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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2023  
for  
International Bible Students Association**



# **International Bible Students Association**

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# **International Bible Students Association**

## **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with the charity governing document as referenced on page 6. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

This report includes the Directors Report as required by company law.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The object of the Association is to promote the Christian religion as practiced by the body of Christian persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses, by supporting congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses and others in connection with their spiritual and material welfare in Britain and abroad within the charitable purposes of the Association. This has been achieved by:

1. Providing serviced facilities to support religious activity.
2. Arranging for venues to host conventions for Bible education.
3. Financially assisting legal entities of Jehovah's Witnesses with similar aims and objectives, both foreign and domestic.
4. Paying expenses for and taking care of living arrangements for members of the Worldwide Order of Special Full-Time Servants of Jehovah's Witnesses (the Order).

Ongoing support of the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses without interruption, is a more significant criterion for the Association than a statistical assessment of performance. In the area of conventions, however, attendance figures can be considered to assess the impact of the Association's activities.

#### **Significant activities**

The Association's aim, to facilitate the ongoing activities of Jehovah's Witnesses, remains the same each year. Therefore, the short- and long-term objectives are synonymous with each other. Specific current activities are described in the following paragraphs.

The Association continued to provide facilities, enabling religious service and the preparation of Bible-based information in various languages. It was also able to open these facilities up for public tours during the year.

The Association continued to provide support for members of the Order in various forms, such as food, accommodation, and modest allowances. This support allowed them to continue in their full-time religious service.

Whilst recent years have been limited by the pandemic, during 2023 the Association was able to safely resume certain activities. Significantly, facilities were arranged and hired to enable conventions to be held across the country.

Donations were made to assist charities with similar aims where there was a greater need.

# **International Bible Students Association**

## **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023**

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Public benefit**

In addition to being a legal entity, the trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties. This is amply demonstrated in this report and in particular the following:

1. The translated Bible-based material and videos are made available to the public free of charge. Although the Association does not produce or distribute this material, it facilitates its production. It is also noteworthy that the literature is provided in the mother tongue of individuals, even if their language is not widely used. These languages include British Sign Language, Welsh and Scottish Gaelic.
2. Conventions for Bible education, are open to the public. Admission is free.
3. Through facilitating the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses in general, through property purchase and ownership as well as taking care of members of the Order. This allows for charitable, religious activity to continue, bringing benefits to those who are involved.
4. Tours of its facilities which are available to the public, free of charge.

By ensuring that these activities continued to be supported, many continue to receive vital comfort and assistance.

#### **Social investments**

The Association classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

#### **Donations and aid**

These donations are not sent for specific projects, nor do they have strict conditions attached regarding how or when they should be spent. The donations can be used to support the general activities and operating expenses of other legal entities which share similar aims and objectives to the Association.

The Association at times sends funds to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (WTBTSB), a charity with similar aims and experience in distributing funds around the world to where needs exist. The Association first ascertains whether current funds held are sufficient for the upcoming needs of the Association's ordinary activities. If these needs can be met, the Association would prefer to send the funds on to where they can be used immediately. This process is carried out in line with the Association's reserves policy.

All donations made advance the activity of Jehovah's Witnesses in many countries, assisting with literature needs, disaster relief, the building of places of worship and other requirements of cooperating legal entities of Jehovah's Witnesses which pursue the same goals. Donors are made aware of the worldwide nature of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

#### **Members of the Order**

The Association is often assisted by religious ministers who are members of the Order. These individuals are not compensated financially or in-kind for their efforts and are not employed. Each member is provided with modest yet appropriate support, such as food, shelter, and other basic necessities so that they are able to carry out any task which they are assigned by the Order as part of their sacred service. Although such ones do at times help the Association, for instance, by assisting with building maintenance, their service involves many other assignments as well, not connected to the Association. Members perform whatever the Order assigns them to do in support of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Other Jehovah's Witnesses who are not members of the Order, also freely provide their time and resources to assist when needed.

