

# MUHYIDDIN IBN ARABI SOCIETY CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1179324

## Details

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Other names	IBN ARABI SOCIETY, IBN ARABI SOCIETY, OXFORD, MIAS UK, MUHYIDDIN IBN 'ARABI SOCIETY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-07-25
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROMOTING, SUSTAINING AND INCREASING INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORKS AND IDEALS OF MUHYIDDIN IBN ARABI (1165-1240 CE) AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PERPETUATED THEM BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT BUT INCLUDING STUDY, RESEARCH AND THE DISSEMINATION OF THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, TRANSLATION, AND COMMUNICATION OF HIS WRITTEN WORKS.

**Activities:** Make the work of Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi widely available. Present educational events, symposia, public lectures and seminars. Publish a Journal . Maintain & update a library. Collect, preserve and make available a manuscript archive. Facilitate the scholarly study and translations of these works. Give grants to facilitate these activities. Run & subsidise educational courses for the general public.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£50,460	£37,878	-	-
2023-12-31	£22,556	£33,607	-	-
2022-12-31	£133,119	£24,981	-	-
2021-12-31	£45,765	£22,969	-	-
2020-12-31	£42,900	£26,333	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aishah Safdar		2022-11-09
David Julian Hornsby		2022-01-08
Dr Anne-Marie Morrissey		2022-01-13
Dr Katherine Randall		2022-01-08
Frank Youakim		2021-04-14
Martha Elizabeth Cass		2018-07-25
RICHARD WILLIAM TWINCH MA CANTAB		2018-07-25

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From:** 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024- period start date  
**To:** 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 - period end date  
**Charity name:** Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

**Charity registration number:** 1179324

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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	The Digital Archive saw significant investment in time and resources to establish a multi-user database of Ibn Arabi's manuscripts. The Society published 2 volumes of its Journal. The Society organised a series of 6 online seminars and book launches. The Education Programme organised 2 10-week online courses and 2 weekends of intensive online study. It also hosted an in-person seminar in London, UK and a 5-day Summer School in Spain. The Society organised in-person symposia in Cambridge, UK and in Murcia, Spain. The MIAS Library Collection saw the addition of important scholarly editions.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Society has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, specifically that concerning the advancement of education.

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Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

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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><b>The Society's library</b> The library which is held at the Woolf Institute, Cambridge continued to be widely used by scholars and students of Ibn Arabi. Newly published volumes were added.</p> <p><b>Education Programme</b> The Education Team's online programme was well attended by those new to Ibn Arabi and those wishing to deepen their study. The intensive weekend courses, designed to introduce Ibn Arabi to newcomers, attracted many students who then continued to develop their study by joining the 10-week courses. Cognisant of the need for in-person events to foster learning, the Team organised 2 face-to-face events: a 1-day seminar in London and a 5-day summer school in Spain. The latter featured workshops, study groups and opportunities for creative engagement in the places where Ibn Arabi lived and travelled. The <i>Creative Encounters with Ibn Arabi</i> blog continued to publish a wide selection of creative work made by students participating in the Education Programme.</p> <p><b>Online seminars</b> The Society's online seminar programme continued to welcome international scholars to share their research into Ibn Arabi and encourage audiences to engage during question-and-answer sessions. Events such as these support research which, in turn, informs and enlarges the community of those interested in Ibn Arabi's teaching.</p> <p><b>Symposia</b> The Society ran a 1-day symposium in Cambridge, featuring speakers from Italy and the UK. It was an opportunity for attendees to</p>

		<p>meet with the speakers to discuss Ibn Arabi and his legacy in today's world.</p> <p>A 2-day symposium was run in Murcia, Spain - Ibn Arabi's birthplace. The event featured talks and workshops focussing on music, poetry and art. Attendees were encouraged to write and create artworks of their own.</p> <p><b>Digital Archive</b> Work continued to create a multi-user database from the Society's unique and unparalleled collection of attributed manuscripts. This will provide researchers, from around the world, with authenticated manuscripts from which to produce critical editions.</p> <p><b>Grants</b> The Society continued to support the translation of <i>Al-Futuh al-Makkiyah</i>, (The Openings Revealed in Makkah). This is the first time an English translation and commentary has been made of all 37 volumes of Ibn Arabi's <i>magnum opus</i>. The importance of translating the whole work into English, for future scholarship and learning, cannot be over-estimated.</p> <p><b>Social Media</b> The MIAS YouTube channel (7,331 subscribers) continued to publish videos of the online seminars, enabling a wider audience to access the talks and study at their leisure. MIAS Facebook Group (18,075 followers) remains a focal point for discussion and information about Ibn Arabi.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Society's financial position was sound at the end of 2024. It had nearly £49,000 of Unrestricted funds, which may be applied to any purpose of the Society, and over £286,000 of Restricted funds, which represent money which has been donated to the Society for a specific purpose, and may only be used for that purpose. The Society had no financial debt, and limited forward commitments.</p> <p>A large proportion of the Society's Restricted funds was received in a single donation, and by the end of 2024 it had been transferred to a separate deposit account, paying higher interest. The interest appears in the Receipts column of these accounts. In 2025 the capital has been put in the care of an investment manager, making payments to the Society.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are that part of the Society's unrestricted funds that are set aside to spend on unforeseen and exceptional circumstances, providing they fall within the Society's charitable purposes. The Society's Reserves Policy was last reviewed in June 2025.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Society holds £25,000 in cash as a reserve fund (out of the £155,682 cash in Restricted Funds).
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Neither in 2024 (nor to date in 2025) is any of the Society's funds materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Neither was there in 2024 (nor to date in 2025) any obvious threat to the Society continuing as a going concern.

