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the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements

2025



The Anglo-Hellenic League Runciman Award Ceremony 2025

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In this annual report the Trustees of the League present their report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2025.

Chair's Foreword



Dear Members,

I am pleased to report that the Anglo-Hellenic League made good progress in 2025 in developing its role and activities. I would like to thank our Council members and supporters for helping the League move forward in various ways. Our progress has been made on the foundations left by my predecessor, John Kittmer, to whom we again record our thanks.

An important step forward has come with the development of a central administrative capacity. With new philanthropic donations, the League has been able to fund new administrative support – the first in many years. Sue Johnson has taken on important responsibilities with respect to our communications, events organisation, data-file management, and the membership programme. Her energy and commitment have served to transform the back-up for our expanded activities.

In this context, I would like to thank Dr. Vassilis Apostolopoulos and the A. G. Leventis Foundation for their donations which have funded these developments, while the Leventis Foundation together with the Athanasios. C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation has continued to support our prestigious Runciman Award (see below). This external funding is enabling the AHL not only to sustain, but also to grow, its activities.

With these foundations, the League initiated a new membership scheme, with effect from 1 January 2026. Previously, the League's membership scheme had fallen into abeyance. This had

created confusion, limited our engagement, and disabled an important funding stream. With the new membership scheme, we seek to overcome these constraints and progress on a more professional basis. I would like to thank Dimitris Loumanis for his oversight of our membership lists and for helping to guide the new scheme.

Both of these developments were essential building blocks for the development of a new strategic plan for the AHL. Council members deliberated on our current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, with both realism and ambition. Council then adopted its 'AHL Strategic Plan to 2030', last December, to guide its objectives and resources. It set out three major aims concerning our impact; profile; and sustainability. It identified five objectives to help realise them: covering events; charitable causes; public awareness and social media; membership targets; and financial support. This strategy will be the basis for our future planning, giving coherence to our priorities and a basis for assessing our progress.

In parallel, Council also adopted a new Events Strategy, drafted by the Chair of our Events Committee, Michael Cottakis, to guide our planning. It emphasises two new thematic priorities: 'Anglo-Hellenic Lives', and 'Anglo-Hellenic Connections'. The first is designed to showcase contributions by individuals – historical and present-day – to Anglo-Hellenic society. This can highlight people in each world who contribute in the other. The second seeks to present a vibrant, multifaceted picture of the Anglo-Greek relationship today highlighting questions of innovation, creativity, and evolving identity in a European and global context. Together, they strengthen our focus on the ties that bind our countries: perhaps a unique rationale underpinning the very purpose of the League.

During 2025, Council members oversaw a number of events, both in the UK and Greece – see the listings below – and I would like to record our appreciation to each of them. Our events programme remains our most important means of external engagement. We continued to have a variety of events: from 'A Celebration of Flora Graeca' , at the Kokotos Estate near Athens, celebrating an C18th botanical expedition, to a London lecture by Prof. Sofia Vasilopoulou on 'The Rise of the Far Right in Greece: More than a Crisis Response?'.

As part of our strategy to reach out and foster debate, Council also agreed to create a new blog series for the communication of debate and dialogue. In an important sense, this revives the remit of the 'Anglo-Hellenic Review' which the League published biannually from 1990 to 2014. Thus, we have entitled the series 'The New Anglo-Hellenic Review' in appreciation of what has gone before us. The series commenced in 2026. The blog postings are uploaded to the AHL website and circulated via social media. A new editorial committee of Ioannis de Chountis; Spyros Economides; Gonda van Steen; and myself, was created.

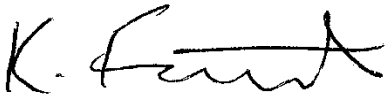
The League continued to promote the AHL Runciman Award for a work wholly or mainly about some aspect of Greece or the world of Hellenism, published in English in its first edition in the previous year. This is a prestigious book prize and a flagship activity for the AHL. *This year's event will take place directly after the AGM, at 7pm*. The Award is named in honour of the late Sir Steven Runciman, Byzantine scholar and the League's longest serving Chairman. In 2025, the Award went to Sasha Dugdale for her book of poetry, *The Strongbox* (Carcanet, 2024). We are very

grateful to Sofka Zinovieff and the panel of judges for all their fine work, and to our fellow Council member, Jonathan Williams, for his deft management of the award process. At the award ceremony, in June 2025, Professor Elias Papaioannou of the London Business School gave a very interesting lecture on 'Uprootedness, Human Capital and Anatolia Imprints'.

