

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31.3.2025

The Arts Society Sidmouth (TASS) CIO

Trustees' Report for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

References and Administrative Information:

Trustees during the year:

President	Sheila Hughes	
Chair of Trustees	Graham Gill	Resigned August 2024
Deputy Chair	Philip Hughes	Resigned August 2024
	Barbara Murphy	Resigned August 2024
Chair of Trustees	Richard Barrett.	
Deputy Chair	Muff Dudgeon	
Annette Cross		
Steve Powley	TBR at AGM	
Catherine Bech	TBR at AGM	
Christina Richards	TBR at AGM	

Committee during the year:

Chairman	Richard Barrett	
Vice Chair	Muff Dudgeon	
Secretary	Annette Cross	
Programme Sec.	Anthea Cridlan	
Membership Sec.	Kim Wells	
Study Days	Catherine Bech	
Publicity	David Smith	
Social Secretary	Jan Sokell	
IT/Strategy	Steve Powley	TBR at AGM
Welfare	Eleanor Selley	TBR at AGM
Outreach	Jill Medcalf	TBR at AGM
Visits Secretary	Barbara Murphy	TBR at AGM

After seven years of dedicated and loyal service, Annette will be standing down from the committee. We are extremely grateful for that service and wish her well in her 'retirement'. As yet, we have been unable to recruit a replacement secretary.

Principal Officer: Richard Barrett
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Charity No. 1178103

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CAF Bank Ltd. 25 Kings Hill Av, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

The Trustees present their CIO annual report and financial statements for the year ended March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comply with the CIO's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Structure, governance and management

The CIO is a registered charity, number 1178703, and operates under the constitution adopted by the members of the Arts Society Sidmouth on 7th February 2018

New Trustees are appointed by the exiting trustees and serve for up to three years - each year one third of the trustees stand down, and they then put themselves forward for a second term. The Constitution provides for between 5 and 12 trustees. The trustees meet two or three times each year, to agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the CIO. This includes the functions of grant application assessment and award, investment, maintaining reserves, risk management policies, GDPR and Safeguarding.

The day-to-day administration of the CIO programme is delegated to a committee whose composition and modus operandi is described in Appendix A to the Constitution. The committee, a dedicated team of volunteers has met regularly to co-ordinate another excellent programme of lectures and Special Interest days structured by Anthea Cridlan and Catherine Bech.

Visits to arts-related sites are being organised by a subgroup of the committee to start in June.

All trustees and committee members give their time freely: no trustee remuneration or expenses were paid during the year. Remuneration has been paid to Mike MacCoy who, although not on the committee, has acted admirably as bookkeeper throughout the year and who reports to the committee.

Sam Blackford, of On Target Accounting, has been appointed to carry out an independent examination as required by our constitution.

Objectives and Activities

TASS promotes the arts, in the broadest sense to the membership and to the wider community. Annually nine lectures and three special interest days are organised to which visitors and guests are also welcome. All the lectures are of very high quality as is clear from the members' feedback. In the Autumn, arts society visits will restart after an absence of several years, thanks to the hard work of Barbara Murphy and Howard Slack.

Grant making policy

Supporting arts projects in the community is a constitutional obligation the committee is keen to fulfil. A grant has been sought from WBW Solicitors' trustees to support a project in Sidbury primary school. Although details are to be finalised the display will be overseen by a local artist working with the pupils. Jill Medcalfe supported by Steve Powley have driven this exciting venture in cooperation with the staff and governors of the school.

The committee has agreed an award of £1000 to the Confluence Project organised by SASS.

Funding has been secured for a new projector for the Manor Pavillion

Financial review

Membership numbers: currently 245. Lectures regularly attract approximately 20 visitors and guests.

The lecture and special interest day programme for 2025/2026 has been established. Regrettably costs have increased for lecturers' fees and travel allowances. As a consequence, the annual subscription will increase to £56 which the committee considers excellent value. Guests and visitors are charged £10 per lecture.

Reimbursement of tax under the Gift Aid scheme is obtained annually and the appropriate declarations are held for each taxpayer. The amount for 2024/2025 was £1600.50.

TASS continues its policy of maintaining reserves of between 3 and 9 months of annual expenditure.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the relevant Charity Commission guidance and consider the activities outlined in this report meet the Public Benefit requirement for charities.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on an ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in business.