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## **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023**

### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

#### **Achievement and performance**

#### **Charitable activities**

#### Provision of serviced facilities

Throughout the year, the Association has allowed members of the Order and religious volunteers free use of its buildings, equipment, computers, and internet service. The buildings include offices, maintenance spaces, kitchen / dining and recreation areas. All of this has allowed them to carry out their religious service and to assist in the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Work was completed on a Bible exhibit which, through visual displays and audio recordings, explores the story of the Bible in some of Britain and Ireland's indigenous languages, throughout history and right up to modern times.

The Association has also been able to allow tours of these facilities during the year. These were safely and gradually made available. Between June and August 2023 there were over 8,000 visitors from 70 different countries.

#### Provision of facilities to support the production of Bible-based literature

The Association continued to support the facility in Burton-on-Trent for British Sign Language translation and residences for members of the Order serving there.

In other locations, material was translated into more languages, including Welsh and Scottish Gaelic. Bible-based audio and video programs were also carried out throughout the year in the Association's properties.

Construction work began on building further film studio facilities for the site in Chelmsford, and this progressed successfully.

#### Conventions for Bible education

Peak attendances of approximately 130,000 across 23 separate events were a very pleasing result.

The Association also took on the ownership of two Assembly Halls of Jehovah's Witnesses during the year. These were donated by charities with similar aims and objectives in order to benefit from the Association's vast experience in caring for buildings which facilitate worship. Including these, the Association now owns and maintains five such properties, facilitating large gatherings throughout the year.

#### Financially assisting legal entities of Jehovah's Witnesses

Financial assistance to legal entities with similar aims and objectives was reduced because in comparison with the previous year, there were fewer property sales. Therefore, there were lower funds available to donate. The trustees carefully considered how to use these funds in furtherance of the Association's charitable aims. WTBTBSB was chosen as the main recipient because of its experience in holding high levels of funds in an efficient manner and its experience in distributing funds around the world where there is a need. It also has similar charitable objectives to the Association.

Assistance has also been provided by allowing some of these legal entities with similar aims and objectives to occupy and operate free of charge in properties owned by IBSA overseas. The Association continues to hold a programme related social investment as shown in note 10 to the financial statements. The investment furthers the charitable aims of the Association, by assisting Jehovah's Witnesses around the world in finding places to meet and carry out their worship. There are no concerns regarding the social, environmental or ethical nature of the investment, as it directly assists with charitable activity. The trustees are pleased with the results achieved.

#### Caring for Members of the Order

During the year, modest yet appropriate support of just over 1,000 members of the Order was provided, in harmony with the aims and objectives of the Association, throughout the United Kingdom. This enabled them to devote themselves fully to their sacred service, and carry out their assignments from the Order during the year. These ones are not employed by the Association. They do, however, at times assist with the Association's activities, and any other service they carry out is in line with the Association's aims and objectives.

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## Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### STRATEGIC REPORT

#### Achievement and performance

#### Fundraising activities

We do not engage in fundraising activities.

#### Investment performance

The trustees are satisfied with the results for the year, taking into account interest rates generally. Money is held in first class banks.

#### Internal controls

These controls ensure that the monthly financial reports accurately represent all transactions, provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose and verify that proper controls and procedures are in place and adhered to, so that the figures are recorded accurately and accounts are in balance.

#### Section 172(1) statement

The board of trustees consider that through their strategic planning and decision making in the year ended 31 August 2023 they have acted in a way that is most likely to promote the success of the charity for the benefit of its stakeholders as a whole.

Throughout the trustees' report examples are given where the trustees continue to exercise their duties with regard to matters related to Section 172.

For instance, in the public benefit section, the trustees confirm that they have taken into regard the impact of the Associations operations on the community.

In accordance with Section 172(2), the significant activities section shows how activities, previously restricted due to the pandemic, have now been resumed. The risk is deemed low enough, especially compared to the good impact for beneficiaries, to facilitate public conventions and tours again.

#### Financial review

#### Financial position

The Association showed a deficit of approximately £3.4 million on the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) at 31 August 2023.

Net Assets at the end of the year stood at approximately £166 million. The vast majority of this is made up of tangible fixed assets with a net book value of nearly £166 million (we do not believe this would be significantly different from net realisable value). This demonstrates that the Association is continuing to utilise its resources effectively.