A full list of Council members and trustees is given later in this Report. At the end of 2025, Konstantinos Dagklis stood down as AHL Treasurer. We would like to thank him for all his great efforts on our behalf. We are grateful to Ikaros Matsoukas for taking over this responsibility. We were delighted that Dr. Vassilis Apostolopoulos was elected on to the Council at the 2025 AGM. At that same meeting, Roula Konzotis, stepped down from Council and as Vice Chair, after many years of outstanding commitment. We were very pleased that Kate Smith – former UK Ambassador in Athens – agreed to become Vice Chair and I would like to record my personal thanks to her for her encouragement and her valuable advice. I also very much appreciated the inputs of Yannis Manuelides, of the AHL Council, in providing appropriate legal advice at various times.

The 2025 AGM initiated a discussion of the League's current legal status - an unincorporated charity under English law – and whether to become 'incorporated' ('CIO'). There are various considerations here and this discussion will need to proceed step-by-step.

In sum, I believe the League is making good progress in developing its unique and important role. Council members show much energy and commitment, and they provide innovative ideas. We have developed a strategic plan to guide our actions. And, we have received much-needed financial support to help us take our plan forward. We look forward to engaging with our members, new and old, to help realise our mission.



Kevin Featherstone, O.B.E.
Chair, Anglo-Hellenic League.

Report of the Trustees

Summary of the charity's activities in 2025



Presentation of the Runciman Award 2025 to Sasha Dugdale.

Events Programme

In 2025, the League continued to deliver a varied and ambitious programme of events in both the United Kingdom and Greece, bringing together scholars, writers, artists and members of the wider Anglo-Hellenic community and beyond. Immense thanks must go once again to the Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation, the A. G. Leventis Foundation, Dr. Vassilis Apostolopoulos and our donating members for their exceedingly generous support of the League's activities. We were delighted to continue our close collaboration with valued institutional partners, including the Centre for Hellenic Studies at King's College London, the Levantine Heritage Foundation and the

Hellenic Centre London. We extend our gratitude to all those whose support and cooperation made these events possible.

As ever, none of our events could take place without the generosity of our speakers, guides and contributors, who gave so freely of their time and expertise. We express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the League's programme during 2025.

The League's programme began on 31 January with a "Special Tour of the British Museum's Cypriot Reserves". By kind permission of the British Museum, League members were granted rare access to the museum's Cypriot limestone sculpture reserves, visited at close quarters in a highly informative and memorable tour.

On 12 February, in partnership with the Levantine Heritage Foundation, the League hosted Dr Philip Mansel for a lecture entitled "The 'Second Phanar': Constantinople Greeks and Ottoman Sultans, 1821 to 1914". Delivered at King's College London, the richly detailed talk explored the continued role of prominent Greek families within the Ottoman world after the Greek War of Independence, shedding light on a fascinating and often overlooked dimension of the history of the Aegean during the nineteenth-century.

On 5 May, in partnership with the British School at Athens, Prof. Catherine Morgan delivered a webinar on "Caves, shrines, and navigation in the Ionian Islands: New Research and Legacy Data". Drawing on archaeological fieldwork and archival research, Prof. Morgan offered a stimulating account of the importance of caves and coastal sanctuaries in the mobility and connectivity of the Ionian world in antiquity.

On 23 May, the League held "A Celebration of Flora Graeca" at the stunning Kokotos Estate near Athens. Members and guests enjoyed a beautifully illustrated lecture by Prof. Sophia Rhizopoulou on the remarkable botanical expedition of John Sibthorp and Ferdinand Bauer, which resulted in the publication of the monumental Flora Graeca. We are grateful to the Kokotos Estate for its generous hospitality and support, and to Michael Tzartzouras and Natalia Kokotou for managing the event.

The League's annual award events took place at King's College London in June. On 12 June, the annual Katie Lentakis Memorial Fund Award Ceremony and Lecture was held in the Council Room. The ceremony celebrated the winner of this year's undergraduate essay competition and also featured the award of the third Mary Margaret McCabe Dissertation Prize in Ancient Philosophy by the Department of Classics. The keynote lecture, "A Life of Socrates in Six Scenes", was delivered by Professor Emeritus Michael Trapp, who offered a lively and engaging reflection on the many ways in which the life of Socrates has been interpreted and reimagined over the centuries.

