



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st January, 2024- period start date

To: 31st December, 2024 - 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	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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Society recognises that, after its internal funding commitments have been met, funding external projects is an important way to expand its activities and support valuable work being undertaken to enhance the understanding of Ibn Arabi and his teaching. Grants to projects are made in conformity with the Society's Charitable Objects and are

		considered in the context of the Society's Business Plan and Budget Priorities. The sustainability and long-term goals of the project are important considerations.
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 Society's library 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>Education Programme 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>Online seminars 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>Symposia 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>Digital Archive</p> <p>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>Grants</p> <p>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>Social Media</p> <p>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	Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society CIO
Other name the charity uses	MIAS
Registered charity number	1179324
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 Morrissey		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
	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)

	
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Full name(s)

Richard Twinch	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee Treasurer	
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Date

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	To	Period end date
	01/01/24		31/12/24

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					
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	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33 329	17 131	-	50 460	146 647
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33 329	17 131	-	50 460	146 647
A3 Payments					
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
Sub total	28 947	8 931	-	37 878	33 607
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investment purchase	-	125 000	-	125 000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	125 000	-	125 000	-
Total payments	28 947	133 931	-	162 878	33 607
Net of receipts/(payments)	4 382	- 116 800	-	- 112 418	113 040
A5 Transfers between funds	- 600	600	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50 807	271 882	-	322 689	209 649
Cash funds this year end	54 589	155 682	-	210 271	322 689

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	54 589	155 682	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	54 589	155 682	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Stock of printed journals	300	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Restricted Investments	Adnan-Fattal Gift	125 000	123 201
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	-	-
	Digital image copies of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Software catalogue of manuscripts	Unrestricted funds	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
		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:

MHA, Building 4, Foundation Park, Roxborough Way,
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