



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:

B K Silva

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st January, 2021- period start date
To: 31st 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	
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>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

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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)		

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
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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	To	Period end date
	01/01/21		31/12/21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	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	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,792	21,973	-	45,765	42,900
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,792	21,973	-	45,765	42,900
A3 Payments					
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
Sub total	22,255	714	-	22,969	26,333
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	0
Total payments	22,255	714	-	22,969	26,333
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,537	21,259	-	22,796	16,567
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,735	51,980	-	78,715	0
Cash funds this year end	28,272	73,239	-	101,511	16,567

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
	Total cash funds	28,272	73,239	0.00
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets	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	415	-	0.00
		-	-	0.00
		-	-	0.00
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
			-	0.00
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	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
			-	0.00
B5 Liabilities	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		M. NOTCUTT	15/6/2022	