### 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	<p>The charity's principal sources of funding for its activities are annual Membership subscriptions and general Donations. The Journal has important income arising from annual subscriptions purchased by universities, receipts from resale of past issues, and contributions to pre-print costs by the Society in the USA. Courses run by MIAS Education have income from course fees which cover the majority of tuition costs. Since it became a Charity, the Society has benefitted from generous donations to its Restricted funds, and did so again in 2024. Money from the Restricted funds is most often used for special projects, though in 2024 it helped the Society meet rising pre-print costs of the Journal, the increase being a result of fewer services being provided by volunteers. The Society does not engage in substantial fundraising.</p>

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>The Trustees are committed to an ethical investment strategy. To this end, they recognise the requirement to take into account all relevant financially material considerations for the charity assets and requires the Investment Manager to implement and explain how this is carried out.</p> <p>The investment Manager (Castlefield) employs its proprietary responsible investment process in order to meet this obligation. This process considers environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors alongside traditional business and financial metrics when making investment decisions.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Lack of people with time, skills and experience to take over financial positions within the CIO. This has been addressed in 2025 with some progress made.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation formed on 25 July 2018
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	Election of trustees is by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, as detailed in the Society's Constitution, clauses: 9; 10; 12 and 13.

### 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	The following policies, which comply with Gov.UK guidance for charities, have been written and ratified by the Board: Finance, Complaints, Conflict of Interest, Gifts and Grants, Investments, Reserves, Risk Management, Privacy (data protection), Safeguarding, Social-Media and Volunteers.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO</b>
Other name the charity uses	MIAS
Registered charity number	<b>1179324</b>
Charity's principal address	MHA 4 Foundation Park Roxborough Way MAIDENHEAD Berkshire SL6 3UD

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	L D Barratt		Appointed July 2018	
2	M E Cass		Appointed July 2018	
3	David Hornsby		Appointed January 2022	
4	Anne-Marie Morrisey		Appointed January 2022	
5	Katherine Randall		Appointed January 2022	
6	Aishah Safdar		Appointed November 2022	
7	C Twinch		Retired July 2024	
8	R W Twinch		Appointed July 2018	
9	F Youakim		Appointed April 2021	
10	Omar Zein		Appointed November 2022	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	<b>Signature(s)</b>		
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	Richard Twinch	
	<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee Treasurer	
	<b>Date</b>	26/10/2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO**

No (if any)  
1179324

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/24	To	Period end date 31/12/24
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Books	2 114	-	-	2 114	2 692
Donations	4 539	11 000	-	15 539	123 516
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	3 137
Interest	7 024	-	-	7 024	2 586
Journal	5 124	6 131	-	11 255	4 669
Membership Subscriptions	7 697	-	-	7 697	7 288
Online Courses	4 416	-	-	4 416	1 882
Online Events	510	-	-	510	877
Faceto Face events	1 905	-	-	1 905	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33 329</b>	<b>17 131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50 460</b>	<b>146 647</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33 329</b>	<b>17 131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50 460</b>	<b>146 647</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
CIO, Accounting, Insurance	2 930	-	-	2 930	2 744
Membership, Office	2 798	-	-	2 798	2 601
Bank charges, Paypal fees	1 158	-	-	1 158	924
Internet, Website development	1 781	-	-	1 781	1 029
Booksales, Postage	2 728	-	-	2 728	1 992
Grants, Prizes	2 038	1 600	-	3 638	10 805
Journal production, Postage	4 949	6 131	-	11 080	7 073
MIAS Education courses	4 660	-	-	4 660	2 893
Face to face events	4 630	-	-	4 630	-
Online events	200	-	-	200	1 506
Training	527	-	-	527	-
Archive Project	-	1 200	-	1 200	-
Library	548	-	-	548	2 040
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>28 947</b>	<b>8 931</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37 878</b>	<b>33 607</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Investment purchase	-	125 000	-	125 000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125 000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125 000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>28 947</b>	<b>133 931</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162 878</b>	<b>33 607</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4 382</b>	<b>- 116 800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 112 418</b>	<b>113 040</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>50 807</b>	<b>271 882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>322 689</b>	<b>209 649</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>54 589</b>	<b>155 682</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>210 271</b>	<b>322 689</b>

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


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	54 589	155 682	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>54 589</b>	<b>155 682</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Stock of printed journals	300	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Restricted Investments	Adnan-Fattal Gift	125 000	123 201
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Library of printed books	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Digital image copies of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Software catalogue of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Richard Twinch		26 Oct. 2025



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Muhyiddin IBN Arabi Society CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1179324

**Set out on pages**

As attached

*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

28 October 2025

**Name:**

Carina Ralfs

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCA

**Address:**

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Maidenhead, SL6 3UD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

N/A

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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	<p>During 2023 the Society's library was relocated to the Woolf Institute, Cambridge. The library represents one of the most significant collections of written works by and about Ibn Arabi. A comprehensive project to re-catalogue the library was completed prior to transfer.</p> <p>MIAS Education hosted a total of 5 online courses embracing a number of different approaches to the study of Ibn Arabi.</p> <p>The Society hosted 6 online seminars featuring established scholars who presented talks on different aspects of Ibn Arabi's thought.</p> <p>Volumes 72 and 73 of the Society's Journal were published during 2023.</p> <p>The Society's YouTube channel has continued to grow and now has 6,300 subscribers.</p> <p>The Society's Facebook page has 16,000 subscribers.</p> <p>A further grant was made to support the work to make the first English translation of the whole of Ibn Arabi's <i>Al-Futūḥāt al-Makkiyya</i> which comprises 37 volumes.</p> <p>The Society was co-sponsor with the Circolo dei Lettori, Torino, of an in-person event entitled: <i>Sama: Spiritual Listening in Ibn Arabi and in Sufi Literature</i> organised by its partner organisation MIAS Latina and held in Torino.</p>

