

# ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1195866

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-09-21

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ("THE OBJECTS") ARE AS FOLLOWS; TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF CURRENT AND EARLIER WORK RELATING TO THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBOURS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY FACILITATING THE EXCHANGE OF LECTURERS, RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS IN THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE REGION AND KINDRED SUBJECTS, ASSISTING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBOURS, ESTABLISHING SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE AWARDING OF GRANTS PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING JOURNALS AND OTHER LITERATURE AND BY SUCH OTHER MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

**Activities:** To advance education relating to the archaeology of Israel and its neighbours by facilitating the exchange of lecturers, researchers and students in the archaeology of the region and kindred subjects, assisting with the development of the archaeology of Israel and its neighbours, establishing scholarships and the awarding of grants, publishing and distributing journals and other literature

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Israel
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£12,502	£16,974	-	-
2024-12-31	£14,789	£18,156	-	-
2023-12-31	£155,492	£35,693	-	-
2022-12-31	£14,597	£26,198	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Professor SARAH PEARCE</b>	Chair	2026-04-30
Dr Anthony Rabin		2025-04-01
Dr Arjen Feike Bakker		2024-11-19
Dr DAVID FRIEDMAN		2024-04-17
Dr MARK MERRONY		2020-09-01
Dr Nathan MacDonald		2026-04-30
Dr Paul Thomas Collins		2026-04-30
Dr RACHAEL SPARKS		2026-04-30
Dr REBEKAH WELTON		2026-04-30
Dr Sandra Jacobs		2024-11-19
PROFESSOR MARTIN GOODMAN		2024-04-17
Professor Hindy Najman		2026-04-30
Professor Hugh Williamson		2025-04-01
Professor Tessa Rajak		2025-04-01

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# Accounts

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**ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2025**  
**Prepared for the AGM held 30 April 2026**

The 62nd AGM of the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society (unincorporated association) was held on 5 April 2025 by videoconference. This AGM will be the fourth AGM of The Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Charity Reg no. 1195866.

The Society exists to advance education relating to the archaeology of Israel and its neighbours. It regularly holds lectures on topics of archaeological interest concerning the region, funding travel grants to Israel for students and publishing its peer-reviewed journal, *Strata*. All these activities were carried out in 2025, along with other one-off activities, and are described below.

**Lecture Summaries for 2025**

Our online lecture programme continues to attract large worldwide audiences which frequently exceed over 100 attendees. The Society hosted 15 lectures throughout the year. The following is a summary of lectures in 2025, which are all available to view on the [website](#).

Thursday 16 January 2025: [Online](#)

Dr Nava Panitz-Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

A Wise Woman and a Bearded Male: Excavations at Tel Abel Beth Maacah in Northern Israel

Wednesday 26 February 2025 [Online](#) JOINT WITH BFHU

Dr Igor Kreimerman, (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Debates in the Dust: Seventy Years After the First Dig at Hazor and the Shaping of Biblical Archaeology

Thursday 20 March 2025: [Online](#)

Prof. Helen Bond (University of Edinburgh)

Mary of Nazareth: A non-elite Jewish life

Thursday 24 April 2025: [Online](#)

Prof. Yigal Levin (Bar-Ilan University)

Tamar on the Southern Boundary of Ezekiel's New Land of Israel

Tuesday 27 May 2025: [Online](#)

Prof. Avi Faust (Bar-Ilan University)

"Life in Building 101 at Tel 'Eton': From "Boys and Girls Playing" to "Old Men and Old Women Sitting"

Thursday 5 June 2025: [Online](#)

Prof. Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)

Tel Azekah after Twelve Seasons of Excavation: From a Canaanite City to a Judahite Fort and a Byzantine Church

Thursday 17 July 2025: [Online](#)

Prof. Tessa Rajak (Emerita at the University of Reading)

Reminiscences of the Masada dig, 1963-5: Yigael Yadin and the British Connection

Thursday 18 September 2025: [Online](#)

Danny Syon (Israel Antiquities Authority)

Excavations of Crusader Akko

Wednesday 22 October 2025: [Online](#)

Dr. Meron Piotrkowski (University of Oxford)

Mapping the Jews of Ancient Egypt: From the Hellenistic Period to the Arab Conquest

Wednesday 12 November 2025: [Online](#)

Dr. Laurie Pearce (University of California, Berkeley)  
Judean Experience(s) in Mesopotamia

Wednesday 10 December 2025: [Online](#)

Prof. Zeev Weiss (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
“Building God’s House: Synagogues, Churches, and Intercommunal Relations in Late Antique Palestine”

Collectively, we received 1,046 lecture registrations, with more than 682 attendees (please note that attendance data for February 2026 is not yet available). To date (09/03/2026), our lecture recordings have accumulated a total of 1,273 views.

### **Student Travel Grants**

In light of the ongoing situation in Israel, we have paused our usual student travel grant programme for the time being. We will continue to review developments closely and hope to reinstate this opportunity—or introduce a suitable alternative—as soon as circumstances allow.

### ***Strata* Volume 42 (2024)**

*Strata* Volume 42 (2024) presents a wide-ranging collection of scholarly studies focused on prehistoric and early historic archaeology in the southern Levant. Natalia Gubenko provides an extensive historical overview of the beginnings of prehistoric research in the Holy Land, tracing the discipline’s formation and early excavations. Mina Weinstein-Evron offers a fresh reassessment of the famous Tabun Cave Neanderthal Woman from Layer C, incorporating modern analytical perspectives.

Research into submerged prehistoric landscapes is highlighted by Ehud Galili and Liora Horowitz, who examine coastal settlements now underwater due to sea-level changes. Laurent Davin explores François Valla’s influential ethnological approach to understanding the Natufian culture, emphasising its interpretive value. Steven A. Rosen evaluates how the rise of “New Archaeology” reshaped prehistoric studies in Israel, shifting methodological and theoretical approaches.

The volume concludes with summaries of recent lectures, offering insights into ongoing debates and emerging research trends.

All the authors are sincerely thanked for their contributions to *Strata* 42.

### **Finance**

A review and update of member rates took place in 2025. A separate Annual Statement of Accounts for 2025 has been circulated with the Agenda for this AGM.

### **Publicity**

The Society’s website is an important focus for information about AIAS events, archaeological news from Israel, recordings of lectures and for selecting back copies of *Strata*. The website attracts considerable interest and sincere thanks are extended to our Administrator, Claire Wilkins, for maintaining and keeping the information up to date. A refresh of the website is expected in 2026, bringing enhanced features.

The Society’s Facebook page is maintained by Dr David Friedman and gives links to, and comments on, the latest archaeological discoveries and publicity about AIAS’s latest lectures ([www.facebook.com/IsraelArchaeologyLondon](http://www.facebook.com/IsraelArchaeologyLondon)). AIAS is also on -Twitter: @AIAS\_Strata, and our grateful thanks are extended to Dr Rebekah Welton for administering the Twitter account.

