

THE AUKANA TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 326938

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-09-19

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

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Website <http://www.aukana.org.uk>

Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BUDDHIST FAITH AND ALL ASPECTS INCLUDING BOTH MEDITATIVE AND THEORETICAL ASPECTS.

Activities: The Aukana Trust provides facilities for instruction in the teaching of the Buddha, ranging from introductory evening classes to full-time monastic training.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£80,328	£88,191	-	-
2024-09-30	£63,596	£86,223	-	-
2023-09-30	£79,256	£69,427	-	-
2022-09-30	£70,898	£59,435	-	-
2021-09-30	£50,371	£46,101	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Dave Gilbert	Chair	2014-03-06
ANDA LUTKEVICS		2004-12-14
Elizabeth Kemp		2021-04-07
MR PAUL HARRIS		2006-02-22
NIGEL SKENE		2008-03-05
Prof Peter Case		2021-04-07

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Accounts

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2025



ANNUAL REPORT

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Independent Examiner:

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- 14 Podcasts were uploaded during the year making a total of 183. There were 5,533 listens during the year.
- The HoIT Facebook page had 680 followers at year end.
- The Friends of HoIT Facebook page – a group administered by meditators who post regularly – had 785 members at year end.
- The biennial Open Day was held in June 2025 with some 150 members and guests visiting the Centre.

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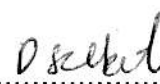
In keeping with Buddhist traditions, no charge is made for any of the facilities offered by the Trust. The major part of the Trust's income derives from donations. This financial year roughly 59% of this is made up of various miscellaneous donations including monthly donations from 65 meditators and supporters which contributed £23,105. Donations received for residential meditation courses contributed 21.5% and a Gift Aid tax reclaim contributed 8.7% of the total income.

For meditators attending and practising at the Centre, an integral part of the Buddha's training is the development of generosity, service and friendliness in all aspects of life. Over the year the Trust has received various non-financial donations, particularly in respect of food and household goods as well as assistance from meditators in the day-to-day upkeep of the Centre.

RESERVES POLICY

To reflect the high potential costs of repairs to the buildings the Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a minimum level of 2 times the annual expenditure with the exclusion of exceptional items. The policy is reviewed annually. At 30 September 2025 the Trust had cash reserves of £145,007. Total expenditure for the year was £88,191 which included exceptional expenditure to update fire safety installations of some £31,228. Without the exceptional items the reserves are about 2.5 times expenditure.

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Trustee

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Trustee

.....12th March 2026.....

Date 12th March 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

AUKANA TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30-9-2025

Charity no
(if any)

326938

Set out on pages

1-3

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

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:

Date:

17/12/25

Name:

STEPHEN PASSFIELD

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

Address:

S. CLEARWOOD, DLTON MARSH,
WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE
BA13 4BD

Section B**Disclosure**

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.

No matters of concern identified.

AUKANA TRUST (Charity no 326938) RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS, 1.10.2024 to 30.9.2025

RECEIPTS		24-25	23-24
Donations			
Donations - General	47,760.36		30,140
Donations - Meditation courses	17,277.36		16,525
Donations - Workshops	0.00		275
Income Tax recovered	7,028.50		10,946
Interest	6,707.81		5,016
	78,774.03		62,902
Receipts from operating activities			
Aukana book and shop sales			
Sales of Aukana published books	715.86		515
Shop sales of purchased books, incense etc.	292.00		150
	1,007.86		665
Fund raising/Other receipts			
Library fines	56.50		29
Open day tea stall	228.30		0
Garden plant sales	261.00		0
	545.80		29
TOTAL RECEIPTS	80,327.69		63,596
RECONCILIATION			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	80,327.69		63,596
less TOTAL PAYMENTS	88,190.88		86,223
NET RECEIPTS	-7,863.19		-22,628
plus OPENING CASH FUNDS 1.10.2024	152,870.15		175,498
CLOSING CASH FUNDS 30.9.2025	145,006.96		152,870
Reconciled to Assets and Liabilities schedule			
PAYMENTS		24-25	23-24
Monasteries & Meditation Centre			
Repairs & maintenance, servicing	3,051.62		30,644
Electricity	2,602.70		2,840
Gas	2,220.54		2,292
Water	1,637.82		1,890
Council Tax	7,247.39		6,895
Insurance	5,254.53		4,837
Gardens	556.30		1,743
	22,570.90		51,141
Monastic & Retreats			
Food & household goods	6,059.11		5,540
Monastic medical expenses	191.60		515
Monastic uniforms	0.00		98
	6,250.71		6,153
Communications & Administration			
Audio/Visual teaching aid costs	266.80		254
Printing, stationery, computer/network costs	674.78		785
Telephone and broadband	578.58		476
Postage	48.80		63
Miscellaneous (subscriptions/publicity)	160.00		65
Bank, PayPal etc. charges	92.35		84
	1,821.31		1,727
Transport			
Motor vehicle: running expenses	1,927.68		1,677
	1,927.68		1,677
Support			
Teachers' support	21,498.00		20,004
National Insurance contributions	824.20		824
Residential lay students' support	990.00		1,980
	23,312.20		22,808
Costs of sales and library facilities			
Purchases for the shop	168.44		94
Library purchases	0.00		82
	168.44		176
Sub-Total	56,051.24		83,681
Other payments - functional equipment			
Fire and Asbestos assessments	1,104.00		
Fire alarms, emergency lighting and fitting	21,600.00		
Fire doors, fixtures and fitting	8,523.73		
Equipment: Electric fire, tumble dryer, printer	613.99		
Sundries: Wall light, bin, kettle	93.92		
Garden equipment: Cordless lawnmower	204.00		
	32,139.64		2,543
TOTAL PAYMENTS	88,190.88		86,223

