

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE005520 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1164198

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025**  
**FOR**  
**ARCHIVES OF IT**

Cook & Partners Limited  
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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025**

The year was both challenging and very fulfilling. Sadly, we lost our Executive Director, Dr Tom Abram, when he stepped down early in the year due to ill health. Tom died later in the year and will always be remembered for his dedication to the Archive. So much of the range of interviews and research material is down to Tom's efforts.

We were most fortunate to recruit Tola Sargeant as the first CEO of AIT after Tom stepped down. Tola had been a trustee since 2022 and applied to the open recruitment the trustees initiated.

Throughout the year we have continued to interview groundbreaking people from the IT sector, continued strong support for primary school teachers with material covering computing and stimulated broad debate on issues affecting the IT industry.

To give a flavour to the range of AIT's work:

- We published a feature on the history of the mobile phone, "From Bricks to Bendables: 40 years of Mobile Phones";
- Ran an Oral History Competition for schools;
- AIT's PR and Communications Manager, Adrian Murphy gave a talk for Z/Yen's Financial Services Club (FSC) which is a global executive knowledge network for technology and finance, entitled: 'What Use Is Technological History for Future Projections?'
- Three university students joined AIT for work experience;
- AIT published an in-depth report on the history of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI). From Punch Cards to Brain Computer Interfaces: 75 Years of Human Computer Interaction and its Impact on Society by Dr Elisabetta Mori;
- AIT facilitated Sir Robin Saxby, the first CEO of Arm, and Ama Frimpong, The Institute of Engineering and Technology's Young Woman in Engineering 2022, to visit Little Thurrock Primary School in Essex. They talked about STEM, career opportunities, finding your passion and engaging more females in the industry.
- Collaborated with Beverly Clarke MBE to promote tech to young people through a new charity she has launched called Technology Books for Children.
- Collaborated with Reading Museum and The National Museum of Computing to publish the personal stories of 21 former workers of the Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) within the Archive.
- Partnered with fellow charity Digit all to support the CODE (Champions of Digital Engineering) Awards for young digital leaders with the inaugural IT Pioneer Award.

One of the highlights of the year was a day-long Forum on the 'Norms for the Digital Age: From Students to States' which brought together a host of distinguished speakers to discuss how digital technologies, including generative AI, are affecting professionalism, journalism, education, international cyber security and more.

Patrick Chapman stepped down as a trustee during the year. I particularly grateful for Patrick's support during the process of finding and appointing our new CEO as well as sage advice during his time with the charity.

We welcomed two new Trustees during the year, Beverly Clarke MBE, and Tim Gregory. I have already mentioned the exciting collaboration AIT has had with Beverly's charity and we hope to do more in the primary school sector in future. Tim has been both generous with time and funds to enable AIT to begin to update our online portal - the gateway to the Archive.

Just as the year ended, we were all shocked by the sudden death of AIT's founder, Roger Graham OBE. Roger's enthusiasm and support for AIT over its 10-year life has been magnificent. Roger stepped down as Chair of Trustees in 2021 but remained a trustee until his death. He will be sorely missed.

In closing I must extend my sincere thanks to the AIT team, led by Tola Sargeant for their energy and enthusiasm which allows the charity to punch well above its weight.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025**

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 2025. 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 £142,191 (2024: £122,430) and outgoings amounted to £144,769 (2024: £92,545). The charity's funds have reduced to £47,337 (2024: £49,915). 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 £47,337. 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**

Manufactory House  
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**Trustees**

Professor M Campbell-Kelly Trustee  
J C Carrington Chair  
P R R Chapman Trustee (resigned 10.3.25)  
Professor W Dutton Trustee  
G M R Graham OBE Trustee (deceased 8.8.25)  
J P Leighfield CBE Trustee  
Dr M Short CBE Trustee  
T Gregory Trustee (appointed 17.1.25)  
Ms B C Clarke MBE Trustee (appointed 11.10.24)

**Independent Examiner**

Cook & Partners Limited  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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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 2025.