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<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>The Society's library</b> The library has been built up over 40 years through purchases and donations. It represents a unique and important collection of written works by and about Ibn Arabi. Since its inception, the library has been kept in a private house with admission by request. In October it was relocated to The Woolf Institute, Cambridge. Details of the Collection are now included in the Cambridge Theological Federation catalogue and the books are easily accessible to scholars and Cambridge University students in the library at the Woolf Institute.</p> <p><b>Education courses</b> The Education Team have run a variety of courses during 2023. These have ranged from an intensive 4-week online course to a 10-week online course, each to cater for students with different time restrictions for learning.</p> <p>A further 4-week online course, led by a guest lecturer currently translating Ibn Arabi's <i>Al-Futuh al-Makkiyya</i> into English, gave students an insight into the translation process and an opportunity to develop their own insights into the text.</p> <p>An online introductory course for those new to Ibn Arabi's thought was run over a weekend of intensive study and conversation. It is hoped to run this biannually.</p> <p>During the summer a 3-week online course provided students with an in-depth learning opportunity to study Ibn Arabi's important late work, the <i>Fusus al-Hikam</i>.</p> <p><b>Online seminars</b> The Society welcomed scholars from around the world to share their current research into Ibn Arabi and engage with audiences during lively question and answer sessions. Events such as these support important research which, in turn, informs and enlarges the community of those interested in Ibn Arabi's teaching.</p> <p><b>Grants</b> The Society provided a grant to support the translation of <i>Al-Futuh al-Makkiyah</i>, (The Openings Revealed in Makkah). This is the first time an English translation and commentary has been made of all 37 volumes of Ibn Arabi's <i>magnum opus</i>. The importance of translating the whole work into English, for future scholarship and learning, cannot be over-estimated.</p>

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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>In 2023 the Society's receipts from its everyday activities was £22,556 – very similar to previous years. Disposable income came primarily from Membership subscriptions, general donations (not for a specific purpose), and for the first time, noticeable interest on its deposits. Receipts from sources such as the sale of books, provision of online courses, online events, and journal-related receipts of various kinds, corresponded to areas of expenditure, and tended to break- even or reduce net expenditure.</p> <p>The Society's expenditure on everyday activities was £22,802, also in the same range as previous years. This included the costs associated with moving the Society's Library from a private house in Oxford to the library of the Woolf Institute in Cambridge. However, total expenditure was £33,607 due to the exceptional amount of £10,805 spent on grants and prizes, chiefly contributions of £9,000 to activities such as copy-editing and proofreading Dr Eric Winkel's English translation of the <i>Al-Futuhah al-Makkiyya</i>.</p> <p>Apart from the effects on inflation, we may expect the Society's expenditure on its activities to increase as the amount of administration which can be provided by volunteers declines, and there is a corresponding increase in the services which need to be paid for. This can be seen in the rising in cost of pre-print work on the Journal, which will be significant in 2024, and will extend to other areas, such as membership administration and bookkeeping.</p>
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		<p>In 2022 the Society received a windfall gift of EUR 125,000. In 2023 it received a similar gift of EUR 125,000. These two donations have transformed the Society's balance sheet, so that its assets at year-end 2023 totalled £322,689 (compared to £101,511 at end 2021).</p> <p>At the time of making the second donation the donor clarified the intent of the gift, so that the whole amount is now being treated as a Restricted fund, a term used by the Charity Commission to indicate that it may only be used for the purpose for which it is donated, in this case, to provide an income for the Society.</p> <p>Further, in 2022 the Junior Research Fellowship project was brought to an end. In 2023 the donations collected for it in a Restricted fund were distributed, with the agreement of the donors, in part to another Restricted fund, and to the Presidents' Fund, an Unrestricted fund.</p> <p>In 2023 the net transfers between Unrestricted funds and Restricted funds totalled £73,690.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
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	<p>On occasions the Society has solicited support for a particular project, such as the Manuscript Archive project, but in general donations are spontaneous, and it does not engage in systematic fund-raising. Its income from donations is irregular and unpredictable.</p> <p>It has historically delivered its activities using volunteer effort, and balanced its expenditure with its income from membership subscriptions and a modest level of general donations, together with receipts from its activities e.g., online course fees. At the end of 2023 the Society held £29,603 in retained earnings, and a further amount of £21,206 in the Presidents' fund which it may draw on for any purpose.</p> <p>Since it became a charity in 2018 it has attracted a number of generous donations for specific purposes such as the symposium, manuscript archive catalogue. These donations</p>
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		<p>go to Restricted funds, and are typically used to develop new aspects of its ongoing activities. It had £48,358 in such project-related restricted funds at the end of 2023.</p> <p>As described above, in 2022 and 2023 it received two donations which together had a sterling value of 223,523. These are now a Restricted fund which will be invested to provide an income for the Society.</p>
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 Society's membership income is a vital part of its funding. Its members are spread over more than 20 countries. Turbulent economic conditions and international conflicts may affect their continued participation in the Society. The Society may not recruit enough young members able to take on administrative roles in future.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation formed on 25 July 2018
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	Election of trustees is by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, as detailed in the Society's Constitution, clauses: 9; 10; 12 and 13.

### 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	The following policies, which comply with Gov.UK guidance for charities, have been written and ratified by the Board: Finance, Complaints, Conflict of Interest, Risk Management, Privacy (data protection), Safeguarding, Social-Media and Volunteers.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO</b>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1179324</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>P O Box 892 Oxford OX2 7XL</b>

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	L D Barratt		Appointed July 2018	
2	M E Cass		Appointed July 2018	
3	David Hornsby		Appointed January 2022	
4	Anne-Marie Morrisey		Appointed January 2022	
5	Katherine Randall		Appointed January 2022	
6	Aishah Safdar		Appointed November 2022	
7	C Twinch		Appointed July 2018	
8	R W Twinch		Appointed July 2018	
9	F Youakim		Appointed April 2021	
10	Omar Zein		Appointed November 2022	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

	Type of adviser	Name	Address

**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

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**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Lucy Barratt</i>	
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<b>Full name(s)</b>	Lucy Diana Barratt	
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<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
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<b>Date</b>	23.09.2024
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
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Charity name	Muhyiddin IBN Arabi Society CIO		No (if any)	1179324
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023	

