

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1152804

**The Astrological Association CIO Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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31 March 2024

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1152804

Registered office

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Trustees

Roy Gillett (President)
Wendy Stacey (Chair)
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Amanda Williams (Secretary – appointed 14th October 2023)
Nick Campion (Vice President)
Christine Chalklin
Rod Chang (appointed 14th October 2023)
Mary English (appointed 14th October 2023)
Kristine Hristova (appointed 14th October 2023)
Sharon Knight (resigned 14th October 2023)
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Report of the Trustees
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Objects & Governance

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 10th July 2013.

The objects of the CIO are the advancement of the education and cultural understanding of the public and astrological community by the critical study of astrology in all its branches, their history and contemporary value.

Management Structure

Over the period the charity has been run by 12 trustees, each with different backgrounds and expertise that can contribute to the delivery of the charity's objectives.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Websites and Social Media

The Association's secure, multi-platform, user-friendly website [<https://astrologicalassociation.com>] is regularly updated with new material to provide an extended service to our membership and especially the general public, who can access astrological information on education and community, in text, audio and video format archives. Its general public Facebook pages inform and encourage likely-discussion to an ever-expanding world-wide audience and helps to promote quality astrological events around the world. Regular updates are communicated free of charge to thousands of associated members. During the year the Association increased its presence on Instagram, and this is leading to wider engagement with a younger audience.

The Association launched a new Instagram and YouTube programme offering the general public an astrological insight into the New Moon each month. This has been well received with thousands subscribing to view uploads.

The Astrological Journal

The Journal (continually published since 1959) has again produced six high quality full-colour journals within the year and received excellent feedback. The online journal has just moved to a multi-media platform which is interactive and more accessible to an expanding readership.

The contributors to the journal continue to expand from experts around the world. The journal is launching in 2024 a new insert to the publication called Stellar, with a focus on current affairs and news around the world which is targeted to younger and global audiences.

This section of the journal will be offered free to the public with the aim of raising awareness and providing information not otherwise available on social media.

Correlation

The Association's website <https://correlationjournal.com> for the Association's specialist Correlation Journal continues to be an up-to-date source of reference and new materials for astrological research to anyone in the world. Correlation has been published continually since 1981. Volumes 35 number 2 and 36 number 1 were published in the second half of 2023 and January 2024 respectively. Correlation 36 number 1, in particular, has generated a lot of interest and many new subscribers.

The Astrology and Medicine Newsletter

The Astrology and Medicine Newsletter has continued to publish its three issues per year now both in digital format, as well as a paper edition.

All issues ever published of the three above publications are available on-line to association members or subscribers. Individual copies can be purchased and downloaded by non-subscribers. Ideas and knowledge spanning many decades are constantly available.

The Association continues to enjoy a mutually supportive relationship with the world-renowned AstroDataBank with which its chart database is linked and where articles are sought from the *Astrological Journal* to widen readership.

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Library

The Association Library continues to be fully housed, catalogued and cared for by the Association's Librarian the highly regarded astro-archivist Philip Graves, alongside his own *Astrolearn* Library, to form an *International Astrology Library* comprising tens of thousands of astrology books and periodicals stored in one convenient place – Newport, South Wales, United Kingdom. The range is truly international, with astrology volumes in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Danish, Norwegian, Hungarian, Russian, Serbian, Turkish, Japanese, Akkadian, Ancient Greek, Latin, Arabic, Hebrew and Armenian available. All are available for reference and research to the membership and the general public. [Full details of the libraries content and resources are at <https://www.astrologicalassociation.com/international-astrology-library/>]

The Librarian has developed the distribution of duplicate second-hand astrology books, which has received a very good international response.

Part of the Library reorganization has been to make the archives of John Addey, Charles Harvey, and R H Naylor, available and ready. Two members of the Association's Board have agreed to work on these.

The scanning project continues with the aim of preserving the content of rare and out of print books that are in poor condition.

Conference and Event Days

Our 55th Main Conference was held in Staffordshire in October 2023 as well as all presentations being streamed via digital platform. Delegates from all the world's continents attended to benefit from the high standard of techniques and research.

180 delegates attended in person and a further 120 online. There were 59 speakers, the majority of which attended in person, and it provided an excellent opportunity to exchange astrological knowledge and experiences both formally and informally.

Conference and Event Days provided online continue to draw together people from a wide range of astrological schools and other groups, as well as the general public. Local groups continue to meet live and via digital platform, running increasingly successful events that reach astrologers and members of the public from all over the world. The resources of the Association have been a developing support in this expansion.

The AA continues to hold free webinars to members and the general public. In January 2024 the AA introduced a new series of webinars – Astro-Duets. The main aim of these is to engage the astrological community in a dialogue about topics of interest. These webinars are free, although donations are encouraged, and have been very well received by both members and non-members.

International Connections

The Association maintains regular relations with recognized international astrological organisations in America, Europe, Asia and Australasia, who share and enhance its aim to sustain and extend the highest standard of critical understanding of astrology.

Future activities

Conference and Event Days

The Association's 56th Conference will be held in August 2024 and, once again, will be a hybrid event with residential delegates and with all presentations streamed via digital platforms to online delegates and available to both groups of attendees, post conference for 90 days.

