

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 263101

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1971-10-26

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE RESEARCH AND STUDY INTO SPIRITUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCOVERING PRINCIPLES FOR THE PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENT AND THE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF MANKIND AND TO TEACH AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE DISSEMINATION TO THE PUBLIC OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH AND STUDY AND FOR THAT PURPOSE TO PROVIDE LIBRARIES STUDY CENTRES AND OTHER SUITABLE PLACES WHERE SUCH RESEARCH STUDY TEACHING AND DISSEMINATION AS AFORESAID MAY BE CONDUCTED OR CARRIED ON.

Activities: The IHS exists to make known and propagate hermeneutic techniques and disciplines so that mankind might better understand itself. Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation, discovery and communication of the teachings of world scriptures. We run Tan-y-Garth Hall Retreat in North Wales to provide practical opportunities for people to explore & apply such works for improving personal wellbeing.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£45,043	£48,410	-	-
2023-10-31	£58,846	£73,929	-	-
2022-10-31	£52,632	£70,151	-	-
2021-10-31	£26,104	£64,339	-	-
2020-10-31	£28,125	£28,020	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LEEON WONG	Chair	2025-03-30
Ken Lowe		2016-09-15
Sara Goode		2025-04-18

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Accounts

Trustees Annual Report and Statement of Financial Affairs for 2023-2024

The past year was a very tough one due to the cost-of-living crisis, which the charity did well to survive. This was a continuing trend from the year before and meant that it was in effect another year of austerity. During the first half of the year, income from retreats courses were down as were Airbnb bookings. Grants were down by two thirds. By late spring the Society's cashflow projections were looking grim due to the reduction in these key income streams and it was clear that we needed to take significant action to redeem the situation. As there was little or no prospect of increasing course income we undertook extensive research into the Airbnb market and decided to target larger groups for bookings as the competition for smaller groups had intensified significantly since we first enter the market. This proved to be a successful strategy and had a significant positive impact on the remainder of the year helping us to avert potential disaster.

Broadly speaking, overall income on the year was down by £14,000 on the previous year from around £59,000 to £45,000, approximately 25%. Correspondingly, expenditure was down by £26,000 from £74,000 to £48,000, roughly one third. This meant a net loss on the year of £3,367. However, when elective maintenance works are taken into consideration this represented a small underlying trading surplus on the year. This was reflected in a corresponding reduction of £3,367 in the charity's balance sheet from £746,000 to £743,000 net asset value. The Trustees still consider this to be a healthy position and a satisfactory outcome considering the trading headwinds that were navigated.

The twin policies of slashing expenditure whilst making up ground by focusing on Airbnb trading, proved to be the successful formula that the circumstances called for and clearly indicated the potential for future development of Tan-y-Garth Hall as a self sustaining asset. The following breakdown of income and expenditure details highlights this point.

On the income side Donations and Grants were down two thirds from around eighteen and half thousand pounds to just over six thousand pounds. At the same time accommodation income was up nearly £10,000 from £17,373 to £27,627. This went a long way to mitigate the shortfall in course income which fell by around twelve thousand pounds from twenty one and half thousand to nine and half thousand pounds. There was also a significant reduction of around 40% in membership fees down from £3,842 to £2,314, which again was attributable to the cost of living crisis as individuals looked for ways to tighten their budgets by cutting none essential expenses. This represented a significant reduction in the number of members from sixty nine to fifty one.

On the expenditure side, freelance staff costs on administration, marketing and maintenance were cut by two thirds from around fifteen thousand to four and half, with the loss of two of our three part-time staff. This put significant extra workloads on the resident volunteers. Other significant cost saving came from vehicle expenses, down from two thousand five hundred to one thousand and maintenance costs down from twenty-one and half thousand to eight thousand pounds. Insurances, Council tax and telecoms costs all went up above inflation.

In cashflow terms the net position at the year end was satisfactory with a bank balance of over nine thousand pounds against a target of eight thousand. The Trustees are therefore satisfied with the financial outcome of the year as a whole and feel that the cashflow crisis it represented was successfully managed. However, the situation and the measures taken to ensure this financial outcome did have a significant impact on the work of the charity.

The new wellbeing programme was abandoned as it did not prove to be self sustaining in the way anticipated and because it was draining the already overburdened capacity of the charity. A total of ten courses were run during the year with several more cancelled due to lack of bookings. These were variously run by Rose Preston, Christian Handschug, Mathew Donnachie, Sara Goode, Dani Sudlow, Alan Roberts, Jeanette Picken and Derek Murray. They included a successful pilot signature retreat at the end of the year which was designed to lessen the demands of the individual volunteer teachers, reduce cancellations and simplify event marketing by being collective endeavours.

Although the charity succeeded in navigating the financial hazards thrown up during the year, the Trustees also recognised the need to return to solving the fundamental structural problems it had been addressing prior to Covid. This could only be done by returning to the business development planning process suspended during lockdown. It was therefore decided that this should be given priority over running a normal programme as without such, the charity was not sustainable and Tan-y-Garth Hall would have to close.

As there was not sufficient capacity to do everything needed, the Trustees decided to suspend the retreat programme in the coming year, other than to develop new ideas, expand the scope of the accommodation business it had successfully developed and assemble a business development team with the skills to bring forward a business plan that could attract the necessary investment. As a significant donation of four thousand books relevant to our teaching work was received from the Eugene Halliday Association during the year, the Trustee decided to find a way to include housing as many of these as possible and to make access to them an integral part of the business development plan, with any surplus being sold off or otherwise disposed of.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Independent Examiners	Bowdon Accounting Services Bartle House Oxford Court Manchester M2 3WQ

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		£	£	2024 £	2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	3a	6,192	-	6,192	18,529
Charitable Activities	3b	38,055	-	38,055	39,201
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	380	-	380	218
Other Incoming Resources	3d	416	-	416	899
Total Income		45,043	-	45,043	58,847
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	4a	46,560	-	46,560	72,604
Governance Costs	4b	1,850	-	1,850	1,325
Total Expenditure		48,410	-	48,410	73,929
Net Movement in Funds		(3,367)	-	(3,367)	(15,083)
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total Funds Brought Forward		746,361	-	746,361	761,444
Profit on Disposal Of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Transfer Between Funds		-	-	-	-
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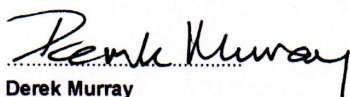
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-10-2024 £	Total Funds 31-10-2023
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	773,170	-	773,170	772,451
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		773,170	-	773,170	772,451
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	6,552	-	6,552	6,061
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	9,180	-	9,180	10,750
		15,731	-	15,731	16,811
Creditors: Amounts Due within One Year	9	10,907	-	10,907	10,900
Net Current Assets		4,824	-	4,824	5,910
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		777,994	-	777,994	778,361
Creditors: Long Term Liabilities	10	35,000	-	35,000	32,000
Net Assets		742,994	-	742,994	746,361
Charity Funds					
General Funds		742,994	-	742,994	746,361
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	-
Total funds		742,994	-	742,994	746,361

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18/4/25 and were signed on its behalf by :



Derek Murray
Secretary

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1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1st January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted Funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated Funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	25% - Reducing Balance

Amortisation

No amortisation is charged to freehold Land and Buildings as the Land and Buildings is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Methods of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Equipments	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 01 November 2023	770,000	2,695	2,339	775,034
Additions	1,332	-	-	1,332
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 October 2024	771,332	2,695	2,339	776,366
Depreciation				
At 01 November 2023	-	1,558	1,025	2,583
Charge for the year	-	284	329	613
At 31 October 2024	-	1,842	1,354	3,196
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 October 2024	771,332	853	985	773,170
At 31 October 2023	770,000	1,137	1,314	772,451

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st October 2024 : None

31st October 2023 : None

3 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023-24 £	Total Funds 2022-23 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	3,878	-	3,878	8,567
Grants Received	-	-	-	6,120
Membership Subscriptions	2,314	-	2,314	3,842
	<u>6,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,192</u>	<u>18,529</u>
b) Charitable Activities				
Accommodation Income	27,627	-	27,627	17,373
Courses	9,702	-	9,702	21,538
Tapes & Publications	726	-	726	289
	<u>38,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,055</u>	<u>39,201</u>
c) Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Income	380	-	380	218
Venue Hire	-	-	-	-
	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>218</u>
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	416	-	416	899
	<u>416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>899</u>

4 Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023-24 £	Total Funds 2022-23 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Advertising & Publicity	706	-	706	1,360
Bank Charges	-	-	-	342
Cleaning Costs	2,818	-	2,818	1,998
Depreciation Expense	613	-	613	819
Equipment Costs	76	-	76	1,220
Freelance Contractors	4,539	-	4,539	15,165
Fundraising Costs	134	-	134	-
House Keeping Costs	5,241	-	5,241	5,399
Insurance Costs	6,987	-	6,987	6,244
Motor Vehicle Costs	946	-	946	2,569
Printing, Postage & Stationery	292	-	292	327
Rent & Rates	5,030	-	5,030	4,620
Repairs & Maintenance	8,054	-	8,054	20,679
Sundry Expenses	307	-	307	351
Tapes & Publications	-	-	-	-
Telephone Costs	1,024	-	1,024	941
Travel & Subsistence	376	-	376	346
Utility Costs	9,345	-	9,345	9,882
Volunteers Expenses	74	-	74	344
	<u>46,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,560</u>	<u>72,604</u>
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fees	500	-	500	900
Legal & Professional Fees	750	-	750	425
Loan Interest	600	-	600	-
	<u>1,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>1,325</u>

5 Restricted Funds

Current Financial Year

	Balance 01-Nov-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Oct-24 £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Freeman Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Previous Financial Year

	Balance 01-Nov-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Oct-23 £
National Lottery Community Fund	2,513	-	2,513	-	-
Freeman Charitable Trust	4,294	6,120	10,814	400	-
	<u>6,807</u>	<u>6,120</u>	<u>13,327</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>

The Restricted funds held are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves are to be expended as specified above.

6 Investments

The Charity held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	9,180	-	9,180	10,750
	<u>9,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>10,750</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	1,662
VAT Recoverable	6,552	-	6,552	4,439
	<u>6,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,552</u>	<u>6,061</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Independent Examiners Fees	500	-	500	900
Member Loans	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Advances	407	-	407	-
	<u>10,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,907</u>	<u>10,900</u>

10 Creditors: Amounts Falling in more than One Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Bridging Loan	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Member Loans	15,000	-	15,000	12,000
Rental Deposits	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>

During the financial year 2022, the Trustee of The International Hermeneutic Society agreed to obtain a Bridging Loan from Mr P. Richards to assist with supporting the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects. The loan will become payable when the Charity has sufficient resources to settle outstanding liabilities and the short term loan has been taken at a rate of 3% payable per annum.

