

ANGLO ROMANIAN TRUST FOR TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE

Registered charity number 1156000

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the trust for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Establishment

The Trust was established in 2008 with the principal objective of saving and preserving Romania's historic buildings and the endangered architectural heritage of Romania and its surrounding environment.

The Trust is a charitable association and operates under a constitution.

Registered office

Calverleigh Court
Calverleigh
Tiverton
Devon
EX16 8BB

Trustees

The trustees, who served throughout the year 2023 and who carry the additional responsibilities noted, are:

William Blacker (Chairman)
Thierry Kelaart (Secretary)
William Heathcoat Amory (Treasurer)

The Trustees must number a minimum of three. The power of appointment of trustees lies with the Trustees from time to time.

Objectives and Activities

ARTTA's objective is to help the preservation of vernacular architecture in Romania, both directly through interventions as well as through educating local people in the value of their built heritage and in the traditional techniques for its repair. Having originally funded projects directly, the Trust is increasingly (although not exclusively) successfully finding donors who are themselves funding projects directly. The management of these projects is largely under the local direction of The Association Monumentum and Villa Abbatis Cultural Association, both being Romanian conservation bodies. The work undertaken is monitored by William Blacker.

The administration costs of the Trust are low. William Blacker receives fees through the Trust as a consultant and to cover his expenses undertaking monitoring and research activities in Romania, and reporting to donors. The Trustees are otherwise unpaid.

ARTTA acts as a link between funders, project sponsors and leaders of particular projects as well as raises money for The Monumentum Association and The Villa Abbatis Cultural Association to continue with their many conservation projects in Romania, and also oversees these projects.

In this way ARTTA has helped to initiate hundreds of projects all over Romania.

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Achievement and Performance

Of particular note, we have continued to support Monumentum in their "Ambulance for Historic Buildings" project which acts as a way for volunteers and architectural students from all over Romania and abroad to help protect and repair high profile cultural monuments. The Project won The Europa Nostra Public Choice Prize in 2020, and has gone from strength to strength since then.

In general the Trust is pleased to report that its aim of fostering local support for the preservation and restoration of the distinctive traditional architecture of Romania is increasingly successful. The Trust's financial role has developed into funding guidance and promotion with less spent on specific projects although the Ambulance intervention remains a crucial and visible part of the work done. The support received from the Trust's main sponsors, which is deeply appreciated, is accordingly targeted on these agreed aims.

Fund raising

The Trust's activities are financed by the grants and donations received from supporters. The Trustees are immensely grateful for the continuing support they have received in the year.

Financial position

The Receipts and Payments account attached shows the financial activity in the year. The Trust currently has no commitments which require the maintenance of significant reserves and the Trustees therefore merely have a policy of maintaining a buffer of cash in order to smooth the funding of work in Romania. The Association Monumentum and Villa Abbatis Cultural Association, which receive grants from other bodies in addition to the Trust, report regularly to the Trustees on activity and expenditure.

Location

The registered address of the Trust is Calverleigh Court, Tiverton, Devon EX16 8BB, United Kingdom. The Trust does not have an establishment in Romania. The Trust has a web-site: <http://www.artta.org.uk>

Other

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and believe this is achieved via the charity's objectives and activities.

Approved by the Trustees on October 2024

William Heathcoat Amory
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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 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 with those records. It also includes 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.

Mrs M Hutchings
Apsleys
Chartered Accountants

21 Bampton Street
Tiverton
EX16 6AA

Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Grants	-	47,417	47,417	40,171
Donations		10,550	10,550	-
Total receipts	-	57,967	57,967	40,171
Payments				
Grants made				
Monumentum Association, for Roades Kindergarten		7,597	7,597	-
Villa Abbatis Association - Biodiversity Work		-	-	5,002
Villa Abbatis Association - Donation - Roades Church Repairs	-	-	-	5,172
Ambulance for Monuments	-	-	-	-
William Blacker consultancy payments	-	45,832	45,832	30,000
Administration				
Accountancy		1,560	1,560	-
Total payments	-	54,989	54,989	40,174
Net of Receipts and Payments	-	2,978	2,978	(3)
Cash holdings last year end	-	2,513	2,513	2,516
Cash holdings this year end	-	5,491	5,491	2,513

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR

Assets	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash Funds	-	5,491	5,491	2,516
Trust Funds	-	5,491	5,491	2,516
Liabilities				
Consultancy - William Blacker		-	-	2,500
Independent examination	-	780	780	780
	-	780	780	3,280

The Trust held no other assets and had no other liabilities at the end of the year or the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on October 2024 and signed by two Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

William Heathcoat Amory
Trustee

Thierry Kelaart
Trustee