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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	2,158	121,358	-	123,516	111,214
Gift Aid	404	2,733	-	3,137	-
Interest	2,586	-	-	2,586	156
Journal	4,669	-	-	4,669	4,401
Membership Subscriptions	7,288	-	-	7,288	6,213
Online Courses	1,882	-	-	1,882	5,251
Online evenets	877	-	-	877	316
Books	2,692	-	-	2,692	5,568
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>22,556</b>	<b>124,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,647</b>	<b>133,119</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>22,556</b>	<b>124,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,647</b>	<b>133,119</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
CIO, Accounting , Insurance	2,744	-	-	2,744	4,484
Membership, Office	2,601	-	-	2,601	421
Bank charges, Paypal fees	924	-	-	924	1,018
Internet, Website development	1,029	-	-	1,029	1,019
Booksales, Postage	1,992	-	-	1,992	4,400
Grants	10,805	-	-	10,805	3,841
Journal production, postage	7,073	-	-	7,073	4,151
MIAS Education Courses	2,893	-	-	2,893	4,313
Online events	1,506	-	-	1,506	981
Archive Project	-	-	-	-	113
Library	2,040	-	-	2,040	240
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>33,607</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,607</b>	<b>24,981</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>33,607</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,607</b>	<b>24,981</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 11,051</b>	<b>124,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,040</b>	<b>108,138</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 73,690</b>	<b>73,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>135,548</b>	<b>74,101</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>209,649</b>	<b>101,511</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>50,807</b>	<b>271,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>322,689</b>	<b>209,649</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		50,807	271,882	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>50,807</b>	<b>271,882</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Stock of printed journals	300	-	-
	Postage stamps	100	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Library of printed books	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Digital image copies of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Software catalogue of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard Twinch	23/09/2024
		23/09/2024



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Muhylddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2023	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1179324
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**Set out on pages**

As attached  
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**  **Date:**

**Name:**

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACA

**Address:**

MHA, Building 4, Foundation Park, Roxborough Way, Maidenhead, SL6 3UD



**MUHYIDDIN IBN ARABI SOCIETY CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1179324

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - period start date

To: 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 - period end date

Charity name: Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

Charity registration number: 1179324

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of education for the public benefit by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge of the works and ideals of Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi (1165-1240 CE), and those people who have perpetuated them, by such means as the trustees think fit, but including study, research, publication, translation and communication of his written works.
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	<p>Four online education courses were completed in 2022. Three of ten weeks and one of eight weeks duration.</p> <p>A Blog was set up, to showcase students' creative work, produced in response to the education courses.</p> <p>The Society awarded the inaugural MIAS Translation Prize for an original translation of a work by Ibn Arabi.</p> <p>Two editions of the Society's Journal, Volumes 70 and 71, were published during the year.</p> <p>The Society hosted six online seminars with speakers drawn from educational institutions worldwide.</p> <p>The Society organised two online reading groups.</p> <p>A Members' Meeting was held, with presentations about the Society's Archive Project.</p> <p>Three online Presentation Forums were organised, promoting young researchers 'in conversation' with prominent scholars.</p> <p>The Society co-sponsored a conference with PUC Minas (Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais), in Brazil.</p> <p>A Members' Bulletin was published.</p>

		<p>A fundraising initiative was launched, entitled 'The Presidents' Fund,' to raise monies to support activities relating to the Society's charitable objectives.</p> <p>A trustee completed a fundraising training day, organised by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).</p> <p>The Society continued to organise the sale of publications (books and sets of journals).</p> <p>Five new trustees were appointed to help expand and support the Society's activities.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Society has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, specifically that concerning the advancement of education.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>During the year the Society continued its objective to reach as many people as possible, world-wide, who wish to increase their understanding of Ibn Arabi. To this end it ran three online education courses, each of ten weeks duration, catering for those residing in the Western Hemisphere. A further eight-week course was run online to accommodate students living in Eastern Hemisphere time zones.</p> <p>A Blog was set up to share students' creative work. It celebrates different ways to engage with the study of Ibn Arabi and shows how this is encouraged and developed by Society's education programme.</p> <p>Two reading groups were hosted by the Society, introducing participants to Ibn Arabi's thought through poetics and ontology.</p> <p>Three online Presentation Forums were organised. The purpose of these events is to support young researchers who are interested in Ibn Arabi, giving them an opportunity to develop their research in a dialogue with established Ibn Arabi scholars.</p> <p>The Society continued to publish videos on its YouTube Channel, with each video receiving 1,000 + views.</p> <p>The Interdisciplinary Hub was set up in 2021 to provide a space for researchers with an interdisciplinary interest in Ibn 'Arabi. Researchers continued to meet and share their work in 2022, with a thriving, world-wide community regularly exchanging information and sharing their research. In order to expand the reach of the Hub, the IRH YouTube Channel continued to feature videos of events organised by the Hub.</p> <p>The Society hosted a weekend of online seminars entitled: '<i>Ibn Arabi, receptivity and the idea of the feminine</i>', comprising 4 seminars featuring international speakers. The format was designed to enable participants, from around the world, to attend at least two seminars in their time-zones. Videos of each talk were posted on the Society's YouTube channel to extend the reach of the event.</p> <p>The annual Members Meeting, organised online to enable our overseas members to attend, featured three presentations about the Society's Digital Archive. Members welcomed the opportunity to learn about this vital project which continues to record and preserve copies of Ibn Arabi's manuscripts for scholars to use for critical editions and research.</p>