11 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	773,170	-	773,170	772,451
Net Current Assets	4,824	-	4,824	5,910
Long Term Liabilities	35,000	-	35,000	32,000
Total Funds	<u>742,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>742,994</u>	<u>746,361</u>

12 Staff Costs and Numbers

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

13 Risk Assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

14 Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

15 Public Benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

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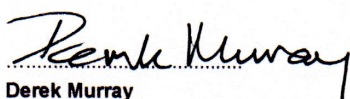
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Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted Funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated Funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	25% - Reducing Balance

Amortisation

No amortisation is charged to freehold Land and Buildings as the Land and Buildings is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Methods of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Equipments	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 01 November 2023	770,000	2,695	2,339	775,034
Additions	1,332	-	-	1,332
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 October 2024	771,332	2,695	2,339	776,366
Depreciation				
At 01 November 2023	-	1,558	1,025	2,583
Charge for the year	-	284	329	613
At 31 October 2024	-	1,842	1,354	3,196
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 October 2024	771,332	853	985	773,170
At 31 October 2023	770,000	1,137	1,314	772,451

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st October 2024 : None

31st October 2023 : None

3 Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023-24 £	Total Funds 2022-23 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	3,878	-	3,878	8,567
Grants Received	-	-	-	6,120
Membership Subscriptions	2,314	-	2,314	3,842
	<u>6,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,192</u>	<u>18,529</u>
b) Charitable Activities				
Accommodation Income	27,627	-	27,627	17,373
Courses	9,702	-	9,702	21,538
Tapes & Publications	726	-	726	289
	<u>38,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,055</u>	<u>39,201</u>
c) Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Income	380	-	380	218
Venue Hire	-	-	-	-
	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>218</u>
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	416	-	416	899
	<u>416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>899</u>

4 Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023-24 £	Total Funds 2022-23 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Advertising & Publicity	706	-	706	1,360
Bank Charges	-	-	-	342
Cleaning Costs	2,818	-	2,818	1,998
Depreciation Expense	613	-	613	819
Equipment Costs	76	-	76	1,220
Freelance Contractors	4,539	-	4,539	15,165
Fundraising Costs	134	-	134	-
House Keeping Costs	5,241	-	5,241	5,399
Insurance Costs	6,987	-	6,987	6,244
Motor Vehicle Costs	946	-	946	2,569
Printing, Postage & Stationery	292	-	292	327
Rent & Rates	5,030	-	5,030	4,620
Repairs & Maintenance	8,054	-	8,054	20,679
Sundry Expenses	307	-	307	351
Tapes & Publications	-	-	-	-
Telephone Costs	1,024	-	1,024	941
Travel & Subsistence	376	-	376	346
Utility Costs	9,345	-	9,345	9,882
Volunteers Expenses	74	-	74	344
	<u>46,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,560</u>	<u>72,604</u>
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fees	500	-	500	900
Legal & Professional Fees	750	-	750	425
Loan Interest	600	-	600	-
	<u>1,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>1,325</u>

5 Restricted Funds

Current Financial Year

	Balance 01-Nov-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Oct-24 £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Freeman Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Previous Financial Year

	Balance 01-Nov-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Oct-23 £
National Lottery Community Fund	2,513	-	2,513	-	-
Freeman Charitable Trust	4,294	6,120	10,814	400	-
	<u>6,807</u>	<u>6,120</u>	<u>13,327</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>

The Restricted funds held are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves are to be expended as specified above.

6 Investments

The Charity held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	9,180	-	9,180	10,750
	<u>9,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>10,750</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024

8 Debtors and Prepayments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	1,662
VAT Recoverable	6,552	-	6,552	4,439
	<u>6,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,552</u>	<u>6,061</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Independent Examiners Fees	500	-	500	900
Member Loans	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Advances	407	-	407	-
	<u>10,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,907</u>	<u>10,900</u>

10 Creditors: Amounts Falling in more than One Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Bridging Loan	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Member Loans	15,000	-	15,000	12,000
Rental Deposits	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>

During the financial year 2022, the Trustee of The International Hermeneutic Society agreed to obtain a Bridging Loan from Mr P. Richards to assist with supporting the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects. The loan will become payable when the Charity has sufficient resources to settle outstanding liabilities and the short term loan has been taken at a rate of 3% payable per annum.

11 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31-Oct-24 £	Total Funds 31-Oct-23 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	773,170	-	773,170	772,451
Net Current Assets	4,824	-	4,824	5,910
Long Term Liabilities	35,000	-	35,000	32,000
Total Funds	<u>742,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>742,994</u>	<u>746,361</u>

12 Staff Costs and Numbers

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

13 Risk Assessment

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

14 Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

15 Public Benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 263101

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 263101

DATE OF REGISTRATION 23rd September 1971

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st November 2022

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st October 2023

TRUSTEES AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023 Ken Lowe
Derek Murray
Janet Norwood
Sara Goode
Christian Hanschug
Richard Freeman (Resigned 9th September 2023)
Naomi O'Toole (Resigned 5th December 2023)

LEGAL STATUS Unincorporated Charity

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

Rule Adopted 23rd September 1971, as Amended 24th January 1999, as Amended 28th January 2001, as Amended 26th January 2003, as Amended 31st January 2016, as Amended 7th October 2018, as Amended 20th March 2022, as Amended 29th January 2023.

OBJECTS

To promote research and study into spiritual psychological and scientific knowledges for the purposes of discovering principles for the practical improvement and spiritual and physical well-being of mankind and to teach and otherwise provide facilities for the dissemination to the public of the results of such research and study and for that purpose to provide libraries study centres and other suitable places where such research study teaching and dissemination as foresaid may be conducted or carried on.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

At the end of the year the charity found itself back where it was just before Covid struck. In brief, we still needed to come up with a new sustainable business model as the basis for investment. It has been a long and difficult journey to get back to this point, a point which was challenging enough pre Covid. Although we have previously reported on these developments, it is relevant to briefly review that journey between these recurring points as it provides the context for the past year.

Our old business model had failed which led to the collapse of the charity approximately seven years ago. The Council of Trustees was replaced by new members who, whilst continuing to run a full events programme, developed and implemented a three year strategic plan. Year one was a rescue operation to get Tan-y-Garth Hall fully operational again. In year two we tried out new ideas for diversification of income. In year three we developed the first draft of a long term Business Development Plan (BDP) with the aim of making the business case for raising investment finance.

Most of the new ideas tried were successful, but lack of capacity was a key barrier to implementing them simultaneously. Success only created more work without the people to do it. This only confirmed what we already knew, it was not sustainable without more people. In the first draft of the BDP we envisaged five full-time equivalent people to run the Hall. When we ran revenue projections for these, we saw the need to push hard in exploiting the growing opportunities in the corporate wellbeing market. On further reflection we realised this approach would probably result in losing the essence of the charity's work. We therefore decided to seek a more organic path of development in the second draft of our BDP.

During the process of writing this we were hit by a triple "whammy", which forced the closure of our retreat activities at the Hall. In January 2020 the roof failed during severe storms rendering most of the guest bedrooms unusable. In February, Covid hit followed by lockdown in March. By April we reached our deadline for completion of the Fire Risk Assessment remedial measures, which were essential to the continued operation of the Hall. These three factors combined to threaten the immediate survival of the centre and forced us to suspend work on the BDP whilst we addressed them. After a year of struggle, we devised and implemented a three year Covid Recovery plan financed by the sale of unused assets.

Most of the key objectives for years one and two of the new plan were achieved, but not all of them. Apart from surviving and other achievements, we managed to return to holding residential retreats post Covid after a two year break. We raised enough finance to undertake extensive roof repairs and fit a fire alarm as well as develop our outdoor facilities. We achieved break-even on our trading and restored our working capital whilst growing the 18-50's membership and positioning the charity for future growth.

However, despite these achievements we did not manage to; achieve sufficient return on our grant raising investment to pay off our Covid loans, develop a long term fundraising strategy, incorporate the charity, accelerate green and eco-developments or build the Hall's core residential team from two to four people.

This left us in need of a means to organically transition out of the recovery plan back into business development mode during the course of the past year. Our Lottery grant funded programme, Covid Recovery for All, gave us an opportunity to do this if we could develop it into a new wellbeing programme to sit alongside and compliment the charity's existing programme. The key difference being that it was to be delivered by professional paid staff. We developed and piloted this in the first quarter of the year (October - Dec 2022) and launched in the second quarter from January 2023.

Although it started well, and more than doubled our course revenues by the end of the whole year, they were not sufficient to fully fund paid staff as we went along. This resulted in some of the practitioners providing their services for free and the two Hall residents doing the catering work on top of their existing workload. By May, this had stretched our capacity beyond its limits. This had knock-on effects for all of the charity's other activities for the remainder of the year.

By June the situation worsened as the cost of living crisis bit into attendances on all of our retreats. It also produced above inflation increases in all of our key areas of expenditure including; property maintenance, housekeeping, utilities, insurances and transport, which we were not able to fully compensate for with prices rises of our own. Revenue from Airbnb accommodation rentals simultaneously evaporated. This trend progressed for the remainder of the year and resulted in a crisis by August 2023, at which point it was necessary for several retreats and fund-raising events to be cancelled so that our key worker could go on sick leave in October.

Despite these difficulties and setbacks, the charity still managed to achieve some worthwhile outcomes in the year overall:-

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Seven of the ten planned IHS retreats took place along with two one day retreats on Perennial Philosophy, (which were videoed for later distribution on-line). Five of the planned nine wellbeing retreats ran successfully as well as three volunteer working days, plus a volunteer's Christmas party and the AGM. A large part of the lost income from Airbnb was mitigated by a directly negotiated ten day booking.

Membership remained stable, down one to sixty nine, with the loss of older members (most notably founder member Gordon Smith), being balanced by new ones. The slow progress of the Friends of Tan-y-Garth Hall scheme halted and went into reverse as several subscribers cancelled due to the cost of living crisis. Despite this, overall membership fees were significantly up on the previous year due to three members taking out life memberships.

The Council of managing trustees met nine times formally during the year and twice informally, all but one via Zoom video conference. Six managing trustees served with Christian Handschug as Chairman, Sara Goode as Vice Chair and Derek Murray as Secretary. Richard Freeman resigned towards the end of the year due to a conflict of interests with his role as Treasurer of the Eugene Halliday Association, shortly followed by Naomi Jennings-O'Toole at the end of the year. This left Ken Lowe as the other remaining trustee maintaining a quorum of four at the year end. Mindful of the disruptive impact on policy resulting from a relatively high churn of trustees since the Covid pandemic began, the Council decided to look to recruit only one new member by the AGM.