**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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17th October 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025**

|                                        | Notes | 2025<br>Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>      |       |                                    |                             |
| Donations and legacies                 |       | 141,156                            | 118,625                     |
| Other trading activities               | 2     | 1,035                              | 3,805                       |
| <b>Total</b>                           |       | <u>142,191</u>                     | <u>122,430</u>              |
| <br><b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |       |                                    |                             |
| Raising funds                          |       | 144,768                            | 92,545                      |
| <br><b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>    |       | <u>(2,577)</u>                     | <u>29,885</u>               |
| <br><b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                                    |                             |
| Total funds brought forward            |       | 49,915                             | 20,030                      |
| <br><b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | <u><u>47,338</u></u>               | <u><u>49,915</u></u>        |

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31ST JULY 2025**

|                                              | Notes | 2025<br>Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                                    |                             |
| Cash at bank                                 |       | 47,338                             | 49,915                      |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       | <u>47,338</u>                      | <u>49,915</u>               |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       | 47,338                             | 49,915                      |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       | <u>47,338</u>                      | <u>49,915</u>               |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 | 5     |                                    |                             |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       | <u>47,338</u>                      | <u>49,915</u>               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                           |       | <u>47,338</u>                      | <u>49,915</u>               |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2025 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 17th October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

J C Carrington - Trustee



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

#### 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

|                    | 2025  | 2024  |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
|                    | £     | £     |
| Fundraising events | 1,035 | 3,805 |

#### 3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2025 nor for the year ended 31st July 2024.

##### **Trustees' expenses**

Trustee expenses were incurred in the year totalling £176 (2024: £nil).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                        | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>      |                            |
| Donations and legacies                 | 118,625                    |
| Other trading activities               | 3,805                      |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <u>122,430</u>             |
| <br><b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |                            |
| Raising funds                          | 92,545                     |
| <br><b>NET INCOME</b>                  | <br>29,885                 |
| <br><b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                            |
| Total funds brought forward            | 20,030                     |
| <br><b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <br><u><u>49,915</u></u>   |

**5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

|                           | At 1.8.24<br>£           | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.7.25<br>£       |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                          |                                  |                          |
| Unrestricted fund         | 49,915                   | (2,577)                          | 47,338                   |
| <br><b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>    | <br><u><u>49,915</u></u> | <br><u><u>(2,577)</u></u>        | <br><u><u>47,338</u></u> |

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

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£  | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                             |                           |
| Unrestricted fund         | 142,191                    | (144,768)                   | (2,577)                   |
| <br><b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>    | <br><u><u>142,191</u></u>  | <br><u><u>(144,768)</u></u> | <br><u><u>(2,577)</u></u> |

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**5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

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

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

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

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

|                           | At 1.8.23<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.7.25<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                    |
| Unrestricted fund         | 20,030         | 27,308                           | 47,338             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>20,030</u>  | <u>27,308</u>                    | <u>47,338</u>      |

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

|                           | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| Unrestricted fund         | 264,621                    | (237,313)                  | 27,308                    |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>264,621</u>             | <u>(237,313)</u>           | <u>27,308</u>             |

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**6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st July 2025.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025**

|                                       | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£     |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>          |                |               |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>         |                |               |
| Donations                             | 131,156        | 109,750       |
| Gift aid                              | <u>10,000</u>  | <u>8,875</u>  |
|                                       | 141,156        | 118,625       |
| <b>Other trading activities</b>       |                |               |
| Fundraising events                    | <u>1,035</u>   | <u>3,805</u>  |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>       | 142,191        | 122,430       |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                    |                |               |
| <b>Raising donations and legacies</b> |                |               |
| Archives                              | 20,098         | -             |
| Fundraising                           | 7,400          | -             |
| Website development                   | 2,498          | 2,658         |
| Transcripts                           | 240            | 4,107         |
| Research & Education                  | 14,011         | 14,875        |
| Interviews                            | -              | 4,047         |
| Content & Marketing                   | 37,857         | 7,174         |
| Professional fees                     | 7,356          | 1,020         |
| Events                                | 805            | 2,735         |
|                                       | <u>90,265</u>  | <u>36,616</u> |
| <b>Other trading activities</b>       |                |               |
| Administration & management           | <u>54,503</u>  | <u>55,929</u> |
| <b>Total resources expended</b>       | 144,768        | 92,545        |
| <b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>       | <u>(2,577)</u> | <u>29,885</u> |

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements