



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
International Taoist Society

No (if any)
1191720

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
5.4.2023

To

Period end date
4.4.2024

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	166,942	-	-	166,942	50,490
Memberships	9,949	-	-	9,949	5,146
Gift Aid	19,493	-	-	19,493	13,311
bank interest	1,485	-	-	1,485	65
Other	70	-	-	70	1,406
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	197,939	-	-	197,939	70,418
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	197,939	-	-	197,939	70,418
A3 Payments					
Venue hire & Premises costs	24,692	-	-	24,692	27,139
Office Expenses & bank charges & insu	2,481	-	-	2,481	3,887
Travel & Subsistence	1,939	-	-	1,939	4,307
Translation services	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Volunteer Expenses	10,170	-	-	10,170	19,926
Marketing	1,399	-	-	1,399	1,919
Consultancy Services	2,886	-	-	2,886	6,135
Temple expenses	-	-	-	-	0
Donations	-	-	-	-	0
Sub total	46,567	-	-	46,567	66,313
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	46,567	-	-	46,567	66,313
Net of receipts/(payments)	151,372	-	-	151,372	4,105
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	63,116	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	63,116	-	-	214,488	4,105
Cash funds this year end	214,488	-	-	214,488	4,105

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	213,122	-	-
	Cash in cashbook	1,366	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	214,488	-	-
	(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

Claire Scollan

CLAIRE SCOLLAN

6-5-24



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	05	04	2023		04	04	2024

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		
2	William Rogal	Secretary		
3	Tom O'Leary	Treasurer		
4	Wilhelm	Wetterhoff	29.3.24 onwards	
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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 1st 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 developing the rental property in Play San Juan, Tenerife, Spain to act as the Sea Cloud Centre. We have used this as a base to help increase membership and further our long term aim of purchasing our own property outright. We have continued our search for a suitable property to become our UK headquarters and have made bids on 2 properties, both of which were unsuccessful.

The ITS had a significant push on fundraising this year. Aided by the attempt to purchase Paxton Hall, Leeds from Paxton Horticultural Society (charity number 1075700) we were successful in raising over £120,000 towards the purchase costs of Paxton Hall from members and the general public. We were also successful in applying for, and being awarded, Department of Levelling Up funding of £236,000 to aid in the purchase and refurbishment of Paxton Hall. Unfortunately, Paxton Horticultural Society chose to sell to developers.

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 Centre" by renting a building in Playa San Juan, Tenerife Spain which we have refurbished to allow larger numbers of people to use the centre. We believe this will help increase membership and aid fundraising to allow us to move from renting to purchasing our own property in the long term.

The attempt to purchase Paxton Hall, Leeds from Paxton Horticultural Society (charity number 1075700) galvanized the membership of the ITS and we ran several, very successful funding campaigns and crowdfunders, raising a total in excess of £120,000. We also applied for, and were awarded, £236,000 in funding from the Department of Levelling Up to help us purchase and repair Paxton Hall. In order to write this successful grant bid we engaged with the wider community in Leeds to enlist support from other charities and community groups, Headingley Development Trust, the local councillors and MP's and many more. This was a very useful endeavour and we now have much stronger links to the wider Leeds community that we can call on for support in the future. We had hoped that, with the funding we had secured, we could persuade Paxton Horticultural Society to sell to us and for us both to use the facilities to mutual advantage. We offered to allow them to continue using Paxton Hall for their charitable work but they declined our offer, preferring to sell to developers, against the wishes of the local community who had supported our successful application to register Paxton Hall as an "Asset of Community Value" with Leeds City Council.

We then looked for other possible venues and bid on a property for sale by auction by Leeds City Council at Woodsley Green Leeds. Unfortunately, the property was sold for over twice its Chartered surveyor valuation, therefore rendering it beyond our means. With no prospective buildings to purchase we were obliged to return the funding to the Department of Levelling Up as the funding was time limited.

We are currently investigating other properties for sale as well as considering long term rental.

To aid with the increased workload we've experienced this last year we have recruited another trustee.

The ITS is grateful to the volunteers who give their time and expertise free of charge and who have worked especially hard this year.

Signature(s)	
Full name(s) (Claire Scollan)	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	
Date	

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The ITS currently holds £214.488 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 2023.

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

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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

6.5.24



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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

4.4.2024

Charity no
(if any)

1191720

Set out on pages

1 and 2.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 4.4.2024.

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:

Date:

21/06/2024

Name:

Andrew Philip Thornton

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

ACMA

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