



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Jan 2025
To 31 Dec 2025

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Conquest Art CIO

Charity registration number: 1171582

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity aims to assist and encourage people with a wide range of health problems and disabilities to overcome adversity through engaging in artistic activities by using their imaginations creatively at their own pace.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide groups in various UK locations where members can gather together to produce art in relaxed and friendly surroundings. The groups build members' self-confidence and stimulate their creativity. They are also able to make friends with those with similar interests within the group.• To organise annual exhibitions where members can show and, if possible, sell their work.• To produce magazines and newsletters at regular intervals which showcase members' work and give information about the activities of the various groups.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	An investment policy, effective from 17th January 2023, covers legal requirements, Including an annual review.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Conquest Art is very reliant on its volunteers i.e. Trustees, Group Leaders and helpers. The Charity Manager is the only paid member of staff.
Other		—

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>By the end of 2025 14 groups were open throughout the UK. A new one is in the process of being set up in Oxshott, subject to finding leader. The demand is there as those attending the groups are very enthusiastic about the benefits they had gained.</p> <p>A number of newsletters and magazines were produced throughout the year. These were circulated, by email and, in hard copy (as appropriate), to volunteers, members of groups and other people connected with Conquest Art ("CA").</p> <p>During the year the Charity Manager organised a number of very successful Zoom meetings where group leaders could discuss various issues with her and with each other. Each group was visited at least once in the year.</p> <p>The Trustees continued to have regular meetings bi-monthly meetings. Some were on Zoom to but since September, they have met in person which it was agreed was a much better way of discussing issues related to the running of the charity.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	In a period of sharply increased costs, especially in rents, the objective of maintaining support of 14 Groups within the charity's limited means was
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		achieved. The deficit was higher than budgeted (£12.9k as compared with £8k) but this was covered by reserves which contain legacies specifically for this purpose.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising was below the budgeted target of £20k by £3k (15%) due to the caution many Trusts and Foundations are taking and as a result being more restrictive in the charities being supported. However, £4.5k was received through donations.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Investments in M&G Charifund and with Hampshire Trust Bank delivered an income yield of almost 9% with flexibility of access to funds if necessary.
Other		None

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	2025 has been considered a successful year with a small deficit of just under £13k achieved on total assets of £86.2k
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves equivalent to nine months expenditure (minimum £30k) maintained to meet unexpected circumstances.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves of £44k of total year end fund balance of £86.2k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Annual grant from Ursula Hulme's 1998 Charitable Trust. This is currently £15k per year but with the stock market doing well there is option for a larger grant in the future. Fundraising from other trusts and companies.
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Trustees complete an annual risk assessment. The main risks are loss of income and of rented premises, together with a change of staff and retirement of volunteers Several of the Trustees will reach the end of their term at the end of February 26 and to date, there will only be 5 Trustees. Work is underway to recruit more Trustees.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 10th February 2017 when the charity was set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Members agreed to accept constitution and transfer assets from Conquest Art to Conquest Art CIO at an SGM on 30th March 2017. Transfer deed dated 30 June 2017.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Nomination by a Trustee, visits to groups, attendance as an invited guest at Trustee meetings, checks of eligibility, references and potential conflicts of interest before agreement of appointment by all Trustees. During 2025, it was agreed that apart from the two key roles, Chairman and Treasurer, Trustees agreed new members are not required to cover specific roles. However, having a group leader on the board has been very useful.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New Trustees are encouraged to learn from Charity Commission circulars including 'The Essential Trustee', documents on Conquest Art policies and procedures, minutes of meetings and accounts. Guidance from the Charity Governance code (Created by Cranfield University) provides a very useful checklist for discussion
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Conquest Art has one part-time employee, the Charity Manager and Secretary. This person is responsible for all routine administrative tasks, general support and visits to groups.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		—

