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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024
FOR
ARCHIVES OF IT

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

AIT was established as a charity in 2015 and began work in 2016 to record the stories of pioneering information technologists and engineers and house them online as a free resource for all.

It has been our mission ever since to capture IT history that would otherwise be lost and preserve it for current and future use. In 2024 we conducted our 250th interview, which gives AIT an unrivalled database of personal insights from those involved, mostly British citizens, in the IT industry.

While doing this we demonstrate how IT, telecommunications and engineering has and continues to change the way we live and work. We also encourage study of the industry's history and provide educational resources for schools and inspire young people to consider a career in the industry.

One of the key components of the success of this mission over the years has been our long-serving director, Tom Abram, who stepped down from his role in May. Through his tireless work commissioning interviews, working with our education consultants, archivist and PR and communications manager as well as external organisations, AIT is in an extremely strong position going forward.

So, I would like to thank Tom for his passion and dedication and look forward to working with him as an AIT volunteer in the future.

As a result of this, we created a new role of Chief Executive Officer and I am very happy to welcome Tola Sargeant as AIT's CEO from 1 September 2024.

Tola has three decades of experience in tech, half of which has been as a tech analyst with TechMarketView, where she has been a director since 2009 and was most recently its Chief Executive and Managing Director.

She is no stranger to AIT, joining our charity as a trustee in March 2021, and has a deep knowledge of, and interest in, both the history of tech in the UK and its future. She is also a member of the Prince's Trust Technology Leadership Group, where she chaired the business development sub-group for the charity helping to secure much-needed funds.

AIT's activity over the past year

The past 12 months has been another progressive period for Archives of IT that has seen our work reach more audiences.

Our first Forum on the Histories of the Internet took place on 4 January 2024 with the support of the Worshipful Company of information Technologists. This was a coming together of information technologists and academics who shared their experiences working with the internet in its development, early years and more recently, both technically and academically. We transcribed the talks and they are available to view on the AIT website.

AIT also published the Human Computer Interaction report at the end of August 2023. From Punch Cards to Brain Computer Interfaces: 75 Years of Human Computer Interaction and its Impact on Society developed the story of HCI by leveraging AIT's unique knowledge base, utilising our archive of interviews and conducting six new interviews.

In November we published a feature on the Stories of the Internet from the pioneers who made it happen. This feature made use of our archived interviews and included for the first time the information that Vint Cerf imparted in his AIT Seminar in January 2022.

Also in November 2023, Sir Robin Saxby visited Little Thurrock primary school in Essex, where he gave an inspiring talk on his career as an engineer and CEO of Arm, one of the UK's great tech firms, to a Year 6 assembly and took part in an online lesson in front of 1,200 students. The visit, organised by our Education Consultant Ravi Chagger, followed a generous donation by Sir Robin to create new lesson plans to ensure that learning about technology is more engaging for primary school students.

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In January, through the work of our Archivist Stephanie Nield, AIT received a Scoping Grant from The National Archives to work with a consultant to look after the history of the Dennis Blackwell collection and make it available to interested researchers. AIT was given custodianship of this extensive, nationally important collection by his family last year. We had more good news from The National Archives in April when AIT's online resource was entered on to its Discovery database, an online catalogue which holds the records of more than 3,500 archives across the country, making it more visible to archive researchers. These projects have raised the profile of AIT and its credentials as a valuable and significant resource on the UK's IT industry.

The same month we published our feature From Bricks to Bendables: 40 Years of Mobile Phones, which again was an example of how we can delve into our archive and tell the story of significant technological developments with first-hand accounts.

Other features in 2024 have included May's How IT is benefitting society, where we used recent interviews to highlight current developments to improve our lives through the use of computer programming and the implementation of big data. And June's in-depth report on Iconic Companies: the highs and lows of the UK's ground-breaking computer industry, which followed a curated page on the website focused on companies such as LEO, ICL and Arm.

Future features will include Quantum Computing, Cybersecurity and What we can learn from IT Failures.

AIT Education

One of AIT's main objectives is to provide educational resources for schools and inspire youngsters to consider a career in the tech and digital industry.