		<p>2022 saw the recommencement of the Society's publication of podcasts. 145 are now available on Apple Podcasts, providing an alternative way to benefit from the Society's work.</p> <p>The first of a series of e-Bulletins was published, aiming to provide news, information about forthcoming events, publications and calls for papers from around the world.</p> <p>The Society's Facebook Group grew to nearly 14,000.</p> <p>The Society co-sponsored a one-day conference: '<i>I Simpósio de Mística Islâmica – Ao encontro de Ibn Arabi: receptividade e criatividade</i>', at the PUC Minas (Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais), in Brazil. Two speakers from the Society gave papers.</p> <p>Members of the Society have continued to give talks and radio interviews, thereby expanding the reach of the Society's charitable objectives.</p> <p>The Society's Senior Research Fellows have published translations, commentaries and articles on Ibn Arabi.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Total income in the unrestricted funds in 2022 was £129,732 and total expenditure was £24,981. This represented a surplus of £104,751 compared to a surplus of £1,540 in 2021, a year in which grants were lower and membership subscriptions higher. Taking into account transfers of £2,525 from a restricted fund collecting donations for the Translation prize and Education, general funds increased by £107,276.</p> <p>The Society's fundamental position remained sound, and the funds which can be used for its ordinary activities totalled £135,548 at year-end 2022. These represent its reserves accumulated over decades, greatly increased by a recent donation.</p> <p>To date it has had very low-cost base, with no salaried employees and no rented office space. It has no financial debt.</p> <p>Since the Society became a charity in 2019 it has attracted generous donations to what are called Restricted funds, where money may only be spent for the specific purpose for which they were given. Much of its assets are now in Restricted funds. At the end of 2021 it had £73,239 in Restricted funds, bringing the Society's total assets to £101,511.</p> <p>In 2022 the Society received a windfall gift, similar to a bequest, which amounted to £106,350 and effectively doubled the Society's total assets. The Society is revising its general business plan in the light of this unexpected gift.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The Society's unrestricted funds provide the working capital for its day-to-day activities.</p> <p>The Society's Restricted Funds are held for expenditure on the purposes for which they were donated. There are funds for the development of the Manuscript Archive and Catalogue, the Journal, Education and Courses, the Annual Symposium, the Library, Prizes and Awards, and other purposes.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The Society's total assets at year-end 2022 were £135,548 of unrestricted funds and £74,101 of Restricted funds, a total of £209,649.</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>N/A</p>

### 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	<p>The Society's principal sources of funds are membership subscriptions and donations from members. Its activities sometimes provide a modest surplus, and sometimes run at a modest deficit.</p> <p>Since it became a charity in 2019 it has attracted generous donations for specific purposes. Income from donations is very helpful for development of what the Society does, but it is unpredictable. To date it has not relied on fundraising to continue its activities.</p> <p>In 2022 the Society received a windfall gift, similar to a bequest, which amounted to £106,350 and effectively doubled the Society's total assets.</p>
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	This is a time of destabilizing economic conditions in the United Kingdom and beyond. This could impact the Society's income from Membership subscriptions, while inflation erodes the value of its cash assets, but in the short term its activities should be secure.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO – Foundation formed on 25 July 2018</b>
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	<b>Election of trustees is by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, as detailed in the Society's Constitution, clauses: 9; 10; 12 and 13.</b>

### 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	<b>In compliance with Gov.UK guidance for charities, the following policies are in place: Finance, Complaints, Conflict of Interest, Risk Management, Privacy (data protection), Safeguarding and Volunteers. In addition, a</b>
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		<b>Social Media Policy was ratified by the Board in 2022.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>MIAS USA and Latina</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO</b>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1179324</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>P O Box 892 Oxford OX2 7XL</b>

**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	L D Barratt		Appointed July 2018	
2	M E Cass		Appointed July 2018	
3	M Notcutt		Appointed July 2018	
4	C Twinch		Appointed July 2018	
5	R W Twinch		Appointed July 2018	
6	F Youakim		Appointed April 2021	
7	David Hornsby		Appointed January 2022	
8	Ann-Marie Morrissey		Appointed January 2022	
9	Katherine Randall		Appointed January 2022	
10	Aishah Safdar		Appointed November 2022	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### 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

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lucy Barratt	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	19 July 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

No (if any)  
No . 1179324

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/22	To	Period end date 31/12/22
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	107,827	3,387	-	111,214	122,999
Gift aid	-	0	-	0	11,073
Subscriptions	6,213	0	-	6,213	7,321
Journal	4,401	0	-	4,401	2,953
Books	5,568	0	-	5,568	5,969
Interest	156	0	-	156	9
Online events	316	0	-	316	647
Courses	5,251	0	-	5,251	4,688
Other	-	0	-	0	806
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>129,732</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,119</b>	<b>45,765</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	0	0	-	0	0
	0	0	-	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>129,732</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,119</b>	<b>45,765</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Symposium	0	0	-	0	0
Journal	4,151	-	-	4,151	6,598
Online events	981	-	-	981	839
Courses	4,313	-	-	4,313	3,949
Archive Project	113	-	-	113	147
Scholarly Grants	3,841	-	-	3,841	863
Internet and Website	1,019	-	-	1,019	1,466
Books	4,400	-	-	4,400	4,881
Library	240	-	-	240	294
CIO, Accounting, Insurance, Legal	4,482	-	-	4,482	1,939
Bank charges, Paypal fees	1,019	-	-	1,019	542
Other	0	-	-	0	707
Office, postage	422	-	-	422	744
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>22,969</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	0	0	-	0	-
	0	0	-	0	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>22,969</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>104,751</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>108,138</b>	<b>22,796</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>-2,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>28,272</b>	<b>73,239</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,511</b>	<b>78,715</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>135,548</b>	<b>74,101</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>209,649</b>	<b>101,511</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	135,548	74,101	0.00
	Petty cash	-	-	0.00
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>135,548</b>	<b>74,101</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Stock of printed copies Journal	-	300	0.00
	Stock of other Society publications	-	150	0.00
	Books for sale online	-	-	0.00
	Postage stamps	-	100	0.00
		-	-	0.00
		-	-	0.00
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Library of printed books	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Digital image copies of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Software catalogue of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		M Notcutt	19/07/23	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1179324

**Set out on pages**

As attached

*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

[Signature box]

**Date:**

25/08/23

**Name:**

B K Silva

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACA

**Address:**

MHA, Building 4, Foundation Park, Roxborough Way, Maidenhead, SL6 3UD

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**MUHYIDDIN IBN ARABI SOCIETY CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1179324

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# Accounts

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**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** Charity Name  
Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended** 31 December 2021 **Charity no  
(if any)** 1179324

**Set out on pages** Attached Trustees' Report and Receipts and Payments Account  
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report** 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 am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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:** 01 August 2022

**Name:** B K Silva

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):** ACA (Chartered Accountant)