AUKANA TRUST (Charity no 326938) STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES, 30.9.2025

		Comparison as at 30.9.2024	
CASH FUNDS			
Bank balances	Actual values	Actual values	
Building Society balance	18,335.09	17,314	
1 Year Fixed Rate Bond	46,023.65	54,849	
Petty cash	80,000.00	80,000	
PayPal Business	648.22	697	
Amazon Seller Account	0.00	0	
Total reconciled to Receipts and Payments schedule	145,006.96	152,870	
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Publishing debtors	49.70	19	19
ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY			
Freehold property	Values at cost	Values at cost	
Improvements to above	389,000.00	389,000	
	54,707.57	54,708	
	443,707.57	443,708	
OTHER ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY			
Motor vehicle			
Furniture & equipment			
ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE			
Aukana published book stock	16,890.23	17,336	
Shop stock - books, incense, Buddha figures and cards	180.03	150	
	17,070.26	17,486	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts have been prepared entirely as Receipt and Payment accounts with an accompanying statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with Charity Commission Guidance. An Appendix showing details of the Aukana book movements has been provided for the benefit of the trustees.

The funds of the Charity are all unrestricted funds so all financial information has been given in total.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Donations - Meditation Courses: The donations from those attending meditation courses have the portion above cost used in the tax reclaim according to the rules of Gift Aid – our present suggested donation is £30 per meditator per day.

Donations - General: Tax is reclaimed on donations of any value where a Gift Aid Declaration has been signed by the donor. We advise donors that if they wish to give regularly, they can set up a monthly standing order and sign a Gift Aid declaration.

Publishing: To date, the Trust has published ten books.

PAYMENTS

SUPPORT: Teachers

The Trust has provided financial support for Paul Harris.

SUPPORT: Residential Lay Student

One residential student received an allowance for part of the year.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: One off safety assessments were carried out for £1,104 leading to a wireless fire alarm and emergency lighting system being installed throughout nos. 9, 10 and 10a for £21,600 and fire doors being fitted in essential areas for £8,524.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY

Freehold Property: The Trust owns three properties:-

9 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon bought in 1986 for £79,000.

10 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon bought in 1993 for £200,000.

8 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon bought in 1997 for £110,000.

OTHER ASSETS

Publishing Debtors and Stocks: See Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Appendix.



Trustee



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12th March 2026

Date 12th March 2026

APPENDIX

AUKANA TRUST: PUBLISHING ACCOUNT 2024-2025

	Modern Buddhism		Life as a Siamese Monk		Buddhist Character Analysis		Unfolding of Wisdom		Buddhism in a Foreign Land		The Plain Facts		Inner Tranquility		Meditation Retreat		Purpose of Life		Postcards from Beyond		Totals for 2024-2025		Totals for 2023-2024	
	508	508	880	880	1151	1151	1056	1056	722	722	870	870	1146	1146	1360	1360	1481	1481	1542	1542	10716	10716	10787	10787
Opening physical stocks 1/10/24	1.40	1.40	1.85	1.85	1.35	1.35	1.77	1.77	1.92	1.92	1.37	1.37	1.78	1.78	1.57	1.57	1.86	1.86	1.34	1.34				
Cost/book £	711.20	711.20	1,628.00	1,628.00	1,553.85	1,553.85	1,869.12	1,869.12	1,386.24	1,386.24	1,191.90	1,191.90	2,039.88	2,039.88	2,135.20	2,135.20	2,754.66	2,754.66	2,066.28	2,066.28				
Stock value £																					£17,336.33	£17,336.33	£17,445	£17,445
Less Net sales for the year	21	21	20	20	19	19	22	22	16	16	25	25	32	32	20	20	20	20	88	88	283	283	58	58
Less Donations																								
Plus returns																								8
Plus stock gains																								0
Less stock reductions																								2
																								7
Closing physical stocks 30/9/25	487	487	860	860	1132	1132	1030	1030	706	706	845	845	1118	1118	1340	1340	1461	1461	1449	1449	10428	10428	10716	10716
Cost/book £	1.40	1.40	1.85	1.85	1.35	1.35	1.77	1.77	1.92	1.92	1.37	1.37	1.78	1.78	1.57	1.57	1.86	1.86	1.34	1.34				
Stock value £	681.80	681.80	1,591.00	1,591.00	1,528.20	1,528.20	1,823.10	1,823.10	1,355.52	1,355.52	1,157.65	1,157.65	1,980.04	1,980.04	2,103.80	2,103.80	2,717.46	2,717.46	1,941.66	1,941.66				