The year saw significant administrative development with the transition from a manual spreadsheet-based method of bookkeeping, to an online accounting package provided by QuickBooks. This involved a large amount of extra work in the year which was managed and undertaken by Sara Goode with help from our retiring bookkeeper Graham Young. The transition was facilitated by a small grant from the Freeman family trust which paid for a portion of the extra time needed, the rest being done on a voluntary basis.

After some difficulty, the transition was successfully completed by the end of the year. Although it resulted in the time savings in bookkeeping that were anticipated, the extra work involved in bedding in the new system and methodology, combined with a lack of compatibility with our method of cash-flow forecasting, created unanticipated problems. This resulted in a slower turnabout of monthly figures and less frequent reporting. At the time the reporting year ended, we were giving high priority to improving reporting and resolving this problem in the coming year.

Despite the many difficulties faced during the year we were still able to put significant resources into maintaining and developing the infrastructure of the Hall and its grounds. A full electrical inspection was undertaken and all remedial work needed was carried out, thus completing the last major item and related cost required by our fire risk assessment. The second part of our wood storage area was rebuilt in its new location and the driveway parking area was restructured to facilitate the workflow to keep them supplied with wood. Thus moving us towards our green energy objectives. In the process, several dead trees were removed from the car park opening up the view across the valley whilst extending the parking area and providing two flat parking spaces for camper vans.

A work area was created from the derelict upper stretch at the top of the driveway along with a disabled parking area on the terrace, all of which were surfaced in loose stone. Ongoing repairs to the roof were undertaken, the meditation room was redecorated and the second office was refurbished. The Dovecot roof was replaced and the surrounding knot garden area renovated with the addition of an outdoor electricity supply (in this and two other locations) to create a potential spa area. With the loan of a hot tub and the purchase of an inflatable cold pool, we were able to test the market potential for this type of facility during the summer.

Following a request for help from a local church we hosted a Ukrainian refugee for three months. The cost of this was covered by her own voluntary work helping with cleaning the Hall and a cash donation from one of our members. This was later followed by another urgent request, this time from the Eugene Halliday Association in Manchester, to house their collection of books and tapes.

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Despite the very short notice, due to the closing of their existing storage facility, the request was quickly agreed because it was already part of our established plan to develop our relationship with them by them becoming an anchor tenant at the Hall. However, once the books arrived it became apparent the space needed to store them was far greater than what was envisaged and the level of rent we had long budgeted for, was more than they were prepared to pay. This led to a strain in our relationship which was eventually eased by the EHA making a donation equivalent to a year's rent at the level we had requested. This provided a breathing space for us to find a long term solution agreeable to both parties. It also resulted in the aforementioned resignation of one of our trustees.

As a result of funds donated by the Freeman family trust, we were able to increase the amount of paid freelance staff to support the maintenance and administration of the Hall and to extend this into the area of marketing support for half a day per week. This allowed us to do a variety of things including listing on a dedicated retreat website, sustained social media marketing and advertising, and refreshing our website. Although initial results were encouraging their impact diminished as the cost of living crisis deepened. Most importantly it made us realise that we needed to change our whole approach from each event being unique, to having a singular signature offering at the core of our marketing. In essence it reminded us that we still needed to fundamentally rethink our business model as this was at the heart of the original collapse and BDP going forward.

Despite the extra freelance staff helping with maintenance, administration and marketing, our volunteers remained the lifeblood of the charity's work in every area including; teaching, catering, maintenance, wood cutting, administration, cleaning, governance, marketing, event planning and management. Given that grant support for freelancers ran out at the end of the year in October 2023, and even a doubling of course income was not sufficient to replace it, it is clear that volunteers will remain fundamental to the sustainability of the charity for the foreseeable future.

Add to this the ongoing crisis brought on by the cost of living rises, the challenges for the charity remain formidable and its future is not yet secured. However, these challenges remain the same as they were before the triple whammy of roof, Covid and fire alarm. Whilst the attempt to organically develop the covid recovery programme into a sustainable professional wellbeing programme during the year ultimately floundered on the rocks of the cost of living crisis, it did serve to focus our minds and confirm what we already knew before Covid. We still need to come up with a business development plan that makes the case for investment on the scale needed for long-term sustainability, i.e. BDP v.3. It remains the case that we either succeed in doing this or we have to sell the Hall and do something else.

However, having returned to our pre-pandemic point, we are wiser for the journey and now have a much better idea of what the new business model needs to be based around, in particular, the need to have a stable core income from rentals e.g. by developing eco lodges. Whilst we know we need to go back into business development mode to achieve this, we also know that we need to find a way to create a six month period to put this together as we do not have sufficient capacity to run a retreat programme at the same time.

Furthermore the Trustees recognise the need to put together a team during the coming year that can help with the skills needed, including; business planning skills, market research, planning applications, eco developments, project management, marketing and yoga retreat developments. For this we will need to call on our supporters past, present and future from both inside and outside the charity. We also accept that we will have to find ways to support the charity through the cost of living crisis and through the business development period needed, from other sources of income. We accept that this means continuing our long-term policy of using the strength of our balance sheet within prudent limits to support the development of the centre.

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)
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Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Law and the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus or deficit of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Governing Document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 17th August 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Derek Murray

Printed Name: DEREK MURRAY
(SECRETARY)

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The International Hermeneutic Society on the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2023 set out on pages 9 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 21st August 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	12,409	6,120	18,529	28,919
Charitable Activities	3b	39,201	-	39,201	20,103
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	218	-	218	3,511
Other Incoming Resources	3d	899	-	899	99
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		52,726	6,120	58,846	52,632
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	59,277	13,327	72,604	65,656
Governance Costs	4b	1,325	-	1,325	4,495
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		60,602	13,327	73,929	70,151
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(7,876)	(7,207)	(15,083)	(17,519)
Funds Brought Forward		754,637	6,807	761,444	726,913
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	52,050
Transfer Between Funds	5	(400)	400	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		746,361	-	746,361	761,444

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Oct-23 £	Total 31-Oct-22 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	772,451	-	772,451	773,270
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		772,451	-	772,451	773,270
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	6,061	-	6,061	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	10,750	-	10,750	13,924
Total Current Assets		16,810	-	16,810	13,924
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	9	10,900	-	10,900	10,750
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,910	-	5,910	3,174
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		778,361	-	778,361	776,444
Creditors: Long Term Liabilities	10	32,000	-	32,000	15,000
NET ASSETS		746,361	-	746,361	761,444
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		746,361	-	746,361	754,637
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	6,807
Total Funds		746,361	-	746,361	761,444

Approved by the Trustees on 17th August 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Derek Murray

Printed Name: **DEREK MURRAY**
(SECRETARY)

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1st January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	25% - Reducing Balance

Amortisation

No amortisation is charged to freehold Land and Buildings as the Land and Buildings is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Methods of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Land & Buildings £	Motor Vehicle £	Equipment Cost £	Total 2022/23 £
Cost	01-Sep-22	770,000	2,695	2,339	775,034
Additions		-	-	-	-
Net Book Value	31-Oct-23	<u>770,000</u>	<u>2,695</u>	<u>2,339</u>	<u>775,034</u>
Depreciation	01-Sep-22	-	1,179	585	1,764
Charge		-	379	440	819
Depreciation at	31-Oct-23	<u>-</u>	<u>1,558</u>	<u>1,025</u>	<u>2,583</u>
Net Book Value	31-Oct-23	<u>770,000</u>	<u>1,137</u>	<u>1,314</u>	<u>772,451</u>
Net Book Value	31-Oct-22	<u>770,000</u>	<u>1,516</u>	<u>1,754</u>	<u>773,270</u>

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st October 2023 : None

31st October 2022 : None

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	8,567	-	8,567	8,753
Grants Received	-	6,120	6,120	18,000
Membership Subscriptions	3,842	-	3,842	2,166
	12,409	6,120	18,529	28,919
b) Charitable Activities				
Accommodation Income	17,373	-	17,373	10,524
Courses	21,538	-	21,538	9,512
Tapes & Publications	289	-	289	67
	39,201	-	39,201	20,103
c) Activities for Generating Funds				
Fundraising Income	218	-	218	3,301
Venue Hire	-	-	-	210
	218	-	218	3,511
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	899	-	899	99
	899	-	899	99

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Advertising & Publicity	1,134	226	1,360	1,203
Bank Charges	342	-	342	-
Cleaning Costs	1,998	-	1,998	1,771
Depreciation Expense	819	-	819	1,090
Equipment Costs	1,136	84	1,220	1,271
Freelance Contractors	5,432	9,733	15,165	6,710
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	4,837
House Keeping Costs	5,399	-	5,399	4,280
Insurance Costs	6,244	-	6,244	5,405
Motor Vehicle Costs	2,569	-	2,569	2,088
Printing, Postage & Stationery	327	-	327	183
Rent & Rates	4,434	186	4,620	4,788
Repairs & Maintenance	17,582	3,097	20,679	21,985
Sundry Expenses	350	1	351	225
Tapes & Publications	-	-	-	97
Telephone Costs	941	-	941	1,017
Travel & Subsistence	346	-	346	529
Utility Costs	9,882	-	9,882	8,177
Volunteers Expenses	344	-	344	-
	59,277	13,327	72,604	65,656
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fees	9	900	900	750
Legal & Professional Fees	-	425	425	3,295
Loan Interest	-	-	-	450
	1,325	-	1,325	4,495

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Nov-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Oct-23
	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	2,513	-	2,513	-	-
Freeman Charitable Trust	4,294	6,120	10,814	400	-
	6,807	6,120	13,327	400	-

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Nov-21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Oct-22
	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000	7,487	-	2,513
Freeman Charitable Trust	-	8,000	3,706	-	4,294
	-	18,000	11,193	-	6,807

The Restricted funds held are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves are to be expended as specified above.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

6. INVESTMENTS

The Charity held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-23 £	Total 31-Oct-22 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	10,750	-	10,750	13,924
	10,750	-	10,750	13,924

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-23 £	Total 31-Oct-22 £
Sundry Debtors	1,622	-	1,622	-
VAT Recoverable	4,439	-	4,439	-
	6,061	-	6,061	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-23 £	Total 31-Oct-22 £
Independent Examiners Fees	900	-	900	750
Member Loans	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
	10,900	-	10,900	10,750

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-23 £	Total 31-Oct-22 £
Bridging Loan	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Member Loans	12,000	-	12,000	-
Rental Deposits	5,000	-	5,000	-
	32,000	-	32,000	15,000

During the previous financial year, the Trustee of The International Hermeneutic Society agreed to obtain a Bridging Loan from Mr P. Richards to assist with supporting the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects. The loan will become payable when the Charity has sufficient resources to settle outstanding liabilities and the short term loan has been taken at a rate of 3% payable per annum. Mr P. Richards has waived the payment of any interest during the financial year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-23 £	Total 31-Oct-22 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	772,451	-	772,451	773,270
Net Current Assets	5,910	-	5,910	3,174
Long Term Liabilities	32,000	-	32,000	15,000
TOTAL FUNDS	746,361	-	746,361	761,444

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Derek Murray received £15,600 (2021/22:£7,800) in benefits in kind for boarding and lodging costs in his capacity as General Secretary & Resident Building Custodian in furtherance of the Charitable objects. Trustee Derek Murray made voluntary rent contributions of £4,770 (2021/22:£4,200) in the year.