**Address:** MHA MacIntyre Hudson, Building 4, Foundation Park, Roxborough Way,  
Maidenhead, SL6 6UD



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021- period start date  
To: 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 - period end date  
Charity name: Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

Charity registration number: 1179324

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of education for the public benefit by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge of the works and ideals of Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi (1165-1240 CE), and those people who have perpetuated them, by such means as the trustees think fit, but including study, research, publication, translation and communication of his written works.
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	<p>Due to COVID-19, the continuing uncertainty attendant upon arranging in-person events has, for the second year, led to the Society concentrating upon online activities.</p> <p>Four online education courses, each of ten weeks, were completed during 2021 and a fifth course, which commenced in November, is due to complete in February 2022.</p> <p>The Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Interdisciplinary Research Hub (IRH) was established. This was set up in response to interest from young researchers in an interdisciplinary engagement with Ibn 'Arabi.</p> <p>A Spring, Summer and Autumn series of online seminars took place. Each series consisted of four seminars, with different speakers drawn from educational institutions worldwide.</p> <p>The Society also took part in collaborations with several universities during 2021 including: King's College, London, Üsküdar University, Istanbul and the University of Turin, Italy.</p> <p>The Society announced the inaugural MIAS Translation Prize. This competition is for original translations, either of complete minor works, or of key sections or chapters from major works, by Ibn Arabi.</p>

		<p>The Society hosted its first online Members' meeting, whose aim was to encourage dialogue, participation and receive feedback from our members. The meeting also featured presentations by the Education and Journal teams which gave members an insight into two important activities of the Society.</p> <p>The Society organised the sale of publications (books and sets of journals).</p> <p>The period saw the publication of Volume 69 of the Society's journal.</p> <p>A trustee completed a GDPR training course organised by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Society has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, specifically that concerning the advancement of education.

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Journal became peer reviewed in 2021. This has seen a marked increase in the number of high-quality papers submitted for publication by scholars from around the world.</p> <p>Education courses: these were regularly oversubscribed. There was a consistent mix of students, some new to Ibn Arabi and some who had previous experience. This contributed to a very supportive and creative learning environment. Feedback received from students indicated that the course content and learning experience provided significant benefit. Many students signed up for second or third courses in order to continue studying with the Society. The emphasis on creativity, for example poetry, painting and music, has led to a lot of original material being produced.</p> <p>Interdisciplinary Research Hub: the primary purpose of the IRH is to provide a space where students and researchers, from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, can meet to share their research and engage with the works of Ibn 'Arabi. The Hub has brought together students from around the world forming a vibrant community which regularly meets online to give presentations and develop their research.</p> <p>The collaboration with King's College, London, which was part of the University's 'Language Acts and Worldmaking' project, saw the Society's participation in a programme which is co-sponsored by The Open University, University of Westminster, Queen Mary University, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Open World Research Initiative. The multi-disciplinary event brought together students and scholars in a celebration of Ibn Arabi's contribution to the creative imagination.</p> <p>The collaboration with Üsküdar University, Istanbul, saw the Society co-host a series of seminars given in English, Arabic and Turkish. In so doing, the Society's talks were available in different languages and were attended by new audiences.</p> <p>The Society also collaborated with the University of Turin, the Warburg Institute (UK), the Circulo dei Lettori Torino and MIAS Latina to put on a one-day live symposium on Dante and Ibn Arabi in December 2021 in Turin, Italy.</p>

		<p>Several members of the Society gave online presentations as part of a series hosted by the Ibn Arabi Interreligious Research Initiative at Monash University, Melbourne.</p> <p>Contributions were also made to a number of radio shows by members of the Society.</p> <p>The Society has worked to develop the quality of its videos, so as to enhance the recordings that are posted on the Society's YouTube channel. These videos are now regularly viewed by large numbers of people, thereby extending the reach of our talks to a worldwide audience.</p> <p>Lockdown has seen a dramatic increase in the number of reading groups devoted to Ibn Arabi. The Society's book sales have increased to meet this demand, with editions being sold worldwide.</p> <p>The Facebook Group has expanded to 13,000 members.</p> <p>Translation Prize: given the significant scholarly and lay interest in English translations of Ibn 'Arabi's writings it is hoped that the Translation Prize will encourage greater engagement with the teachings of 'Ibn Arabi and his school.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Total receipts in 2021 amounted to £45,765 (£42,900 in 2020). Of this, £21,973 consisted of donations received for specific purposes (Restricted Funds), and Gift-aid on donations to restricted funds. Its (Unrestricted) general receipts were £23,792.</p> <p>Total payments were £22,969 in 2021. Its (Unrestricted) cash, available to spend in any area, increased by £1,537 in 2021. Overall, its receipts and payments in 2021 (apart from donations) were in line with 2020, but the contribution from different areas was variable.</p> <p>The Society had no financial debt. Its main financial commitments, such as production of the Journal for subscribers, do not extend beyond one year, and are covered by its Unrestricted funds.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Society's Restricted Funds are held for expenditure on the purposes for which they were donated, including the Junior Research Fellowship project; maintenance and development of the Manuscript Archive and Catalogue; the Document Archive fund, which has contributed to the movement of the Society's membership and journal delivery administration to a multi-user online database; and several other project funds including a new Education Fund to support courses. The Society's Unrestricted funds support its day-to-day operations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Society's cash assets are divided into Unrestricted funds of £28,272 and Restricted funds of £73,239. At the end of 2021 the Society had total cash assets of £101,511 and no debt. Its total assets increased by £22,796 over the year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No fund is in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

### 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	The Society's principal sources of funds were Membership subscriptions (£7,321) and the sale of Books (£5,970), Online events and courses (£5,335), sale of Journals (£2,953), and general Donations (£1,399).
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		In 2021 the Society received donations of £10,900 given for specific purposes (called Restricted funds). The Society also reclaimed Gift-aid of £11,073 which was almost entirely related to donations in Restricted funds, and was credited to those funds. Money is transferred to Unrestricted funds when payments on projects covered by the Restricted funds are required, and becomes part of the Society's regular expenditure. The total spent from Restricted funds in 2021 was £714. The income from donations is unpredictable.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Society's cash assets are all held in Bank accounts and at this level are covered against failure of the bank by the current Financial Services Compensation Scheme (up to £85,000).
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	This is a time of potentially unstable economic conditions in the United Kingdom and beyond. This could impact the Society's income from Membership and its activities. Inflation will erode the value of its cash holdings.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation formed on 25 July 2018
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	Election of trustees is by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, as detailed in the Society's Constitution, clauses: 9; 10; 12 and 13.

