



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
International Taoist Society

On accounts for the year
ended

4.4.2023

Charity no
(if any)

1191720

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(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 04/04/2023.

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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

A.P. Thornton

Date:

21/09/2023

Name:

Andrew Philip Thornton

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

ACMA

Address:

30 Westgate, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 3AS.

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name
International Taoist Society

No (if any)
1191720

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	5.4.2022		4.4.2023

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	50,490	-	-	50,490	58,106
Memberships	5,146	-	-	5,146	6,992
Gift Aid	13,311	-	-	13,311	13,719
bank interest	65	-	-	65	4
Other	1,406	-	-	1,406	508
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70,418	-	-	70,418	79,329
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,418	-	-	70,418	79,329
A3 Payments					
Venue hire & Premises costs	27,139	-	-	27,139	2481
Office Expenses & bank charges & insu	3,887	-	-	3,887	8622
Travel & Subsistence	4,307	-	-	4,307	3885
Translation services	3,000	-	-	3,000	3830
Volunteer Expenses	19,926	-	-	19,926	25856
Marketing	1,919	-	-	1,919	2810
Consultancy Services	6,135	-	-	6,135	18810
Temple expenses	-	-	-	-	21072
Donations	-	-	-	-	10500
Sub total	66,313	-	-	66,313	97,866
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	66,313	-	-	66,313	97,866
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,105	-	-	4,105	- 18,537
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,011	-	-	59,011	-
Cash funds this year end	63,116	-	-	63,116	- 18,537

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 in bank	62,331	-	-
	Cash in cashbook	785	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	63,116	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
<i>Clair Scollan</i>	CLAIRE SCOLLAN	3.10.23



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	05	04	2022		04	04	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name International Taoist Society

Other names charity is known by ITS

Registered charity number (if any) 1191720

Charity's principal address 6 Spen Road

West Park

Leeds

Postcode

LS16 5AN

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	Claire Scollan	Chair		Elected at AGM
2	William Rogal	Secretary		
3	Tom O'Leary	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 09 Oct 2020 (previously established and constitution adopted 1 st August 1989, amended on 28th April 2013 as an unincorporated charity)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees time is given on a purely voluntary basis and they have received no money from the ITS for their time.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education, for the benefit of the public in the subject of Taoism; including the cultural arts, science and philosophy of Taoism, in particular but not exclusively by the holding of meditations, community classes and producing and /or distributing literature.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Through the year and especially during planning meetings the trustees have taken into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit (ref. Charities and public benefit - January 2008, as amended December 2011).

In accordance with the stated Objectives of the charity, during 2022/23 the ITS has supported community classes and workshops throughout the UK to educate the public on the subject of Taoism.

Focus has been on providing support to teachers to build up their class numbers and training of assistant teachers. This support has included technical advice and training and financial help.

The ITS has finalised a rental agreement for a property in Play San Juan, Tenerife, Spain to act as the Sea Cloud Temple. We have used this as a base to help increase membership and further our long term aim of purchasing our own property outright. We are continuing our search for a suitable property to become our UK headquarters.

The ITS changed its structure to become a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) last year in order allow us to purchase a property for our UK headquarters. The new structure is now set up and recognised by the Charity Commission and we are now operating as the CIO (charity number 1191720) and the unincorporated charity of the same name (charity number 1151959) has been closed. There are no changes to the constitution or aims of the new charity compared to the current one, other than becoming incorporated.

These activities are in line with the aims and objectives of the ITS and have further advanced the education of the public on the subject of Taoism for the benefit of the public.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year the ITS have progressed in our aim to establish a permanent home of our own in the "Sea Cloud Temple" by renting a building in Playa San Juan, Tenerife Spain which we believe will help increase membership and aid fundraising to allow us to move from renting to purchasing our own property in the long term.

The Sea Cloud Temple in Tenerife has been broadcasting live, online classes with participants joining in from wherever they may be. This has been much appreciated by more isolated participants and has helped to build the community participation and commitment.

The ITS has continued to offer financial support to help teachers establish and grow their classes as well as technical / professional development support.

We have developed online learning platforms to spread innovative practises throughout the organisation and have established online teacher training groups in which Teachers and Assistants can share best practise and support one another.

The ITS is grateful to the volunteers who give their time and expertise free of charge.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The ITS currently holds £63116 cash in the bank as unrestricted funds and designated restricted funds, this is in line with the ITS reserves policy which was reviewed in July 2022.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The ITS has benefited from gift aid claimed on donations. The ITS would like to thank its many benefactors for their generous donations that have allowed this work to proceed and trust they will continue to support the ITS in the future.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Claire Scollan

Full name(s)

Claire Scollan

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

3.10.23