During the financial year the Charity obtained a short term interest free loan of £10,000 from Trustee Derek Murray to support the short term cash flow requirements of the International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Trustee Derek Murray provided the Charity with a loan of £12,000 at Bank of England base rate plus 0.5% (current year total 5%) subject to annual review, enabling the capital and maintenance works for business development purposes in furtherance of the Charity's objects. The loan has been provided over a three year period and all conflicts of interest have been managed and documented in accordance with the Charity's Governing document.

During the financial year the Charity repaid the interest free loan of £10,000 taken from Trustee Janet Norwood. The loan was provided in the previous financial year to support the short term cash flow requirements of the International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Trustee Sara Goode received £4,544 (2021/22:£866) for providing freelance administrative services, marketing services and workshop practitioners services for The International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

During the financial period Matthew Donnachie (Partner to Trustee Sara Goode) received £11,854 (2021/22:£2,495) for providing building and maintenance services and practitioners services for The International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

No other payments were made to the Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 263101

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022**

**THE INTERNATIONAL
HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 263101

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 263101

DATE OF REGISTRATION 23rd September 1971

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st November 2021

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st October 2022

TRUSTEES AT 31ST OCTOBER 2022 Ken Lowe
Derek Murray
Richard Freeman
Naomi O'Toole
Janet Norwood
Sara Goode (Appointed 27th September 2022)
Christian Hanschug (Appointed 27th September 2022)
Leeon Wong (Resigned 20th March 2022)
Elizabeth Nesbitt (Resigned 27th September 2022)
Rose Preston (Resigned 5th December 2021)

LEGAL STATUS Unincorporated Charity

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

Rule Adopted 23rd September 1971, as Amended 24th January 1999, as Amended 28th January 2001, as Amended 26th January 2003, as Amended 31st January 2016, as Amended 7th October 2018.

OBJECTS

To promote research and study into spiritual psychological and scientific knowledges for the purposes of discovering principles for the practical improvement and spiritual and physical well-being of mankind and to to teach and otherwise provide facilities for the dissemination to the public of the results of such research and study and for that purpose to provide libraries study centres and other suitable places where such research study teaching and dissemination as foresaid may be conducted or carried on.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022

2022 was the second year of the Society's three year Covid recovery plan, "Survive & Thrive". The year in which we planned returning to holding residential retreats after a two year absence due not only to the Covid 19 pandemic, but also to fit for purpose issues related Tan-y-Garth Hall. most specifically. the roof and fire risk precautions.

Other key objects of the plan were:-

- Achieving Break even on our trading.
- Restoring our working capital.
- Paying off our loans.
- Investing in a 3 years fundraising strategy.
- Developing outdoor facilities.
- Building a core residential community.
- Growing the 18-50's Membership.
- Accelerating green and eco developments.
- Positioning the charity for future growth.
- Incorporating the charity.

We successfully managed to return to running residential retreats in March 2022 after having installed a new state-of-the-art fire alarm system. We held 8 retreat courses across the remainder of the year which were programmed by our Teaching Steering Group against a brief set by the trustees. These yielded income of £9,152, which represents 116 bed nights sold. An increase of over 100% on the last year we held retreats prior to our shutdown. The demand for self-catering accommodation remained good and provided a substantial contribution towards our running costs with a total of 333 bed nights sold yielding £10,524 and making a combined total with those for retreats of 439 bed nights sold in the year.

In addition we ran six one day events under our Lottery funded "Covid Recovery for All" programme which were free to local residents. These were very well received and allowed us to build a new team of professional wellbeing practitioner partners with whom we are developing a new strand of retreat based courses in the coming year. This will double the number of retreats we are able to offer in 2023. The programme allowed us to develop our outdoor facilities which not only enabled our users to benefit from using the outdoor terrace gardens for activities which connected them with nature, but also provided us with a degree of resilience in the event of a future pandemic lockdown.

During the summer season, to celebrate our 50th anniversary of being open as a centre, we held an exhibition and sale of original art work by Vidah Roberts, one of the founding members of Tan-y-Garth Hall. This comprised seven Sunday afternoon openings of our pop-up cafe and resulted in the sale of £3,790 worth of art by commission. These events appealed to both local users and our members from further afield. It also facilitated greater interaction between members of the charity and the Eugene Halliday Association who were already known to the artist and were attracted to the exhibition.

Membership remained stable at around 70 people with the trend towards a lowering of the age profile continuing as older members were replaced by younger ones. Friends of Tan-y-Garth Hall gained ground to fourteen subscriptions, which was a significant increase in it's slow burn progress suggesting it had worthwhile long term potential.

The Council of managing trustees met seven times during the year. All but one of these meetings were held via Zoom video conference. A total of nine managing trustees served during the course of the year. After extending his period as Chairman to steer the charity through the Covid pandemic, Leon Wong stepped down from the Council at the end of the AGM and Richard Freeman became the new Chair. Two new trustees were elected in September after the resignation of Elizabeth Nesbit due to ill health resulting in six members for the remainder of the year.

This sudden change caused some difficulty in maintaining a quorum which led the Council to recommend to the following AGM that the Constitution be amended to reduce the quorum from five to four so as to avoid the possibility of not being able to appoint replacement trustees if the circumstances should arise again. The aforementioned teaching steering group consisting of senior members of the charity also met by video conference on three occasions to discharge their duties.

A total of 60 people volunteered in some capacity during the year which was a 10% increase from pre-pandemic levels. However, despite this and the fact 33 people signed up on our new volunteer register, we found we could not obtain help from them on a regular enough basis to run the core functions of the centre as had been the case in earlier years pre-pandemic. This resulted in even greater pressure being put on the two resident volunteers and underlined the need to implement the long term plan to develop a new house team to run the centre based on paid staff. We received a grant of £8,000 from the Mr & Mrs F. C. Freeman Charitable Trust to pay for part-time freelance support workers for one year which helped to begin the process of transition. The intended subsidiary trading company to run the centre was incorporated as Tan-y-Garth Hall Retreat Ltd. and re-registered in preparation for the forthcoming year. being year three of the recovery plan.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022

Early in the year we completed the sale of two parcels of land for £50,000 as previously reported. This was the core of our covid recovery plan and allowed us to repay £21,000 worth of short-term loans to trustees which had facilitated fit for purposes work taking place on schedule during the previous year. The remainder of the funds financed the installation of a fire alarm system plus major repairs to a section of the roof above the meditation room and other parts of the building previously affected by water ingress.

The accounts for the year show significant improvement from the previous year. Overall income doubled to £52,632. Restricted one time grants of £18,000 accounted for the greater part of this. However, revenues from charitable activities (consisting mostly of retreat weekends), rose significantly by around 19% from pre-pandemic levels. Activities for generating funds (mostly AirBnB revenue), were up on the previous year by 12%.

Total resources expended in the year rose by 9% on the previous year reflecting the ongoing investment in building maintenance and fire safety measures. Net outgoing resources were down 46% to £17,519 which is accounted for by the installation of the fire alarm system and related measures. Taking these one-off costs into consideration, we achieved an underlying position of breakeven which was one of the trustee's key targets for the year.

Although we also ended the year with sufficient working capital (another key target), £25,000 remained outstanding in loans taken during lockdown which had to be re-scheduled. This was because our investment in professional help for grant fund-raising, although successful in raising £10,000 for the Covid Recovery for All programme, did not achieve the targets set in our recovery plan. Despite this significant disappointment, the total funds carried forward shows an improvement of £34,528 to £761,444, up by 4.5% on the previous year. The current loans of £25,000 should be seen in this context.

The trustees therefore remain confident that their strategy of using the strength of the balance sheet to finance the road to sustainability is working.

Whilst we can take some satisfaction in having successfully emerged from our enforced shutdown during the year, the trustees are aware that the challenges ahead remain formidable. The charity remains "underfunded and overly dependent on too few officers and volunteers". As we feel our way back into business development mode after the crisis of recent years, growing our capacity and increasing resources needs to be paramount in the coming year.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 29/8/23

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Derek Murnay

Printed Name: DEREK MURNAY
SECRETARY

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The International Hermeneutic Society on the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2022 set out on pages 7 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/22 £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	8,753	18,000	26,753	11,403
Charitable Activities	3b	9,579	-	9,579	40
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	16,201	-	16,201	14,481
Other Incoming Resources	3d	99	-	99	180
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		34,632	18,000	52,632	26,104
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	54,463	11,193	65,656	60,689
Governance Costs	4b	4,495	-	4,495	3,650
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		58,958	11,193	70,151	64,339
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(24,326)	6,807	(17,519)	(38,235)
Funds Brought Forward		726,913	-	726,913	695,148
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets		52,050	-	52,050	-
Revaluation of Land & Buildings	2 & 17	-	-	-	70,000
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		754,637	6,807	761,444	726,913

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Oct-22 £	Total 31-Oct-21 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	773,270	-	773,270	772,021
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		773,270	-	773,270	772,021
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	110
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	7,117	6,807	13,924	2,215
Total Current Assets		7,117	6,807	13,924	2,325
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	9	10,750	-	10,750	31,983
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(3,633)	6,807	3,174	(29,658)
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		769,637	6,807	776,444	742,363
Creditors: Long Term Liabilities	10	15,000	-	15,000	15,450
NET ASSETS		754,637	6,807	761,444	726,913
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		754,637	-	754,637	726,913
Restricted Funds	5	-	6,807	6,807	-
Total Funds		754,637	6,807	761,444	726,913

Approved by the Trustees on 29/10/23

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Derek Murray

Printed Name: DEREK MURRAY
SECRETARY

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	25% - Reducing Balance

Amortisation

No amortisation is charged to freehold Land and Buildings as the Land and Buildings is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Methods of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Land & Buildings £	Motor Vehicle £	Equipment Cost £	Total 2021/22 £
Cost	01-Sep-21	770,000	2,695	-	772,695
Additions		-	-	2,339	2,339
Net Book Value	31-Oct-22	<u>770,000</u>	<u>2,695</u>	<u>2,339</u>	<u>775,034</u>
Depreciation	01-Sep-21	-	674	-	674
Charge		-	505	585	1,090
Depreciation at	31-Oct-22	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>1,764</u>
Net Book Value	31-Oct-22	770,000	1,516	1,754	773,270
Net Book Value	31-Oct-21	770,000	2,021	-	772,021

