REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE005520 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1164198

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2026

FOR

ARCHIVES OF IT

Cook & Partners Limited
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2026

I mentioned in my last report the sad death of our Founder, Roger Graham OBE. We miss Roger's enthusiastic support for our core activity of interviewing key people in the UK's IT industry. He was also a keen supporter of our education work aimed at primary schools. As the major funder of AIT, his passing has challenged us not only to grow but how to fund that growth. AIT has managed to move positively on both fronts, thanks to our team led by CEO Tola Saergeant, the Trustees and new supporters.
Our work in the year has included:
- Our third, and very well attended, forum in January 2026 exploring what lessons the IT industry can learn from the Post Office Horizon IT scandal.
- Marking the 30th anniversary of the Information Society Initiative, a government programme to persuade British Business that the internet was not something to be feared but embraced.
- Developing a course for Year 9 pupils on the 'History of Computing' that spans the 1950s to the present day (and even the future!) in collaboration with a secondary school in North London.
- Exhibiting at school STEM Days to introduce primary school children to computing history and tech careers, inspiring the next generation to tech pioneers.
- Continuing our programme of oral history interviews with key people in the UK IT sector, both computing pioneers and today's leading tech entrepreneurs.

The most impactful event of the year was the award of a substantial grant by The National Lottery Heritage Fund for a project that will enable us to 'Unlock Our Digital Heritage' and make the Archive easier for everyone to discover, explore and enjoy and, whilst securely preserving the stories of the people who built and are building - the UK tech sector for generations to come.

As well as updating the website and creating a new podcast series of our most popular oral history interviews, we will be harnessing the power of AI to develop a brand new "Ask the Archive" portal.

This ground-breaking feature will allow anyone to search the entire collection using everyday questions to instantly reveal insights from across our 450+ hours of interviews, something that has simply not been possible previously.

We are enormously grateful to The National Lottery Heritage Fund for backing our vision.
We must also thank our other donors for their continued support, which is vital to our core activities of interviews, education and sharing with a wide community the impact of the people in IT on the social and industrial history of the UK and the world.

John Carrington
Chair of Trustees

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2026

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 July 2026. 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).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial report

Net income amounted to £127,602 (2025: £142,191) and outgoings amounted to £97,433 (2025: £144,769). The charity's funds have increased to £77,507 (2025: £47,337). Full details of the financial position are shown in the accounts. The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfill any and all of its obligations.

Funds and reserves

At the end of the period the charity had unrestricted funds of £28,721 and restricted funds of £48,786. The trustees regularly review the available reserves, and the level takes into account expected monthly expenditure and existing commitments.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE005520 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1164198

Registered office

Manufactory House
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Trustees

Professor M Campbell-Kelly Trustee
J C Carrington Chair
Professor W Dutton Trustee
G M R Graham OBE Trustee (deceased 8.8.25)
J P Leighfield CBE Trustee
Dr M Short CBE Trustee
T Gregory Trustee
Ms B C Clarke MBE Trustee

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



J C Carrington - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ARCHIVES OF IT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Archives of IT ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

David Martin

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12th October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		77,219	48,786	126,005	141,156
Other trading activities	2	1,597	-	1,597	1,035
Total		78,816	48,786	127,602	142,191
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		97,433	-	97,433	144,768
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(18,617)	48,786	30,169	(2,577)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		47,338	-	47,338	49,915
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		28,721	48,786	77,507	47,338

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31ST JULY 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		28,721	48,786	77,507	47,338
NET CURRENT ASSETS		28,721	48,786	77,507	47,338
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,721	48,786	77,507	47,338
NET ASSETS		28,721	48,786	77,507	47,338
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				28,721	47,338
Restricted funds				48,786	-
TOTAL FUNDS				77,507	47,338

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2026.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12th October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

J C Carrington - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity 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 to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,597	1,035

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2026 nor for the year ended 31st July 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2026 nor for the year ended 31st July 2025.

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	141,156	-	141,156
Other trading activities	1,035	-	1,035
Total	142,191	-	142,191
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	144,768	-	144,768
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,577)	-	(2,577)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	49,915	-	49,915
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	47,338	-	47,338

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.26 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	47,338	(18,617)	28,721
Restricted funds			
Heritage fund	-	48,786	48,786
TOTAL FUNDS	47,338	30,169	77,507

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	78,816	(97,433)	(18,617)
Restricted funds			
Heritage fund	48,786	-	48,786
TOTAL FUNDS	127,602	(97,433)	30,169

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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	49,915	(2,577)	47,338
TOTAL FUNDS	49,915	(2,577)	47,338

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	142,191	(144,768)	(2,577)
TOTAL FUNDS	142,191	(144,768)	(2,577)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.26
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	49,915	(21,194)	28,721
Restricted fund			
Heritage fund	-	48,786	48,786
TOTAL FUNDS	49,915	27,592	77,507

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	221,007	(242,201)	(21,194)
Restricted fund			
Heritage fund	48,786	-	48,786
TOTAL FUNDS	269,793	(242,201)	27,592

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6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st July 2026.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	122,776	131,156
Gift aid	3,229	10,000
	126,005	141,156
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,597	1,035
Total incoming resources	127,602	142,191
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Archives	8,961	20,098
Fundraising	1,625	7,400
Website development	3,612	2,498
Transcripts	-	240
Research & Education	1,375	14,011
Content & Marketing	17,876	37,857
Professional fees	5,673	7,356
Events	134	805
	39,256	90,265
Other trading activities		
Administration & management	58,177	54,503
Total resources expended	97,433	144,768
Net income/(expenditure)	30,169	(2,577)