### 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	The following policies, which comply with Gov.UK guidance for charities, have been written and ratified by the Board: Finance, Complaints, Conflict of Interest, Risk Management, Privacy (data protection), Safeguarding and Volunteers.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1179324
Charity's principal address	P O Box 892 Oxford OX2 7XL

**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	L D Barratt		Appointed 25 July 2018	
2	M E Cass		Appointed 25 July 2018	
3	G Collins		Appointed 25 July 2018	
4	M Notcutt		Appointed 25 July 2018	
5	C Twinch		Appointed 25 July 2018	
6	R W Twinch		Appointed 25 July 2018	
7	F Youakim		Appointed 25 April 2021	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)</b>		

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

**Other optional information**

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	<i>Lucy Barratt</i>	
	Full name(s)	Lucy Diana Barratt	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
	Date	15.06.2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

No (if any)  
No. 1179324

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/21	To	Period end date 31/12/21
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,399	10,900	-	12,299	24,240
Gift aid	0	11,073	-	11,073	-
Subscriptions	7,321	-	-	7,321	7,307
Journal	2,953	-	-	2,953	4,797
Books	5,970	-	-	5,970	3,355
Interest	9	-	-	9	39
Online events	647	-	-	647	1,783
Courses	4,688	-	-	4,688	1,380
Recovered payments	806	-	-	806	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,792</b>	<b>21,973</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,765</b>	<b>42,900</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>23,792</b>	<b>21,973</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,765</b>	<b>42,900</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Symposium	-	-	-	-	435
Journal	6,598	-	-	6,598	9,229
Online events	839	-	-	839	702
Courses	3,949	-	-	3,949	968
Archive Project	147	-	-	147	820
Junior Research Fellowship Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarly Grants	863	-	-	863	2,352
Internet and Website	752	714	-	1,466	4,927
Books	4,881	-	-	4,881	2,107
Library	294	-	-	294	16
CIO, Accounting & Insurance	1,939	-	-	1,939	2,161
Bank charges, Paypal fees	542	-	-	542	765
Recoverable payment	707	-	-	707	89
Office, postage, internet	744	-	-	744	1,762
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>22,255</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,969</b>	<b>26,333</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>22,255</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,969</b>	<b>26,333</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>21,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,796</b>	<b>16,567</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,735</b>	<b>51,980</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,715</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>28,272</b>	<b>73,239</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,511</b>	<b>16,567</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	28,231	73,239	0.00
	Petty cash	41	-	0.00
	Recoverable payment		-	0.00
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>28,272</b>	<b>73,239</b>	<b>0.00</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

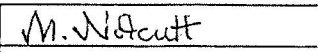
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Stock of printed copies Journal	300		0.00
	Stock of other Society publications	150		0.00
	Books for sale online	-	-	0.00
	Postage stamps	415		0.00
		-	-	0.00
		-	-	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Library of printed books	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Digital image copies of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Software catalogue of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M. NOTCUTT	15/6/2022

**MUHYIDDIN IBN ARABI SOCIETY CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1179324

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From:** 1st January, 2020 - period start date

**To:** 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 - period end date

**Charity name:** Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

**Charity registration number:** 1179324

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The advancement of education for the public benefit by promoting, sustaining and increasing individual and collective knowledge of the works and ideals of Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi (1165-1240 CE), and those people who have perpetuated them, by such means as the trustees think fit, but including study, research, publication, translation and communication of his written works.</b>
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	<b>The Society's 2-day symposium, planned for May 2020 in London, had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.</b> <b>The society launched a series of online talks entitled 'Ibn Arabi and the Geometry of Reality. These were held fortnightly from May to December, 2020.</b> <b>The Society appointed an Educational Director to specifically develop this aspect of the Society's activities.</b> <b>The Society launched an education programme. The 2020 programme, commencing in May, comprised 2 courses of 10 weeks duration and 1 course of 7 weeks.</b> <b>The Society's Senior Research Fellows took part in a number of radio interviews with a view to promoting knowledge of Ibn Arabi. They also gave presentations to online events hosted in Australia and for the Spanish-speaking world (Spain, Italy, Portugal and South America).</b> <b>The Society appointed a Public Relations and Outreach coordinator to develop relations, cultivate contacts and promote dialogue about Ibn Arabi in</b>

		<p>existing and new environments.</p> <p>The Society continued to help fund the on- going work of translating Ibn Arabi's <i>Futuh al- Makkiyyah</i>.</p> <p>Organised the sale of publications (books and sets of journals).</p> <p>Completed a major re-design of the Society's website making it more user-friendly.</p> <p>The period saw the publication of Volumes 67 and 68 of the Society's journal.</p> <p>2 trustees completed training organised by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) covering the following:  <b>Session 1: Role and responsibilities of trustees</b>  <b>Session 2: Achieving good governance</b></p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Society has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit, specifically that concerning the advancement of education.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>During the 2020 pandemic the Society's series of online talks reached a world-wide audience. This online presence enabled us to involve an audience far larger than in the past, particularly during the 'questions and answers' which followed each talk.</b></p> <p><b>Feedback indicates that this series made a significant and positive difference to our supporters during a challenging year.</b></p> <p><b>The Society's education programme has sought to introduce Ibn Arabi to those less familiar with his work and ideas. Under the guidance of our newly appointed Director of Education, the courses have developed new ways of studying Ibn Arabi, such as through hermeneutics and creative participation. The courses have provided a forum for in-depth discussion and the exchange of ideas whereby students are able to develop their understanding of Ibn Arabi in a supportive and guided environment.</b></p> <p><b>Videos and podcasts have continued to play an important part in the Society's outreach. All the online talks were recorded and posted on the Society's YouTube channel, where they have been viewed by large numbers, thus extending the audience for the talks even further.</b></p> <p><b>The period has seen a significant increase in membership.</b></p> <p><b>The Society's journal became peer-reviewed, with the intention of extending its reach among contributors, academic institutions and the public in general.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

### Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>Total receipts in 2020 amounted to £42,900. Of this, £23,302 consisted of donations received for specific purposes (called Restricted funds), which may only be spent for those purposes. Its general (Unrestricted) income was £19,599 and total expenditure was £19,139 so its Unrestricted funds were £460 greater at the end of 2020 than they had been at the end of 2019.</b></p> <p><b>The Society had no financial debt. Its main financial commitments, such as production of the Journal for subscribers, do not extend beyond one year, and are covered by its Unrestricted funds.</b></p> <p><b>Its accounts for the 12 months of 2020 represent the second accounting period for the Society as a CIO. The first accounting period covered nearly 18 months, and included the one-off transfer of funds from the unincorporated Society. These two factors mean that comparisons between the two periods are not straightforward.</b></p>
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		<b>But overall its income and expenditure in 2020 (apart from donations) was in line with 2019, although there was some adaptation of its activities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, such as the replacement of the planned symposium in London with a series of online events.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The Society's cash assets are divided into Unrestricted funds of £26,735 (which can be spent on the Society's general activities, such as producing the Journal and running events) and Restricted funds of £51,980 (donated for specific purposes, such as the Manuscript Archive project, which may only be spent for those purposes).</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>At the end of 2020 the Society had total cash assets of £78,715 and no debt. Its total assets increased by £16,568 over the year.</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>Not applicable.</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>No fund is in deficit.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Not applicable.</b>

### **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	<b>The Society's principal sources of funds were Membership subscriptions (£7,307) and the sale of Journals (£4,797) and Books (£3,355), Online events and courses (£3,163) and general Donations (£938).</b>  <b>In 2020 the Society received donations of £23,302 given for specific purposes (called Restricted funds). Money is transferred to Unrestricted funds when payments on projects covered by the Restricted funds are required, and becomes part of the Society's regular expenditure. The total spent from Restricted funds in 2020 was £7,194. The income from donations is unpredictable.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>The Society's cash assets are all held in Bank accounts and at this level are covered against failure of the bank by the current Financial Services Compensation Scheme (up to £85,000).</b>
A description of the principal	Para 1.46	<b>This is a time of potentially unstable economic conditions in the United Kingdom and beyond. This could impact</b>

risks facing the charity		<b>the Society's income from Membership and sale of Journals.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO – Foundation formed on 25 July 2018</b>
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	<b>Election of trustees is by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees, as detailed in the Society's Constitution, clauses: 9; 10; 12 and 13.</b>

### 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	<b>The following policies, which comply with Gov.UK guidance for charities, have been written and ratified by the Board: Finance, Complaints, Conflict of Interest, Risk Management, GDPR, Safeguarding and Volunteers.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO</b>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1179324</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>P O Box 892 Oxford OX2 7XL</b>

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (body) entitled trustee (if any)
1	L D Barratt		Appointed 25 July 2018	
2	J Carroll		25 July 2018 – 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
3	M E Cass		Appointed 25 July 2018	
4	G Collins		Appointed 25 July 2018	
5	M Notcutt		Appointed 25 July 2018	
6	C Twinch		Appointed 25 July 2018	
7	R W Twinch		Appointed 25 July 2018	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### 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

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#### Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO

**On accounts for the  
period**

Year ended 31 December 2020

**Charity no**

1179324

**Set out on pages**

Attached Receipts and Payments accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying 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 am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

14/06/2021

**Name:**

B K Silva,

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body**

ACA (Chartered Accountant)

**Address:**

MHA MacIntyre Hudson, Abbey Place, 24-28 Easton Street, High Wycombe, HP11 1NT




**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/20	To	Period end date 31/12/20
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**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 (18 months) to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donated from unincorporated Society	-	-	-	-	29,843
Donations	938	23,302	-	24,240	42,553
Subscriptions	7,307	-	-	7,307	6,843
Journal	4,797	-	-	4,797	4,844
Books	3,355	-	-	3,355	3,091
Interest	39	-	-	39	82
Symposium	-	-	-	-	4,751
Online events	1,783	-	-	1,783	-
Courses	1,380	-	-	1,380	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>19,599</b>	<b>23,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>92,007</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>19,599</b>	<b>23,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>92,007</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Symposium	435	-	-	435	5,818
Journal	9,229	-	-	9,229	7,289
Online events	702	-	-	702	-
Courses	968	-	-	968	-
Archive Project	-	820	-	820	4,326
Junior Research Fellowship Fund	-	-	-	-	210
Scholarly Grants	1,050	1,302	-	2,352	2,264
Website	100	4,827	-	4,927	2,922
Books	2,107	-	-	2,107	1,996
Library	16	-	-	16	197
Accounting & Insurance	2,161	-	-	2,161	1,358
Bank charges	519	245	-	765	715
Recoverable payment	89	-	-	89	-
Office, postage, internet	1,762	-	-	1,762	2,765
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,139</b>	<b>7,194</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,333</b>	<b>29,860</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,139</b>	<b>7,194</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,333</b>	<b>29,860</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>16,108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,568</b>	<b>62,147</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,275</b>	<b>35,872</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,147</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>26,735</b>	<b>51,980</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,715</b>	<b>62,147</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	26,694	51,980	0.00
	Petty cash	41	-	0.00
			-	0.00
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>26,735</b>	<b>51,980</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Stock of printed copies Journal	700	-	0.00
	Stock of other Society publications	150	-	0.00
	Books for sale online	-	-	0.00
	Postage stamps	488	-	0.00
	Recoverable payment	89	-	0.00
	-	-	0.00	
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Library of printed books	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Digital image copies of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
	Software catalogue of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		MARTIN NOTCUTT	14/04/2021	