Summary of Publishing income for the year

	2024-2025		2023-2024	
	£	£	£	£
Sales receipts for the year				
Less opening debtors	18.90	715.86		514.66
Plus closing debtors	49.70		0.00	
			18.90	
		30.80		18.90
Gives actual receipts for the year		746.66		533.56
Deduct cost of sales - calculated by Publishing costs				
Value of opening stock	17,336.33		17,444.91	
Less value of closing stock	16,890.23		17,336.33	
		446.10		108.58
Net receipts for publishing for the year		300.56		424.98

At a meeting of the trustees on 5th December 2024 it was decided that Aukana Published books should be made available free of charge. Donations received are allocated to publishing.

The shopping cart on the web site, due to limited sales there, has retained the book pricing and discount terms.

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D. Subet

Trustee

[Signature]

Trustee

5/12/2024

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

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Signed:

Stephen Passfield

Date:

27/11/24

Name:

STEPHEN PASSFIELD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Address:

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Donations - Meditation courses	16,525.00	15,275	2,735
Donations - Workshops	275.00	315	2,315
Income Tax recovered	10,946.00	10,503	1,644
Interest	5,015.57	1,932	6,541
	62,902.07	77,762	4,369
			1,788
			37,646
Receipts from operating activities			
Aukana book and shop sales			
Sales of Aukana published books	514.66	427	5,614
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	664.66	730	0
Fund raising/Other receipts			5,786
Sale of garden equipment	0.00		
Library fines	29.00	300	201
Open day tea stall	0.00	29	681
Garden plant sales	0.00	253	430
	29.00	182	65
		764	55
			0
			91
			1,525
TOTAL RECEIPTS	63,595.73	79,256	
RECONCILIATION			
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less TOTAL PAYMENTS	86,223.34	69,427	
NET RECEIPTS	-22,627.61	9,829	
plus OPENING CASH FUNDS 1.10.2023	175,497.76	165,669	
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Insurance	4,836.83		
Gardens	1,743.45		
	51,141.25		
			37,646
Monastic & Retreats			
Food & household goods	5,540.16		
Monastic medical expenses	515.16		
Monastic uniforms	97.19		
	6,152.51		
			5,786
Communications & Administration			
Audio/Visual teaching aid costs	253.50		
Printing, stationery, computer/network costs	785.43		
Telephone and broadband	476.15		
Postage	63.20		
Miscellaneous (subscriptions/publicity)	65.00		
Legal and Professional costs	0.00		
Bank, PayPal etc. charges	83.70		
	1,726.98		
			1,525
Transport			
Motor vehicle: running expenses	1,676.68		
	1,676.68		
			1,506
Support			
Teachers' support	20,004.00		
Backdated National Insurance contributions	824.20		
Residential lay students' support	1,980.00		
	22,808.20		
			21,511
Costs of sales and library facilities			
Purchases for the shop	93.72		
Publishing costs	0.00		
Library purchases - USB sticks	82.00		
	175.72		
			463
Sub-Total	83,681.34		
			68,437
Other payments - functional equipment			
Equipment: 2 refrigerators, 6 fire extinguishers	2,331.90		
Sundries: brass vases, smartphone, kettle	191.58		
Garden equipment: Lopper	18.52		
	2,542.00		
			990
TOTAL PAYMENTS	86,223.34		
			69,427

Comparison as at 30.9.2023	
	Actual values
CASH FUNDS	
Bank balances	25,172
Building Society balance	84,187
1 Year Fixed Rate Bond	65,000
Petty cash	1,041
PayPal Business	87
Amazon Seller Account	11
Total reconciled to Receipts and Payments schedule	175,498
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	
• Publishing debtors	0
Jim Vuylsteke	0
Shops	0
Mail order	0
	0
ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY	
Freehold property	Values at cost
Improvements to above	389,000
	54,708
	443,708
OTHER ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY	
Motor vehicle	
Furniture & equipment	
ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE	
Aukana published book stock	17,445
Shop stock - books, incense, Buddha figures and cards	148
	17,593

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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Publishing: To date, the Trust has published ten books.

PAYMENTS

SUPPORT: Teachers

The Trust has provided some financial support for Paul Harris.