#### Principal funding sources

The Association is funded by voluntary donations and legacies. This income supported the Association in achieving its key objectives during the year. This included supporting members of the Order and caring for facilities as described in this report.

#### Reserves policy

The Association's policy is to hold approximately two months of operational reserves (circa £3.1m) as free reserves.

Currently the charity has a net asset position of £165.5m which includes a combined figure for fixed assets and social investments of £166m leaving free reserves at £nil. However, the net asset figure is stated after deducting £2.9m relating to a concessionary loan from a charity in Australia. The Trustees are confident that this loan will not be called immediately and, therefore, have included this as a long term loan which means the charity has net current assets sufficient to cover its short term needs. As the charity would receive notice to pay, it would have time to adjust its cash flow to maintain two months expenditure in reserves. All funds are unrestricted.

#### Going concern

The trustees regularly monitor the financial position of the charity and at this time have no significant concerns regarding the going concern status of the Association.

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### STRATEGIC REPORT

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The major risks to which the Association is exposed have been formally reviewed, with particular focus on events that would seriously impede the operations of the Association. Strategic safeguards are in place to reduce, as far as possible, the impact of those risks. The risk register was updated most recently in August 2023.

The Association has limited exposure to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk, due to the nature of its charitable activities. While the charity is reliant on donations, there is no current reason to see that these would curtail to the extent that this would change the viability of the charity. The charity holds reserves in accordance with its reserves policy and should this change, the charity is in such a position that this would initially be addressed by not making donations to other charities with similar aims or by cutting back on activities.

The principal risks and uncertainties are in the following areas: Health and safety, IT disaster recovery and planning, lack of building fabric maintenance.

#### Health and Safety

Caring for sizeable facilities and a large group of individuals brings with it the risks of accidents either in serviced facilities or accommodation.

This risk is mitigated by a rigorous health and safety routine. Experts in this area give advice and direction as to help to achieve safer practices. Individuals are trained in the procedures they should undertake, and how they should carry out their tasks in the safest manner. Documentation is provided as part of their training.

#### IT disaster recovery and planning

The systems used to achieve the aims of the Association are completely reliant on IT services. The potential for such services to be damaged or impeded in some way is a serious risk to the operations of the Association. This risk is mitigated by extremely detailed IT backup procedures. Offsite backups are carried out regularly, with sensitive data being backed up more frequently. Should a physical server be lost, remote servers kept off-site can take over and ensure the continued running of operations. In the unlikely event that the network goes down, a strong, robust infrastructure allows for operations to continue uninterrupted.

#### Lack of building fabric maintenance

Regular repair and maintenance programmes are carried out to a high standard. Experts in relevant areas give training and monitor these areas carefully. Ongoing training and documentation is provided based on appropriate standards and followed by those who have the responsibility for caring for the buildings.

#### Future plans

Continuing to enable individuals to carry out their sacred service full-time as members of the Order, means these can continue to make a meaningful contribution to the religious organisation of Jehovah's Witnesses. They will also have a beneficial impact in the wider communities where they worship and conduct their public ministry.

The Association will also continue to support the needs for the translation and audio/video production of Bible-based material. It hopes to complete the construction of the aforementioned new film studio facilities during the year.

It also aims to hire convention facilities, to enable their use for in-person conventions during 2024.

As the limited resumption of tours was successful, the Association has already increased the numbers of visitors allowed. It is hoped that approximately 60,000 will visit during 2024. There are also plans to expand the historic exhibit section of the tour and to open another exhibition, highlighting the history of Jehovah's Witnesses in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

# **International Bible Students Association**

## **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023**

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity was incorporated on 30th June 1914 and is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of that date as amended by special resolutions on 20th April 1951, 10th January 1958, 28th November 2005, 4th January 2006, 20th February 2014, and 13th April 2016.

#### **Organisational structure**

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Policy decisions are made by the Trustees.

#### **Members Liability**

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amounts as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

#### **Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees**

The trustees of the Association who held office during the year, and at the date of this report, are set out below. These trustees have key roles at the charity's headquarters. They meet together each month and are in regular contact from day to day. The trustees have the power to appoint or remove trustees by a simple majority vote.