Following the successful approach in 2023 effort is again being made to include first-time presenters and attendees, so that the critical understanding of Astrology can be advanced, and so inform the expanding interest in the knowledge within the community and to educate the general public.

There are also plans in place for a Kepler Day in January 2025, where astrologers can exchange, present and rigorously consider serious new astrological research.

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Volunteers

Many volunteers continue to help with the Association's conferences and website and event day services. The Association is very grateful for their continued involvement and support both at the conference and throughout the year.

The entire Board performs much of the initiation, creation, implementation and coordination of the Association's activities on a voluntary basis. The Association each year aims to seek out new trustees who bring relevant and needed skill sets to the board with the aim of developing the Association's public position and social media presence. The Association conducts a thorough interviewing and nomination process to ensure that new trustees are suitable for the position and fully understand the obligations and commitments involved.

In 2023 five new trustees were appointed, each of whom bring skills in media, marketing, governance and contacts, and finance within the wider astrological community, as well as broadening the age range and diversity of the board.

In 2023 the board undertook diversity training to improve and enhance relationships and to train board members in understanding unconscious bias and sensitivities in working with each other and approach the wider community.

Publications

The Association continues its publications with resources being allocated to enhance the quality and circulation to its subscribers and members. There will continue to be six editions of *The Astrological Journal* but big changes are planned as online content will become more interactive with audio and video offerings as well as a new section to broaden the reach of the Journal to the wider astrological community. Furthermore, there will be three editions of the *Astrology and Medicine Newsletter*. The *Correlation* Editor has two more in preparation for publication in 2024-25.

Accessible Information and Library Resources

The expansion of the Library, explained above, is now a part of an International Astrology Library with a combined collection of tens of thousands of books and periodical reference material, is now carefully stored and available for study. The Librarian is increasingly involved day-by-day in answering questions online, providing resources and hosting visitors to the library. Thus, making literature and research materials more accessible to members and the general public. The organisation of the sale of second-hand books has been fully reviewed and developed, leading to a most positive public response. An up-to-date listing of all the second-hand books is now available indicating the publication information and the quality of each one. Plans to continue this on an ongoing basis are now in place.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that the Charity's reserves will enhance the services provided and provide financial security for the future. The reserves held in unrestricted funds, which have not been designated or invested in fixed assets, at 31.03.24 were £46,071.

The reserves policy of the charity is to endeavour to hold at least six months running costs in free unrestricted reserves. As at 31.03.24, the unrestricted reserves, not designated and not held as fixed assets, were £46,071. This represents more than six months' running costs. The charity closely monitors the level of reserves and ensures that these are maintained by the use of good management and financial controls.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In planning the charity's activities, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on "Public Benefit". The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in December 2008.

Signed:



MR. R GILLETT - President

MS. W STACEY - Chair

Independent Examiner's Report
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented in those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as 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 accounts 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 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

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Date: 15th July 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for year to 31st March 2024

	Accumulated Fund £	Designated Building Fund £	Total Funds 31.03.24 £	Total Funds 31.03.23 £
Income				
From Voluntary Sources				
Membership subscriptions	26,320	-	26,320	26,826
Publication subscriptions	13,244	-	13,244	6,513
Barbault Sale	1,737	-	1,737	3,239
Donations and bequests	912	-	912	284
From Assets				
Deposit interest	6	-	6	-
From Activities				
Conference income	47,685	-	47,685	18,129
Advertising in publications	3,544	-	3,544	3,100
Miscellaneous income	2,288	-	2,288	1,981
Total income	<u>95,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,736</u>	<u>60,072</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Activities				
Publications expenditure	29,390	-	29,390	32,158
Conference expenditure	49,842	-	49,842	8,478
Other expenditure				
Administration	9,341	-	9,341	8,233
Phone, postage and office	12,013	-	12,013	10,720
Trustee expenses	826	-	826	625
Advertising, website and PR	2,459	-	2,459	1,114
Insurance	603	-	603	831
Accountancy	936	-	936	900
Bank and credit card charges and taxes	4,069	-	4,069	2,797
Total expenditure	<u>109,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,479</u>	<u>65,856</u>
Net deficit	(13,743)	-	(13,743)	(5,784)
Total funds brought forward	21,588	84,276	105,864	111,648
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>7,845</u></u>	<u><u>84,276</u></u>	<u><u>92,121</u></u>	<u><u>105,864</u></u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	31.03.24	31.03.23
Current Assets		
Stock of library books	45,000	45,000
Other stock	1,050	1,050
Debtors	1,550	1,550
Cash	45,859	59,283
	<u>93,459</u>	<u>106,883</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	1,338	1,019
	<u>1,338</u>	<u>1,019</u>
Net Assets	92,121	105,864
 Designated Funds		
Accumulated fund	7,845	21,588
Building fund	84,276	84,276
	<u>92,121</u>	<u>105,864</u>

Signed

Date

Note:

Stocks of library books are valued at estimated sales value after an exercise was undertaken to check current values against on-line sites such as Amazon. All other stocks are valued at cost or sales value if lower.