On 13 June, the League held its flagship event, the Anglo-Hellenic League Runciman Award Ceremony and Lecture 2025, in the Great Hall of King's College London and in partnership with the Centre for Hellenic Studies. The chair of judges, Sofka Zinovieff, announced Sasha Dugdale as the winner of the 2025 Runciman Award for her poetry collection The Strongbox. Sasha Dugdale spoke movingly about the inspirations behind her work. The keynote lecture was delivered by Professor Elias Papaioannou of London Business School on "Uprootedness, Human Capital and Anatolia Imprints", an illuminating examination of the long-term social and educational impact of the arrival of refugees from Anatolia in Greece after the population exchange.

The autumn programme opened on 8 October at the Hellenic Centre in London with a lecture by Professor Sofia Vasilopoulou entitled "The Rise of the Far Right in Greece: More than a Crisis Response?" Drawing on electoral data and political analysis, Prof. Vasilopoulou examined the evolution of far-right politics in Greece and the deeper social and cultural dynamics underlying recent political developments.

Later in the autumn, the League welcomed the novelist and chair of the Runciman Award judges, Sofka Zinovieff, for an event entitled "Stealing Dad: In Conversation with Sofka Zinovieff", in which she discussed her recent work and the personal experiences that inspired it.

The League's final event of the year took place in Athens on 1 December with "Runciman in Athens". Hosted at the Hotel Grande Bretagne in Syntagma Square, the event featured Sasha Dugdale, winner of the 2025 Runciman Award, in conversation with Elias Maglinis of Kathimerini. Sasha discussed her literary career and read from her award-winning collection, The Strongbox, before an appreciative audience. We are grateful to the Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation for facilitating and supporting this special occasion.

In sum, throughout 2025 the League has helped to promote friendship and understanding between Britain and Greece through wide-ranging events that explored history, literature, politics, archaeology, philosophy and the arts, while seeking to emphasise the shared lives, connections, and experiences that give sustenance to the Anglo-Hellenic relationship. We look forward to building on this successful programme in the coming year.

Fund-raising and grant-giving

The League was pleased to receive the following external funding in 2025, given on a philanthropic basis:

- Dr. Vassilis Apostolopoulos [£22,500]
- Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation [£8,000]
- A. G. Leventis Foundation [£20,984]

The League made the following grants, in line with its charitable objects, repeating those it had given in 2024:

- £400 to Classics for All for their general charitable purposes;
- £295 to Τράπεζα Τροφίμων (Greek Food Bank) for their general charitable purposes; and
- £300 to Olive Branch Aid for their general charitable purposes.

Purposes and governance of the League

The League was founded in 1913 and has been registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales since 17 January 1980.

The objects of the League are:

- *The advancement of knowledge of the science, art, literature, music, history, economics, philosophy, culture, and way of life of Greece; and*
- *The relief of poverty and hardship, with particular regard to people in Greece.*

The League undertakes the following activities, in order to further its charitable objects and purposes for the public benefit:

- the organisation of lectures, seminars, readings, concerts and panels, which the general public (whether or not members of the League) is invited and welcome to attend;
- the provision of annual prizes (e.g. the Runciman Award and the Lentakis Award), which are open to specific categories of people and are awarded and celebrated at annual events to which the general public is invited; and
- fund-raising activities, through public appeals, sponsored events and donations sought and given at the League's events;
- the payment of charitable grants to organisations that can further the League's objectives; and
- the publication of pamphlets and other publications of interest to the general public.

The League is governed by and according to its Rules (last revised on 14 June 2018), available on the League's website at https://www.anglohellenicleague.org/rules-of-the-league. The Council of Trustees is elected at the Annual General Meeting, which usually takes place in mid-June and in 2025 occurred on 13 June.

Trustees in office for the year ended 31 December 2025

Kevin Featherstone (Chair)
Roula Konzotis (Vice-Chair) to 13th June 2025.
Konstantinos Dagklis (Treasurer)
Dimitrios Loumanis (Membership Secretary)
Jonathan Williams (Runciman Administrator)
Dr. Vassilis Apostolopoulos
Ioannes Chountis de Fabbri
Isabelle Clark
Michael Cottakis
Spyros Economides
Natasha Lemos
Louisa Leventis
Yannis Manuelides
Ikaros Matsoukas
Anne McCabe
Kate Smith
Gonda Van Steen

The Council has the following *representatives in Greece* (who are not trustees):
Marcel Cremer
Natalia Kokotos
Michael E. Tzartzouras.

Brief biographies of all trustees and the Council's representatives in Greece can be found on our website at: https://www.anglohellenicleague.org/governance.