The recruitment and induction of new trustees is arranged as follows. When necessary, the trustees review potential candidates, on the basis set out in the Articles of Association. Their abilities and qualifications are evaluated by the trustees. New trustees are given training in both operational and financial matters with the aid of the existing trustees and relevant documentation and guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

#### **Wider Network**

Legal entities with similar aims and objectives exist in many countries around the world. Cooperation with these legal entities facilitates an efficient and economic use of resources. This helps the Association to meet its stated aims and objectives.

The Association also cooperates with such legal entities in the United Kingdom. This cooperation could be in the form of shared facilities, or donations depending on the circumstances.

The Association reviews policies, procedures and guidelines used by legal entities of Jehovah's Witnesses globally with similar aims and objectives and, where applicable, seeks to implement them.

#### **Business relationships**

The board of trustees recognise the importance of its stakeholder relationships and the role that suppliers play in enabling the charity to deliver its objectives for the wider public and community benefit.

We engage regularly with our suppliers to review performance, plan developments and keep up to date with progress and innovation in their areas of expertise

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Company number**

00136726 (England and Wales)

#### **Registered Charity number**

216647

#### **Registered office**

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# **International Bible Students Association**

## **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023**

### **Trustees**

J Manley  
K Snaith  
S C H Symonds  
M Simpson  
A Sutton

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# International Bible Students Association

## Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING

	Current reporting year 2022-2023		Comparison reporting year 2021-2022	
	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	kWh	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	kWh
Quantity of energy consumed resulting from activities for which the Association is responsible		11,926,565		11,801,296
Emissions from combustion of gas (Scope 1)	1,440		1,488	
Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes (Scope 1) (standard diesel)	66		58	
Emissions from purchased electricity (Scope 2)	777		657	
Total gross tCO <sub>2</sub> e based on above	2,283		2,203	

The figures shown for 2022 have been amended from those shown in the 2022 annual report to include red diesel used on site.

#### Intensity ratio:

The intensity measurement of tCO<sub>2</sub>e/M<sup>2</sup> has been selected as the vast majority of this consumption was from activity connected with its registered office and neighbouring properties in Chelmsford.

	2023	2022
tCO <sub>2</sub> e/M <sup>2</sup>	0.0264	0.0258

#### Methodology:

This report has been prepared in line with the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) March 2019 'Environmental Reporting Guidelines: Including streamlined energy and carbon reporting guidance'.

The carbon figures have been calculated using the BEIS 2023 and 2022 carbon conversion factors for all fuels, other than the market-based electricity which has been taken from utility bills.

Emissions are reported as metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.

We have taken an operational control approach, meaning that 100% of emissions from operations over which the Association has operational control have been reported.

#### Energy Efficiency Action Taken:

The complex of residences, offices and production buildings at the Chelmsford site were designed and built to a high standard of energy efficiency including: high levels of wall and roof insulation, triple glazed windows in residence buildings, combined heat and power units, condensing gas boilers, photovoltaic panels to generate on-site electricity, minor district heating circuits, LED lighting with automatic PIR presence detection and daylight control, and rainwater harvesting. Systems are controlled by a site-wide Building Management System, with energy consumption monitored.

Our in-house Energy Team consistently monitors our energy management throughout all of our properties, resulting in ongoing efficiency improvement that reduces our carbon footprint.

This year a study is being undertaken to increase the number of solar photo-voltaic panels along with battery storage to increase the on-site electric generation. Improvements in the BMS controls and chilled beams infrastructure has reduced the chiller power consumption by 37%. Several Electric Vehicles are used for on-campus purposes.

The Association ensures that its facilities are used in a sustainable manner. This includes methods to reduce the need for single-use plastics and other non-recyclable waste. A few key examples are as follows:

#### Plastic:

Users are encouraged to use their own reusable shopping bags when collecting food supplies. Plastic bags are not provided. As far as possible products supplied are sourced from suppliers that do not provide their goods in plastic packaging.

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### Cleaning Supplies:

The cleaning products used at the facilities are available to decant from larger reservoir containers. This greatly reduces the amount of domestic cleaning products used that would otherwise come in plastic bottles.

