

Chair's Report

The Arts Society Corinium

Charity Number: 1181506

Financial Year: Year ended 31 December 2024

Chair: Linda Chan-Jones

Report Date: 1 September 2025

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Chair's Report for The Arts Society Corinium for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Arts Society Corinium is a truly special Society, made so by its welcoming and friendly members who share a love, passion and curiosity for the Arts.

Over the past year, our Society has continued to thrive as a welcoming and vibrant community dedicated to the appreciation and advancement of the arts in Cirencester and the surrounding area. Our programme of lectures, visits, and special events has inspired our members and strengthened our role in the cultural life of the town.

Activities & Community Engagement

During the year, the Society:

- Delivered a full programme of monthly illustrated lectures by expert speakers, covering subjects from sculpture to modern art and design.
- Organised nine cultural visits to museums, historic houses, galleries, and exhibitions, providing enriching experiences for members.
- Held a study day on "The Golden Age of Dutch Painting" which received excellent feedback.
- Awarded community arts grants, including support for youth arts education and local projects.
- Became Patrons of the Cirencester History Festival, which enabled the Society to provide reduced and free-of-charge entry for young people and students to attend many events.

These activities have helped fulfil our charitable purpose of advancing education in the arts while fostering a sense of community and shared enjoyment.

Financial Review

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024:

- Total income: £37,316
- Total expenditure: £28,393
- Surplus: £8,923

Our reserves remain healthy, ensuring financial resilience and enabling us to plan confidently for future events and community projects.

Governance & Volunteers

The Society is governed by a Board of four Trustees and supported by six active Committee Members and volunteers, who are essential to the smooth running of lectures, visits, membership services, and administration and financial control.

We continue to comply with Charity Commission requirements and The Arts Society's governance guidelines. Trustees and volunteers receive no remuneration, ensuring all funds are directed towards charitable purposes.

Looking Ahead

In 2025, our priorities will be to:

- Sustain the high quality and variety of our lecture programme.
- Introduce new and engaging destinations for cultural visits.
- Increase the number and reach of our community grants.
- Strengthen our communication channels to better connect with members.

By building on the successes of 2024, we will further enhance our impact and continue to make the arts accessible and enjoyable to our community.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank:

- Our Trustees, Committee Members and wonderful volunteers for their commitment, leadership, and careful stewardship of the Society's work.
- Our members for their loyalty and participation.
- Our guest speakers and partners for sharing their expertise and creativity.

It is a privilege to serve as Chair of such a dedicated and inspiring Society, and I look forward to the year ahead with enthusiasm.

Signed: _Linda Chan-Jones
Linda Chan-Jones
Chair, The Arts Society Corinium
Date: 27th August 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Members Subscriptions	3,121	-	-	3,121	2,552
Sponsorship of programme	-	350	-	350	-
Visitor, Raffle & other donations	2,645	-	-	2,645	1,181
Fees for visits, exhibitions, events	15,673	-	-	15,673	6,391
Grants from The Arts Society	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Gift Aid & GASDS	2,008	-	-	2,008	3,899
Deposit account interest	149	-	-	149	-
Fees paid in advance re 2025	9,370	-	-	9,370	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,966	4,350	-	37,316	14,023
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,966	4,350	-	37,316	14,023
A3 Payments					
Lecture fees and expenses	4,694	-	-	4,694	4,151
Hall Hire, refreshments and IT support	1,480	-	-	1,480	1,150
Operating Expenses	1,313	350	-	1,663	1,808
Visit and Events	13,418	-	-	13,418	5,013
The Arts Society service recharges	2,607	-	-	2,607	2,058
Fee for Patronage Cirencester History Fest	500	-	-	500	-
Community Event at Barn Theatre	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Cirencester History Festival - young people	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Misc, raffle prizes	31	-	-	31	1,245
Sub total	24,043	4,350	-	28,393	11,809
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,043	4,350	-	28,393	11,809
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,923	-	-	8,923	2,214
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,391	-	-	15,391	13,177
Cash funds this year end	24,314	-	-	24,314	15,391