Our Summer and Winter Newsletters were shared with all members this year. We extend our sincere thanks to Claire Wilkins for coordinating and producing both editions, and to Mark Merrony for his insightful contribution on archaeological finds, featured in the Summer issue.

### **Trustee meetings**

The Trustees convened three times in 2025; in March, July and November. In addition to the topics covered above, there were discussions on our investment policy, details of our data and cyber security, grant programme, proposal to launch a new course and member trips and regular financial updates from the Honorary Treasurer.

There were changes to the Trustee membership in 2025. We warmly welcomed Prof. Hindy Najman as trustee and Dr. Nathan McDonald as committee member.

### **Administrative support**

Mrs. Claire Wilkins assumed responsibility for all administrative duties, including the coordination of events. Mrs. Courtney Lee joined January 2026 to support lectures and events.

### **Final words**

The Society warmly acknowledges the generous support we have received over the past year from both members and non-members. We also extend our sincere gratitude to our Honorary Solicitor, Mr Ian Burman, for his valued guidance, and to our Independent Examiner, Mr Paul Felton, for undertaking the review of the 2025 Accounts.

Please contact the Administrator if you are able to help support our activities in any way ([admin@aias.org.uk](mailto:admin@aias.org.uk)).

## **THE ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

In 2025, we hosted 11 public lectures, all of which were virtual, attracting on average over 60 attendees. The publication of *Strata* Vol. 42, our top-quality peer-reviewed journal, was delayed during the year, but was published in February 2026. However, because of the political situation in Israel, we decided to suspend our student travel grant programme for 2025, as we did for 2024.

Total receipts this year amounted to £12,502, compared with last year's receipts of £14,789. Receipts from individual members paying subscriptions totaled £3,235 (£4,035, 2024). When in-year total receipts are adjusted for prior year's receipts relating to the current year, and receipts in the current year relating to the next year, we received subscriptions of £ 3,272 in relation to this year (£3,982, 2024). We did not publish *Strata* this year, and therefore the only income received related to back-copy orders. Income from our two investments in COIF Funds, managed by CCLA Fund Managers, into which our non-cash reserves are invested, provided dividend income of £5,214 (£5,077, 2024) and interest income of £333 (£226, 2024). Gift Aid receipts totaled £1,295, compared with £946 in 2024. Of the Gift Aid of £1,295 received in 2025, £979 related to 2024 and £316 to a further claim for 2023.

We have again this year benefitted from a number of generous donations. £1,000 was received from Dr Alan Brenner and £1,000 from Mr. Martin Stern. The Society also received a further £275 from 8 individuals. We are extremely grateful to all these benefactors.

In respect of virtual lectures in 2025, our expenses for the year were minimal.

Because we did not publish *Strata* during 2025, our costs of £2,839 in 2025 relate to the funding of *Strata*'s new Editor to attend two international archaeology conferences to promote the Society and the Journal and to attract new scholarly articles. *Strata* Volume 42 (2024) has now been published and Volume 43 (2025) will be published in 2026.

Administration expenditure was £10,054 during the year, compared with £9,706 in 2024. We have spent £2,267 in 2025 on IT, compared with £2,626 in 2024. Finance charges from our credit card processor amounted to £519 in 2025, compared with £393 in 2024. Office costs were £545 in 2025, compared with £1,154 in 2024, benefitting from an absence of Royal Mail redirection costs for this year.

In aggregate, expenditure exceeded receipts by £4,472 compared with £4,367 in 2024.

The Society's reserves have decreased from £216,587 at the beginning of the year to £202,931 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. The Society's reserves, other than those represented by cash and a tax refund due in respect of Gift Aid less accrued expenses, are held as investments in two COIF Funds. The principal fund, the COIF Charities Investment Fund (IF), invests in a range of liquid investments of which between 50% and 85% are equities. The other, the COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund (SDBF), invests principally in a mixture of Government and Non-Government bonds. Total non-monetary investments decreased from £195,524 to £186,803 over the 12 months.

We have, as in previous years, asked for an Independent Examiner's report in the format prescribed by the Charity Commission, and our sincere thanks are due to Mr Paul Felton for fulfilling that role.

Dr. Anthony Rabin  
Hon. Treasurer  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



**ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER  
2025**

**1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNT**

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>		
	<b>Unrestrict ed Funds</b>	<b>Restrict ed Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Unrestrict ed Funds</b>	<b>Restrict ed Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Receipts</b>						
Subscriptions	3,235.00		3,235.00	4,035.00		4,035.00
Donations	2,275.00	0.00	2,275.00	2,726.25	1,000.00	3,726.25
Publications - Strata	50.00		50.00	760.62		760.62
Sundries	100.00		100.00	18.08		18.08
Investments - Interest	332.87		332.87	226.21		226.21
Investments - Dividends	5,213.63		5,213.63	5,076.69		5,076.69
Tax refund on Gift Aid	1,295.49		1,295.49	945.85		945.85
			12,501.9			14,788.7
<b>Total receipts</b>	12,501.99	0.00	9	13,788.70	1,000.00	0
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Student Travel Grants</b>						
<b>Direct Expenditure</b>						
Lectures	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
		2,839.0				
Strata	0.00	0	2,839.00	3,832.02		3,832.02
Insurance	455.34		455.34	444.49		444.49
	455.34	2,839.0	0	4,276.51		4,276.51
<b>Other Expenditure</b>			10,054.1			
Administration	10,054.17		7	9,706.08		9,706.08
Printing	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Postage	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Jubilee Event	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Lectures	183.60		183.60	0.00		0.00
IT and Web costs	2,083.10		2,083.10	2,626.24		2,626.24
Telephone and sundry	294.99		294.99	0.00		0.00
Bank charges	518.85		518.85	393.24		393.24
Office	544.69		544.69	1,154.11		1,154.11
			13,679.4			13,879.6
	13,679.40		0	13,879.67		7
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	14,134.74	2,839.0	16,973.7	18,156.18		18,156.1
		0	4			8
<b>Net Receipts (outgoings)</b>	-1,632.75	2,839.0	-	-4,367.48	1,000.00	-
		0	4,471.75			3,367.48



**ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER  
2025**

**2. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER  
2025 (£)**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Bank and Cash Balances		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	261.03	250.33
	15,944.7	
Bank Account	3	20,416.48
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	16,205.7	20,666.81
	6	20,666.81
<b>Debtor</b>		
Tax refund due on Gift Aid subscriptions and donations		1,000

**Monetary Liabilities (incurred before the accounting date but  
settled later)**

**Unrestricted Funds**

Accrued Charges for Dec. 2025	227.72	199.70
Accrued administration remuneration	850.00	404.17
	1,077.72	£603.87

**Non-Monetary Assets**

	<b>Holding</b>	<b>Market</b>	<b>Gross</b>
	<b>(units)</b>	<b>Value (£)</b>	<b>Income</b>
			<b>(£)</b>
COIF Charities Investment Fund T Income Units	9,190.24	177,572.90	5,213.63
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund B income Units	7,158.58	9,230.27	1,295.49
		186,803.1	
As at 31st December 2025		7	6,509.12
		195,524.4	
As at 31st December 2024		1	5,302.90

**Restricted Funds**

Some of our funds derive from donations and legacies which have been donated for specific purposes. A list of the purposes and the balance of these funds is given below.

