Company Registration No: 01157249 (England and Wales)

Charity No: 267026

THE INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS LIMITED
(A Company limited by guarantee
and not having a Share Capital)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Constitution

The Institute of Acoustics is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

The company is a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last revised Nov 2012, which establishes the objects and powers of the charitable company.

Trustees

Continuing trustees
H Notley
F E Rogerson
R M M Mirchandani
D Goodhand
P J Rogers
A W M Somerville
Y Liu
D Waddington
J McIntyre
R Perkins
M Torjussen
D Saunders
M Scaife
P Shields
L Webb

Resigned trustees (21 October 2025)
C Barlow
A Lamacraft

Appointed trustees (20 October 2025)
M Breslin
J Nixon

President
Prof D Waddington

Secretary
A Chesney

Honorary Treasurer
D Saunders

Honorary Secretary
F E Rogerson

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report and the independently audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Institute's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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).

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are to promote those working in acoustics. The Institute's principal objectives are:

- **Education**

The Institute administers its Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control together with Certificates in Workplace Noise Assessment, Environmental Noise Measurement, the Measurement of Sound Transmission within Buildings and the Management of Occupational Exposure to Hand Arm Vibration. All courses are held at regular intervals at Centres throughout the country. In addition, the Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control is also available by tutored distance learning.

- **Conferences and Meetings**

A substantial annual programme of technical conferences and meetings occurs, some of which have an international flavour. These are a mixture of face-to-face, hybrid and fully online events.

- **Publications**

'Acoustics Bulletin' is published bi-monthly and carries articles of professional, academic and technical interest. Proceedings record the papers presented at the Institute's formal meetings held during the year. A well-stocked Library is available to members and the Institute's Web Site is a regularly updated source of information.

- **Engineering Council**

As a nominated body of the Engineering Council, the Institute can award Chartered Engineer and Incorporated Engineer status to suitably qualified members.

- **International**

The Institute is a member of the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering (I/INCE), the European Acoustics Association (EAA) and the International Congress of Sound and Vibration (ICSV). Also ICA and IIAV??

- **Future Development**

The Institute is in the final stages of petitioning for a Royal Charter. Future development of the Institute will focus on promoting the profession and acoustics, providing policy advice related to acoustics, supporting the professional development needs of members, increasing membership, developing the education facilities and promoting acoustics in education and maintaining and extending present activities. The investment of our reserves in our digital infrastructure and the development of our education offer, combined with the credibility of becoming a Chartered organisation, will enable to institute to continue to thrive in the new digital and AI driven world.

Achievements and Performance

The Institute has continued to serve the interests of its members through its established programmes in the areas of education, professional development, meetings and publications, and by providing representation in areas such as the Engineering Council, Standardisation and International affairs. Strategic development of the Institute continued to be a priority and various actions were implemented.

The Trustees confirm that in the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have had due regard to the published guidance from the Charities Commission on the operation of the public benefit requirements and the aims of the charity are carried out for the public benefit.

The Trustees also agreed a programme of investment in 2025, making use of the Institute's financial reserves to further the objectives of the Institute. During the year:

- In 2025 the Institute took a significant investment from the reserves to take the first steps to expanding its education offer. A Director of Education was recruited with a view to expanding the education offer overseas and improving our online delivery of courses. A research visit to India was undertaken and a business plan to expand in India is being drafted. The mechanism for delivery in India is being developed along with improvements to our online learning platform.

- A major development in 2025 was the development of a new responsive and personalised website. Funded from reserves, the new website has significantly prepared the Institute to operate in the new digital and increasingly AI driven world. Work is being taken to convert the more recent reports and proceedings into a format that can be read by the website and AI search engines. The medium term aim is to enable members to better access the information and create a worldwide subscription service for non-members.

- One day and evening face-to-face meetings took place. In addition, shorter online workshops and webinars were held, which remain popular. The year saw the Institute run 3 face-to-face conferences: Acoustics 2025 in Milton Keynes, Auditorium Acoustics in Bristol and Reproduced Sound in Harrogate.

- Face-to-face teaching was offered at the IOA office but the majority of Diploma students chose to attend online. Online sessions remain popular as students avoid travel time and costs. Students are also able to watch the lessons again in their own time via the Moodle learning platform. In 2025, 64 students passed the diploma with 201 candidates passing other courses.

