

KARDEC GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1200072

Details

Other names	SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD, Spiritist Society of Bicester
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-08-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE PRACTICE AND APPLICATION OF SPIRITISM (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SPIRITIST TEACHINGS, A SPIRITUALIST PHILOSOPHY, AS CODIFIED BY ALLAN KARDEC IN THE 1850S), BY PROVIDING PUBLIC STUDY GROUPS, MEETINGS, AND EVENTS ABOUT SPIRITISM AND SPIRITIST IDEALS, AND BY SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME APPROVE.

Activities: To advance the practice and application of Spiritism (also known as the Spiritist teachings, a Spiritualist Philosophy, as codified by Allan Kardec in the 1850s), by providing public study groups, meetings, and events about Spiritism and Spiritist ideals, online and in the UK, plus supporting similar charities, and other charitable activities as the Trustees shall from time to time approve.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-04	£32,126	£33,836	-	-
2024-04-04	£14,932	£11,617	-	-
2023-04-04	£14,934	£7,732	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Robin John Osborne	Chair	2019-02-15
Ana Paula Torreglosa Villela		2020-05-06
Anne Christine Sinclair		2024-02-20
Valeria Chamon Osborne		2019-02-15

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Objectives and Activities

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As a charitable organisation, Kardec Group runs the Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead, and the Spiritist Society of Bicester, as well as organising the SPIRITISMx seminars and other events and programmes, including fundraising activities.

Kardec Group works with and supports other Spiritist organisations in the UK and around the world.

Achievements and performance

The Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead continued with having hybrid meetings every Saturday morning, with face-to-face participation in Maidenhead. The Spiritist Society of Bicester continued online on Wednesday evenings.

Both groups saw an increase in attendees during the year.

Kardec Group continued to maintain a library and bookshop of Spiritist literature and films.

The High Five and Joanna de Angelis Translation Project fundraising campaigns were maintained.

The first book of the Joanna de Angelis translation project, *The Currentness of Jesus*, was submitted to the publishers at the end of 2024, and is now available in Kindle format.

Kardec Group committed to helping promote the European events of Florencio Anton, and agreed to setup and maintain a dedicated website: www.florencioanton.com, as well as helping with the organisation of future events in the UK, and to use the existing grants agreement in place between Kardec Group and Grupo Espirita Scheila to facilitate the transfer of all funds resulting from the painting auctions at the relevant events.

Kardec Group hosted Florencio Anton for an event in Bicester on 15 Feb 2025.

Kardec Group continued with the creation and publication of the Insightfully Speaking podcast.

SPIRITISMx 2024 was held as an in-person event on 28th and 29th June, in Oxford, and was held as a joint event with the Allan Kardec Film Festival. Brazilian writer and director, Wagner de Assis, attended the event in person, and three of his films were exhibited as part of the film festival.

Kardec Group has continued to maintain social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Future plans

Kardec Group plans to continue its core activities of weekly public meetings, to continue with the High Five and Joanna de Angelis Translation Project fundraiser campaigns, and to continue with the SPIRITISMx seminars.

Structure and governance

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People who served as trustees of the charity in the year ended 4 April 2025 are:

- Adam Osborne (Chairperson, Treasurer), appointed 2019
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- Anne Sinclair, appointed 2024

To achieve its mission, Kardec Group is organised as a board of trustees and other suitable volunteers and third parties contracted by the CIO for the relevant work to be completed as per the objects of the constitution.

Financial Statement

INCOME	
Donations	£ 8,253.88
<i>General</i>	£ 3,780.70
<i>Joanna</i>	£ 2,279.10
<i>High Five</i>	£ 2,194.08
Florencio Painting Auctions	£ 14,625.27

Gift Aid	£ 1,174.41
Grants In	£ 1,500.00
Other Fundraising	£ 9.65
Bookshop	£ 1,819.20
Events	£ 4,554.24
Other Activities	£ 60.95
Bank Interest	£ 128.89
Total Income	£ 32,126.49

EXPENSES


Events and activities	£ 11,009.27
<i>Sx 2024 Refund</i>	£ 69.87
<i>Sx 2024</i>	£ 7,858.87
<i>Sx 2025</i>	£ 1,334.62
<i>Florencio Events</i>	£ 1,641.76
<i>Other Activities</i>	£ 104.15
Grants Out (inc painting)	£ 15,417.62
Bank and Merchant Fees	£ 204.99
<i>Equipment, Software</i>	£ 370.20
Fundraising, Publicity	£ 212.94
Merchandise (books)	£ 800.00
Insurance	£ 99.31
Joanna Translation Project	£ 3,595.60
Printing, Stationary	£ 152.64
Room hire	£ 1,594.00
Internet	£ 361.94
Postage	£ 17.60
Total Expenses	£ 33,836.11

2024-2025 balance	-£1,838.51
Main bank balance at YE	£ 2,460.29
Joanna Project bank balance at YE	£ 7,992.08

Notes: Spend relating to the Joanna de Angelis Translation Project included money previously received during previous financial years. Spend relating to SPIRITISMx includes grants from BUSS, and support from the Spiritist Institute, as well as tickets sold at the start of 2025, previously declared.

This report has been approved by the trustees of Kardec Group and is signed on their behalf by

Adam Osborne – Chairperson

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Achievements and performance

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Both groups saw an increase in attendees during the year.

Kardec Group continued to maintain a library and bookshop of Spiritist literature and films.

The High Five and Joanna de Angelis Translation Project fundraising campaigns were maintained. Trustees from the CIO visited Grupo Espirita Schilla (beneficiaries of the High Five campaign) in Salvador, Brazil, to see the charitable work conducted by the organisation. The same trustees also visited Mansão do Caminho, also in Salvador, to see their charitable work.