SUPPORT: Residential Lay Student

One residential student received an allowance.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: The office in no.10 was renovated and redecorated for £5.5K. Rotten sash windows and dormer windows in no.9 were replaced and repainted for £23K.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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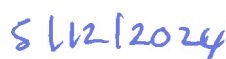
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Date 5/12/2024

APPENDIX

AUKANA TRUST: PUBLISHING ACCOUNT 20223- 2024

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Opening physical stocks 1/10/23	510	885	1156	1063	724	875	1149	1364	1489	1572	10787	10843
Cost/book £	1.40	1.85	1.35	1.77	1.92	1.37	1.78	1.57	1.86	1.34		
Stock value £	714.00	1,637.25	1,560.60	1,881.51	1,390.08	1,198.75	2,045.22	2,141.48	2,769.54	2,106.48	£17,444.91	£17,532
Less Net sales for the year	2	5	5	7	2	5	3	4	8	17	58	51
Less Donations						2				6	8	3
Plus returns											0	0
Plus stock gains						2				7	2	0
Less stock reductions											7	2
Closing physical stocks 30/9/24	508	880	1151	1056	722	870	1146	1360	1481	1542	10716	10787
Cost/book £	1.40	1.85	1.35	1.77	1.92	1.37	1.78	1.57	1.86	1.34		
Stock value £	711.20	1,628.00	1,553.85	1,869.12	1,386.24	1,191.90	2,039.88	2,135.20	2,754.66	2,066.28	£17,336.33	£17,445
Summary of Publishing Income for the year												
				2023-2024					2022-2023			
				£					£			
Sales receipts for the year												
Less opening debtors				0.00					0.00			
Plus closing debtors				18.90					0.00			
				18.90								
Gives actual sales value for the year				533.56					426.72			
Deduct cost of sales - calculated by												
Publishing costs												
Value of opening stock				17,444.91					17,531.52			
Less value of closing stock				17,336.33					17,444.91			
				108.58					86.61			
Net receipts for publishing for the year				424.98					340.11			

THE AUKANA TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 326938

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Stephen Passfield, 5 Clearwood, Dilton Marsh, Nr Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4BD

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- 13 fortnightly Zoom meetings were held with an average attendance of 26 people. Of the 57 different people attending 22 were local and 35 live at a distance.
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- 38 new videos were added to the HoIT YouTube channel. The channel had 131 videos in total and 46 new subscribers and 6,492 views in the year.
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For meditators attending and practising at the Centre, an integral part of the Buddha's training is the development of generosity, service and friendliness in all aspects of life. Over the year the Trust has received various non-financial donations, particularly in respect of food and household goods as well as assistance from meditators in the day-to-day upkeep of the Centre.

RESERVES POLICY

To reflect the high potential costs of repairs to the buildings the Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a minimum level of 2 times the annual expenditure with the exclusion of exceptional items. The policy is reviewed annually. At 30 September 2023 the Trust had cash reserves of £175,498. Total expenditure for the year was £69,427. The reserves are about 2.5 times this figure.


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Trustee


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Trustee


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Date

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

AUKANA TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

326938

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 SEPTEMBER 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:

Stephen James Passfield

Date:

13/12/23

Name:

STEPHEN JAMES PASSFIELD

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

Address:

5 CLEARWOOD, DILTON MARSH,
WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE, BA13 4BD.

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.

No matters of concern identified.

AUKANA TRUST (Charity no 326938) RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS, 1.10.2022 to 30.9.2023

RECEIPTS		22-23	21-22
Donations			
Donations - General	49,736.77	49,370	
Donations - Meditation courses	15,275.00	13,835	
Donations - Workshops	315.00	255	
Income Tax recovered	10,502.73	5,736	
Interest	1,932.18	964	
	77,761.68	70,160	
Receipts from operating activities			
Aukana book and shop sales			
Sales of Aukana published books	426.72	443	
Shop sales of purchased books, incense etc.	303.10	296	
	729.82	739	
Fund raising/Other receipts			
Sale of garden equipment	300.00	0	
Library fines	29.05	0	
Open day tea stall	253.00	0	
Garden plant sales	182.46	0	
	764.51	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,256.01	70,898	
RECONCILIATION			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,256.01		70,898
less TOTAL PAYMENTS	69,427.21		59,435
NET RECEIPTS	9,828.80		11,463
plus OPENING CASH FUNDS 1.10.2022	165,668.96		154,206
CLOSING CASH FUNDS 30.9.2023	175,497.76		165,669
Reconciled to Assets and Liabilities schedule			

PAYMENTS		22-23	21-22
Monasteries & Meditation Centre			
Repairs & maintenance, servicing	18,253.51	14,571	
Electricity	2,735.03	1,902	
Gas	2,315.14	2,364	
Water	1,644.38	1,505	
Council Tax	6,540.83	6,254	
Insurance	4,368.76	3,817	
Gardens	1,788.21	377	
	37,645.86	30,790	
Monastic & Retreats			
Food & household goods	5,613.99	4,899	
Monastic medical expenses	171.79	527	
Monastic uniforms	0.00	31	
	5,785.78	5,457	
Communications & Administration			
Audio/Visual teaching aid costs	201.45	97	
Printing, stationery, computer/network costs	681.26	565	
Telephone and broadband	430.36	530	
Postage	65.34	137	
Miscellaneous (subscriptions/publicity)	55.00	55	
Legal and Professional costs	0.00	0	
Bank, PayPal, Amazon etc. charges	91.76	123	
	1,525.17	1,507	
Transport			
Motor vehicle: running expenses	1,506.24	1,256	
	1,506.24	1,256	
Support			
Teachers' support	18,835.00	18,000	
Backdated National Insurance contributions	800.80	0	
Residential lay students' support	1,875.00	1,340	
	21,510.80	19,340	
Costs of sales and library facilities			
Purchases for the shop	192.58	66	
Publishing costs	0.00	0	
Library purchases - USB sticks, books	270.93	18	
	463.51	84	
Sub-Total	68,437.36	58,434	
Other payments - functional equipment			
Equipment: Water heater	223.20	345	
Sundries: 4 MP3 players, 10 fire alarms, 6 lights	578.55	64	
Garden equipment: Two lawnmowers	188.10	592	
	989.85	1,002	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	69,427.21	59,435	

AUKANA TRUST (Charity no 326938) STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES, 30.9.2023

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CASH FUNDS		Comparison as at 30.9.2022	
Bank balances	Actual values	Actual values	
Building Society balance	25,171.91	79,106	
1 Year Fixed Rate Bond	84,187.55	85,923	
Petty cash	65,000.00	0	
PayPal Business	1,040.59	640	
Amazon Seller Account	86.96	0	
	10.75	0	
Total reconciled to Receipts and Payments schedule	175,497.76		165,669
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Publishing debtors			
Jim Vuylsteke	0.00	0	
Shops	0.00	0	
Mail order	0.00	0	
			0
ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY			
Freehold property	Values at cost	Values at cost	
Improvements to above	389,000.00	389,000	
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			443,708
OTHER ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY			
Motor vehicle			
Furniture & equipment			
ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE			
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Publishing: To date, the Trust has published ten books.

PAYMENTS

SUPPORT: Teachers

The annual stipend for Paul Harris was increased from £18,000 to £20,000.

SUPPORT: Residential Lay Student

The pocket money for resident lay student Anda Lutkevics was increased from £150 to £165 per month.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: Damp issues in no.8 were remedied which included repointing external walls. A ground floor room in no. 8 had the floor replaced and was redecorated and carpeted. The total cost was £15,750.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY

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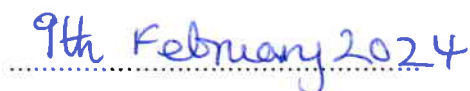
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Stock value £	719.60	1,640.95	1,564.65	1,892.13	1,395.84	1,209.71	2,054.12	2,147.76	2,778.84	2,127.92	£17,531.52	£17,605
Less Net sales for the year	4	2	3	6	3	4	5	4	5	15	51	41
Less Donations											3	15
Plus returns											0	9
Plus stock gains											0	0
Less stock reductions											2	0
Closing physical stocks 30/9/23	510	885	1156	1063	724	875	1149	1364	1489	1572	10787	10843
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Summary of Publishing Income for the year												
	2022-2023		2021-2022									
	£		£		£		£		£		£	
Sales receipts for the year												
Less opening debtors	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Plus closing debtors	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
	426.72		426.72		442.59		442.59		442.59		442.59	
Gives actual sales value for the year												
Deduct cost of sales - calculated by Publishing costs												
Value of opening stock	17,531.52		17,531.52		17,605.04		17,605.04		17,605.04		17,605.04	
Less value of closing stock	17,444.91		17,444.91		17,531.52		17,531.52		17,531.52		17,531.52	
	86.61		86.61		73.52		73.52		73.52		73.52	
Net receipts for publishing for the year												
	340.11		340.11		369.07		369.07		369.07		369.07	

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To reflect the high potential costs of repairs to the buildings the Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a minimum level of 2 times the annual expenditure with the exclusion of exceptional items. The policy is reviewed annually. At 30 September 2022 the Trust had cash reserves of £165,669. There were no items of exceptional expenditure. Total expenditure for the year was £59,435. The reserves are about 2.8 times this figure.


Trustee


Trustee

6th April 2023
Date

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

AUKANA TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30 SEPTEMBER 22

Charity no
(if any)

326938

Set out on pages

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

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:

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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.

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Signed:

S. Passfield

Date:

13/3/23

Name:

STEPHEN JAMES PASSFIELD

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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.

