on revaluation attributable to freehold	(412,115)	-	-	(412,115)
Additions in the year	-	-	20,109	20,109
As at 31 March 2023	4,619,494	10,484	52,080	4,682,058
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2022	-	(9,112)	(31,625)	(40,737)
Depreciation charged in the year	-	(1,083)	(1,535)	(2,618)
As at 31 March 2023	-	(10,195)	(33,160)	(43,355)
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2023	4,619,494	289	18,920	4,638,703
As at 31 March 2022	5,031,609	1,372	346	5,033,327

10 FIXED ASSETS ~ OTHER THAN INVESTMENTS *continued*

No depreciation is provided in respect of the freehold property because the Trustees consider that the high residual value of the Property, together with the fact that the Property is maintained to a high standard, means that it is not appropriate to charge depreciation. Although non-depreciation of this asset is not in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Trustees believe that this departure is necessary in order to provide a true and fair view.

11 DEBTORS	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	33,704	216,570
VAT recoverable	-	9,752
Other debtors	-	6,229
	33,704	232,551

12 INVESTMENTS ~ MANAGED INVESTMENT FUND

Market value of funds at 1 April	2,547,520	2,538,929
Net income received in the year (see note 4)	48,024	57,064
(Decrease)/increase in the fund value in the year	(153,844)	51,527
Cash withdrawn in the year	-	(100,000)
Market value of fund as at 31 March	2,441,700	2,547,520

This fund is invested on a discretionary basis and the Trustees receive regular financial reports and face to face presentations from the fund managers.

13 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued expenses	12,432	80,723
Grants awarded yet to be paid	27,899	68,548
Deferred property rental income	39,548	-
Members' subscriptions paid in advance	2,166	4,510
Rent deposits plus accrued interest due to tenants of the investment property	-	44,283
NGG 'high-flyers' conference costs	-	9,170
VAT payable	5,157	-
Other creditors	-	325
	87,202	207,559

14 THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

	At 1 April 2022	Net movement in funds	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,562,068	(5,640)	2,556,428
Property fund	84,075	15,925	100,000
	2,646,143	10,285	2,656,428
Restricted funds			
Endowment fund	9,872,124	-	9,872,124
Revaluation reserve	6,627,876	(1,500,000)	5,127,876
	16,500,000	(1,500,000)	15,000,000
Total funds held by the Charity	19,146,143	(1,489,715)	17,656,428

The net movement in funds was as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Losses on investments	2023 Net movement in funds	2022 Net movement in funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	663,776	(515,572)	(153,844)	(5,640)	4,067
Property fund	-	15,925	-	15,925	(52,925)
	663,776	(499,647)	(153,844)	10,285	(48,858)
Restricted funds					
Endowment fund	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation reserve	-	(1,500,000)	-	(1,500,000)	(2,000,000)
Total inflow/(outflow)	663,776	(1,999,647)	(153,844)	(1,489,715)	(2,048,858)

The restricted endowment fund relates to funds advanced by a donor and applied to the purchase of the freehold investment property and its subsequent structural modification and fit-out. The Property was revalued as at 31 March 2023 and a revaluation deficit of £1,500,000 was debited to the revaluation reserve at that time, which the Trustees regard as restricted funds. The Trustees have limited powers over the use of the endowment fund and are required to retain it indefinitely. They are not permitted to convert any part into expendable income.

The Trustees do though have unlimited powers to apply the unrestricted funds as they consider appropriate. At the year end the Trustees held £100,000 (2022 - £84,075) of the unrestricted fund as a property fund to cover future costs relating to the Property. It is the Trustees' intention to increase this fund periodically in order to accumulate sufficient funds to cover future refurbishments of the Property in due course.

The assets and liabilities of each fund are allocated as follows:

	General fund	Property fund	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	-	-	10,380,506	10,380,506	11,468,391
Fixed asset other than investments	19,209	-	4,619,494	4,638,703	5,033,327
Debtors	33,704	-	-	33,704	232,551
Investments ~ managed investment fund	2,441,700	-	-	2,441,700	2,547,520
Cash at bank	149,017	100,000	-	249,017	71,913
Creditors ~ amounts due within one year	(87,202)	-	-	(87,202)	(207,559)
Creditors ~ amounts due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	2,556,428	100,000	15,000,000	17,656,428	19,146,143

15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trustees confirm that there are no related party transactions requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

16 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Charity is controlled by its Trustees. Copies of the financial statements are available from:

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