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:
 31st October 2022 : None
 31st October 2021 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/22 £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gift Aid	-	-	-	1,619
Gifts & Donations	8,753	-	8,753	9,784
Grants Received	-	18,000	18,000	-
	8,753	18,000	26,753	11,403
b) Charitable Activities				
Courses	9,512	-	9,512	-
Tapes & Publications	67	-	67	40
	9,579	-	9,579	40
c) Activities for Generating Funds				
Accommodation Income	10,524	-	10,524	7,655
Fundraising Income	3,301	-	3,301	1,623
Membership Subscriptions	2,166	-	2,166	3,468
Venue Hire	210	-	210	1,735
	16,201	-	16,201	14,481
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	99	-	99	180
	99	-	99	180

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/22 £	TOTAL 2020/21 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Advertising & Publicity	1,027	176	1,203	1,003
Cleaning Costs	1,771	-	1,771	865
Depreciation Expense	1,090	-	1,090	674
Equipment Costs	124	1,147	1,271	982
Freelance Contractors	3,004	3,706	6,710	-
Fundraising Costs	1,424	3,413	4,837	2,716
House Keeping Costs	4,280	-	4,280	4,574
Insurance Costs	5,405	-	5,405	4,988
Motor Vehicle Costs	2,088	-	2,088	1,713
Printing, Postage & Stationery	183	-	183	355
Rent & Rates	2,388	2,400	4,788	3,610
Repairs & Maintenance	21,985	-	21,985	29,995
Sundry Expenses	225	-	225	345
Tapes & Publications	97	-	97	87
Telephone Costs	1,017	-	1,017	957
Travel & Subsistence	178	351	529	1,665
Utility Costs	8,177	-	8,177	6,160
Volunteers Expenses	-	-	-	-
	54,463	11,193	65,656	60,689

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fees	9	750	-	750	700
Legal & Professional Fees		3,295	-	3,295	2,500
Loan Interest		450	-	450	450
		4,495	-	4,495	3,650

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Nov-21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Oct-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Roof Repair Fund	-	-	-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000	7,487	-	2,513
Freeman Charitable Trust	-	8,000	3,706	-	4,294
	-	18,000	11,193	-	6,807

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Nov-20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Oct-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Roof Repair Fund	10,000	-	11,502	1,502	-
	10,000	-	11,502	1,502	-

The Restricted funds held are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves are to be expended as specified above.

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6. INVESTMENTS

The Charity held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-22 £	Total 31-Oct-21 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	7,117	6,807	13,924	2,215
	7,117	6,807	13,924	2,215

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-22 £	Total 31-Oct-21 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	110
	-	-	-	110

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-22 £	Total 31-Oct-21 £
Independent Examiners Fees	750	-	750	700
Member Loans	10,000	-	10,000	31,000
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	283
	10,750	-	10,750	31,983

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-22 £	Total 31-Oct-21 £
Bridging Loan	15,000	-	15,000	15,450
	15,000	-	15,000	15,450

During the previous financial year, the Trustee of The International Hermeneutic Society agreed to obtain a loan from Mr P. Richards to assist with supporting the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects. The loan will become payable when the Charity has sufficient resources to settle outstanding liabilities and the short term loan has been taken at a rate of 3% payable per annum.

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11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-22 £	Total 31-Oct-21 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	773,270	-	773,270	772,021
Net Current Assets	(3,633)	-	(3,633)	(29,658)
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	769,637	-	769,637	742,363

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Derek Murray received £7,800 (2020/21:£7,800) in benefits in kind for boarding and lodging costs in his capacity as the Resident Building Custodian in furtherance of the Charitable objects. Trustee Derek Murray made voluntary rent contribution of £4,200 (2020/21:£4,200) in the year as part of the Charity's Covid Recovery Plan.

During the financial period Trustee Sara Goode received £866 for providing freelance admirative services and £200 in practitioners fees for the Wellbeing Workshop for work carried for The International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

During the financial period Matthew Donnachie (Partner to Trustee Sara Goode) received £2,495 for providing building and maintenance services and £375 in practitioners fees for the Wellbeing Workshop for work carried for The International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

During the financial year the Charity repaid the interest free loan of £4,500 taken from Trustee Derek Murray and the Charity also repaid the interest free loan of £500 taken from Trustee Elizabeth Nesbitt. The loans were provided in the previous financial year to support the short term cash flow requirements of the International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

During the financial year the Charity repaid the interest free loan of £16,000 taken from Way Project Management Ltd (Registered Company Number 12360397). The loan was provided in the previous financial year to support the short term cash flow requirements of the International Hermeneutic Society in furtherance of the Charity's objects. Trustee Mr L. Wong and Mrs G. Wong are also the Directors and shareholders of Way Project Management Ltd (Registered Company Number 12360397) and all conflicts of interest have been managed and documented in accordance with the Charity's Governing Document.

No other payments were made to the Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

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15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake

17. REVALUATION OF LAND & BUILDINGS

During the financial year the Trustees of The International Hermeneutic Society sought guidance and advice regarding the current market valuation of the Land and Buildings held at Tan Y Garth Hall, Pontfadog, Llangollen, LL20 7AS. The Trustees have agreed that the current market value of the Land and Buildings held should be reflected at a cost £770,000 as at the 31st October 2021.

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England & Wales - Charity number 263101

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021**

**THE INTERNATIONAL
HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	263101
DATE OF REGISTRATION	23rd September 1971
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st November 2020
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st October 2021
TRUSTEES AT 31ST OCTOBER 2021	Leeon Wong Ken Lowe Derek Murray Elizabeth Nesbitt Richard Freeman (Appointed 3rd March 2021) Naomi O'Toole (Appointed 23rd May 2021) Rose Preston (Appointed 27th June 2021) Janet Norwood (Custodian Trustee - Appointed 12th August 2021) Richard Evans (Resigned 12th August 2021) Caroline Wakefield (Appointed 23rd May 2021 & Resigned 22nd Sept 2021)
LEGAL STATUS	Unincorporated Charity
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Rule Adopted 23rd September 1971, as Amended 24th January 1999, as Amended 28th January 2001, as Amended 26th January 2003, as Amended 31st January 2016, as Amended 7th October 2018.
OBJECTS	To promote research and study into spiritual psychological and scientific knowledges for the purposes of discovering principles for the practical improvement and spiritual and physical well-being of mankind and to to teach and otherwise provide facilities for the dissemination to the public of the results of such research and study and for that purpose to provide libraries study centres and other suitable places where such research study teaching and dissemination as foresaid may be conducted or carried on.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Tan Y Garth Hall Pontfadog Llangollen LL20 7AS
PRIMARY BANKERS	TSB Bank Plc Henry Duncan House 120 George Street Edinburgh EH2 4LH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd New Barn Mudberry Lane Bosham Chichester West Sussex PO18 8TS

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

Ongoing Covid 19 Pandemic

The Covid 19 pandemic continued to cast a shadow over the year resulting in an ongoing struggle in and out of lockdown which threaten the continued operation of Tan-y-Garth Hall as a centre for the Society's work due to the loss of our main source of income and the ongoing fit for purposes issues. This also caused the cancellation of the previous year's AGM in line with Charity Commission advice.

In between lockdowns, a system of Covid protocols were developed and introduced to make it possible for limited re-opening for non-residential events and self-catering stays. The Hall was put on the market for sale as a precaution to ensure the Society did not end up in a forced sale position as had nearly happened during the previous year when Covid first struck. Although this proved to be an unsettling and time consuming experience, it resulted in the opening up of new possibilities for a route to being able to survive the threats and for the Society to retain and reopen the Tan-y- Garth Hall for its work. This was due to the sale of two pieces of unused land for £50,000 which eventually financed our Covid Recovery Plan.

Overview

Coming through what we hope is the other side of Covid it is important to review where we are and what we have learned and achieved. The Covid pandemic sharpened us up and forced us to consider and progress difficult options such as the potential sale of the Hall, and ask if there was value in continuing the IHS, as detailed in last year's annual report.

One area that become clear during Covid was that our existing unincorporated charitable status was not fit for purpose for the activities we currently carry out and our plans for future growth. e.g. none of the government support or grants in Wales were accessible to unincorporated charities and our bank will not make loans to unincorporated charities. Due to our increased activities and footfall at the Hall, the personal risk to the trustees has increased to an unreasonable level. Even though we have not changed our core objectives, simply because of our charitable status, we are limiting what we can access and what we can do. We are there proposing to move to an incorporated charitable structure.

We have been resolute in our focus and will to find a way to keep the work going and re-establish a focal point relevant to the current time and place and for generations to come. We have acted with clear intent and avoided prejudging the outcomes and created space for new ways to open up despite it being nerve wracking at times. It has been 4 years since we presented our strategic plan. Since then, it has been a journey of discovery and constant challenges greater than expected. All of the hard work and support during this time has in the last year resulted in a number of key milestone being actualised:

1. For the first time, we have generated enough income from none core activities to pay for the running of the Hall for a sustained period of time between August and October 2021. Around £8,000 in total. The plan we set out 4 years ago was for the Hall to pay for its own up keep. This is a crucial milestone for the long term viability of the Hall and the IHS and for the first time we have seen this becoming a reality.
2. We have been awarded £20,000 in grants. £10,000 of which will come from the Community Lottery Fund for activities next year. This shows that we can present ourselves as a credible Charity and Organisation which can attract external funding and play a role in the local community.
3. Substantial repairs to the roof including replacing a third of the lead valleys, repairing four of the six chimney stacks, replacing the roof on the verandah and establishing a rolling programme to manage ongoing maintenance and restoration.
4. We have established a successful working group to shape and form the IHS teaching programme for the coming year. However this will need better admin support going forward.
5. The Hall has been made ready to re-open for residential retreats in 2022 so that we can return to our core objectives of providing teaching and study activities.

Looking at the wider time frame over the past 4 years there has been £45,982 of actual cash invested back into the Hall on maintenance, repairs and capitol. In the coming year there will be a further £15,000 spent on the long standing key fit for purpose issue of fire compliance through the installation an L2 fire alarm system which will enable the Hall to safely re-open for residential retreats.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

We can now see and feel what all the support from our members and friends has led to. There is now a tangible feeling of support and collective will to carry on with what we have always been doing but in a current and relevant way that is being taken up by new people and existing members who are enthused with what we are doing and what they see.