### Recycling Waste Streams:

All the available recycling waste streams provided by the local council are set up at various collection points around our site. Added to that, extra waste stream lines such as electrical goods, lightbulbs, batteries, chemicals/oils and tyres have also been provided. These streams are collected by various private recycling companies. Further to that a waste stream for recycling bubble wrap and polystyrene was set up to allow these to be reused within the facility when needed.

### Communal Drinks Machines:

Paper cups, rather than plastic, are available at vending machines. Users are encouraged to use their own cup at the machines to further reduce the need to use single-use paper cups.

The trustees are pleased with these examples of extremely positive environmental performance.

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of International Bible Students Association for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 12th February 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

J Manley - Trustee



## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of International Bible Students Association**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of International Bible Students Association (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion of the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of International Bible Students Association**

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatement in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of International Bible Students Association**

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)© of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

### **Capability of the audit in detecting irregularity, including fraud**

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our: general commercial and sector experience; through verbal and written communications with those charged with governance and other management; and via inspection of the charity's regulatory and legal correspondence.

We discussed with those charged with governance and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations to our team and remained alert to any indicators of non-compliance throughout the audit, we also specifically considered where and how fraud may occur within the charitable company.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the charitable company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements, including: the charitable company's constitution, relevant financial reporting standards, company law, the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019); and we assess the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly the charitable company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on the amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines and penalties, or through losses arising from litigations. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an affect: legislation directly applicable to charities sector such as the Charities Act 2011; health and safety legislation; the regularity requirements of the Charity Commission and OSCR; tax legislation particularly in relation to gift aid and making overseas donations, safeguarding legislation, data protection legislation, anti-bribery and corruption legislation.

International Auditing Standards (UK) limit the required procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to the procedures, and no procedures over and above those already noted are required. These limited procedures did not identify any actual or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations that could have a material impact on the financial statements.

In relation to fraud, we performed the following specific procedures in addition to those already noted:

- Challenging assumptions made by management in its significant accounting estimates in particular: recognition of income;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any entries posted with unusual nominal ledger account combinations;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify unexpected movements in account balances which may be indicative of fraud;
- Ensuring that testing undertaken on both the Statement of Financial Activity (SoFA) and the Balance Sheet includes a number of items selected on a random basis.

These procedures did not identify any actual or suspected fraudulent irregularity that could have a material impact on the financial statements.

## Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of International Bible Students Association

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with International Auditing Standards (UK). For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the procedures that we are required to undertake would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remains a high risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these might involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud, and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations or every incidence of fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Rickard Luckin Limited*

Caroline Peters (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Rickard Luckin Limited

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor  
Eligible to act as auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Date: 15 February 2024

# International Bible Students Association

## Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	37,347,376	59,285,204
Investment income	3	94,027	6,706
Other income	4	<u>2,972,563</u>	<u>4,181,075</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>40,413,966</u>	<u>63,472,985</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Provision of conventions for Bible education		2,088,414	45,682
Donations and aid		25,008,972	35,009,532
Provision of serviced facilities		5,963,705	5,003,581
Caring for members of the Order		10,403,711	8,376,468
Provision of facilities to produce Bible-based literature		<u>376,514</u>	<u>342,970</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>43,841,316</u>	<u>48,778,233</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(3,427,350)	14,694,752
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		168,933,691	154,238,940
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>165,506,341</u>	<u>168,933,692</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



# International Bible Students Association

## Balance Sheet 31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Unrestricted fund £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	9	165,905,728	170,052,018
Social investments	10	<u>460,215</u>	<u>460,215</u>
		166,365,943	170,512,233
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	11	148,700	167,727
Debtors	12	2,437,850	3,410,460
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,574,286</u>	<u>472,241</u>
		5,160,836	4,050,428
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,092,557)	(2,201,089)
		<u>2,068,279</u>	<u>1,849,339</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>2,068,279</u>	<u>1,849,339</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		168,434,222	172,361,572
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(2,927,881)	(3,427,881)
		<u>165,506,341</u>	<u>168,933,691</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>165,506,341</u>	<u>168,933,691</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	17	<u>165,506,341</u>	<u>168,933,691</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		<u>165,506,341</u>	<u>168,933,691</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12th February and were signed on its behalf by:

J Manley - Trustee



A Sutton - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

# International Bible Students Association

## Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	19	<u>(811,020)</u>	<u>12,813,191</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(811,020)</u>	<u>12,813,191</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,746,264)	(21,174,787)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		8,565,302	6,957,338
Interest received		<u>94,027</u>	<u>6,706</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>2,913,065</u>	<u>(14,210,743)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
		2,102,045	(1,397,552)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>472,241</u>	<u>1,869,793</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>2,574,286</u></u>	<u><u>472,241</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, a company limited by guarantee registered in the United Kingdom, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity and company law, namely the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). All amounts are stated in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest whole number.

#### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimations and assumptions to be made that affect the reported value of assets, liabilities, income and expenditure. The nature of estimation and judgement means that actual outcomes could differ from expectation. A significant area of estimation and judgement is when support costs have been allocated to activity on a basis consistent with their use of resources.

Another estimate in these financial statements is depreciation. The trustees are of the opinion that the rates applied to the financial statements are appropriate.

#### **Income**

All income, whether in the form of donations, legacies or gift aid is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the Association has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations in the form of assets are generally included at fair value. Where obtaining a fair value is not practical or beneficial, the value provided by the donor may be used.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Association is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Association has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Association to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated as described in the following paragraphs.

#### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Where a cost is incurred for the purpose of directly achieving one of the charitable aims it is allocated to that particular aim.

Some costs do not relate to one particular aim, but support all of the aims of the Association. When this is the case the support cost is apportioned to the activity based on the proportion of direct costs it incurs. This does not include the donations activity as minimal support costs are incurred in this activity.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation. Assets costing less than £3,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates, less estimated residual value, in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Buildings	-	2% to 2.5% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	10% on cost
Motor vehicles	-	14% to 20% on cost
Assets in the course of construction	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% on cost
Computer Equipment	-	14% to 33% on cost

Impairment reviews are carried out on individual assets when there is some indication that the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is below its net book value.

#### Social investments

The Association classifies its social investments as programme related. The investment is to further charitable aims, and any financial return is incidental. The investment is held at cost less impairment as fair value cannot be measured reliably.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

#### Foreign currencies

Foreign currency balances have been translated at the prevailing rate on the balance sheet date. Income and expenditures during the year have been translated at the prevailing rate on the day of the transaction.

#### Donated goods

Donated goods are recognised as income when the Association has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the Association of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. These would be measured at fair value unless impractical to do so. In such cases donated goods are recognised at cost.

#### Other recognised gains and losses

These comprise unrealised and realised gains and losses on investments. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year) and the market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between sales proceeds and market value brought forward (or cost, for assets bought within this financial year.)

#### Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the total amount due to the Association. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes current and deposit accounts as well as trivial amounts of petty cash.

#### Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Association has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Concessionary loans are initially measured at the amount received. The carrying amount is subsequently adjusted to reflect any impairment or accrued interest payable if applicable.

#### Financial instruments

The Association has only basic financial assets and liabilities. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value if there is any variance. If any are for a period longer than twelve months these are amortised when appropriate.

#### Going Concern

The trustees consider the Association a going concern and have no material uncertainties in this regard. A strong balance sheet position and consistent income base contribute to this conclusion.

### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid	2,169,315	2,370,630
Legacies	7,427,562	7,632,326
Non-cash donations	3,514,982	19,899,063
Cash donations	24,235,517	29,375,345
Other Income	-	7,840
	<u>37,347,376</u>	<u>59,285,204</u>

### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>94,027</u>	<u>6,706</u>

### 4. OTHER INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	2,837,271	4,150,700
Foreign currency gains	24,575	-
Other revenue	<u>110,717</u>	<u>30,375</u>
	<u>2,972,563</u>	<u>4,181,075</u>

# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Provision of conventions for Bible education	1,850,026	238,388	2,088,414
Donations and aid	25,008,972	-	25,008,972
Provision of serviced facilities	5,243,326	720,379	5,963,705
Caring for members of the Order	9,150,460	1,253,251	10,403,711
Provision of facilities to produce Bible-based literature	<u>330,902</u>	<u>45,612</u>	<u>376,514</u>
	<u>41,583,686</u>	<u>2,257,630</u>	<u>43,841,316</u>

