

Cambridge Jewish Residents Association (CJRA CIO)
Charity Number 1187648

CJRA Trustees' Annual Report 1 June 2024 - 31 May 2025
Reference and administrative Information

Charity Name: Cambridge Jewish Residents Association CIO

Charity Registration Number 1187648

Address of Organisation - there is no official building or office.
All Trustees work from their home addresses.

Trustees:

1. Marilyn Fersht, Chairman
2. Sylvia Morris, Treasurer
3. Eva Simmons, Vice Chair and Magazine Editor
4. Rachel Meller, Membership Secretary
5. Robert Marks, Treasurer of Burial Society
6. Ruth Barnett, Secretary of Burial Society
7. Valerie Collis, Education Officer
8. Tirza Bleehen, Welfare Officer
9. Kathrin Peters, Minute Secretary
10. Ruth Katz, Email Circular Editor

Structure, governance and management

The CJRA became a CIO on 29 January 2020 with a constitution, after many years of being an unincorporated charity. At the Annual General Meeting on 8 September 2022, it was agreed to increase the number of Trustees from the original two to ten, following a resolution that ***the board of charity trustees shall comprise: the Chairman and the Treasurer, during their tenure of office; and during their time on the committee all other Committee Members who choose so to be.*** All are volunteers. We have held five committee meetings and one AGM during the period of this report. All were held on Zoom. We also have many other volunteers who help run our different groups, in particular, a cross-community welfare support group.

Our members are charged a small subscription of £30 per annum per person. We have a category called Associate Members, who are mostly non-Jewish, who receive the magazine and can join in all our events and activities but have no burial rights. We had, at the end of the financial year, 158 full members and 13 associate members.

Our income is derived from subscriptions, donations, bank interest and gift aid.

Objectives and Activities

Our purpose is the advancement of the Jewish faith through the provision of religious services and burial, education to advance Jewish culture, history and knowledge and to provide social interaction and welfare for those in need. We are always open to those outside the Jewish faith, who would like to advance their knowledge of our religion, history, customs and culture. Entry to most of our talks and events is free.

We give financial support for the maintenance of the Synagogue building in Thompson's Lane, Cambridge. The University of Cambridge Jewish Society runs the Synagogue with help from Jewish residents.

We enjoyed a community garden party on 11 August 2024 at a member's home and supported a Chanukah Party with Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue on 29 December and enjoyed a Chanukah tea and quiz at a member's home on 30 December.

Our Evening Talks programme: There were seven talks, which continued online and were well attended.

The monthly Monday afternoon meetings of the Cambridge Jewish Cultural Association continued in person and were well attended.

We sent out in the post three magazines, which contained information of all that is happening across the Cambridge Jewish community, as well as interesting articles and reports. We also offer an online version of the magazine. In addition, an email circular is sent out weekly to inform and remind our members and others of forthcoming activities and events.

Our Burial Society arranged 4 burials and 2 stone settings.

CJRA Treasurer's Report 2024/2025

Note - the accounts are prepared on a cash basis, so this shows cash movements in the year

Income	Members Subscriptions	5,054	
	Donations	0	
	Gift Aid received this year for prior years	773	
	Chevra Kadisha	3665	See CK Expenditure below
	Welfare CJCS	0	
	Events	100	
	Total Receipts	9,592	

In addition, we will shortly be receiving Gift Aid on the 24/25 subscriptions estimated as £751 (on subscriptions of £3,004)

Investment Interest	Natwest Liquidity	1,721	
	Natwest Reserve	125	
	Saffron	5,387	
	Total Interest	7,234	

Expenditure	Insurance	327	
	Printing, postage, stationery	2853	
	Charity donations	5400	Various, mainly Israeli charities, and includes £350 for the pro bono Examination 23/24
	CUJS Annual Donation	2500	
	Other Events	759	
	Chevra Kadisha	4767	Includes one burial £4,250, a large part of this was refunded in Income above
	Sundry	47	
	Total Expenditure	16,653	

In addition, we will be making a charitable donation for the pro bono Examination 24/25

Total Funds	Cash at bank	3,455	
	Natwest liquidity account	54,979	
	Natwest Reserve account	4,466	
	Saffron Building Society	85,000	
	Total reserves	147,899	

Restricted (Ring fenced funds) contained within Total Funds

Chevra Kadisha	93,565	mainly Saffron plus percentage of Natwest. Adjusted by payments & receipts in the year
CJCS Welfare	884	No movement on this in the year