Membership

There were seventy six paid up members of the Society during the year. The membership of one person was not renewed by the Trustees due to their unconstitutional actions against the Society. Friends of Tan-Y-Garth Hall stood at eleven. Although still few in number this scheme was seeing slow burn growth and included two people subscribing monthly.

Trustees

The IHS Council of managing trustees met eight times in year during which time it continued to be difficult recruiting both types of trustees needed to run the Society. The introduction of Zoom meetings as a result of advice from the Charity Commission during the pandemic, helped widened participation from members that previously lived too far away to attend meetings. This resulted in four new members to the IHS Council, Richard Freeman, Naomi O'Toole, Rose Preston and Caroline Wakefield. The latter subsequently retired for family reasons along with Richard Evans who retired due to ill health. Custodian Trustee, John Bailey died and was replaced by Janet Norwood to serve alongside Howard Rose as the names on the title deeds to the Hall. This was necessary to facilitate the sale of land assets which were key to the Covid recovery plan, Survive & Thrive adopted by the Council.

Having been at the helm for 4 years and managed to guide the IHS through very challenging times and considerable change our Chairman Leon Wong stepped down from the Chair and the Council at the AGM.

Covid Recovery Plan

The process of putting the Hall on the market in autumn 2020 resulted in a cash offer to purchase the Hall in February 2021. In the meantime the interest generated in the proposed sale resulted in above market value offers to buy two pieces of land which were not being used and had not been used for a long time. This allowed us to develop a two years recovery plan financed by selling these as they would potentially provide enough resources to both pay off our loans of £25,000, and address sufficient of the fit for purpose building issues, to permit us to re-commence residential based operation. This was the key requirements we set ourselves at the time of being forced to shut down.

Thus by February 2021 the Trustees were in a position to make a straight choice between the proposed recovery plan financed by £50,000 from land sales, or selling the Hall. After due consideration the trustees chose the recovery plan and appointed a surveyor to conduct the necessary valuations and negotiations on our behalf. Although this process became protracted throughout the remainder of the year, due to short term, interest free loans, made by some of the trustees, it was possible for us to commence the works during the summer in time to begin a phased re-opening by mid July. This allowed us to exploit opportunities for 'staycation' holidays throughout the summer school holidays pending the completion of the land sales which would finance the new fire alarm and other fit for purpose works.

Fit for Purpose and Building Works

The works included; substantial repairs to four six chimney stacks, renewal of the verandah roof and restoration of its ceilings and soffits, repairs to the driveway along with widening of its entrance and passing places, pointing on the stone entrance stairway, a new stove fitted in the library, redecoration of six bedrooms, the upstairs kitchen, the main office and cloakroom plus partial redecoration of the dining room and studio. The large dining room was developed to serve as a pop-up tea room with some new furnishings and lighting added where needed. Following the acquisition of an old 4 x 4 estate car, an even older trailer was rebuilt and the two, combined with new power tools purchased and two new lightweight scaffolding towers which were donated, to have a big impact on our capacity to cope with the building works.

Events

The Programme planned for the year was largely cancelled due to Covid. However, a limited programme of events was delivered by Zoom video conference including Dhyana Yoga with Keith ap Owen and two workshops with Alan Roberts organised in association with The Eugene Halliday Association. A Zoom presentation of our Covid recovery plan was also very well attended and received. Works were completed in time to host some pop up cafe fundraising events during the summer holidays which began with a splendid opera concert and ended with a post lockdown social event.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

Accommodation / Venue Hire

As previously noted we were able to re-open our accommodation in time to benefit from high demand from Air BnB as most people were unable to travel abroad at that time. Many new people came for the first time and we achieved 100% 5 star ratings across all review categories. It was also observed that most people who came were not just interested in the building but also the work of the charity. In this respect it served as effective marketing for the centre and its work. Another milestone was achieved with a booking from a group of post-graduate film students from the University of South Wales, who shot two short films at the Hall, confirming the potential for this market. This prompted us to review our venue hire policy as a lot of work had gone into this in the past without achieving any return. We concluded that we should focus on not for profit groups in future and develop film location options.

Administration

The year saw a significant increase in administration due to increased turnover and the two land sales to finance the recovery plan. Our cash flow forecasting was correspondingly developed to cope with the demands and new capacity and skills were added thanks to a regular commitment from a new volunteer and a new computer. Significant work was also done with our accountants and advisors on researching the case for a voluntary VAT registration and resources were invested in hiring professional grant writing support, which eventually led to a first grant from an external body.

For the year ahead there is as always, a lot of work to do. The next major milestones are:

1. To deliver next years budget by completing fit for purpose works so that we can re-open for residential retreats trading with a surplus budget, restoring our working capital whilst repaying our loans (i.e. Year 2 of our Covid Recovery Plan).
2. Increasing our capacity by recruiting new local people to help run the centre.

Having been at the helm for 4 years and managed to guide the IHS through very challenging times and considerable change our Chairman Leon Wong indicated his intention to step down at the next AGM.

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 20/3/22

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Derek Murray

Printed Name: DEREK MURRAY (SECRETARY)

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The International Hermeneutic Society on the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2021 set out on pages 9 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be

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Date: 31st August 2022

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £	TOTAL 2019/20 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	11,403	-	11,403	16,397
Charitable Activities	3b	40	-	40	1,370
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	14,481	-	14,481	9,188
Other Incoming Resources	3d	180	-	180	1,169
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		26,104	-	26,104	28,125
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	49,187	11,502	60,689	27,370
Governance Costs	4b	3,650	-	3,650	650
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		52,837	11,502	64,339	28,020
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(26,733)	(11,502)	(38,235)	105
Funds Brought Forward		685,148	10,000	695,148	695,043
Transfer Between Funds		(1,502)	1,502	-	-
Revaluation of Land & Buildings	2 & 17	70,000	-	70,000	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		726,913	-	726,913	695,148

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Oct-21 £	Total 31-Oct-20 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	772,021	-	772,021	700,000
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		772,021	-	772,021	700,000
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	110	-	110	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	2,215	-	2,215	23,439
Total Current Assets		2,325	-	2,325	23,439
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	9	31,983	-	31,983	13,291
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(29,658)	-	(29,658)	10,148
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		742,363	-	742,363	710,148
Creditors: Long Term Liabilities	10	15,450	-	15,450	15,000
NET ASSETS		726,913	-	726,913	695,148
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		726,913	-	726,913	685,148
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	10,000
Total Funds		726,913	-	726,913	695,148

Approved by the Trustees on 20/3/22

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Denek Murray

Printed Name: DENEK MURRAY (SECRETARY)

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles	25% - Reducing Balance

Amortisation

No amortisation is charged to freehold Land and Buildings as the Land and Buildings is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Methods of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Land & Buildings £	Motor Vehicle £	Total 2020/21 £
Cost	01-Sep-20	700,000	-	700,000
Additions		-	2,695	2,695
Revaluation		70,000	-	70,000
Net Book Value at	31-Oct-21	<u>770,000</u>	<u>2,695</u>	<u>702,695</u>
Depreciation	01-Sep-20	-	-	-
Charge		-	674	674
Depreciation at	31-Oct-21	<u>-</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>674</u>
Net Book Value	31-Oct-21	<u>770,000</u>	<u>2,021</u>	<u>772,021</u>
Net Book Value	31-Oct-20	<u>700,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700,000</u>

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st October 2021 : None

31st October 2020 : None

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £	TOTAL 2019/20 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gift Aid	1,619	-	1,619	888
Gifts & Donations	9,784	-	9,784	5,509
Grants Received	-	-	-	10,000
	11,403	-	11,403	16,397
b) Charitable Activities				
Courses	-	-	-	1,165
Tapes & Publications	40	-	40	205
	40	-	40	1,370
c) Activities for Generating Funds				
Accommodation Income	7,655	-	7,655	381
Fundraising Income	1,623	-	1,623	5,942
Membership Subscriptions	3,468	-	3,468	2,865
Venue Hire	1,735	-	1,735	-
	14,481	-	14,481	9,188
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	180	-	180	1,169
	180	-	180	1,169

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/21 £	TOTAL 2019/20 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Advertising & Publicity	1,003	-	1,003	405
Cleaning Costs	865	-	865	-
Depreciation Expense	674	-	674	-
Equipment Costs	982	-	982	-
Fundraising Costs	2,716	-	2,716	373
House Keeping Costs	4,574	-	4,574	3,232
Insurance Costs	4,988	-	4,988	4,734
Motor Vehicle Costs	1,713	-	1,713	825
Printing, Postage & Stationery	355	-	355	146
Rent & Rates	3,610	-	3,610	3,662
Repairs & Maintenance	18,493	11,502	29,995	894
Sundry Expenses	345	-	345	1,218
Tapes & Publications	87	-	87	125
Telephone Costs	957	-	957	905
Travel & Subsistence	1,665	-	1,665	980
Utility Costs	6,160	-	6,160	6,751
Volunteers Expenses	-	-	-	3,120
	49,187	11,502	60,689	27,370
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fees	700	-	700	650
Legal & Professional Fees	2,500	-	2,500	-
Loan Interest	450	-	450	-
	3,650	-	3,650	650

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021**

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Nov-20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 30-Oct-21 £
Roof Repair Fund	10,000	-	11,502	1,502	-
	10,000	-	11,502	1,502	-

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Nov-19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 30-Oct-20 £
Roof Repair Fund	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
	-	10,000	-	-	10,000

The Restricted funds held are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves are to be expended as specified above.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

6. INVESTMENTS

The Charity held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-21 £	Total 31-Oct-20 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	2,215	-	2,215	23,439
	2,215	-	2,215	23,439

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-21 £	Total 31-Oct-20 £
Sundry Debtors	110	-	110	-
	110	-	110	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-21 £	Total 31-Oct-20 £
Independent Examiners Fees	700	-	700	1,300
Member Loans	31,000	-	31,000	10,000
Sundry Creditors	283	-	283	1,991
	31,983	-	31,983	13,291

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-21 £	Total 31-Oct-20 £
Bridging Loan	15,450	-	15,450	15,000
	15,450	-	15,450	15,000

During the previous financial year, the Trustee of The International Hermeneutic Society agreed to obtain a loan from Mr P. Richards to assist with supporting the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects. The loan will become payable when the Charity has sufficient resources to settle outstanding liabilities and the short term loan has been taken at a rate of 3% payable per annum.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-21 £	Total 31-Oct-20 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	772,021	-	772,021	700,000
Net Current Assets	(29,658)	-	(29,658)	10,148
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	742,363	-	742,363	710,148

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

13. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Derek Murray received £7,800 (2019/20:£7,800) in benefits in kind for boarding and lodging costs in his capacity as the Resident Building Custodian in furtherance of the Charitable objects.

