

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From Day 05 Month 04 Year 2024 To Day 04 Month 04 Year 2025

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	4.4.24 to 26.1.25	
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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

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

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

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.

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 2024/25 the ITS has supported community classes and workshops throughout the UK to educate the public on the subject of Taoism.

We have continued our search for a suitable property to become our UK headquarters and have bought a property, Sandford Lodge, Kirkstall Leeds, in December 2024 which we renamed Sea Cloud Hall.

The purchase of Sea Cloud Hall helped us raise sufficient funds from members and the general public to buy it outright and we are very grateful for the practical and financial support of our members in this purchase.

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.

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)

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 finally achieved our aim to establish a permanent home of our own in the "Sea Cloud Hall" which we purchased in December 2024 in Leeds, UK. We believe this will help increase membership and aid fundraising in the future as we now have a permanent base from which to expand the teachings of the ITS.

The purchases of Sea Cloud hall was a time consuming affair and the ITS would especially like to thank the team of dedicated volunteers who gave many hours of their time, for free, to facilitate the purchase as well as our many members who contributed financially.

When we bought Sea Cloud Hall it was in a very good state of repair however we have made some cosmetic changes, planting out borders and removing some of the wiring etc. associated with the buildings previous use as a call centre. We are now planning further improvements.

We started running classes in Sea Cloud Hall in January 2025 and have started classes for the benefit of the general public as well as specialist classes for the Over 60's and children.

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

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The ITS currently holds £25,096 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 2024.

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

1-7-25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

International Taoist Society

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

5.4.2024

To

4.4.2025

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	154,894	-	-	154,894	166,942
Memberships	10,804	-	-	10,804	9,949
Gift Aid	19,084	-	-	19,084	19,493
bank interest	2,510	-	-	2,510	1,485
Other	3,132	-	-	3,132	70
loans	238,108	-	-	238,108	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	428,532	-	-	428,532	197,939
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
sale of crypto currency	4,538	-	-	4,538	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,538	-	-	4,538	-
Total receipts	433,070	-	-	433,070	197,939
A3 Payments					
Venue hire & Premises costs	8,119	-	-	8,119	24,692
Office Expenses & bank charges & insu	5,986	-	-	5,986	2,481
Travel & Subsistence	14,532	-	-	14,532	1,939
Translation services	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Volunteer Expenses	2,615	-	-	2,615	10,170
Marketing	539	-	-	539	1,399
Consultancy Services	4,300	-	-	4,300	2,886
Property purchase costs	39,271	-	-	39,271	0
	-	-	-	-	0
Sub total	78,362	-	-	78,362	46,567
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Sea Cloud Hall	523,000	-	-	523,000	-
Crypto currency purchase	21,100	-	-	21,100	-
Sub total	544,100	-	-	544,100	-
Total payments	622,462	-	-	622,462	46,567
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 189,392	-	-	- 189,392	151,372
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	214,488	-	-	214,488	-
Cash funds this year end	25,096	-	-	25,096	151,372

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash in bank	18,382	-	-
Cash in cashbook	1,366	-	-
Cash in Euro account	5,348	-	-
Total cash funds	25,096	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Crypto currency		21,100	14,599
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Sea Cloud Hall		523,000	523,000
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Loans		215,350	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Clair Scollan

CLAIRE SCOLLAN

1-7-25



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

International Taoist Society

On accounts for the year
ended

4.4.2025

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 04/04/2025.

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:

01/09/2025

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.