Over the past year AIT's Education Lead, Katie Anderson, has produced 20 schools' resources for Key Stage 1 and 2, which brings the total since 2020 to 42. Our resources have also had more than a thousand downloads on the Times Educational Supplement Resources site from across the UK and as far afield as Canada, Australia the Middle East and South East Asia.

As mentioned, Sir Robin Saxby visited a school in November 2023 and followed this up in July with another visit where he was joined by Ama Frimpong, the Institute of Engineering and Technology's Young Woman of the Year 2022. These visits offer young students the chance to hear and engage with inspirational figures and we'll be working on more over the next year.

AIT also organised a Schools' Oral History Competition (our third schools' competition to date) as another way to encourage youngsters to experience tech through creative activities.

And we received this comment from a parent of one of the winners:

"My child is really happy to have won the Beverly Clarke books for their school, as they love tech and reading. They are autistic and have quite a lot of challenges, so this is a real boost for them. They also enjoyed doing their PowerPoint entry and finding out about older tech, a lot of which they had not heard of!"

As well as engaging with primary school pupils, AIT has also taken on university students for work experience over the past four years. In 2024 five students joined AIT for work experience from Swansea, Manchester and UCL universities as part of our ongoing programme to access and research the archive and create meaningful projects for undergraduates. They chose various topics to investigate using our archive, such as Women in the IT Industry and how management style has influenced the performance of UK IT companies, as well as analytical projects. We will publish these articles and findings later in the year.

Website and External Communications

Over the past year we have been working to make the Website more engaging and easier to navigate, this has resulted in the curation of a Teacher Tools page and an Iconic Companies page. One of the questions we have been asking over the past 18 months is how best we can manage and present our interviews, schools resources and features on the current website and whether we would benefit from a new website in the future. We will continue this discussion with our new CEO in the coming months and figure out how this might be funded.

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In the past year the AIT website has had 55,596 views, up from 27,861 the previous year according to Google Analytics.

We also continue to send out a monthly newsletter to our 540 subscribers with an average of 52% opens and 7% link clicks. In the past year we have made the newsletter brighter, conforming to the AIT green palette, and also on the advice of Chris Winter, Ambassador for the Digital Poverty Alliance and AIT blogger, we have white text on this green background with bright yellow links for contrast, which makes it easier for people to read.

Our team is also constantly monitoring our social media platforms and have over the past year been focusing more on LinkedIn as it's clearly the channel that gives us the best and most meaningful engagement and feedback from our posts. We have also begun a LinkedIn quarterly newsletter called AIT Bytes, which acts as a roundup of news with 156 subscribers from our 576 followers and has resulted in more than a thousand impressions for both issues so far.

Also on Social Media we have been running monthly themed campaigns such as the July theme of Career Advice and Insights from IT professionals interviewed by AIT, which was extremely popular on LinkedIn.

Our interviews and clips on YouTube are generating a healthy amount of impressions sometimes in their thousands such as professor Denis Noble's comments on AI and Ross Atkinson's interview following his death in March.

Away from social media we have also given a few talks to external organisations including my Barney Gibbens Memorial Lecture to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists in June, which tackled the root causes of a shortage of people entering the IT sector in the UK and referenced AIT's work with schools. And in May our PR and Communications Manager, Adrian Murphy gave a talk to the Financial Services Club entitled What use is technological history for future projections? He also gave a presentation to the BCS Fortran Specialist Group's AGM in London last September. We hope to arrange and take on more of these opportunities in the future.

AIT has also been featured articles in the Archives and Records magazine and British Society History of Science's Viewpoint magazine this year.

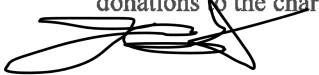
Outlook for the coming year

Moving onto the next year we will be concentrating on AIT's 2025 Forum on Norms for the Digital Age on to take place on 28 January. This is now taking shape with panels including: The evolution of Digital Norms; IT professionalism in the Digital Age; Journalism in the Digital Age: Changing Roles and Norms for Students in the Digital Age.