	<b>Balance 31 Dec 2025 (£)</b>
Student Summer Excavation grants (location in Israel unspecified)	3,515.35
Student Summer Excavation grants (location specified)	15,850.00
Mike Sommer Legacy	13,221.90
	32,587.25

PROF. SARAH PEARCE

For and on behalf of the Trustees  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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Our on-line lecture programme continues to attract large worldwide audiences which frequently exceed over 100 attendees. The Society hosted 14 lectures throughout the year and this included supporting the Oded Lipschits Lecture Tour. The following is a summary of lectures in 2023, which are all available to view on the [website](#).

23 January 2024: [Online](#)

Professor Hugh Williamson (University of Oxford)  
Scrolls and Scribes: How Well Has the Bible Survived?

27 February 2024 [Online](#)

Professor Orly Goldwasser, Professor Rollston and Professor Garfinkel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
Dawn of the Aleph-Bet

25 March 2024: [Online](#)

Professor Joan Taylor (Kings College London)  
Recovering Saint Salome: Khirbet Qasra Revealed

17 April 2024: [Online](#)

Professor Steven Ortiz (Lipscomb University)  
Searching for Solomon's City: Recent Excavations at Tel Gezer

22 May 2024: [Online](#)

Dr. Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (Baylor University)  
Home Sweet Home: Ancient Israelite Households in Context

26 June 2024: [Online](#)

Paul Collins (British Museum) and Professor Hindy Najman (University of Oxford)  
Origins and Resilience: The Vitality of Judaism in Archaeology, Art and Texts

22 July 2024: Online

Professor Erich Gruen (University of California)  
Ancient Judaism: a Nation, an Ethnicity, or a Religion?

10 October 2024: [Online](#)

Professor Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University)  
King Solomon's Mines Revisited: 10 Years of Excavations in the Timna Valley

11 November 2024: Online

Dr Eyal Baruch (Bar-Ilan University)  
Ritual Baths (Mikvehs) in Synagogues: Between Law (Halakhah) and Piousness

29 June 2023: In person, Wiener Library  
Professor Tessa Rajak (University of Reading)  
Exploring the Holy Land with Josephus in Hand

### **Student Travel Grants**

Due to the ongoing challenges affecting Israel, our usual student travel grant opportunities have been temporarily suspended. We will closely monitor the situation and aim to resume this programme, or a comparable initiative, at the earliest appropriate time

### **Strata Volume 41**

This edition of the journal seeks to expand its scope by covering a broader range of subjects and historical periods. The outgoing Editor-in-Chief, Professor Ken Dark, provides an insightful Editorial reflecting on the global significance of Jerusalem's archaeology. Greg Jenks examines coins from Et-Tell and their implications for the archaeology of early Christianity. Yosef Spiezer employs Geographical Information Systems to trace the city walls from the Roman Period and assess adjacent sites. Leah Di Segni contributes new findings from the extensively studied Masada, while Joan Taylor and Boaz Zissu offer a substantial examination of Ḥorvat Qasra and the Christian chapel of Salome. Joshua and Stephen Errington revisit the work of early explorers of the 'Tomb of the Kings,' and Yana Tchekhanovets and Doron Ben-Ami discuss the re-excavation of a trench originally excavated by Dame Kathleen Kenyon.

Volume 41 also contained an obituary of Ammon Ben-Tor, five book reviews, and summaries of some 15 lectures delivered by leading scholars as part of the Society's annual lecture series. And we feature reports from our Student Travel Grant programme celebrating our (belated) Diamond Jubilee year.

All the authors are sincerely thanked for their contributions to Strata 41. Special thanks are extended to our editors at the time Professor Ken Dark and Dr Rachael Sparks, for assembling and editing the volume, and to Dr Rebekah Welton for collating the book reviews.

### **Finance**

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### **Publicity**

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During Summer 2024, we conducted a member survey to gain deeper insights into our members' preferences and expectations. The findings indicated widespread satisfaction with the Society's activities, particularly lectures. Suggestions included improving the website, introducing curated visits, and newsletters. In response, AIAS launched a biennial newsletter starting Summer 2024, with ongoing efforts to enhance the website. The committee is actively exploring further improvements to enrich the member experience.

### **Trustee meetings**

The Trustees convened three times in 2024; in March, July and November. In addition to the topics covered above, there were discussions on our investment policy, updating our privacy policy, reducing the annual deficit, grant programme, and regular financial updates from the Honorary Treasurer.

There were changes to the Trustee membership in 2024. We warmly welcomed Dr Arjen Bekker and Dr Sandra Jacobs.

### **Administrative support**

Upon the retirement of Mrs. Sheila Ford in December 2024, Mrs. Claire Wilkins has assumed responsibility for all administrative duties, including the coordination of events. The Society extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Ford for her years of dedicated and invaluable service.

### **Final words**

The Society deeply appreciates the many generous donations received in the last year from members and non-members. We would also like to offer our sincerest thanks to our Honorary Solicitor, Mr Ian Burman, for his advice and support, and to our Independent Examiner, Mr Paul Felton, for the examination of the 2024 Accounts.

Please contact the Administrator if you are able to help support our activities in any way ([admin@aias.org.uk](mailto:admin@aias.org.uk)).

## **THE ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

In 2024, we hosted 9 public lectures, 8 of which were virtual, attracting on average over 100 attendees. We also hosted a members-only lecture and reception at the Weiner Institute in December in honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Barabara Barnett, our Vice President and Founding Member. Strata Vol. 41, our top-quality peer-reviewed journal, was published during the year. However, because of the political situation in Israel, we decided to suspend our student travel grant programme for 2024 but will review the position in 2025.

Total receipts this year amounted to £14,789, compared with last year's receipts of £155,492. However, in 2023 we received two significant legacies totaling £135,000 and a £7,500 grant in respect of our Jubilee Appeal, totaling £142,500. When last year's income is adjusted for this, the comparable figure for 2023 is £12,992.