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	Lloyds Bank	4,000	-	-
	Hampshire Trust Bank	10,000	-	-
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Arts Society Corinium

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1181506

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

J.P. Stansfield

Date:

16/04/2025

Name:

Philip Stansfield

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

FCA in England and Wales (retired)

Address:

The Downings

Church Lane, South Cerney

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

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THE ARTS SOCIETY CORINIUM

Statement of Accounts to end December 2024

2023 £	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				Income £	Expense £	Total £	
6168	2024 Membership Subscriptions	99 members	paid in 2023	4508 ✓				1
	TOTAL 162	63 members	paid in 2024	3121 ✗	7629			
3899 ✓	Gift Aid recovered from updated member authorisations				1423 ✗			2
-2279 ✓	The Arts Society Affiliation Fees			-2423				3
221 ✓	The Arts Society Insurance charge			-184		-2607		4
1181 ✓	Visitor and other Donations, misc income				903 ✓			
-4151 ✓	Lecturer Fees and expenses					-4694 ✓		
-1150 ✓	Hire of Hall and support expenses					-1079 ✓		
	Refreshments					-401 ✓		5
	Operating expenses							
-983	Website and IT			-140				6
-50	SumUp (credit/debit card machine) online payments fees			-49				
-603	Printing, Postage, other stationery			-1066				7
134	Less Steppes Travel sponsorship			350 ✓	-716			
-306	Committee Expenses			-58				
						-963 ✓		
2081	Core Activity	10 Monthly Lectures/Presentations		TOTAL	9955	-9744	211	
	Visits	Waddesdon			2704	-1969	735	8
		National Gallery			1845	-1215	630	
		RSC Stratford			2680	-2395	285	
		Fresh Air Sculpture			320	-300	20	
ALL		Highnam & Nature in Arts			1568	-1506	62	
-4659		W.M Glass & Musuem			1575	-1511	64	
5926 ✓		NBA Georgia O'Keefe			480	-515	-35	
1267		VISITS		TOTAL	11172	-9411 ✓	1761	
465 ✓	DSI	Dutch Courage	DSI	TOTAL	4501	-3487 ✓	1014	
-354		Tenth Anniversary Dinner		TOTAL	0	0	0	9
1378	Additional Activities	Visits and DSI		TOTAL	15673 ✓	-12898	2775	
	Grants Awarded (less grants received from The Arts Society)							
		Barn Theatre Sing-a-long			2000	-2000 /	0	
		Ciren History Festival			2000	-2000 /	0	
		Ciren History Festival Patron				-500 /	-500	
-818	Community Activities	Grants		TOTAL	4000	-4500	-500	
-470	Refunds and Gifts - membership, events, misc						212	10
	Raffle (Nov Meeting)				243	-31	212	
	Riviera Travel				1499		1499	11
	Gift aid donations (2020-March 24)				585 ✓		585	12
43	Interest on Depoit Account				149 ✓		149	
-427	All other Income and Expenditure			TOTAL	2476	-31	2445	
2214	Total from all actviites			TOTAL	32104	-27173	4931	

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Banks , Deposits & Bond at end of accounting year									
Dec 2023		Barclays Bank	Lloyds	Hampshire	TOTAL				
13177	Reported at the end of December 2023	Current	Deposit	Current	Bond			15391	13
	Less 2024 renewals received in 2023	-4508 ✓	5348	10043				-4508	14
13177	Surplus brought forward from earlier years	840	10043					10883	
2214	Surplus from 2024 activities	4782	149 ✓					4931	
	Creation of Longer Term Reserve		-10000		10000				
	Creation of Fund for Community Grant Giving	-4000		4000					
	Internal Transfer of funds	-7000	7000						
	Funds received in 2024 relating to 2025								
	2025 New members and renewals		7650						
	2025 St David's Day extra lecture		560						
	DSI - The second Sex		1160	9370 ✓				9370	
	Expenses incurred in 2024 relating to 2025								
	DSI - deposit for catering		-687						
	Travel and outgoing, future trips		-183	-870				-870	
15391	Bank accounts & Bond at end December 2024	3122	7192	4000	10000			24314	