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Conquest Art CIO
Other name the charity uses	Conquest Art
Registered charity number	1171582
Charity's principal address	Room 2, SMC Centre, Stoneleigh Crescent, Stoneleigh, Epsom KT19 0RT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Gumbel	Chairman		
2	Jennifer Farthing	Treasurer		
3	Anne Bland-Botham	Vice-President		
4	Robert Jones			
5	Brian Tanner			
6	Charlotte Atkinson			
7	Christine Loizou			
8	Nicholas Baker		Appointed 16 th July 2025	
9	Susan O'Regan		Appointed 16 th September 2025	

10	Judy Sarssam		Appointed 18 th November 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal	Helen Harvie	1, Oak Place,
	(H3 Solicitors)	Rosier Business Park,
		Coneyhurst Road,
		Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DE
Examiner	Andy Moore	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure


Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Jennifer Ann Farthing
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer
Date	04/03/2026



Conquest Art CIO				
1171582				
Receipts and payments accounts				CC16a
For the period from	01/01/25	To	31/12/25	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,270	2,250		4,520	4,531
Grants - U Hulme CT	15,000			15,000	9,300
Membership - Full	2,842			2,842	2,309
" - Friends	75			75	150
Picture, Calendar and Card Sales	81			81	2,705
Other Receipts	3,030			3,030	5,394
Trojan Ethical Fund Closure	0			0	3,063
Investment Dividend and Interest	4,619			4,619	2,476
Fundraising	17,520			17,520	23,570
Charitable activities – groups	3,373			3,373	
Total receipts	48,809	2,250	0	51,059	53,498

A3 Payments					
Staff Salary	26,311			26,311	23,533
Staff Travel	1,025			1,025	50
Office Expenses	1,432			1,432	1,486
Rent paid - Head Office	3,328			3,328	2,700
Insurance	653			653	625
Groups Support:-				0	
- Art Materials	241	2,210		2,451	228
- Rents - Groups	15,519			15,519	11,614
- Publicity and Development	1,630			1,630	3,639
Exhibitions	0			0	1,828
Magazine/Newsletter	651			651	1,248
Bank Charges	62			62	79
Other Expenses	240	623		863	244
Transfer to Groups	849			849	394
Fundraising	7,800			7,800	7,800
Charitable activities – groups	1,387			1,387	
				0	
Total payments	61,129	2,833	0	63,962	55,468

Net of receipts/(payments)	-12,320	-583	0	-12,903	-1,970
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,539	4,573	0	59,112	61,082
Cash funds this year end	42,220	3,990	0	46,210	59,112

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Current	1,281	400	0
	Savings	35,785	3,590	0
	Group current accounts	2,776	0	0
	Group cash accounts	2,378	0	0
	Total cash funds	42,220	3,990	0
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	M&G	40,000	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			0	0
			0	0
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			0	
			0	
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Signature

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Jenny Farthing	07/03/2026
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Notes

CIO Guarantees and Secured Debts
 The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Related party transactions
 There were no transactions between the charity and its trustees or other connected persons.

Trustee expenses
 No remuneration was paid to the trustees, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them during the year to 31/12/25 (2024: NIL).

M&G Charifund
 The total value of the investment in the Charifund Account with M&G as at 31st December 2025 was £49,395; the unrealised gain of £9,395 is not reflected in these Accounts.

Accounts
 The accounts include receipts (A1) and payments (A3) by way of both bank and cash undertaken directly by Groups and closing balances held at the groups are shown in cash funds held (B1).

Restricted funds
 Proven family trust is subject to a geographical use restriction.
 The pooled group funds relate to historical funds restricted to various groups help by Conquest HQ.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Conquest Art CIO

**On accounts for the
period**

1/1/25 to 31/12/25

**Charity no
(if any)**

1171582

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period 1/1/25 to 31/12/25

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I confirm that I have the requisite skills and experience to conduct the Independent Examination for this charity to the standards required as set out in Appendix 5 of CC32. Although retired from practice as an accountant and as a member of a listed professional accountancy body, I continue to conduct a number of examinations on a voluntary basis every year. I also confirm that I am independent of the charity as set out in Direction 2 of CC32.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

11/3/26

Name:

Andy Moore

Address:

Blaenpentre, Swyddffynnon, Ystrad Meurig, SY25 6AW