Receipts from individual members paying subscriptions totaled £4,035 (£3,895 2023), albeit £323 related to 2025, comparable with the previous year's 2024 receipts of £302. When these adjustments are made, income from subscriptions for 2024 was broadly the same as 2023. Income from the publication of the Society's journal, Strata, was £761 (2023 £1,225), a decrease of 38%, because a significant number of institutional subscribers failed to renew. Income from our two investments in COIF Funds, managed by CCLA Fund Managers, into which our non-cash reserves are invested, provided dividend income of £5,077 (2023 £3,810) and interest income of £226 (2023 £200), the significant increase in dividend income resulting from the effect of a full year's investment of significant legacy funds received during 2023.

We have again this year benefitted from a number of generous donations. £1,000 was received from Dr Alan Brenner and £1,000 from the S & P Sephardi Community. The Society also received 2 donations over £200 totaling £1,200 and a further £526 from 11 individuals. We are extremely grateful to all these benefactors.

In respect of virtual lectures in 2024, our expenses for the year were minimal.

Strata Volume 41 (2023) was published during the year. Total costs were £3,832 (2023 £4,365), a 12% decrease resulting from using a different supplier of printing and distribution services.

Administration expenditure has reduced from £10,575 in 2023 to £9,706 in 2024, consequent on there being no overlap between administrators in 2024.

We have spent £2,626 in 2024 on IT, compared with £2,676 in 2023.

Finance charges from our Worldpay credit card account amounted to £393 in 2024, compared with £360 in 2023

Office costs were £1,154 in 2024, compared with £368 in 2023. The increase arose because, for 2024, we incurred a full year's virtual office charges, together with Royal Mail redirection costs.

In aggregate, expenditure exceeded receipts by £3,367, almost entirely attributable to an excess of Strata publication costs over institutional income.

The Society's reserves have increased from £215,359 at the beginning of the year to £216,587 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The Society's reserves, other than those represented by cash and a tax refund due in respect of Gift Aid, less accrued expenses, are held as investments in two COIF Funds. The principal fund, the COIF Charities Investment Fund (IF), invests in a range of liquid investments of which approximately 70% are equities. The other, the COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund

(SDBF), invests principally in a mixture of Government and Non-Government bonds. Total non-monetary investments increased from £191,137 to £195,524 over the 12 months.

We have, as in previous years, asked for an Independent Examiner's report in the format prescribed by the Charity Commission, and our sincere thanks are due to Mr Paul Felton for fulfilling that role.

Lastly, may I add to the Chair's thanks my own thanks to Mrs. Sheila Ford, who retired at the end of 2024 after many years as Secretary to the Society. My role as Treasurer has been immeasurably assisted by Sheila and I am extremely grateful for her support since my taking on the role.

Dr. Anthony Rabin

Hon. Treasurer

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST  
DECEMBER 2024  
1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNT**

	2024			2023		
	Unrestric ted Funds	Restric ted Funds	Total	Unrestricte d Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Total
<b>Receipts</b>						
Subscriptions	4,035.00		4,035.00	3,895.00		3,895.00
		1,000.0		116,858.0	28,349.5	145,207.
Donations	2,726.25	0	3,726.25	0	2	52
Publications - Strata	760.62		760.62	1,224.75		1,224.75
Sundries	18.08		18.08	34.09		34.09
Investments - Interest	226.21		226.21	200.44		200.44
Investments - Dividends	5,076.69		5,076.69	3,809.75		3,809.75
Tax refund on Gift Aid	945.85		945.85	1,120.32		1,120.32
	13,788.7	1,000.0	14,788.7	127,142.3	28,349.5	155,491.
<b>Total receipts</b>	0	0	0	5	2	87
<b>Payments</b>						
					13,000.0	14,500.0
<b>Student Travel Grants</b>				1,500.00	0	0
<b>Direct Expenditure</b>						
Lectures	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Strata	3,832.02		3,832.02	4,365.88		4,365.88
Insurance	444.49		444.49	427.23		427.23
	4,276.51		4,276.51	4,793.11	0.00	4,793.11
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
						10,575.0
Administrators' fees	9,706.08		9,706.08	10,575.00		0
Printing	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Postage	0.00		0.00	50.00		50.00
Jubilee Event	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
2023 Lecture Tour	0.00		0.00	320.83	1,887.00	2,207.83
IT and Web costs	2,626.24		2,626.24	2,675.66		2,675.66
Telephone and sundry	0.00		0.00	162.79		162.79
Bank charges	393.24		393.24	360.47		360.47
Office	1,154.11		1,154.11	368.12		368.12
	13,879.6		13,879.6			16,399.8
	7		7	14,512.87	1,887.00	7
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	18,156.1		18,156.1	20,805.98	14,887.0	35,692.9
	8		8		0	8
<b>Net Receipts (outgoings)</b>	-	1,000.0	-	106,336.3	13,462.5	119,798.
	4,367.48	0	3,367.48	7	2	89
<b>Cash 31st December 2024</b>	<b>19,666. 81</b>	<b>1,000. 00</b>	<b>20,666. 81</b>			
<b>Cash 31st December 2023</b>	5,694.07	18,365. 35	24,059.4 2			



**ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER  
2024**

**2. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER  
2024 (£)**

	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Bank and Cash Balances		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	250.33	238.13
	20,416.4	
Bank Accounts	8	23,783.96
Cash Float		37.33
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	20,666.8	24,059.42
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<b>Debtor</b>		
Tax refund due on Gift Aid subscriptions and donations	1,000	1,000

**Monetary Liabilities (incurred before the accounting date but  
settled later)**

**Unrestricted Funds**

Credit Card Charges for Dec. 2024/3	199.70	27.94
Accrued administration remuneration	404.17	808.84
	603.87	836.74

**Non-Monetary Assets**

	<b>Holding (units)</b>	<b>Market Value (£)</b>	<b>Gross Income (£)</b>
COIF Charities Investment Fund T Income Units	9,190.24	186,500.30	5,076.69
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund B income Units	7,158.58	9,024.11	226.21
		195,524.4	
As at 31st December 2024		1	5,302.90
As at 31st December 2023		191,136.6	9 4,010.19

**Restricted Funds**

Some of our funds derive from donations and legacies which have been donated for specific purposes. A list of the purposes and the balance of these funds is given below.