In September we will also begin a collaboration with Beverly Clarke MBE's charity Technology Books for Children, as a result of our schools' competition, where she will write blogs to be published on the website and set a reading challenge, among other activities, to inspire youngsters and instil the importance of reading. And we will pursue our relationship with Aston University to create bite-sized videos relating to topics covered in the archive.

We will of course endeavour to create more collaborations, reach out to more organisations and improve the way our information is produced, archived, presented and disseminated. I firmly believe that the next 12 months will be a transformative period for AIT as we consolidate what we have built over the past nine years and take the charity to increased levels of engagement with our current and new audiences.

Finally, I must express sincere thanks on behalf of the whole AIT team to Irene and Roger Graham whose generous donations to the charity are so vital.



J C Carrington, Chair of Trustees

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial report

Net income amounted to £122,430 (2023: £67,584) and outgoings amounted to £92,545 (2023: £98,952). The charity's funds have risen to £49,915 (2023: £20,030).

Full details of the financial position are shown in the accounts. The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfill any and all of its obligations.

Funds and reserves

At the end of the period the charity had unrestricted funds of £49,915. The trustees regularly review the available reserves, and the level takes into account expected monthly expenditure and existing commitments.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE005520 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1164198

Registered office

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Professor M Campbell-Kelly Trustee
J C Carrington Chair
P R R Chapman Trustee
Professor W Dutton Trustee
G M R Graham OBE Trustee
J P Leighfield CBE Trustee
Dr M Short

Tola Sargeant (resigned 31 July
2024)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 October 2024
and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J C Carrington', written in a cursive style.

J C Carrington - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ARCHIVES OF IT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Archives of IT ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 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.

Jeffrey Oliver



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Date: 3/10/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		118,625	67,574
Other trading activities	2	3,805	10
Total		<u>122,430</u>	<u>67,584</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		92,545	98,952
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		29,885	(31,368)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		20,030	51,398
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>49,915</u></u>	<u><u>20,030</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31ST JULY 2024

		2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		49,915	20,030
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>49,915</u>	<u>20,030</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		49,915	20,030
NET ASSETS		<u>49,915</u>	<u>20,030</u>
FUNDS	5		
Unrestricted funds		<u>49,915</u>	<u>20,030</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>49,915</u>	<u>20,030</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



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J C Carrington - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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 (FRS 102) (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.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives 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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	3,805	10

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2024 nor for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2024 nor for the year ended 31st July 2023.

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	67,574
Other trading activities	10
Total	<u>67,584</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	98,952
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	 <u>(31,368)</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	51,398
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	 <u><u>20,030</u></u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	20,030	29,885	49,915
 TOTAL FUNDS	 <u>20,030</u>	 <u>29,885</u>	 <u>49,915</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	122,430	(92,545)	29,885
 TOTAL FUNDS	 <u>122,430</u>	 <u>(92,545)</u>	 <u>29,885</u>

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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	51,398	(31,368)	20,030
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,398</u>	<u>(31,368)</u>	<u>20,030</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	67,584	(98,952)	(31,368)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,584</u>	<u>(98,952)</u>	<u>(31,368)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	51,398	(1,483)	49,915
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,398</u>	<u>(1,483)</u>	<u>49,915</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	190,014	(191,497)	(1,483)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>190,014</u>	<u>(191,497)</u>	<u>(1,483)</u>

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6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st July 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	109,750	66,270
Gift aid	8,875	1,254
Bank compensation	-	50
	118,625	67,574
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	3,805	10
Total incoming resources	122,430	67,584
 EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Grant	-	5,000
Travel and subsistence	-	296
Website development	2,658	14,114
Transcripts	4,107	7,230
Research & Education	14,875	13,319
Interviews	4,047	6,200
Video & social media	7,174	12,750
Professional fees	1,020	1,020
Events	2,735	-
	36,616	59,929
Other trading activities		
Administration & management	55,929	39,023
Total resources expended	92,545	98,952
Net income/(expenditure)	29,885	(31,368)

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