

**Association for Central Asian Civilizations & Silk Road
Studies**

Report and financial statements

For the year ended

30 November 2024

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024.

The trustees confirm that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The aim of ACANSRS.org is to advance education for the benefit of the general public, in particular (but not limited to) the promotion of multidisciplinary research on Central Asia from antiquity to modern times through events, publications, film-making, and educational trips to the region; and the furtherance of the charitable work of the Charity by advancement of such other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall from time to time decide.

Achievement and performance

During the fiscal year ending 30th Nov 2024, we continued to work on our publications as well as planning for a SOAS concert for Turkish and Central Asian music in fall, 2025. We made some progress on the publications but we expect it would take several years, as our first volume took three full years to complete. The volumes we are working simultaneously are:

1) *The Silk Road: Interwoven History, vol. 3 Islam in Central Asia:*

We are still working on invitations of the potential contributors: Andreas Kaplony (Conversion to Islam), Florian Schwarz (Central Asia History, Sufism, Islam), Alireza Karimi (Angel/Timurid and Safavid periods), Elena Paskaleva (Mosque in Samarqand), Owen Cornwall (Alexander the Great in Islam), Hassan Bastani Rad (Paintings in the Ilkhanate Era): we are communicating with the above scholars individually to prepare the manuscripts/chapters for our next volume on Islam in Central Asia.

2) *The Silk Road: Interwoven History, vol 4 Central Asian Languages and Literature*

Prof. Sims-Williams (SOAS University of London) agreed on his future contribution on Bactrian language and literature. He also advised us the structure of the content of chapters. We would like to include chapters on Khotanese, Old Iranian, Persian languages, Cultural History of Aramaic, scripts in Central Asia, Altaic languages, and Indo-Iranian languages.

3) *Mongolian shamanism in the Post-Soviet era* by Eva Fridman

The book manuscripts were written by late Eva Fridman, who was a scholar of Mongolian shamanism and travelled Mongolia extensively before she passed away three years ago. we believe this publication fills an important role, as a historical archive of Mongolian shamanism.

4) Planning for the SOAS Silk Road Music Concert in the fall, 2025:

Contemporary Approaches to Maqam Music at the Edges of the Silk Road: This is a new creative project based on two musical traditions: the Uyghur Twelve Muqam and Anatolian Makam. These traditions, situated at the edges of the Silk Road geography, are interrelated in terms of socio-cultural history and musical elements. Two outstanding musicians, Ozan Baysal and Shohret Nur, are currently based at SOAS University of London. This creative project will take place within the framework of the Maqam beyond Nation research project currently underway at SOAS, led by Rachel Harris with ACANRS sponsorship.

Financial review

The charity had an income for the year of £57,782 (2023: £54,454) which was unrestricted. After resources expended of £55,823 (2023: £54,772) there was a net surplus of £1,959 (2023: deficit of

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£318). All funds held at the year-end were unrestricted. The trustees aim to sustain the level of reserves in line with its policy stated below.

Reserve policy

The trustees understand that the charity requires to maintain the sufficient level of reserves to meet its current obligations. This policy is reviewed regularly by the trustees.

Structure, governance and management

Association for Central Asian Civilization & Silk Road Studies is a charity constituted as a company limited by guarantee and therefore governed by a Memorandum and Article of Association and also registered with charity commission on 7th August 2015. Trustees are appointed from an appropriate range of contexts with the necessary skills and experience to advice on the delivery of the charity's objectives. Decisions to award grants are taken by the trustees.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.



Mariko Walter
Trustee

09/08/2025

Independent Examiner's report
To the members of Association for Central Asian Civilizations & Silk Road Studies
For the year ended 30 November 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 November 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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.

Anthony Epton

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11 August 2025

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Statement of financial activities
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 30 November 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income from:				
Charitable activities:				
Donated goods and items	3	<u>57,782</u>	<u>57,782</u>	54,454
Total income		<u>57,782</u>	<u>57,782</u>	54,454
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities:				
Publication and education	4	<u>55,823</u>	<u>55,823</u>	54,772
Total expenditure		<u>55,823</u>	<u>55,823</u>	54,772
Net (expenditure) / income for the year	5	1,959	1,959	(318)
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		1,959	1,959	(318)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		<u>(45,814)</u>	<u>(45,814)</u>	(45,496)
Total funds carried forward		<u>(43,855)</u>	<u>(43,855)</u>	<u>(45,814)</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

As at 30 November 2024

		2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	8		154		2,705
Current assets:					
Debtors	9	9,176		6,600	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>8,919</u>		<u>7,446</u>	
		18,095		14,046	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>62,104</u>		<u>62,565</u>	
Net current liabilities			(44,009)		(48,519)
Total assets less current liabilities			(43,855)		(45,814)
Total net liabilities			(43,855)		(45,814)
Funds	12				
General funds		<u>(43,855)</u>		<u>(45,814)</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			(43,855)		(45,814)
Total funds			(43,855)		(45,814)

The Charity's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The Trustees consider that the Charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provision of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006("the Act") and members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the act. The Trustee acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirement of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 09/08/2025.
and signed on their behalf by:



Dr Mariko Walter
Board of Trustees

Company registration no: 9299359

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1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity 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 policy or note.

b) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period. ACANSRS-USA has provided loan of £61,000 which will not be repaid in foreseeable future.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

e) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.

f) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity and its activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 4.

g) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25 % reducing balance
Leasehold property	10% per annum

h) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

i) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Donations	-	-	-
	-	-	-
3 Income from charitable activities			
	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Donated goods and items	57,782	57,782	54,454
	57,782	57,782	54,454
4 Analysis of charitable expenditure			
	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Purchases	12,541	12,541	16,683
<u>Support costs</u>			
Premise expenses	30,293	30,293	26,655
Repair and maintenance	6	6	50
Printing, postage & stationary	695	695	818
Legal and professional fees	792	792	456
Travelling	3,995	3,995	1,534
Meeting and events expenses	3,846	3,846	4,958
Amortisation	2,500	2,500	2,500
Depreciation	51	51	68
Independent examiner's fees	1,104	1,104	1,050
	55,823	55,823	54,772
5 Net income / (expenditure) for the year			
This is stated after charging / (crediting):		2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Amortisation		2,500	2,500
Depreciation		51	68
Independent examiner's fees- net of VAT		920	875

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6 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

There were no employees during the year.

The charity trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the Trust neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year. No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were Nil.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, Fitting & Equipments	Leasehold property £	Total £
Cost			
At the start of the year	1,149	25,000	26,149
Additions in year	-	-	-
At the end of the year	<u>1,149</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>26,149</u>
Depreciation			
At the start of the year	944	22,500	23,444
Charge for the year	51	2,500	2,551
At the end of the year	<u>995</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,995</u>
Net book value			
At the end of the year	<u>154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154</u>
At the start of the year	<u>205</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,705</u>

9. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>9,176</u>	<u>6,600</u>
	<u>9,176</u>	<u>6,600</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Loans	61,000	61,000
Other creditors	-	515
Accruals	<u>1,104</u>	<u>1,050</u>
	<u>62,104</u>	<u>62,565</u>

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	154	-		154
Net current assets	(44,009)	-	-	(44,009)
Net assets at the end of the year	(43,855)	-	-	(43,855)

12 Movements in funds

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	(45,814)	57,782	(55,823)	-	(43,855)
Total unrestricted funds	(45,814)	57,782	(55,823)	-	(43,855)

13 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the charity being wound up.

14 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2024.