### Comparatives for 2022

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Provision of conventions for Bible education	39,852	5,830	45,682
Donations and aid	35,009,532	-	35,009,532
Provision of serviced facilities	4,402,576	601,005	5,003,581
Caring for members of the Order	7,306,790	1,069,678	8,376,468
Provision of facilities to produce Bible-based literature	<u>299,211</u>	<u>43,759</u>	<u>342,970</u>
	<u>47,057,961</u>	<u>1,720,272</u>	<u>48,778,233</u>

### 6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of conventions for Bible education	213,843	17,947	6,598	238,388
Provision of serviced facilities	646,203	54,234	19,942	720,379
Caring for members of the Order	1,124,206	94,352	34,693	1,253,251
Provision of facilities to produce Bible-based literature	<u>40,915</u>	<u>3,434</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>45,612</u>
	<u>2,025,167</u>	<u>169,967</u>	<u>62,496</u>	<u>2,257,630</u>

### Comparatives for 2022

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of conventions for Bible education	5,222	532	76	5,830
Provision of serviced facilities	538,358	54,807	7,840	601,005
Caring for members of the Order	958,179	97,546	13,953	1,069,678
Provision of facilities to produce Bible-based literature	<u>39,198</u>	<u>3,990</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>43,759</u>
	<u>1,540,957</u>	<u>156,875</u>	<u>22,440</u>	<u>1,720,272</u>

# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	62,496	22,440
Depreciation - owned assets	4,110,068	4,254,020
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(2,782,816)</u>	<u>(4,127,540)</u>

### 8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits for their role as trustees of the charity. However, all trustees are members of a worldwide religious order. By virtue of their membership of the religious order, they (and if married to a member of the order, their spouse) receive from the Association accommodation, meals, a modest allowance and certain other personal services depending on age.

The total allowance paid to each trustee, by virtue of their membership of the religious order, in the year ending 31 August 2023 was £2,450 (2022: £2,175). The trustees and their spouses donated in total £2,140 to the charity.

#### Trustees' expenses

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees in their role as trustees during this year or the previous year.

### 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Assets in the course of construction £	Plant and machinery £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1st September 2022	186,682,980	33,850	2,027,089
Additions	4,382,427	717,009	95,763
Disposals	(6,098,237)	-	(102,089)
Reclassification	<u>33,850</u>	<u>(33,850)</u>	<u>9,985</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>185,001,020</u>	<u>717,009</u>	<u>2,030,748</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st September 2022	18,918,416	-	874,959
Charge for year	3,783,201	-	119,007
Eliminated on disposal	(406,892)	-	(65,999)
Reclassification/transfer	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,997</u>
At 31st August 2023	<u>22,294,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>929,964</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31st August 2023	<u>162,706,295</u>	<u>717,009</u>	<u>1,100,784</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>167,764,564</u>	<u>33,850</u>	<u>1,152,130</u>

# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st September 2022	82,517	1,220,561	485,783	190,532,780
Additions	155,133	309,378	86,554	5,746,264
Disposals	-	(76,746)	(17,388)	(6,294,460)
Reclassification	(9,985)	-	-	-
At 31st August 2023	<u>227,665</u>	<u>1,453,193</u>	<u>554,949</u>	<u>189,984,584</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st September 2022	38,599	360,923	287,865	20,480,762
Charge for year	18,550	131,549	57,761	4,110,068
Eliminated on disposal	-	(27,126)	(11,957)	(511,974)
Reclassification/transfer	(1,997)	-	-	-
At 31st August 2023	<u>55,152</u>	<u>465,346</u>	<u>333,669</u>	<u>24,078,856</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st August 2023	<u>172,513</u>	<u>987,847</u>	<u>221,280</u>	<u>165,905,728</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>43,918</u>	<u>859,638</u>	<u>197,918</u>	<u>170,052,018</u>

At the reporting date, an entity has a binding sale agreement on land and buildings which are held in the fixed asset group 'freehold property', being one of the properties formerly used by IBSA in London. The net carrying value of this is £3,371,312. Included in freehold property is land which is not depreciated with a value of £31,478,132.