AUKANA TRUST (Charity no 326938) RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS, 1.10.2021 to 30.9.2022

RECEIPTS		21-22	20-21
Donations			
Donations - General	49,369.32		40,134
Donations - Meditation courses	13,835.00		1,560
Donations - Workshops	255.00		0
Income Tax recovered	5,736.13		6,315
Interest	964.14		1,001
	70,159.59		49,010
Receipts from operating activities			
Aukana book and shop sales			
Sales of Aukana published books	442.59		753
Shop sales of purchased books, incense etc.	296.10		255
	738.69		1,008
Fund raising			
Library fines	0.00		0
Open day tea stall	0.00		147
Garden plant sales	0.00		206
	0.00		353
TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,898.28		50,371
RECONCILIATION			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,898.28		50,370
less TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,435.36		46,101
NET RECEIPTS	11,462.92		4,269
plus OPENING CASH FUNDS 1.10.2021	154,206.04		149,937
CLOSING CASH FUNDS 30.9.2022	165,668.96		154,206
Reconciled to Assets and Liabilities schedule			
PAYMENTS		21-22	20-21
Monasteries & Meditation Centre			
Repairs & maintenance, servicing	14,570.63		3,833
Electricity	1,902.08		2,156
Gas	2,363.98		2,223
Water	1,505.56		1,649
Council Tax	6,253.93		6,055
Insurance	3,816.95		3,362
Gardens	376.80		1,280
	30,789.93		20,558
Monastic & Retreats			
Food & household goods	4,899.20		3,863
Monastic medical expenses	526.38		288
Monastic uniforms	31.33		55
	5,456.91		4,206
Communications & Administration			
Newsletter	0.00		75
Audio/Visual teaching aid costs	97.23		91
Printing, stationery, computer/network costs	565.06		663
Telephone and broadband	530.04		438
Postage	137.30		219
Miscellaneous (subscriptions/publicity)	55.00		55
Legal and Professional costs	0.00		576
Bank, PayPal, Amazon etc. charges	122.39		84
	1,507.02		2,201
Transport			
Motor vehicle: running expenses	1,256.18		1,339
	1,256.18		1,339
Support			
Teachers' support	18,000.00		9,250
Backdated National Insurance contributions	0.00		6,360
Residential lay students' support	1,340.00		1,040
	19,340.00		16,670
Costs of sales and library facilities			
Purchases for the shop	65.85		197
Publishing costs	0.00		395
Library purchases	17.88		25
	83.73		617
Sub-Total	58,433.77		45,592
Other payments - functional equipment			
Equipment: Washing machine	344.99		160
Sundries: Kettle, clock, towel rack	64.29		259
Garden equipment: Lights for paths	592.31		90
	1,001.59		509
TOTAL PAYMENTS	59,435.36		46,101

AUKANA TRUST (Charity no 326938) STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES, 30.9.2022

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		Comparison as at 30.9.2021
CASH FUNDS		
Bank balances	Actual values	
Building Society balance	79,105.77	68,909
Petty cash	85,923.41	84,981
PayPal Business	639.78	179
Amazon Seller Account	0.00	116
Total reconciled to Receipts and Payments schedule	0.00	21
		154,206
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Publishing debtors		
Jim Vuylsteke	0.00	0
Shops	0.00	0
Mail order	0.00	0
		0
ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY		
Freehold property	Values at cost	
Improvements to above	389,000.00	389,000
	54,707.57	54,708
		443,708
OTHER ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY		
Motor vehicle		
Furniture & equipment		
ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE		
Aukana published book stock	17,531.52	17,605
Shop stock - books, incense, Buddha figures and cards	165.11	229
		17,834

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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Publishing: To date, the Trust has published ten books.

PAYMENTS

SUPPORT: Teachers

The annual stipend for Paul Harris continued at £18,000.

SUPPORT: Residential Lay Student

From May 2022 the pocket money for resident lay student Anda Lutkevics was increased from £20 per week (in place since 2000) to £150 per month.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: External woodwork on no. 8 was repainted for £6,400 and roof repairs cost £2,500.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY

Freehold Property: The Trust owns three properties:-

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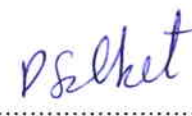
8 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon bought in 1997 for £110,000.

OTHER ASSETS

Publishing Debtors and Stocks: See Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Appendix.