Trustees from the CIO also took part in the Joanna de Angelis seminar in Assisi, Italy, to promote the fundraiser and the translation project itself.

A dedicated bank account was created for the Joanna de Angelis Translation Project funds.

Kardec Group continued with the creation and publication of the Insightfully Speaking podcast.

In July, Kardec Group held an educational visit to the Tate Modern, to visit the exhibition of works by Hilma af Klint.

SPIRITISMx was held as an in-person event on 2nd December 2023, with the theme of "Global Experience, Personal Change". Over 40 people attended the event, which was

supported by the sale of new and second-hand books. During this event, a short fundraiser was held to support the film “The Fox Sisters”, produced by Cinetica Filmes, Brazil. SPIRITISMx 2024 was announced to take place in June 2024.

In February 2024, a group visit was also arranged to the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain (SAGB) in Battersea, to support the work of Florencio Anton. Kardec Group agreed to receive the payments for paintings produced during that event, and to provide those funds as international transfers to Grupo Espirita Scheilla as part of the High Five campaign. All necessary precautions were taken against money laundering.

During the year, work continued on the first book of the Joanna de Angelis translation project and the new English translation of the book Green Light (Sinal Verde). Both are now planned for release by the end of 2024.

Kardec Group has continued to maintain social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

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Income

General donations to Kardec Group	£1,933.22
Joanna de Angelis translation project	£2,306.11
High Five campaign	£1,648.52
Florencio Anton SAGB event	£3,772.17
Fox Sisters film campaign	£224.85
Bookshop sales	£445.55
Giftaid rebate	£2,350.30
SPIRITISMx 2023	£1,071.72
SPIRITISMx 2024 tickets	£1,145.37
Other income	£34.25
GROSS INCOME	£14,932.06

Spend

Grants to Grupo Espirita Scheilla	£6,071.94
Grant to Fox Sisters film	£260.76
Joanna Translation Project	£1,914.15
Room hire	£1,288.00
StreamYard	£320.23
Zoom	£149.64
Vodafone (mobile broadband)	£453.00
IT equipment	£263.99
Insurance	£99.31
SPIRITISMx 2023	£78.96
Other expenses	£716.71
TOTAL SPEND	£11,616.69

2023-2024 gross balance	£3,315.37
Main bank balance at YE	£3,506.37
Joanna Project bank balance at YE	£9,084.75

This report has been approved by the trustees of Kardec Group and is signed on their behalf by

Adam Osborne – Chairperson

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Kardec Group works with and supports the British Union of Spiritist Societies, as well as other Spiritist groups in the UK and around the world.

Achievements and performance

Kardec Group gained CIO status in August 2022, having been a Charity of Unincorporated Association since 2019.

In mid-2022, The Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead returned to having face-to-face meetings in Maidenhead on Saturday mornings, with optional online participation as a hybrid scenario for those who preferred to attend online, and for those who were based in other regions or countries. Hybrid meetings were held every fortnight, and other weeks the meetings were online only. All necessary Covid-safe precautions were taken for face-to-face meetings, including ventilation, usage of face masks and distancing between attendees.

The Spiritist Society of Bicester continues to operate online only, on Wednesday evenings.

Both groups saw an increase in attendees during the year.

Kardec Group continued to maintain a library and bookshop of Spiritist literature and films. Kardec Group received second-hand books from the Oxford Spiritist Study Group as a donation.

Two fundraising campaigns were continued: the High Five campaign which supports Grupo Espirita Scheilla in Salvador, Brazil, as well as the Joanna de Angelis Translation Project.

Kardec Group continued with the creation and publication of the Insightfully Speaking podcast, as well as the SPIRITISMx seminar. The main theme of SPIRITISMx 2022 was "Views from the Beyond", which was broadcast on 11th December 2022 via the Kardec Group YouTube and Facebook channels.

In February 2023, Kardec Group hosted three High Five fundraising events with Florencio Anton from Grupo Espirita Scheilla, who was in the UK to promote his work.

During the year, work continued with the Joanna de Angelis translation project, which is managed by Kardec Group trustees, using contract services of professional translators. The expectation is to finalise the first book in the first half of 2024.

Kardec Group also completed the new English translation of the book Green Light (Sinal Verde) and are in negotiations to publish the work.

Kardec Group has continued to maintain social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

Financial Statement

Income

General donations to Kardec Group	£821.26
Joanna de Angelis translation project	£7112.88
High Five campaign	£1916.06
High Five fundraising events	£3432.43
Bookshop sales	£148.42
Giftaid rebate	£1337.22
Other income	£166.00
GROSS INCOME	£14934.27

Spend

<i>Grants issued outside of the United Kingdom</i>	
Grupo Espirita Scheilla (Brazil)	£3377.11
Multi Irao (Brazil)	£790.19
Total Grants	£4167.30
Other and general expenses	£3564.74
TOTAL SPEND	£7732.04

Opening bank balance	£2271.58
2022-2023 net balance	£9473.81

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Future plans

Kardec Group plans to hold all weekly studies for the Spiritist Society of Windsor and Maidenhead as hybrid meetings, being in-person in Maidenhead as well as optional online participation.

Trustees from Kardec Group will represent the CIO and the Joanna de Angelis translation project at the First Joanna de Angelis International Congress, to be held in Assisi, Italy, in April 2023, and will also plan to visit Grupo Espirita Scheilla, which is supported by the High Five campaign, to see their work and activities, as well as visiting Mansao do Caminho, also in Salvador.

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