During the financial year Trustee Derek Murray made an interest free loan of £4,500 and Trustee Elizabeth Nesbitt made an interest free loan of £500 to The International Hermeneutic Society to assist with supporting the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects. The loans will become payable when the Charity has sufficient resources to settle outstanding liabilities.

During the financial year Way Project Management Ltd (Registered Company Number 12360397) made an interest free, short term loan of £16,000 to assist The International Hermeneutic Society with the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects. Trustee Mr L. Wong and Mrs G. Wong are also the Directors and shareholders of Way Project Management Ltd (Registered Company Number 12360397) and all conflicts of interest have been managed and documented in accordance with the Charity's Governing Document. The loans will become payable when the Charity has sufficient resources to settle outstanding liabilities.

No loan repayments were made to the members during the financial year and the only other payments made to the Trustees consisted of reimbursements of expenses incurred in furthering the Charity's objects and no other direct benefits were received by the Trustees during the financial year.

No other payments were made to the Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2021

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake

17. REVALUATION OF LAND & BUILDINGS

During the financial year the Trustees of The International Hermeneutic Society sought guidance and advice regarding the current market valuation of the Land and Buildings held at Tan Y Garth Hall, Pontfadog, Llangollen, LL20 7AS. The Trustees have agreed that the current market value of the Land and Buildings held should be reflected at a cost £770,000 as at the 31st October 2021.

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020**

**THE INTERNATIONAL
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	263101
DATE OF REGISTRATION	23rd September 1971
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st November 2019
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st October 2020
TRUSTEES AT 31ST OCTOBER 2020	Leeon Wong Ken Lowe Derek Murray Richard Evans Elizabeth Nesbitt (Appointed 26th January 2020) Jenny Brooke (Resigned 6th July 2020) Anthony O'Toole (Deceased 20th December 2020)

LEGAL STATUS Unincorporated Charity

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

Rule Adopted 23rd September 1971, as Amended 24th January 1999, as Amended 28th January 2001, as Amended 26th January 2003, as Amended 31st January 2016, as Amended 7th October 2018.

OBJECTS

To promote research and study into spiritual psychological and scientific knowledges for the purposes of discovering principles for the practical improvement and spiritual and physical well-being of mankind and to to teach and otherwise provide facilities for the dissemination to the public of the results of such research and study and for that purpose to provide libraries study centres and other suitable places where such research study teaching and dissemination as foresaid may be conducted or carried on.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

As the 2019-20 year approached, we had high hopes of 2020 being the year when we would bring our three-year strategic plan, the New Way Strategy, to fruition following the successful market testing of new income streams throughout the summer of 2019. The positive reception to our presentation of the first draft of our Business Development Plan (BDP) to an open meeting in October 2019, had fuelled the expectation that we would go onto developing a second draft of the plan by early 2020. This would make the case for the much needed investment to make Tan-y-Garth Hall fit for purpose and to develop its facilities and business activities. Foremost amongst these was the installation of a fire alarm system making us compliant with the fire risk assessment we had commissioned in the previous year.

The Hall was still running at a loss, the Society had exhausted the last of the capital released from the sale of land in the previous year, as planned. The trustees therefore accepted an offer from Carol and Paul Richards for a bridging loan. This was intended to underpin the negative cashflow period through the winter of 2019/20 and beyond, until either the required investment was raised via a mortgage and grants, or if this was not successful, the Hall could be sold. We called this our twin track approach as it involved working with two plans simultaneously. Plan A to retain and invest in the Hall. Plan B, the fall back position, was to sell the Hall if the Business Development Plan was not investable. A valuation by an estate agent was therefore obtained whilst we continued to develop our Business Development Plan (BDP). This first valuation gave a guide price of £650,000 to £700,000. Two subsequent valuations were obtained in the new year giving valuations ranging from £650,000 to £825,000, the latter by the agent eventually chosen.

Sadly Carol Richards died at the end of October just before the new financial year began. A second trustee Anthony O'Toole also died at the end of December. Both were a significant loss as Carol was the main person arranging the teaching programme, and Anthony the main person who did the maintenance work on the building in the previous year and had recently filled the vacant role of Treasurer. It also meant that the Society was back to having the bare minimum of five trustees despite its sustained efforts to recruit new ones. This increased the pressure on the Secretary who was stretched to cover the additional duties as best he could on top of the day to day running of the Hall and the Society, whilst also developing the second draft of the Business Development Plan. Notwithstanding Carol Richards' death, the bridging loan was still eventually arranged with Paul Richards at a competitive rate of interest and was secured against three acres of woodland owned by the charity on the opposite side of the valley to the Hall.

After taking legal advice, the process of developing the Society and the Hall as twin brands, a central plank of the strategy, was instigated. In the run up to the calendar year end a company limited by guarantee was formed as a trading subsidiary. This was necessitated by the successful development of a new income stream on the Air BnB platform which resulted in the attainment of Superhost status in December 2019, a significant milestone. Consequently an agreement was made for Janet Norwood to join Derek Murray in 2020 as a full time residential volunteer at the Hall to help manage and develop this business. However, the trading company was put on hold by the death of the treasurer who was both a director of the new company, and a signatory for its new bank account application.

Following an approach from Wrexham Council an application was made to the Rating Valuation Office for Wales to change the Hall from paying Council Tax to being listed for commercial rates. It was understood this would result in a significant reduction in costs due to both statutory and voluntary rate relief for registered charities. This was eventually listed for hearing in April 2020.

The Tany-y-Garth Hall Retreat website continued to make a steady progress with our mailing list doubling to over two hundred in the course of the year. As there was no longer a membership secretary, the IHS membership records were set up in an online database which could be more efficiently administered. As a result, the current membership was clarified as being 72 people, something it was not possible to tell previously from the inherited manual records. Elizabeth Nesbit was elected to the Council at the AGM in January 2020. Leeon Wong was elected to serve another year as Chairman and Derek Murray as Secretary, the latter also covering the duties of the Treasurer in the absence of a replacement for Anthony O'Toole. Further improvements were made to our cashflow forecasting giving the fine control needed for the twin track approach with forecasts for both Plan A and Plan B. However, as the new calendar year got under way, the absence of Carol Richards' input into the event planning started to tell as we struggled to find someone to replace her.

THE INTERNATIONAL HERMENEUTIC SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

Come March, storm clouds were gathering both literally and metaphorically. Following a series of extreme storms over a period of three weeks, significant leaks developed in all but one of our guest bedrooms rendering them un-useable. As the root cause of the problem was a known lack of adequate maintenance going back at least ten years, it was not possible to make an insurance claim. Thus a significant additional fit-for-purpose problem was added to those identified by the fire risk assessment. By the end of March, a third element was added by Covid 19 and the first of a series of enforced lockdowns which resulted from it. The combination of these three factors constituted a serious existential threat to the continued functioning of Tan-Garth Hall as a retreat and study centre, and indeed the survival of the charity itself, as our main sources of revenue were abruptly cut off. Like many other small charities and business, we were immediately thrown into a life and death struggle for survival which lasted the remainder of the year and beyond. As our problems went beyond the covid pandemic, the trustees decided that we should not attempt to re-open unless and until the fit for purposes issues were also addressed. We therefore put together an initial recovery plan which included these costs and set about trying to resource it.

At the time lockdown began we had enough money to keep going for three months thanks to the bridging loan, which was by then in place. As the trustees were unable to meet face to face we took to meeting via video conference more frequently so as to best manage the situation. Completion of the BDP was suspended and priority was given to obtaining Government support promised due to the enforced shutdown. This involved a great deal of work for the Secretary which included; lobbying local MPs, councillors and Welsh assembly members, communicating with our bank, researching and pursuing all possible options and applying for a grant of £21,000 from the Welsh Third Sector Covid Resilience Fund.

Despite our best efforts throughout the summer of 2020, no government help was forthcoming. This was because we fell through the gaps of the various schemes which were gradually put in place. This was essentially because we had no employees, were not VAT registered, were not incorporated as a charity, and were not registered for non-domestic rates. On top of which our bank decided at the last minute to exclude all of their charity customers from the loan guarantee scheme backed by the UK government. Of all these disappointments the most galling related to help managed by local government, which was determined by registration for non-domestic rates. Although we had applied to change from Council Tax to non-domestic rates in October 2019 and were due to have our case heard in April 2020, this was deferred indefinitely due to the shutdown. As a consequence not only did we have to continue to pay Council Tax but we missed out on a £25,000 grant which we would have automatically received, had we been registered for rates during the lockdown period (as well as a further £10,000 the following year). The only concession we were able to negotiate was a deferment in council tax payment until later in the year, which resulted in a net £1,991 of payments being rolled over into the following year.

To add insult to injury we were excluded from Third Sector Resilience Fund, which was meant to plug the gaps for small charities in Wales. This was because it involved a 25% loan element which the administering agency decided it did not want to include unincorporated charities in, in case of a default. This despite the fact we had enquired before applying and been told we would qualify. Thus a great deal of effort was wasted making an application that was not even considered. However, the experienced served to underline advice given by our solicitors that the charity should give consideration to becoming incorporated. Along with our aborted attempts to open a new bank account to facilitate our business development, it highlighted the fact that the charity's current structure was no longer fit for purpose. This led us to evaluating our alternative options later in the year and to deciding to take a proposal to the next AGM to incorporate as a charity.

In the absence of government support the trustees turned to our members and friends for help. We communicated the seriousness of the situation and asked for their help, suggestions and proposals. At the same time we sought advice from the Charity Commission regarding process dissolution if we were unable to meet our financial commitments. This resulted in us taking the precaution of actually putting Tan-y-Garth Hall on the market to avoid the very real possibility of being forced into administration and the Hall being sold at auction. A final decision on a sale was deferred pending any firm offer. Meanwhile, an emergency appeal was launched and an approach was made to the Eugene Halliday Association for a loan. Although the loan was refused, it led to ongoing discussions regarding ways in which the two organisations could work

Operating budgets were slashed even further than they had been at the start of lockdown, and all possible means of stretching our scarce resources were employed. We explored a series of options including, potential assets sales, private loans, renting rooms, selling some equity in the Hall, and an offer for it to be taken over at a discounted price. This came from a private group headed by Jenny Brooke, one of the trustees, who stepped down to avoid a conflict of interests.

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There was also an illegitimate approach made to the Custodian Trustees behind the backs of the Managing Trustees by one of our members, who was against any sale of assets. It was reported to us that he offered to support the charity financially through the crisis on condition that the elected officers were removed. As this approach was suspect and unconstitutional, the offer was declined. All other offers made to the Managing Trustees that sought to benefit private individuals at the expense of the charity were also rejected. The measures that were implemented were communicated to the membership and based on the feedback received, were widely supported.