	<b>Balance 31 Dec 2024 (£)</b>
Student Summer Excavation grants (location in Israel unspecified)	3,515.35
Student Summer Excavation grants (location specified)	15,850.00

Mike Sommer Legacy

16,060.90  
35,426.25

PROF. SARAH PEARCE

For and on behalf of the Trustees  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1195866

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Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1195866

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(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 31/12/2023

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

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:

6 FEB 2024

Name:

PAUL FELTON

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

MSc, BSc (HONS)

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MUSWELL HILL  
LONDON N10 2DH



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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## THE ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023

2023 was a very significant year for the Society. We hosted 14 lectures, a record for the Society, 9 virtual and 5 in person in February (our first since early 2020), all the latter given by Professor Oded Lipschits in various UK locations as part of a tour to (belatedly) celebrate our Diamond Jubilee. We also hosted, jointly with Kings College London, a postgraduate workshop hosted by Professor Lipschits, to which students from the UK and Israel were invited. Our virtual lectures continued to attract between 100 and 150 attendees. Also to celebrate our Jubilee, we awarded 5 grants totalling £14,500 (another record for the Society) to excavate at the Tel Azekah Project for four weeks, generously funded by two principal donors. Vol. 40 of *Strata*, our top-quality peer-reviewed journal, was published during the year.

Total receipts this year amounted to £155,492, an order of magnitude greater than last year's receipts of £14,597. Of this figure, £135,000 was received by way of two legacies, and £7,500 in respect of a grant under our Jubilee appeal. Restricted receipts for 2023 totaled £28,350 compared with £3,000 in 2022, leaving £127,142 of unrestricted non-legacy income in the year, compared with £11,597 of unrestricted income last year. The Society's reserves have correspondingly increased from £83,086 at the beginning of the year to £215,359, significantly greater than we have ever had, and an excellent foundation to continue and expand our activities.

Receipts from individual members paying subscriptions totaled £3,895, albeit £302 related to 2024, comparable with the previous year's receipts of £4,062 (£530 relating to 2023). When these adjustments are made, income from subscriptions for 2023 was the same as 2022. Income from the publication of the Society's journal, *Strata*, was £1,225 (2022 £1,078), an increase of 14%. Income from our two investments in COIF Funds, managed by CCLA Fund Managers, into which our non-cash reserves are invested, provided dividend income of £3,810 (2022 £2,237) and interest income of £200 (2022 £241), the significant increase in dividend income resulting from an investment of £105,000 out of legacy funds received.

In addition to the significant legacies and the donation mentioned above, we have again this year benefitted from a number of other generous donations. £1,000 was received from Dr Alan Brenner. The Society also received 3 donations over £200 totaling £1,160 and a further £1,547 from 16 individuals. We are extremely grateful to all these individuals.

In respect of virtual lectures in 2023, our expenses for the year were minimal. As mentioned above we funded Professor Lipschits's lecture tour and workshop in February. Costs in 2023 amounted to £2,208 which when added to travel costs paid in advance in 2022 of £4,527 totalled £6,735, nearly all of which was funded by the Mike Sommer Legacy. We awarded 5 travel grants totalling £14,500, £13,000 funded by donations received for this purpose.

*Strata* Volume 40 (2022) was published during the year. Total costs were £3,796 (2022 £4,129), broadly comparable with last year.

Administration expenditure increased from £7,752 to £10,575. This has arisen as we have had a change of administrator from Mrs. Sheila Ford to Mrs. Claire Wilkins, albeit Mrs. Ford continues to manage our lecture activities. In order to achieve smooth continuity, both Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Wilkins worked alongside one another for a short period. My personal sincere thanks are due to Sheila Ford for unstinting support to me as Treasurer since I took office.

We have spent £2,676 in 2023 on IT. £903 was paid to maintain a Zoom account, both to enable us to run virtual lectures and facilitate committee and other meetings. During the year, we set up a dedicated Google account, both to streamline emails and also to enable us to store documents in a central cloud space. Google running costs totalled £157 for a part year. Our webhosting costs amounted to £125, and we paid consultancy costs of £1,365 in respect of set up of a new YouTube channel, setting up our Google account, and some post lecture video editing.

Finance charge from our Worldpay credit card account amounted to £360 in 2023, compared with a credit in 2022. The credit arose as a result of ex gratia payments to us from Worldpay and Barclays Bank, our bankers, for poor service.

We have been obliged to move office, as our former office was kindly provided free of charge by the British Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (BFHU), who have themselves moved to smaller premises. We are very grateful to BFHU for their very long-standing support. We acquired a virtual office in May, which handles incoming post and calls and provides an address for service. Although our office expense of £938 reflects some one-off costs this transitional year, our new office costs are likely to be c. £750 per annum from 2024.

In aggregate, receipts exceeded expenditure by £119,799 (2022 deficit £11,602). However, when this figure is adjusted for the two large legacies and the Jubilee Appeal donation received (and the corresponding expenditure on grants) a deficit of c. £9,700 is reached. Adjusting this for the level of expenditure we would expect going forward on administration, consultancy, IT and virtual office expenses reduces this but only to a running deficit of c. £5,700, attributable to Strata (£2,700) and general running costs (£3,000). Clearly, we now have sufficient reserves (see below) to enable us to take a long-term view on this, but the Trustees will be looking during the coming months as to how this running deficit can be reduced or eliminated.

The Society's reserves, other than those represented by cash and a tax refund due in respect of Gift Aid, less accrued expenses, are held as investments in two COIF Funds. The principal fund, the COIF Charities Investment Fund (IF), invests in a range of liquid investments of which approximately 70% are equities. The other, the COIF Charities Short Duration Bond Fund (SDBF), invests principally in a mixture of Government and Non-Government bonds. Total non-monetary investments increased from £73,207 to £191,137 over the 12 months, an increase of £117,930. Of that increase, £105,000 represents the investment of the two legacies received in the IF and the remainder almost entirely represents an average increase in the value of the units in the IF of 9% per annum.

We have, as in previous years, asked for an Independent Examiner's report in the format prescribed by the Charity Commission, and our sincere thanks to Mr Paul Felton for fulfilling that role.