Trustee



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6th April 2023

Date

AUKANA TRUST: PUBLISHING ACCOUNT 2021 - 2022

	Modern Buddhism	Life as a Siamese Monk	Buddhist Character Analysis	Unfolding a Foreign Land	Buddhism in Buddhism: The Plain Facts	Inner Tranquillity	Meditation Retreat	Purpose of Life	Postcards from Beyond	Totals for 2021-2022	Totals for 2020-2021
Opening physical stocks 1/10/21	518	889	1160	1073	730	886	1159	1372	1499	1604	10977
Cost/book £	140	185	135	177	192	137	178	157	186	134	
Stock value £	725.20	1,644.65	1,566.00	1,899.21	1,401.60	1,213.82	2,063.02	2,154.04	2,788.14	2,149.36	£17,743
Less Net sales for the year	4	2	1	4	3	3	5	4	4	11	86
Less Donations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1
Plus returns	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Plus stock gains											0
Less stock reductions											0
Closing physical stocks 30/9/22	514	887	1159	1069	727	883	1154	1368	1494	1588	10890
Cost/book £	140	185	135	177	192	137	178	157	186	134	
Stock value £	719.60	1,640.95	1,564.65	1,892.13	1,395.84	1,209.71	2,054.12	2,147.76	2,778.84	2,127.92	£17,605
Summary of Publishing Income for the year			£	£			£	£			
Sales receipts for the year				442.59				753.20			
Less opening debtors			0.00				6.95				
Plus closing debtors			0.00	0.00			0.00	-6.95			
Gives actual sales value for the year				442.59				746.25			
Deduct cost of sales - calculated by Publishing costs											
Value of opening stock			17,605.04				17,742.69				
Less value of closing stock			17,531.52				17,605.04				
Net receipts for publishing for the year				73.52				137.65			
				369.07				608.60			

THE AUKANA TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 326938

Accounts

AUKANA TRUST

2021



ANNUAL REPORT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Aukana Trust is a religious charity whose object is the promotion of the Buddhist Faith. It was established by a Deed of Trust on 17 June 1985 and registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 326938) on 19 September 1985.

The Spiritual Head of the charity is Paul Harris.

Trustees:

David Gilbert, Chairman – appointed chair at a trustee meeting on 25 January 2021

Paul Harris

Brother Nigel Skene

Anda Lutkevics

Peter Case – appointed at a trustee meeting 7 April 2021

Elizabeth Kemp – appointed at a trustee meeting 7 April 2021

As Spiritual Head of the Aukana Trust, Paul Harris has the right to nominate all new trustees. Also, a new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of a meeting of the trustees.

Address of the charity:

9 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1QN

telephone: 01225 866821

e-mail: info@aukana.org.uk Website: www.aukana.org.uk

Addresses of monasteries run by the charity:

The Monastery of Absolute Harmony,

9 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1QN

The Monastery of Infinite Compassion,

10 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1QN

Address of the meditation centre administered by the charity:

The House of Inner Tranquillity,

9-10 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1QN

Address of teacher's accommodation administered by the charity:

8 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1QN

Bankers:

HSBC Bank plc, 46 Fore Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8EL

Solicitors:

Bishop, Longbotham and Bagnall, 3 Church Street, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1LR

Independent Examiner:

Stephen Passfield, 5 Clearwood, Dilton Marsh, Nr Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4BD

AIMS AND ORGANISATION

To quote from the Trust Deed the object of the charity is 'to promote the Buddhist Faith in all aspects including both meditative and theoretical aspects and in furtherance of this object but not further or otherwise:-

- a) To provide facilities for the general public to attend lectures and classes concerning the Buddhist Faith;
- b) To provide libraries and facilities for writing translating printing publishing and selling books and pamphlets; and
- c) To establish centres schools colleges institutions monasteries nunneries communities and retreats in the United Kingdom and elsewhere and to provide such support as may be necessary for persons attending the same for the purpose of studying the Buddhist Faith.'

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Aukana Trust has regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in the preparation of this report.

At the House of Inner Tranquillity Meditation Centre and associated monasteries in Bradford on Avon the Trust provides facilities for instruction in the teaching of the Buddha. Due to various government measures instigated to slow the spread of Covid-19 the Trust had to severely restrict the number of meetings and retreats offered during the year. To compensate for this Paul Harris continued doing livestreams that he had instigated in March 2020 using the House of Inner Tranquillity (HoIT) Facebook page. When meetings resumed in late July 2021, to increase accessibility of the lecture and Q&A meetings, these were also streamed live on Facebook.

Activities during the year ending 30 September 2021 include:

- Paul Harris conducting 49 livestreams on Facebook before meetings resumed.
- 10 weekly group meetings held with an average attendance of 22 people.
- Livestreaming of lecture and Q&A group meetings from 4 August 2021 with an average of 14 people attending online.
- Retreats resuming in September 2021 with one 6-day silent and one weekend retreat completed. Each was fully attended by 4 people.
- 3 new videos added to the HoIT YouTube channel. The channel had 92 videos, 703 subscribers and 9,173 views in total.
- 19 Podcasts were uploaded during the year making a total of 127. There were 16,500 listens during the year.
- The HoIT Facebook page had 616 followers and 522 likes at year end.
- The Friends of HoIT Facebook page – a group administered by meditators who post regularly – had 641 members at year end and more than 20,000 recorded "reactions" in the year.

All the media platforms can be reached from the Aukana Trust web site. The Trust's 10 published book titles can also be ordered through the web site via an online shopping cart facility or by contacting the Trust directly.