- The Parliamentary Liaison Group has built on success at Parliamentary level in consolidating a network of influence, adapting to the changing faces politics and the changes in the House of Lords. This has included updating briefing notes on Air Source Heat Pumps (collaborating with the Renewable Energy Advisory Group) and preparing consultation responses on a number of policy reform areas (including licensing and planning). Members of the Institute continued to attend meetings of various All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPG) including the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee (PSC) and the APPG on Health Homes and Buildings and Net Zero. Attendance and sponsoring of the PSC Christmas gathering was well attended by members in pursuit of further groundwork of the ambition of establishing an APPG on Sound, Noise and Health, with the efforts to align where possible with the CIEH and ANC, who have secured backing in some areas of noise. Efforts continue to secure a critical level of support from MP's and Peers to form the group. The aim of the group remains raising the profile of acoustics among policymakers by providing them with the best scientific and technical advice available through the Parliamentary Liaison Group. The aim is to ensure that acoustics is considered in policy decisions and initiatives. This was done in a number of ways, including:
    - Attendance at relevant APPG meetings
    - Responses to give evidence at relevant select committees of both houses
    - Preparation of short briefing notes, suitable for use by MP's or Peers or their teams.
    - Responses to consultations and oversight on the strategic direction of the messages
    - The Institute remains a member of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee.

Achievements and performance (continued)

- Direct engagement with MP's to questions raised in the House or in the news.

STEM

The Institute continued to support STEM activities, including:

- Funding and volunteering at Edinburgh Science Careers Hive.
- Laying the groundwork for supporting IOA STEM activity through the scouts, with a set of IOA badge designs for ambassadors to hand out.
- Our Lottie Doll social media campaign promoting women in acoustics continued on X, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok or LinkedIn.
- We continued to run our Secondary and Primary Schools competitions; the winners of the Secondary Competition being presented with their award at the Noise Abatement Society's John Connell Awards at the Palace of Westminster.
- Coordination of numerous school outreach activities, involving acoustics-based lessons.
- Creation of STEM resources for members, including template presentations, videos and lesson activities.

Engineering

- Four candidates presented themselves for Professional Review Interview with diverse backgrounds. Two of whom were successful and two were referred to submit again.
- One successful candidate was awarded CEng via the Recognised Qualification Route, and the other successful candidate was awarded IEng via the Individual Assessment Route
- Membership again saw a small increase from 3146 in December 2024 to 3179 in December 2025 (excluding students).

International

- The Institute is represented internationally through the following members: Paul Lepper (EAA Board), Alistair Somerville (ICA Board), Steve Dance (I-INCE Board), Jian Kang (IIAV)),

Financial Review

Due to the decision made by the Trustees to invest in various areas of development to further the objectives of the Institute, the statement of financial activities shows that incoming resources were lower than resources expended by £321,921 (Similar investment occurred in 2024 resulting in resources expended exceeding income by £146,217). The balance sheet indicates that total funds of the charity were £1,124,609 (2024: £1,356,530) of which all funds were unrestricted funds bar £NIL (2024: All funds unrestricted bar £NIL). These were represented by tangible fixed assets of £411,247 (2024: £250,194) and other net assets of £713,362 (2024: £1,106,336).

Investment policy

Other than retaining a level of funds to meet the reserve policy of the Institute, most of the funds are to be utilised in meeting the main objectives of the Institute. The trustees do not believe it to be prudent to utilise the funds in long term investments and instead have decided to invest the available funds in short-term bank deposit accounts to ensure the liquidity of these funds. As available funds increase over and above the amount required by the reserve policy the trustees will review the investment policy to ensure that the returns the Institute receives is maximised whilst not detracting funds from its main objectives.

Reserves policy

The trustees have adopted a reserves policy that they consider appropriate to ensure the continued ability of the Institute to meet its objectives in the light of the predominant risks to the organisation.

The target reserves are based on continuing operations for one year having had a 25% reduction in membership and having sufficient funds to ensure Diploma students' courses are maintained for two years. At 31 December 2025the target was approximately £650,000, with a minimum reserve of £400,000, and the free reserves excluding fixed assets were £759,611 (2024: £1,106,336).