Dr. Anthony Rabin  
Hon. Treasurer

12 March 2024

# ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

### 1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (£)

#### ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023

#### 1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Receipts</b>						
Subscriptions	3,895.00		3,895.00	4,062.50		4,062.50
Donations	116,858.00	28,349.52	145,207.52	2,596.38	3,000.45	5,596.83
Publications - Strata	1,224.75		1,224.75	1,078.00		1,078.00
Sundries	34.09		34.09	26.32		26.32
Investments - Interest	200.44		200.44	241.25		241.25
Investments - Dividends	3,809.75		3,809.75	2,236.79		2,236.79
Tax refund on Gift Aid	1,120.32		1,120.32	1,355.33		1,355.33
<b>Total receipts</b>	127,142.35	28,349.52	155,491.87	11,596.57	3,000.45	14,597.02
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Student Travel Grants</b>	1,500.00	13,000.00	14,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00
<b>Direct Expenditure</b>						
Lectures	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Strata	3,795.88		3,795.88	3,879.50	250.00	4,129.50
Insurance	427.23		427.23	412.20		412.20
	4,223.11	0.00	4,223.11	4,291.70	250.00	4,541.70
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
Secretary's remuneration	10,575.00		10,575.00	7,752.00		7,752.00
Printing	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Postage	50.00		50.00	57.65		57.65
Jubilee Event	0.00		0.00	925.70	2,500.00	3,425.70
2023 Lecture Tour	320.83	1,887.00	2,207.83	0.00	4,527.10	4,527.10
IT and Web costs	2,675.66		2,675.66	3,287.53		3,287.53
Telephone and sundry	162.79		162.79	119.11		119.11
Bank charges	360.47		360.47	-12.06		-12.06
Office	938.12		938.12			
	15,082.87	1,887.00	16,969.87	12,129.93	7,027.10	19,157.03
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	20,805.98	14,887.00	35,692.98	16,421.63	9,777.10	26,198.73
<b>Net Receipts (outgoings)</b>	106,336.37	13,462.52	119,798.89	-4,825.06	-6,776.65	-11,601.71
<b>Cash 31st December 2023</b>	<b>5,694.07</b>	<b>18,365.35</b>	<b>24,059.42</b>			
<i>Cash 31st December 2022</i>	<i>5,484.94</i>	<i>3,015.80</i>	<i>8,500.74</i>			

**ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**2. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023 (£)**

	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Bank and Cash Balances		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	238.13	228.14
Bank Accounts	23,783.96	8,259.07
Cash Float	37.33	13.53
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	<u>24,059.42</u>	<u>10,204.23</u>
<b>Debtor</b>		
Tax refund due on Gift Aid subscriptions and donations	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
<b>Monetary Liabilities (incurred before the accounting date but settled later)</b>		
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Credit Card Charges for Dec. 2023/2	27.94	25.20
Accrued administration remuneration	808.84	750.00
Accrued Consultancy fees		750.00
	<u>836.74</u>	<u>1,525.20</u>

**Non-Monetary Assets**

	<b>Holding (units)</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Gross Income</b>
COIF Charities Investment Fund	9,190.24	182,380.31	3,809.75
T Income Units			
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund	7,158.58	8,756.38	200.44
B income Units			
As at 31st December 2023		<u>191,136.69</u>	<u>4,010.19</u>
<i>As at 31st December 2022</i>		<u>73,207.16</u>	<u>2,478.04</u>

**Restricted Funds**

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	<b>Balance 31 Dec 2023 (£)</b>
Student Summer Excavation grants (location in Israel unspecified)	2,515.35
Student Summer Excavation grants (location specified)	15,850.00
Mike Sommer Legacy	<u>16,060.90</u>
	<u>34,426.25</u>

PROF. SARAH PEARCE

For and on behalf of the Trustees  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1195866

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## ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The 59<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society (unincorporated association) was held in November 2021 by videoconference. Because of the transfer of the Society's business to a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation during the year, there was no AGM in 2022, and this AGM will be the first AGM of The Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society, a CIO, Charity Reg no. 1195866.

The Society exists to advance education relating to the archaeology of Israel and its neighbours. It regularly holds lectures on topics of archaeological interest concerning the region, funding travel grants to Israel for students and publishing its peer-reviewed journal, *Strata*. All these activities were carried out in 2022, along with other one-off activities, and are described below.

### Lecture Summaries for 2022

The Society did not hold an AGM in 2022 and we have not published lecture summaries in this Report from 2021. However, the 2021 lecture programme and videos are available to view on [www.aias.org.uk](http://www.aias.org.uk).

Our on-line lecture programme continues to attract large worldwide audiences which frequently exceed over 100 attendees. The Society hosted 12 online lectures throughout the year. The following is a summary of lectures in 2022, which are all available to view on the website.

- 20 January – Prof. Rami Arav (University of Nebraska at Omaha) - *Three Decades of Excavations at Bethsaida*.
- 17 February – Prof. Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University) - *New Light on Iron Age and Persian Period Jerusalem*.
- 15 March – Prof. Philip Alexander (University of Manchester) - *Did Rabbis Write Down the Mishnah? Orality and Writing in the Jewish World in Late Antiquity*.
- 11 April – Prof. Karen Stern (Brooklyn College, City University of New York) - *Inscription, Touch and Worship in the Synagogue of Dura Europos*.
- 16 June – Prof. Beatrice St. Laurent (Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts) - *The Transformation of the Temple Mount to Bayt al-Maqdis in the Early Umayyad Period by Mu'āwiya, CE 638-680*.
- 14 July - Dr Rebekah Welton (University of Exeter) - *Food and Alcohol in the Hebrew Bible*.
- 15 September – Prof. Steve Mason (University of Groningen) - *Flavians in Galilee (67 CE): Their Aims and Activities*.
- 26 October – Prof. Andrea M. Berlin (University of Boston)- *One Site, Two Peoples: Phoenicians and Jews at Kedesh of the Upper Galilee*.

- 22 November - Professors Liran Carmel, Erella Hovers and Daniel Master - *Recent Advances in DNA Technology and their Contribution to Archaeology in Israel*. This webinar was held jointly with British Friends of Hebrew University.
- 13 December - David Hendin (American Numismatic Society) - *Money in Judaea: Bronze Age to Bar Kokhba*.

Starting with an AIAS Jubilee lecture tour by Professor Oded Lipschits, Tel Aviv University, in February and March 2023, with venues in London, St Andrews, Oxford and Southampton, we are reintroducing some in-person lectures during the year, interspersed with on-line events via Zoom.

## Student Travel Grants

Following the lifting of Covid19 travel bans, in 2022 the Society was able to resume offering travel grants to students, giving them the opportunity to further their research studies and to experience participation in archaeological digs in Israel. Three students received a grant and their reports will be published in *Strata Vol 40*.

**Dana Allan £1,000** - The Nicholas Slope Memorial Award - towards participation in the Nahal Ein Gev excavations

**Gwendoline Maurer £750** - The Sheila and Anthony Rabin Award - for analytical studies at the University of Haifa of faunal remains from Tel Yaqush and Tel Qadesh.

**Joel Stokes £750** - towards conducting PhD fieldwork exploring heritage practice concerning the potential conflict between archaeological activity in Jerusalem on the site known as The City of David and the Palestinian village of Silwan.

## Strata Vol 39

*Strata* Volume 39 was published in December 2021, containing 250 pages. This was a special edition of the journal, marking the 60th anniversary of the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society. Outgoing Chair, Professor Tessa Rajak, provided an Editorial looking back at the history of the Society, its journal, and her hopes for the future. Professor Hugh Williamson, Vice-President, offered a special contribution reassessing an early 19<sup>th</sup>-century debate between two heavyweight biblical scholars on the question of Biblical Archaeology.

