



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/07/2022** Period start date To **30/06/2023**
Period end date

Charity name: **T. E. Lawrence Society**

Charity registration number: **297940**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Advance the education of the public in the life and works of TE Lawrence
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To publish the useful results thereof. To hold a bi-annual symposium and stage visits and talks throughout the year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees are mindful of Charity Commission guidance and aims to comply.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
		N/A
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
		N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
		The Society is run by volunteers.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

SORP reference

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

The Society has continued to achieve its aims, locally, nationally and internationally. Local groups in Dorset, London and North America arranged a series of events related to T E Lawrence's life and friendships. In particular the Dorset group commemorated the 100th anniversary of TEL joining the Tank Corps at Bovington and renting the Clouds Hill cottage, now owned by the National Trust and where several Society members volunteer. The culmination was the Society AGM at the Tank Museum, Bovington attended by 25 members and non-members. Once the business of the AGM was complete a number of talks were given before an evening meal. On the Sunday a showing of *A Dangerous Man* had been arranged at Wareham cinema and visits to Clouds Hill and other related TEL sites were available. The North America group arranged 3 Zoom lectures in conjunction with the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Kansas, which were open to members and non-members. The Society published two, highly regarded, Journals containing a mix of academic and non-academic articles on TEL and related matters. In addition we published 3 newsletters, containing news items, book reviews etc. With nearly 600 members worldwide we continue to achieve our aim of advancing the education of the public in the life and works of TE Lawrence.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

See above

Achievements against objectives set

Para 1.41

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set

Para 1.41

Investment performance

against objectives

Para 1.41

Other



Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

Para 1.21 **Sadly we made a loss at our symposium, which we can cover, as with our other financial commitments.**

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Para 1.22 **Our Reserves are ring fenced in a separate account and are roughly equal to our largest invoice.**

Amount of reserves held

Para 1.22 **£25,000**

Reasons for holding zero reserves

Para 1.22 **N/A**

Details of fund materially in deficit

Para 1.24 **N/A**

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

Para 1.23 **N/A**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

Our main source of income is our members' subscriptions.

Para 1.47

N/A

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted

Para 1.46

A description of the principal risks facing the charity

To keep the subscriptions at a level which covers the costs of our publications and symposia.

Para 1.46

Other

The Society has certain tangible assets which have either been gifted to or purchased by the Society. These are held on loan by two institutions; Magdalen College, Oxford and Wareham Library, Dorset. Additionally there is an artefact of the Lawrence family which is temporarily held by a Society member, until a suitable institution is found.



Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:

Type of governing document

Para 1.25 **Constitution**

(trust deed, royal charter)

How is the charity constituted?

Para 1.25 **Unincorporated**

(e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees

Para 1.25 **Trustees are all committee members who are elected annually at the AGM, having first been proposed and seconded by Society members. The committee are entitled to enlist up to 4 co-opted members to assist in specific areas, but they are not entitled to vote at committee meetings.**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Para 1.51

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works

Para 1.51

The Society has an elected committee with the officers being the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition up to 9 other committee members can be elected, filling roles such as Membership Secretary, Newsletter and Journal Editor.

Relationship with any related parties

Para 1.51

Other

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name

T. E. Lawrence Society

Other name the charity uses

Registered charity number 297940

Charity's principal address P.O. Box 728,
Oxford
OX2 9ZJ



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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity				
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kevin Winter	Chair		
2	Philip Neale	Vice Chair		
3	Carol Darbyshire	Treasurer		
4	Ian Heritage			
5	John Alexander			
6	Susan Purver			
7	David Sleep			
8	Susan Vincent			
9	John Johnson-Allen			
10	Pieter Shipster			
11	Joseph Berton			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name

N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name Dates acted if not for whole year

N/A



Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)		
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.		
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees		
Signature(s)	K J Winter	
Full name(s)	Kevin James Winter	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	

Date	30/06/2024

The T E Lawrence Society Charity No. 297940

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources (see Income sheet)					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	1	£14,697.17		£14,697.17	£14,944.63
Activities for generating funds	2	£185.75		£185.75	£1,220.00
Investment Income	3	£293.60	£50.64	£344.24	£11.92
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	£30,946.00		£30,946.00	£5,966.00
Other incoming resources	5	£3,746.43		£3,746.43	£1,732.32
Total incoming resources		<u>£49,868.95</u>	<u>£50.64</u>	<u>£49,919.59</u>	<u>£23,874.87</u>
Resources Expended (see Expenditure sheet)					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising/cost of sales/other costs	6	£4,131.89	£90.00	£4,221.89	£14,872.92
Charitable activities	7	£59,505.74		£59,505.74	£24,259.33
Governance costs	8	£28.24		£28.24	£0.00
Revaluation of stock	9	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Total resources expended		<u>£63,665.87</u>	<u>£90.00</u>	<u>£63,755.87</u>	<u>£39,132.25</u>
Net movements in funds		-£13,796.92	-£39.36	-£13,836.28	-£15,257.38
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		£68,499.18	£6,585.86	£75,085.04	£90,342.42
Total funds carried forward		<u>£54,702.26</u>	<u>£6,546.50</u>	<u>£61,248.76</u>	<u>£75,085.04</u>

The T E Lawrence Society Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		£6,600.00		£6,600.00
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress	11	£400.00		£400.00	
Cash at bank and in hand (see Funds Brought Forward sheet)		£54,248.76		£68,085.04	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>£0.00</u>		<u>£0.00</u>	
Net current assets			£54,648.76		£68,485.04
Net assets			<u>£61,248.76</u>		<u>£75,085.04</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			£6,546.50		£6,585.86
Unrestricted funds			<u>£54,702.26</u>		<u>£68,499.18</u>
Total charity funds			<u>£61,248.76</u>		<u>£75,085.04</u>

Notes

1. Includes membership fees, donations and Gift Aid
2. Includes event fees other than the Symposium
3. Interest from bank accounts
4. Symposium fees received in year and carried forward
5. Includes income from sales, sundries
6. Paypal & bank fees, postage, stationery, expenses, sundries, refunds
7. Includes publication costs and event fees, including symposium costs
8. Audit and/or accountant honorarium
9. Stock value (ties, badges, DVDs, past journals).
10. Artefacts on loan to Magdalen College, Oxford and Wareham Library plus TEL door
11. Estimated value for stock of past journals, DVDs, badges and ties

C. Darbyshire

Mrs C Darbyshire, Treasurer

Approved by the board on 30/09/23

I have carried out an independent examination of the Receipts and Payments account for the year to 30th June 2023 and confirm that they are in accordance with the records of the Society and explanations supplied to me.

I. Reid

Mr I. Reid, Honorary Accountant



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE T. E. LAWRENCE SOCIETY

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

297940

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 06 2023

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

I. M. Reid

Date:

01/08/2023

Name:

Ian Martin Reid

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

Address:

30, Francis Avenue

Rhos on Sea

Colwyn Bay LL28 4DW

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

1. All the Society's assets are stored by third parties. Whilst custody of many of these are supported by deposit certificates from the bodies concerned, those held by individuals, are not.

The trustees should get written confirmation each year confirming that these are still in safe custody and are held on behalf of the Society. This particularly applies to the Lawrence family cupboard door from Polstead Road, since this is included in the Society's fixed assets at its cost of £2,800.

2. A donation of £450 was made in the year to Jesus College as a contribution to its 450th anniversary. Unfortunately this is not recorded in the minutes as having been approved by the trustees.

This should be rectified and a policy agreed for the future on the level above which trustees must give their approval to one-off items of expenditure.