On 30 September 2021 one monk was in residence fully supported by the Trust. The financial support (as authorised in section 14 of the Trust Deed) for Paul Harris was increased substantially in May 2021 from an annual stipend of £3,000 to an annual stipend of £18,000. This was to enable Paul Harris to have greater flexibility and independence. To maximise the potential State Pension Paul Harris could receive, a one off payment of £6,380 for retrospective National Insurance contributions was made in May 2021. The Trust intends to pay an annual National Insurance contribution on behalf of Paul Harris going forward. The Trust also supported a full-time lay student and trustee, Anda Lutkevics, who has been in residence since February 2000 and works as housekeeper and administrator.

In keeping with Buddhist traditions, no charge is made for any of the facilities offered by the Trust. The major part of the Trust's income derives from donations. This financial year roughly 80% of this is made up of various miscellaneous donations and monthly donations from 60 meditators and supporters which contributed £22,118. A Gift Aid tax reclaim contributed 12.5% of the total income.

For meditators attending and practising at the Centre, an integral part of the Buddha's training is the development of generosity, service and friendliness in all aspects of life. Over the year the Trust has received various non-financial donations, particularly in respect of food and household goods as well as assistance from meditators in the day-to-day upkeep of the Centre. A restricted number of people served the Centre as regular day students when Covid-19 government guidance allowed them to attend.

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Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Signed:

S. Marshall

Date:

28/3/2022

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Section B**Disclosure**

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RECEIPTS		20-21	19-20
Donations			
Donations - General	40,133.78		52,414
Donations - Meditation courses	1,560.00		11,178
Donations - Workshops	0.00		305
Income Tax recovered	6,315.50		5,149
Interest	1,001.13		1,591
	49,010.41		70,637
Receipts from operating activities			
Aukana book and shop sales			
Sales of Aukana published books	753.20		883
Shop sales of purchased books, incense etc.	254.50		200
	1,007.70		1,083
Fund raising			
Library fines	0.00		30
Open day tea stall	146.50		0
Garden plant sales	206.00		0
	352.50		30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	50,370.61		71,750
RECONCILIATION			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	50,370.61		71,750
less TOTAL PAYMENTS	46,101.37		45,813
NET RECEIPTS	4,269.24		25,937
plus OPENING CASH FUNDS 1.10.2020	149,936.80		124,000
CLOSING CASH FUNDS 30.9.2021	154,206.04		149,937
Reconciled to Assets and Liabilities schedule			
PAYMENTS		20-21	19-20
Monasteries & Meditation Centre			
Repairs & maintenance, servicing	3,833.52		10,121
Electricity	2,156.18		2,456
Gas	2,222.83		4,140
Water	1,648.91		1,667
Council Tax	6,054.75		5,885
Insurance	3,361.60		3,280
Gardens	1,280.46		1,924
	20,558.25		29,473
Monastic & Retreats			
Food & household goods	3,863.03		6,837
Monastic medical expenses	288.30		757
Monastic uniforms	55.10		145
	4,206.43		7,739
Communications & Administration			
Newsletter	75.00		405
Audio/Visual teaching aid costs	90.55		134
Printing, stationery, computer/network costs	663.12		835
Telephone and broadband	438.29		271
Postage	219.12		393
Miscellaneous (subscriptions/publicity)	55.00		30
Legal and Professional costs	576.00		0
Bank, PayPal, Amazon etc. charges	84.05		68
	2,201.13		2,136
Transport			
Motor vehicle: running expenses	1,338.65		1,130
	1,338.65		1,130
Support			
Teachers' support	9,250.00		3,000
Backdated National Insurance contributions	6,380.40		0
Residential lay students' support	1,040.00		1,040
	16,670.40		4,040
Costs of sales and library facilities			
Purchases for the shop	196.83		27
Publishing costs	395.00		0
Library purchases	25.53		19
	617.36		46
Sub-Total	45,592.22		44,564
Other payments - functional equipment			
Equipment: Vacuum cleaner	159.99		1,013
Sundries: Router, blender, iron	259.16		109
Garden equipment: Lawnmower	90.00		128
	509.15		1,250
TOTAL PAYMENTS	46,101.37		45,813

APPENDIX

AUKANA TRUST: PUBLISHING ACCOUNT 2020 - 2021

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Stock value £	736.40	1,663.15	1,574.10	1,915.14	1,409.28	1,220.67	2,070.14	2,165.03	2,808.60	2,180.18	£17,881	£17,742.69
Less Net sales for the year	8	10	6	9	4	5	4	7	11	22	89	86
Less Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Plus stock gains										0	0	0
Less stock reductions										0	0	0
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Summary of Publishing Income for the year												
			2020-2021	£	2019-2020			£				
Sales receipts for the year				753.20				883.28				
Less opening debtors			6.95		23.79							
Plus closing debtors			0.00		6.95							
				-6.95				-16.84				
Gives actual sales value for the year				746.25				866.44				
Deduct cost of sales - calculated by Publishing costs												
Value of opening stock				17,742.69	17,881.03							
Less value of closing stock				17,605.04	17,742.69							
				137.65				138.34				
Net receipts for publishing for the year				608.60				728.10				

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OTHER ASSETS

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