The trustees eventually decided to abandon the idea of raising a mortgage because it was no longer viable for the foreseeable future to finance it on the basis of expanding the number of bed nights sold, the foundation stone of the BDP prior to the pandemic. Instead we opted to develop a community living and working at the Hall and to explore the possibility of selling up to 49% equity in the Hall to them as stakeholders who would run it on a day to day basis, subject to appropriate checks and balances by the Society's membership. However, it was recognised that the first priority had to be finding a way to survive and then recover from the pandemic.

A breakthrough came in June when one of our members, Richard Freeman, made a donation of £10,000 from his family trust to pay for essential repairs to the roof. This was supplemented by other donations to the emergency appeal from a wide variety of sources including one for £2,000 from the Eugene Halliday Association. The success of the appeal combined with an interest free loan of £10,000 from Janet Norwood, gave us enough cash-flow to plan beyond the expected duration of the pandemic. Despite this, the trustees considered it prudent to persist with offering the Hall for sale until we were in a position to develop the recovery plan to include addressing the fit-for-purposes issues as well as repaying the £25,00 worth loans that had been taken on.

Attempts were made at planning fund raising events but these were abandoned as it proved difficult to attract volunteers back to the Hall, due to the ongoing situation with the Covid pandemic and subsequent restrictions from the Welsh government. We therefore shifted our focus to developing online courses, which were successfully piloted, and to working more with the local community, seeking to raise funds for development work and activities via grants. To this end, a substantial amount of work went into developing our ideas for a wildflower meadow on the paddock into something more substantial with the incorporation of a walkway surrounding it, linking to the garden terrace. This was then worked up into an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for Wales. Although most of the work was done in-house, for the first time we hired in specialist expertise from a freelance professional fund raiser to help us complete key sections. This was intended to get us moving in the direction envisaged in our strategy of raising substantial funds from grants to help us broaden access to the Hall and diversify income streams. The other significant development in respect of diversifying income was implementation of our Gift Aid scheme which yielded its first contribution by the year end based on a claim for previous

As the year ended the first wave of the pandemic had been survived, but the Hall was still on the market and potential buyers were viewing on a weekly basis until a second lock down in Wales was ordered. On-line courses were being planned and solutions to the lack of volunteer input were being found by the house team taking on a wider range of work on the gardens and grounds assisted by the farmer next door and his machinery. A local roofer had been engaged and repair work on the roof was imminent. However, core maintenance suffered due to the deep cuts in the budget and plans for the AGM would later have to be cancelled due to a third lockdown.

Earlier in 2019 our accountant retired unexpectedly. Although we switched to a new accountant and took our books to them for the previous year in good time, they would not start them until we completed an inventory of assets. This was an onerous task as they required us to list everything in the Hall, which amounted to thousands of items. We undertook this task during lockdown. However, before it was fully completed we came to understand we were wrongly advised. This turned out to be because they weren't familiar with the current requirements of charity law.

As a result we decided to change accountants a second time. Finding a new accountant from a rural location during lockdown proved a difficult and time consuming task, which resulted in the delayed finalisation of our accounts for both this year and the previous year. We eventually chose Castle View Accounting based in Chichester, who specialise in working with small charities. As can be seen from the following financial report, this switch has resulted in significant changes in format and presentation of the accounts, including the introduction of a balance sheet. This not only marks a step change in the transparency of the charity's affairs, but makes us more compliant than before. It also gives us a more sound basis from which to develop the ideas envisaged in our business development strategy, once we are able to emerge from the shadow of the pandemic.

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The following detailed financial report provides a full picture of the Society's finances at the year's end. We therefore conclude our report by highlighting the key outcomes contained within it.

The charity's overall income for the year increased by a little over £4,000, an uplift of 15% on the year before. Combined with significant savings of £9,200 in operating costs compared to the previous year, this resulted in an operating surplus of £105, which transferred through to the balance sheet. However, as previously mentioned, £10,000 of this was a grant specifically tied to roof repairs which was not expended at the year's end. This is shown under "restricted funds". When this is taken into account, there was an underlying deficit on operating costs of £9,895. This compares to one of £12,911 in the previous year and represents an improvement of £3,016, i.e. a reduction of 23%. Our main sources of anticipated income, from residential events and accommodation, were reduced by around £21,000 due to the enforced shutdown. The improvement despite this is largely attributable to donations, up by 25% to £6,397, and income from fundraising efforts which rose by over 691% to £5,942 in response to our emergency appeal.

Cash-flow was underpinned by £25,000 in structured loans from members whilst £4,500 in short-term interest free loans from the previous year, were repaid to members. As the balance sheet demonstrates the charity's overall assets stood at £695,148 at the end of year, slightly up on the previous year. Given the serious challenges faced during the year, this was a remarkable outcome to a situation which could easily have resulted in the permanent closure of Tan-y-Garth Hall as a centre for the Society's work. The trustees are indebted to the support shown by its well-wishers, which they believe demonstrates that the charity's work continues to have meaning and value and be considered worthwhile.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 24/11/22

Signed on their behalf by Trustee Derek Murray

Printed Name: DEREK MURRAY (SECRETARY)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The International Hermeneutic Society on the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2020 set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26th January 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019/20 £	TOTAL 2018/19 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	6,397	10,000	16,397	5,117
Charitable Activities	3b	1,370	-	1,370	8,043
Activities for Generating Funds	3c	9,188	-	9,188	10,662
Other Incoming Resources	3d	1,169	-	1,169	487
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		18,125	10,000	28,125	24,309
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	27,370	-	27,370	36,210
Governance Costs	4b	650	-	650	1,010
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		28,020	-	28,020	37,220
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(9,895)	10,000	105	(12,911)
Funds Brought Forward		695,043	-	695,043	7,954
Introduction of Land & Buildings	16	-	-	-	700,000
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		685,148	10,000	695,148	695,043

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Oct-20 £	Total 31-Oct-19 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	700,000	-	700,000	700,000
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		700,000	-	700,000	700,000
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	13,439	10,000	23,439	193
Total Current Assets		13,439	10,000	23,439	193
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	9	28,291	-	28,291	5,150
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(14,852)	10,000	(4,852)	(4,957)
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		685,148	10,000	695,148	695,043
Creditors: Long Term Liabilities	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		685,148	10,000	695,148	695,043
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		685,148	-	685,148	695,043
Restricted Funds	5	-	10,000	10,000	-
Total Funds		685,148	10,000	695,148	695,043

Approved by the Trustees on 24/11/22

Signed on their behalf by Trustee *Derek Murray*

Printed Name: DEREK MURRAY (SECRETARY)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance
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Amortisation

No amortisation is charged to freehold Land and Buildings as the Land and Buildings is maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Methods of Accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Land & Buildings £	Fittings & Equipment £	Total 2019/20 £
Cost	01-Sep-19	700,000	-	700,000
Additions		-	-	-
Net Book Value at	31-Oct-20	<u>700,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700,000</u>
Depreciation	01-Sep-19	-	-	-
Charge		-	-	-
Depreciation at	31-Oct-20	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value	31-Oct-20	<u>700,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700,000</u>
Net Book Value	31-Oct-19	<u>700,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700,000</u>

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st October 2020 : None

31st October 2019 : None

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2019

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019/20 £	TOTAL 2018/19 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gift Aid	888	-	888	-
Gifts & Donations	5,509	-	5,509	5,117
Grants Received	-	10,000	10,000	-
	6,397	10,000	16,397	5,117
b) Charitable Activities				
Courses	1,165	-	1,165	7,812
Tapes & Publications	205	-	205	231
	1,370	-	1,370	8,043
c) Activities for Generating Funds				
Accommodation Income	381	-	381	7,093
Fundraising Income	5,942	-	5,942	751
Membership Subscriptions	2,865	-	2,865	2,818
	9,188	-	9,188	10,662
d) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	1,169	-	1,169	487
	1,169	-	1,169	487

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019/20 £	TOTAL 2018/19 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Advertising & Publicity	405	-	405	500
Fundraising Costs	373	-	373	-
House Keeping Costs	3,232	-	3,232	3,966
Insurance Costs	4,734	-	4,734	4,561
Motor Vehicle Costs	825	-	825	1,702
Printing, Postage & Stationery	146	-	146	304
Rent & Rates	3,662	-	3,662	3,321
Repairs & Maintenance	894	-	894	6,728
Sundry Expenses	1,218	-	1,218	2,204
Tapes & Publications	125	-	125	65
Telephone Costs	905	-	905	988
Travel & Subsistence	980	-	980	997
Utility Costs	6,751	-	6,751	8,274
Volunteers Expenses	3,120	-	3,120	2,600
	27,370	-	27,370	36,210
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fees	9 650	-	650	650
Legal & Professional Fees	-	-	-	360
	650	-	650	1,010

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 01-Nov-19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 30-Oct-20 £
Roof Repair Fund	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
	-	10,000	-	-	10,000

The Restricted funds held are wholly represented by the Charity's cash reserves are to be expended as specified above.

6. INVESTMENTS

The Charity held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial year.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-20 £	Total 31-Oct-19 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	13,439	10,000	23,439	193
	13,439	10,000	23,439	193

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-20 £	Total 31-Oct-19 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Oct-20 £	Total 31-Oct-19 £
Independent Examiners Fees	1,300	-	1,300	650
Member Loans	25,000	-	25,000	4,500
Sundry Creditors	1,991	-	1,991	-
	28,291	-	28,291	5,150

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The Charity held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

11. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

The Charity employed no members of staff during this or the previous financial year.

12. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

"During the financial year Trustee Derek Murray received £7,800 in benefits in kind for boarding and lodging costs and £2,340 in an annual living allowance in his capacity as the Resident Building Custodian in furtherance of the Charitable objects. Trustee Derek Murray received £3,500 and Trustee Elizabeth Nesbitt received £500 in loan repayments. All conflicts of interest have been managed and documented in accordance with the Charity's Governing Document.

During the previous financial year Trustee Derek Murray made an interest free loan of £3,500 and Trustee Elizabeth Nesbitt (before she became a trustee) made an interest free loan of £500 to The International Hermeneutic Society to assist with supporting the short term cashflow requirements in furtherance of the Charitable objects.

The only other payments made to the Trustees consisted of reimbursements of expenses incurred in furthering the Charity's objects and no other direct benefits were received by the Trustees during the financial year.

No other payments were made to the Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

13. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

14. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Charity's needs. This is based on the Charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the Charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

15. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake

16. VARIATION OF RULES AND METHODS OF ACCOUNTING

There has been a change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year. The accounts for the year ended 31st October 2018 were prepared on a Receipts and Payments Basis and the Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st October 2019 have been prepared on an Accrual Basis now including Fixed Assets Investments held by the Charity as at the 31st October 2019.