Out of this, £nil (2024: £nil) is restricted to use on bursaries. The trustees have agreed a business plan to ensure that the appropriate level of reserves will be maintained into the future.

Plans for Future Periods
The Institute is investing in the development of its provision of education and the diploma courses and is looking at developing its overseas market, notably to India. At the same time the Institute is investing in its digital presence online to support this expansion. A sizable amount of the reserves will be used in the upcoming years to enable this development.

Vote of thanks
Thanks are due again to our Professional Advisors, Dennis Baylis our Advertisement Manager who retired June 2025, Alex Shaida who has taken on the role from Dennis, Blane Judd our Engineering Manager, Shahram Taherzadeh Education Manager, our dedicated staff at Head Office in Milton Keynes, and those members involved in the numerous Committees, Regional Branches and Specialist Groups who have done so much in a voluntary capacity behind the scenes. It is their continued support and effort that assures our future success.

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees
The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as trustees.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for a period of two years. The trustees are eligible for re-election at the end of the two-year period, up to an additional four years (up to an additional six years if up to six years are in an Honorary position).

Due to the nature of the Institute's objectives the trustees seek to ensure that the trustees either have a related qualification or are working within the acoustics sector. The trustees believe that by appropriately reflecting their members in the make-up of the board of trustees that this gives the Institute and its staff an enhanced understanding of the members' requirements.

Trustee induction and training
Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Institute. Additionally new trustees are invited and encouraged to meet with specific trustees to discuss and familiarise themselves with the Institute and the context in which it operates. This includes the future plans and objectives of the Institute.

Risk management
The trustees regularly review an assessment of the risks to which the Institute is exposed, particularly business, operational and financial risks, and introduce procedures and reporting regimes to manage and reduce the identified risks.

Organisational structure
The Institute of Acoustics is a registered charity and is constituted as a company, limited by guarantee. Its objects and powers and other constitutional matters are set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is governed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and for establishing policy. A scheme of delegation is in place for the day to day running of the charity.

The Institute is the professional body representing acoustics in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and provides a range of services for members.

The Trustees confirm that in the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have had due regard to the published guidance from the Charities Commission on the operation of the public benefit requirements and the aims of the charity are carried out for the public benefit.

The Institute is currently in the process of Petitioning the Privy Council to become a Chartered Organisation.

Trustees
The Trustees during the year under review were:

R M Mahtani
D K Saunders
F E Rogerson
M Scaife
P J Shields
A W M Somerville
D Waddington
J McIntyre
R A Perkins
M C Torjussen
M Breslin
H Notley
C D Goodhand
P Rogers
L J Webb
J E Nixon
Y Liu

Trustees' Responsibilities
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires Trustees, as directors of the company, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

In addition, the trustees confirm that:

- in the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have had due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission on the operation of the public benefit requirements; and
- the aims of the charity are carried out for the public benefit.

Auditors
In accordance with section the articles, a resolution proposing that Rayner Essex LLP be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

(a) so far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Institute's auditors are unaware, and

(b) they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Institute's auditors are aware of that information.

The report of the Trustees' was approved by the Board on 23 June 2026 and signed on its behalf.

A Chesney
Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Institute of Acoustics Limited (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, 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, including Financial Reporting Standards 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2025 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditor's 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 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on 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. 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 course of 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the trustees' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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 misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of the trustees
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement (set out on page 7), the trustees 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 they 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
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 an auditor's report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud.
Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with the Chief Executive and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2022, the Charity SORP, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and other relevant regulations;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with the Charity Commission.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ACOUSTICS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Antony Federer FCA FCCA CF (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Rayner Essex LLP

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income & Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Incoming resources from:					
Donations & legacies:					
Donations		-	-	-	-
Legacies		4,555	-	4,555	-
Charitable activities:					
Subscriptions		600,662	-	600,662	568,365
Meetings		159,026	-	159,026	207,462
Publications		88,638	-	88,638	118,185
Branch and groups		-	-	-	900
Education		410,862	-	410,862	386,352
Engineering Division		16,925	-	16,925	16,399
Investments:					
Investment Income	3	35,614	-	35,614	8,550
Other:					
Sundry Income		6,694	-	6,694	4,690
Total incoming resources	2	1,322,976	-	1,322,976	1,310,903
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds	4	388,716	-	388,716	356,410
Charitable activities	4	1,166,181	-	1,166,181	1,100,710
Total resources expended	4	1,554,897	-	1,554,897	1,457,120
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses	5	(231,921)	(-)	(231,921)	(146,217)
Other recognised Gains and Losses		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5	(231,921)	(-)	(231,921)	(146,217)
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund Balances Brought Forward	11	1,356,530	-	1,356,530	1,502,747
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances carried forward	11	1,124,609	-	1,124,609	1,356,530

All activities are classified as continuing. There were no recognised gains or losses for 2025 or 2024 other than those recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All incoming resources and resources expended in 2025 were unrestricted bar net outgoing resources of £nil (2024: net ongoing resources: £nil).

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	8		411,247		250,194
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	152,022		258,369	
Cash at bank and in hand		782,894		1,102,100	
Total Current Assets		934,916		1,360,469	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year	10	(221,554)		(254,133)	
Net Current Assets			713,362		1,106,336
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			1,124,609		1,356,530
The Funds of the Charity					
Reserves – unrestricted	11		1,124,609		1,356,530
Reserves - restricted	11				-
Total Funds			1,124,609		1,356,530

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on and are signed on its behalf by:

David Waddington

Prof D Waddington
President

Company Registration No. 01157249

Charity Registration No. 267026

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income (expenditure) for the year	(231,921)	(146,217)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	120,516	129,041
Loss of disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Investment income	(35,614)	(8,550)
(Increase)/reduction in debtors	106,347	(98,928)
Increase/(reduction) in creditors	(32,580)	20,903
Net cash provided/ (used) in operating activities	(73,252)	(103,751)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(281,568)	(74,360)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Investment income	35,614	8,550
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(245,954)	(65,810)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(319,206)	(169,561)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,102,100	1,271,661
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	782,894	1,102,100
Cash and cash equivalents is made up of the following:		
Cash at bank and in hand	782,894	1,102,100
Total	782,894	1,102,100

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Charity information
The Institute of Acoustics Limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office and principal place of business is Silbury Court, 406 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2AF.

Basis of preparation
The Institute meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Institute's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the company.

Monetary amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Charitable funds
Unrestricted funds are funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Membership income is invoiced at the start of each financial year and fully recognised in the year.
- Meeting and conference income is recognised in the year that the meeting or conference is held.
- Publication income is recognised when the publications are sold.
- Education income is recognised in the year when the courses are run.
- Donations are recognised on receipt and are treated as unrestricted funds unless they are specifically restricted by the donor
- Legacy entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date when the charity is aware that probate has been granted, and either:
    - the estate has been finalised and estate accounts have been received by the charity
    - notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made; or
    - when a distribution is received from the estate
      In estimating the value of legacies at the year end the trustees have exercised their judgement based on the available information and the appropriate application of the Charities SORP

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure excludes VAT. Any VAT that cannot be reclaimed is reported separately.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with the handling of the membership.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in achieving its objectives including the holding or supporting of conferences. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, other costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

  Where costs are apportioned, these are either allocated directly as a result of the usage of the resource, such as floor space or staff time, or where this is not possible the allocation is based on a percentage basis as agreed by the trustees.

Support costs

The support costs of the charity are allocated between charitable activities and costs of raising funds. Governance costs have been allocated to resources expended on charitable activities.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses.

Basic financial liabilities

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and demand deposits with banks.

Depreciation
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Computer equipment	20%-33% straight line
Audio Visual system	10% straight line
Office equipment	10% straight line
Leasehold improvements	10% straight Line

Leased Assets
Assets under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease. All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the Profit and Loss Accounts on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Taxation
The Charity is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income tax or capital gains tax on its wholly charitable activities.

Going concern
At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In particular cash balances are considered sufficient to mitigate uncertainties. The Charity incurred a loss of £185,671 in the financial period however this was planned as part of investing in the future.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus the Charity continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. The nature of estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. There were no material estimations necessary other than the decision on depreciation rates.

2. Incoming resources

The income was derived from the charity's principal activities which were carried out mainly in the UK. The Institute's main sources of income centre around the subscriptions receivable from its members and income derived from the meetings and educational activities that are provided to its members.

3. Investment income

	2025 £	2024 £
Interest receivable	35,614	8,550

4. Total resources expended

	Costs of generating funds £	Conferences and Education £	Other £	Governance £	2025Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Costs directly allocated to activities						
Meetings	-	173,239	-	-	173,239	175,284
Publications	130,318	-	-	-	130,318	104,114
Education	-	135,406	-	-	135,406	133,206
Branch and Group Activities	-	3,653	-	-	3,653	6,358
Engineering Division	-	-	17,253	-	17,253	26,058
Subscriptions	-	17,718	-	-	17,718	18,297
STEM	-	9,194	-	-	9,194	38,518
Legal fees	-	-	-	78,960	78,960	12,431
Audit	-	-	-	15,145	15,145	13,475
Accountancy & taxation	-	-	-	17,330	17,330	6,060
Marketing expenses	95,516	-	-	-	95,516	115,507
Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-
	225,834	339,210	17,253	111,435	693,732	649,848
Support costs allocated to activities						
Staff costs	101,186	202,373	20,237	80,948	404,744	323,827
Rent, rates and service charge	10,948	27,371	2,736	13,686	54,741	31.051
Light, heat and insurance	2,310	4,617	461	1,848	9,236	10,153
Hire of equipment	-	1,561	-	-	1,561	10,234
Computer fees	7,861	62,895	-	7,861	78,617	120,633
Printing, stationery & duplicating	1,132	9,041	-	1,132	11,305	4,524
Postage (including Bulletin)	-	-	-	-	-	6,632
Telephone	797	7,161	-	-	7,958	8,180
Committee and management expenses	2,014	10,072	-	28,202	40,288	45,702
Sundry expenses	2,334	5,832	582	2,919	11,667	5,008
Bank and credit card charges	4,939	11,524	-	-	16,463	15,685
Depreciation	12,052	96,412	-	12,052	120,516	129,041
Irrecoverable VAT	6,959	52,193	3,479	6,959	69,590	83,974
Travel	1,574	2,639	525	525	5,263	2,488
Repairs and maintenance	8,776	14,602	2,919	2,919	29,216	10,140
	388,716	847,503	48,192	270,486	1,554,897	1,457,120

Included within Committee and management under conferences and education is £nil (2024: £nil) bursary expenditure relating to restricted funds. Within meeting expenditure is £nil (2024: £16,238) is respect of restricted grant spending on the International Conference on Underwater Acoustics. The remaining expenditure is unrestricted.

STEM relates to discretionary expenditure promoting Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics in schools.

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5. Net Movement In Funds

The movement of funds is stated after charging or (crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	120,516	129,041
Auditors' remuneration	15,145	13,475
Operating leases – premises	34,755	26,700
Hire of equipment	1,561	10,234

6. Taxation

No provision for UK corporation tax has been made since the Trustees are of the opinion that all of the charity's income is applied for charitable purposes.

7. Trustees and Employees

The Trustees received no remuneration during the year but 16 (2024: 14) Trustees have been reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs incurred by them on behalf of the Institute, totalling £21,896 (2024: £18,736). During the year, a company connected to a trustee was paid £26,555 (2024: £38,190) for the provision of centre based education. This was awarded after a tender process undertaken by staff who are not trustees, standard trading rules applied.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	352,291	282,580
Employers' national insurance	31,832	24,668
Employers' pension costs	20,621	16,579
	404,744	323,827

The average monthly number of employees, excluding Trustees, during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Direct charitable activities	7	5
Management and administration	2	2
	9	7

One individual employee (2024: one) received employee benefits of £60,000 or higher, (£60,000 - £70,000 band- 1)

The cost to the Institute regarding key management personnel was £95,838 (2024: £92,853)

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8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Computer Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2025	163,429	717,199	27,475	908,103
Additions	-	281,568	-	281,568
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2025	163,429	998,767	27,475	1,189,671
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2025	113,354	525,319	19,236	657,909
Charge for the year	16,344	101,424	2,748	120,516
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2025	129,698	626,743	21,984	778,425
Net Book Value				
At 31st December 2025	33,731	372,024	5,491	411,246
At 31st December 2024	50,075	191,880	8,239	250,194

9. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	123,604	104,431
Prepayments and accrued income	18,543	151,900
VAT recoverable	9,832	1,995
Other debtors	43	43
	152,022	258,369

10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	12,217	47,554
Other taxes and social security	5,011	11,452
Accruals	54,515	42,485
Deferred income	149,810	152,642
	221,553	254,133

The deferred income is education income which has not yet been recognised as the events to which they relate are post year end. All deferred income from 2024 has been recognised in 2025.