### 10. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023	<u>460,215</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31st August 2023	<u>460,215</u>
At 31st August 2022	<u>460,215</u>

This represents an investment in a project which helps Jehovah's Witnesses around the world find places to meet and carry out their worship. Although it is still in its early stages, the trustees are pleased with the early results achieved and are confident that it will continue to advance the charitable aims of the Association.



# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 11. STOCKS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks - electrical, maintenance and home supplies	<u>148,700</u>	<u>167,727</u>

### 12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	684,610	1,506,002
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,753,240</u>	<u>1,904,458</u>
	<u>2,437,850</u>	<u>3,410,460</u>

### 13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	468,478	262,929
Other creditors	1,845,820	1,771,692
Deferred income	500,000	-
Accrued expenses	<u>278,259</u>	<u>166,468</u>
	<u>3,092,557</u>	<u>2,201,089</u>

### 14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans (see note 15)	2,927,881	2,927,881
Accruals and deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>500,000</u>
	<u>2,927,881</u>	<u>3,427,881</u>

### 15. LOANS

Loans represent a concessionary loan, with no interest charged, from other charitable entities with similar aims and objectives. It is not secured against any assets of the Association. The loan has not been called in by the signing date of these financial statements. The trustees understand that notice will be given in advance of the loan being called and, until such time as this is the case, have recorded the loan in long term liabilities.

### 16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	403,886	263,014
Between one and five years	<u>49,846</u>	<u>264,792</u>
	<u>453,732</u>	<u>527,806</u>

The amount of lease payments recognised as an expense in the year was £309,000 (2022 £ 207,450).

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	168,933,691	(3,427,350)	165,506,341
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>168,933,691</u>	<u>(3,427,350)</u>	<u>165,506,341</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	40,413,966	(43,841,316)	(3,427,350)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>40,413,966</u>	<u>(43,841,316)</u>	<u>(3,427,350)</u>

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	154,238,940	14,694,751	168,933,691
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>154,238,940</u>	<u>14,694,751</u>	<u>168,933,691</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	63,472,985	(48,778,234)	14,694,751
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>63,472,985</u>	<u>(48,778,234)</u>	<u>14,694,751</u>

# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The only related parties are the trustees, however there are no related party transactions to disclose other than those included within the trustees remuneration disclosure note 8.

Although there are no other related parties, the Association works closely with other charities in many countries which have similar aims and objectives. This is explained further in the 'Wider Network' paragraph of the Report of the Trustees.

### 19. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(3,427,350)	14,694,751
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	4,110,068	4,254,020
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(2,782,816)	(4,127,540)
Interest received	(94,027)	(6,706)
Donated fixed assets received/sent	-	66,796
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	19,027	(12,877)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	972,610	(2,329,853)
Increase in creditors	<u>391,468</u>	<u>274,600</u>
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operations</b>	<u>(811,020)</u>	<u>12,813,191</u>

### 20. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.9.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.23 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>472,241</u>	<u>2,102,045</u>	<u>2,574,286</u>
	<u>472,241</u>	<u>2,102,045</u>	<u>2,574,286</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(2,927,881)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,927,881)</u>
	<u>(2,927,881)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,927,881)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>(2,455,640)</u>	<u>2,102,045</u>	<u>(353,595)</u>

# International Bible Students Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st August 2023

### 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023	2022
<b>Debt instruments at amortised cost</b>		
Other debtors	684,610	1,506,002
Accrued income	<u>1,753,240</u>	<u>1,904,458</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>2,437,850</u></u>	<u><u>3,410,460</u></u>
<b>Financial Liabilities at amortised cost</b>		
Trade creditors	468,478	262,576
Other creditors	1,845,820	1,771,692
Accrued expenses	278,259	166,468
Deferred income < 1 year	500,000	
Other loans >1 year	2,927,881	2,927,881
Accruals and deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>500,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>6,020,438</u></u>	<u><u>5,628,617</u></u>

### 22. DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income as at 1st September 2022	£ <u>500,000</u>
Deferred income as at 31st August 2023	<u>500,000</u>

Deferred income relates to a deposit received for a property sale.

### 23. EMPLOYEES

The Association does not have any employees (2022: nil).