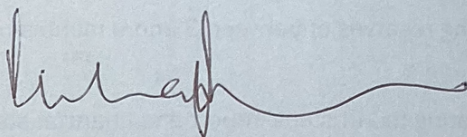
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) 2008.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Signature and declaration

I declare in my capacity as chairman of the charity trustees that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

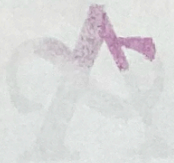
Signature:



Full name: Richard Barrett

Position: Chairman

Date: 4th June 2025



Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of
The Arts Society Sidmouth Charitable Incorporated Organisation
('the CIO')

I report on the accounts of the CIO (charity no 1178103) for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 1-9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carry out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

NAME: Sam Blackford FCA
OF: On Target Accounting Ltd

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Devon, EX11 1JJ

SIGNED

DATE: 2 May 2025

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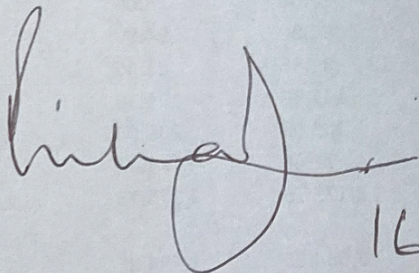
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted		
EXPENDITURE	Reserves	Total	Total
	31.03.2025	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
On charitable activities			
<i>Decorative & Fine Arts & Aesthetic Education</i>			
Lecturer's Fees	3,492.00	3,492.00	3,450
Lecturer's Expenses	901.38	901.38	999
Hire of Lecture Rooms	1,498.56	1,498.56	1,395
Affiliation Fees now 'Recharge of Services'	3,420.00	3,420.00	3,962
Grants			
Art & Technology Lecture	0.00	0.00	224
Audio Visual Costs	1,185.00	1,185.00	1,696
Post Lecture Lunches & Discussion	687.90	687.90	1,141
Web Site (now below in Membership Communications)		0.00	90
Total	11,184.84	11,184.84	12,956
<i>Preservation of Artistic Heritage</i>			
Grants -Sidmouth Coastal Walkway	0.00	0.00	600
Total	0.00	0.00	600
<i>School and University Arts Education</i>			
Grants	0.00	0.00	-
Total	0.00	0.00	-
Total Expenditure on charitable activities	11,184.84	11,184.84	13,556
Other expenditure			
Committee & Governance	394.07	394.07	464
Book Keeping	240.00	240.00	
Committee Lunch expenditure*	12.00	12.00	773
Independent Examiner's Fees	28.00	28.00	420
Equipment Expenditure	94.80	94.80	
Office & Running Expenses	81.45	81.45	23
Insurance	191.36	191.36	184
Catering and coffee Costs	209.08	209.08	177
Bank Charges	71.48	71.48	97
Christmas Lunch Expenditure	2,175.75	2,175.75	2,300
Educational Trips Expenditure			156
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Membership Services -Communications & Web	461.65	461.65	114
Membership Services-AGM & Events	220.00	220.00	108
Total Other expenditure	5,863.89	5,863.89	7,861
Expenditure Grand totals	17,048.73	17,048.73	21,417

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Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,600.50	1,600.50	1,267
Visitors Donations	886.49	886.49	496
Donations and subscriptions total	13,765.99	13,765.99	11,101
Investments			
Interest Income	664.72	664.72	609
Investments Totals	664.72	664.72	609
Other income			
Coffee Donations	212.71	212.71	293
Educational Study Days*	2,188.00	2,188.00	3,289
Christmas Lunch *	2,176.00	2,176.00	2,259
Committee Lunch *	-	-	416
Educational Trips	-	-	156
Sundries -Income	-	-	5
Other income Totals	4,576.71	4,576.71	6,418
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 16 June 2025



THE ARTS SOCIETY SIDMOUTH

Registered CIO Charity 1178103

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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NET OF RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	1,958.69	1,958.69	(3,289)
Balance as at 1 April 2024	17,601.14	17,601.14	20,891
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025	19,559.83	19,559.83	17,601

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

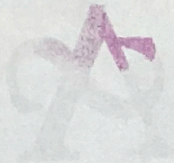
	As at	As At
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CURRENT ASSETS		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	11,381.32	10,844
Cash in Hand	181.31	106
Loan to the Patricia Fay Memorial Fund	3,000.00	5,000
CAF Cash Extra Account	1,409.31	631
CAF Gold Account	3,587.89	1,021
Total Current Assets	19,559.83	17,601
LIABILITIES		
Net Asset Surplus (Deficit)	19,559.83	17,601
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS		
Unrestricted General	16,559.83	12,601
Unrestricted - Designated (Patricia Fay Memorial Fund)	3,000.00	5,000
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Approved by the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Date

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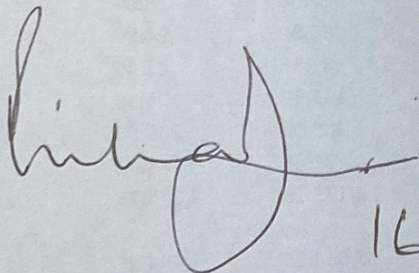
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