11. Funds

Unrestricted – general fund

	£
At 1st January 2025	1,356,530
Net incoming (outgoing resources)	(231,921)
At 31st December 2025	1,124,609

The comparative note is as follows:

	£
At 1st January 2024	1,502,747
Net incoming (outgoing resources)	(146,217)
At 31st December 2024	1,356,530

Restricted – bursary fund

	£
At 1st January 2025	-
Net incoming (outgoing resources)	-
At 31st December 2025	-

The comparative note is as follows:

	£
At 1st January 2024	-
Net incoming (outgoing resources)	-
At 31st December 2024	-

12. Analysis of Assets between Funds

Fund balances at 31 December 2025 are represented by:

	Bursary Restricted Fund	Total General Fund	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	411,246	411,246
Debtors	-	152,022	152,022
Cash at bank and in hand	-	782,894	782,894
Creditors	-	(221,553)	(221,553)
At 31st December 2025	-	1,124,609	1,124,609

13. Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds

The charity had no debt during the year.

14. Operating Lease Commitments

At 31st December 2025 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	Land & Buildings		Other	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire:				
1-2 years	54,810	54,810	925	1,060
2-5 years	109,620	164,430	1,430	1,965
After five years	-	-	-	-
	164,430	219,240	2,355	3,025

15. Members liability

The liability of the members is restricted to £1 on the event of the winding up of the Institute.

16. Comparative Resources Expended year ended 31 December 2024

Total resources expended

	Costs of generating funds £	Conferences and Education £	Other £	Governance £	2024Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Costs directly allocated to activities						
Meetings	-	175,824	-	-	175,284	172,516
Internoise event	-	-	-	-	-	-
Publications	104,114	-	-	-	104,114	102,596
Education	-	133,206	-	-	133,206	108,383
Branch and Group Activities	-	6,358	-	-	6,358	1,973
Engineering Division	-	-	26,058	-	26,058	25,704
Subscriptions	-	18,297	-	-	18,297	19,342
STEM	-	38,518	-	-	38,518	41,301
Legal fees	-	-	-	12,431	12,431	10,482
Audit	-	-	-	13,475	13,475	11,280
Accountancy & taxation	-	-	-	6,060	6,060	9,200
Marketing expenses	115,607	-	-	-	115,507	115,636
Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-
	219,621	372,203	26,058	31,966	649,848	618,413
Support costs allocated to activities						
Staff costs	80,957	161,914	16,191	64,765	323,827	292,916
Rent, rates and service charge	6,210	15,526	1,552	7,763	31,051	63,687
Light, heat and insurance	2,539	5,076	507	2,031	10,153	7,546
Hire of equipment	-	10,234	-	-	10,234	8,165
Computer fees	12,062	96,509	-	12,062	120,633	108,764
Printing, stationery & duplicating	453	3,618	-	453	4,524	5,884
Postage (including Bulletin)	664	5,304	-	664	6,632	3,404
Telephone	819	7,361	-	-	8,180	8,135
Committee and management expenses	2,285	11,426	-	31,991	45,702	30,980
Sundry expenses	1,002	2,503	250	1,253	5,008	4,919
Bank and credit card charges	4,706	10,979	-	-	15,685	13,537
Depreciation	12,904	103,233	-	12,904	129,041	115,809
Irrecoverable VAT	8,398	62,980	4,198	8,974	83,974	49,164
Travel	744	1,248	248	248	2,488	1,796
Repairs and maintenance	3,046	5,068	1,013	1,013	10,140	9,471
	356,410	875,182	50,017	175,511	1,457,120	1,342,590

Included within Committee and management under conferences and education is £nil (2023: £628) bursary expenditure relating to restricted funds. Within meeting expenditure is £16,238 of income (2023: £16,239) in respect of restricted grant spending on the International Conference on Underwater Acoustics. The remaining expenditure is unrestricted.

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