A leading article was contributed by Professor Joan Taylor, a previous editor of *Strata*, on finds marking the presence of Judaeans women in the Dead Sea caves. Additional articles were presented on a Roman garland sarcophagus (Moshe Fischer), a splendid late Roman building complex in Caesarea (Rivka Gersht and Peter Gendelman), a silver amulet from Shivta (Emma Ma-ayan Fanar, Yotam Tepper and Yotam Asscher), and the recording of ancient remains in the Holy Land in the early 19th century by Mary Eliza Rogers (Rachel Hallote). Volume 39 also contained an obituary of Magen Broshi, a review of significant archaeological discoveries in Israel over the previous

year, nine book reviews, and summaries of some 13 lectures delivered by leading scholars as part of the Society's annual lecture series.

All the authors are sincerely thanked for their contributions to *Strata* 39. Special thanks are extended to our editors, Prof David Jacobson and Dr Rachael Sparks, for assembling and editing the volume, and to Dr Rebekah Welton for collating the book reviews. From 2019-2022 at the helm, Prof Jacobson has now stepped down from the role of the Editor in Chief of *Strata*, and we sincerely thank him for his service over the years, maintaining the Journal as a world leading peer-reviewed journal. We are fortunate that Professor Ken Dark has joined Dr Sparks as Editor in Chief going forward.

## **Finance**

A separate Annual Statement of Accounts for 2022 has been circulated with the Agenda for this AGM.

## **Anglo Israel Archaeological Society Diamond Jubilee celebration and Diamond Jubilee Appeal**

In honour of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations and funded by a generous legacy from the late Dr Mike Sommer, a former AIAS Vice President and Committee member, a special reception for members to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Society was held at the British Academy, London on Wednesday 4th May 2022. The reception included the Richard Barnett Memorial Lecture 2022 given by Professor Martin Goodman FBA on '*Herod the Great: King of Judaea and King of the Jews*'. A video of the launch event is available to view on the website, [www.aias.org.uk](http://www.aias.org.uk).

A special Diamond Jubilee Appeal was launched at the event which will run for 12 months. Following a period of discussion, in which we were looking for an appropriate site that would host and nurture AIAS-sponsored student participants and raise the profile of AIAS work, the AIAS Trustees decided that the Appeal should support the Mount Zion project in Jerusalem, directed by Professor Shimon Gibson, for which we will contribute and raise funds to support student participation in the dig and related activities. There is very rich potential for student participation in the 2023 phase of the Mount Zion project, with the excavation of an area that looks capable of yielding very significant artefacts and data of major importance from the time of the fall of the First Temple. We aim to raise funds to send about 5 students in 2023 to participate in the dig who will gain experience under Professor Gibson's direction. We will fund the students' travel, board and lodging for a month and our contribution to this project will be significant. We already have a promise of matching funding for this project.

## **Publicity: Website & Social Media**

The Society's website is an important focus for information about AIAS events, archaeological news from Israel, recordings of lectures and for selecting back copies of *Strata*. The website attracts considerable interest and sincere thanks are extended to Dr Rachael Sparks for maintaining and keeping the information up to date. The Society's Facebook page is maintained by Dr David Friedman and gives links to, and comments on, the latest archaeological discoveries and publicity about AIAS's latest

lectures ([www.facebook.com/IsraelArchaeologyLondon](http://www.facebook.com/IsraelArchaeologyLondon)). AIAS is also on -Twitter: @AIAS\_Strata, and our grateful thanks are extended to Dr Rebekah Welton for administering the Twitter account.

## Trustee Meetings

The Trustees convened three times in 2022; in April, July and November. In addition to the topics covered above, there were discussions on technology and risk management, and regular financial updates from the Honorary Treasurer.

## Final Words

The Society greatly appreciates the many generous donations received in the last year from members and non-members. We would also like to offer our sincerest thanks to our Honorary Solicitor, Mr Ian Burman, for his advice and support, and to our Independent Examiner, Mr Paul Felton, for the examination of the 2022 Accounts.

Please contact the Administrator if you are able to help support our activities in any way ([secretary@aias.org.uk](mailto:secretary@aias.org.uk)) .

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of The Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society

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Prof S. J. Pearce - Chair AIAS

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Date

## **THE ANGLO-ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

2022 was a transitional year to hopefully a post-Covid environment both for the world and, in a somewhat smaller way, for the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society. Although we did not re-commence physical attendance for our lecture programme, we did fund a grants programme for the first time since 2019. However, we continued to host virtual lectures, broadcasting 10 in 2022, compared with 12 in 2021, and our audiences continue to total between 100 and 150. Vol. 39 of *Strata*, our top-quality peer-reviewed journal, was published during the year.

Total receipts this year amounted to £14,597, a 16% increase on last year's figure of £12,590. Restricted receipts for 2022 totaled £3,000 compared with £1,500 in 2021, leaving £11,597 of unrestricted non-legacy income in the year, compared with £11,090 of unrestricted income last year.

Receipts from individual members paying subscriptions totaled £4,062, albeit £530 related to 2023, comparable with the previous year's receipts of £3,790 (£640 relating to 2022). When these adjustments are made, income from subscriptions for 2022 rose by 10% over the previous year. Income from the publication of the Society's journal, *Strata*, was £1,078 (2021 £1,304), a decline of 17%, reflecting a squeeze on academic spending. Income from our two investments in COIF Funds, managed by CCLA Fund Managers, into which our non-cash reserves are invested, provided dividend income of £2,237 (2021 £2,179) and interest income of £241 (£273 2021), both broadly similar to last year.

We have again this year benefitted from significant donations from several generous individuals. £1,000 was received from Dr Alan Brenner, £1,000 from the S & P Sephardi Community in honour of Dr Richard Barnett to defray costs from the Diamond Jubilee Event in May and the fourth of four £1,000 annual donations was received from Mrs. Sheila and Dr. Anthony Rabin to fund travel grants. The Society also received 4 donations over £200 totaling £1,318 and a further £1,279 from 27 individuals. We are extremely grateful to all these individuals. Of the £3,015 balance of restricted funds in cash at the year end, £2,000 is in relation to travel grants and £1,000 relates to our ongoing Diamond Jubilee Appeal.

Following lockdown and the advent of virtual lectures in 2020, the expenses for the year associated with our lecture programme were minimal. However, we were very pleased to be able to reinstate our travel grants programme in 2022, sending students of archaeology and related subjects in UK universities on digs in Israel. We awarded 3 grants totalling £2,500, funded by donations received for this purpose.

*Strata* Volume 39 (2021) was published during the year. Total costs were £4,129 (2021 £3,099), an increase of £1,030 over last year attributable to an increase in printing costs (largely due to the increased page count of Volume 39 over Volume 38) and an increase in postage and packing.

We also spent £3,426 on our Jubilee Celebration event during the year which, when added to the prepayment of £1,025 in 2021 (categorized in our 2021 Income and Expenditure Statement under 'Sundry Expenses' but recharacterized in this year's 2021 comparative), totaled £4,451. With the exception of a small amount of reimbursed travel for one of our speakers, the payment was to the British Academy for room hire, IT service, catering and security. A further £350 was spent on recording the lecture for posting on our website, accounted for under IT. The funding of the event and lecture recording came from a donation of £1,000 from The Richard Barnett Memorial Fund (mentioned above), £2,525 (£1,025 2021, £1,500 2022) from a legacy received from the Estate of Mr Mike Sommer in 2018, and £1,301 from General Funds. The event is covered more fully in the Trustees Report.

We have started to accumulate costs in respect of an extensive UK lecture tour in 2023 by Professor Oded Lipschits of Tel Aviv University, encompassing 5 lectures in 4 cities and a graduate workshop involving 3 Israeli doctoral students and 4 from the UK. The tour is funded in its entirety from Dr Sommer's legacy (mentioned above) and the £4,527 of costs accumulated in 2022 relate to payment in advance for airfares and accommodation for Professor Lipschits and airfares for the 3 Israeli workshop participants.

We have spent £3,288 in 2022 on IT, as part of a strategy to enable us better to communicate with stakeholders, both current and future. From March 2022, we acquired a Zoom account in the name of AIAS to enable virtual monthly lectures (previously the cost of this had been borne by a Trustee) and this has cost

£1,308 during the year. We also paid £459 for a 6-year web security certificate to 2028 for our website. Our Jubilee Appeal website payment process installation has cost £126, and our annual website hosting fee was £119. In addition, we have paid consultancy fees of £1,275, largely in respect of setting up the above facilities, and a video recording of the Jubilee Lecture (mentioned above).

In aggregate, expenditure exceeded receipts by £11,602 (2021 deficit £134). The bulk of this deficit was funded by a realization of investments of £10,000, leaving the cash position at the year-end of £8,501, compared with £10,204 at the end of 2021. As explained above, approximately £9,000 of cost incurred in the year will not be recurring cost.

The Society's reserves, other than those represented by cash and a tax refund due in respect of Gift Aid, are held as investments in two COIF Funds. The principal fund, the COIF Charities Investment Fund, invests in a range of liquid investments of which approximately 70% are equities. The other, the COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund, invests principally in a mixture of Government and Non-Government bonds. Total non-monetary investments reduced from £94,131 to £73,207 over the 12 months. Of that reduction, £10,000 was a conversion of T Income Units to cash to fund the deficit of income over expenditure and the remainder represents a fall in value of the investments of 13%.

Although our annual income is not greater than £25,000, we have chosen, as in previous years, to have an Independent Examiner's report in the format prescribed by the Charity Commission. Upon the retirement of our previous longstanding Honorary Independent Examiner, Mr Lloyd Levy, we have been fortunate to have the services of Mr Paul Felton in that role, and our sincere thanks are due to him.

Dr. Anthony Rabin  
Hon. Treasurer

March 2023

# ANGLO ISRAEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

### 1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (£)

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Receipts</b>						
Subscriptions	4,062.50		4,062.50	3,790.00		3,790.00
Donations	2,596.38	3,000.45	5,596.83	2,145.29	1,500.00	3,645.29
Publications - Strata	1,078.00		1,078.00	1,304.34		1,304.34
Sundries	26.32		26.32	317.73		317.73
Investments - Interest	241.25		241.25	272.75		2,179.49
Investments - Dividends	2,236.79		2,236.79	2,179.49		272.75
Tax refund on Gift Aid	1,355.33		1,355.33	1,080.47		1,080.47
<b>Total receipts</b>	11,596.57	3,000.45	14,597.02	11,090.07	1,500.00	12,590.07
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Student Travel Grants</b>		2,500.00	2,500.00			
<b>Direct Expenditure</b>						
Lectures						
Strata	3,879.50	250.00	4,129.50	3,099.47		3,099.47
Insurance	412.20		412.20			
	4,291.70	250.00	4,541.70	3,099.47		3,099.47
<b>Other Expenditure</b>						
Secretary's remuneration	7,752.00		7,752.00	7,221.00		7,221.00
Printing						
Postage	57.65		57.65	50.00		50.00
Jubilee Event	925.70	2,500.00	3,425.70	1,025.00		
2023 Lecture Tour		4,527.10	4,527.10			
IT and Web costs	3,287.53		3,287.53			
Telephone and sundry	119.11		119.11	1,222.82		2,247.82
Bank charges	-12.06		-12.06	105.75		105.75
	12,129.93	7,027.10	19,157.03	9,624.57		9,624.57
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	16,421.63	9,777.10	26,198.73	12,724.04		12,724.04
<b>Net Receipts (outgoings)</b>	-4,825.06	-6,776.65	-11,601.71	-1,633.97	1,500.00	-133.97
<b>Cash 31st December 2022</b>	<b>5,484.94</b>	<b>3,015.80</b>	<b>8,500.74</b>			
<i>Cash 31st December 2021</i>	<i>6,438.88</i>	<i>3,765.35</i>	<i>10,204.23</i>			

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**2. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022 (£)**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Monetary Assets</b>				
Bank and Cash Balances				
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		228.14	228.14	225.92
Bank Accounts	3,015.80	5,243.27	8,259.07	9,969.51
Cash Float		13.53	13.53	8.80
Total Cash at Bank and In Hand	<u>3,015.80</u>	<u>5,484.94</u>	<u>8,500.74</u>	<u>10,204.23</u>
<b>Debtor</b>			<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,355.33</u>
<b>Monetary Liabilities (incurred before the accounting date but settled later)</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
Credit Card Charges for December 2022			25.20	22.10
Zoom charges for December 2022			104.16	
Accrued Consultancy fees			750.00	
			<u>879.36</u>	<u>22.10</u>
<b>Non-Monetary Assets</b>				
	<b>Holding (units)</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Gross Income</b>	
COIF Charities Investment Fund				
T Income Units	3,576.94	64,918.96	2,236.79	
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund				
B income Units	7,158.88	8,288.20	241.25	
As at 31st December 2022		<u>73,207.16</u>	<u>2,478.04</u>	
As at 31st December 2021		<u>94,131.13</u>	<u>2,452.424</u>	

During the year, £10,000 T Income Units were converted to cash to fund the deficit of income over expenditure. £22,475 of non-monetary assets represent the restricted legacy received from the estate of Mr Mike Sommer in 2018.

**Equipment:**

Four drawer filing cabinet purchased for £200 in June 1999.  
Display panels for exhibiting purchased for £367.19 in November 2002

**Books and Bulletins held for sale:**

Copies of past issues of The Bulletin of The Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society and Strata: Cost and value not known

PROF. SARAH PEARCE, Chair

For and on behalf of the Trustees

2022