Financial Report

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		2024	2025
Incoming Resources	**Notes**	**£**	**£**
Donations received from League Members		2,775	3,081
Donations received - membership subscriptions (PayPal)			2,304
Donations received			
- Dr V. Apostolopoulos (one-off donation)			22,494
- A. G. Leventis Foundation (general support and admin)		2,000	12,990
Gift Aid	**3**	148	74
Other income (sale of AHL Review copies)			450
Income - Bank Deposit Interest (gross)		399	354
Charifund - Dividend Distribution		1,088	1,142
Functions and Special Events	**2**	16,000	15,994
Total Incoming Resources		**22,409**	**58,883**
Resources Expended	**Notes**		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:			
Cost of Functions and Special Events	**2**	(16,218)	(15,056)
Administration			(9,900)
Management and Administration of the Charity	**4**	(1,001)	(1,387)
Donations made	**7**	(995)	(1,000)
Total Resources Expended		**(18,214)**	**(27,343)**
Net Surplus/(Deficit)		**4,195**	**31,540**
Other Recognised Gains and Losses:			
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Investment	**8**	452	3,084
Rounding			4
Net Movement in Funds	9	**4,647**	**34,628**
Fund Balance at 1 January		59,116	63,764
Fund Balance at 31 December		**63,764**	**98,392**

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2024 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments (at Market Value)	**8**	17,800	20884
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments:			
- Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	**5**	72	75
Cash in Hand			
Balances at Bank:			
- Barclays Current Account		18,978	50,166
- Barclays Deposit Account		26,913	27,267
		45,964	77,508
Current Liabilities			
Creditors falling due within one year:			
- Sundry Creditors & Accruals			
Net Current Assets		**45,964**	**77,508**
Net Assets		**63,764**	**98,392**
Represented by:			
Funds - General Fund	**10**	63,764	98,392
		63,764	98,392

By Order of the Council

Ikaros Matsoukas (Jun 9, 2026 09:12:28 GMT+1)

Chair: Professor Kevin Featherstone, O.B.E.

Treasurer: Mr Ikaros Matsoukas

Date: 04/06/2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting: The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2008); and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Incoming resources: All incoming resources are included in the SoFA when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Members do not pay subscription as of 1st January 2014; any funds received from the members are considered as donations. Investment income is included when receivable. Grants and donations are only included when the Charity has unconditional entitlement.

(c) Resources Expended: Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered. All direct costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. Management and administration costs comprise overheads which cannot be allocated directly to a particular cost centre or activity.

(d) Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. Depreciation: Office Furniture and Equipment at 10% p.a. (reducing balance basis).

(e) Fixed asset investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at year end. The SoFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

(f) Realised gains and losses: All gains and losses are included in the SoFA as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value (or purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between market value at year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

(g) Fund accounting: Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects. Restricted funds are funds which have been given for a particular purpose and projects.

2	**Functions and Special Events**	**2025**	**2024**
	Total Income raised from such activities	15,994	16,000
	Total Cost incurred on such activities	(15,056)	(16,218)
	Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	**938**	**(218)**

	(a) AGM - 13 June 2025	**2025**	**2024**
	Income		
	Function Expenses		
	Surplus/(Deficit)		

	(b) Runciman Award - June 2025	**2025**	**2024**
	Funds brought forward	18,829	16,760
	Grants - A. G. Leventis Foundation	7,994	8,000
	Grants - A. C. Laskaridis Foundation	8,000	8,000
	Award (Sasha Dugdale 2025)	(10,000)	(10,000)
	TLS advertisement	(540)	
	Photography	(660)	
	KCL ceremony costs	(1,591)	(2,749)
	Winner travel and accommodation	(388)	
	Athens Runciman event expenses	(395)	(1,182)
	Surplus/(Deficit)	**21,249**	**18,829**

	(c) Katie Lentakis Award - June 2025	**2025**	**2024**
	Dividend received from M&G investment	1,142	1,088
	Award	(500)	(500)
	Surplus/(Deficit)	**642**	**588**

	Other events:	**2025**
	(d) 2nd Phanar - Constantinople Greeks - 12 February	(193)
	(e) Flora Graeca, Kokotos Estate - 23 May	(420)
	(f) Sofka Zinovieff event - 19 November	(369)

3	**Gift Aid**	**2025**	**2024**
	Members and general donations (HMRC claim)	72	148
	Interest on Gift Aid payment	2	
	Total	**74**	**148**

4	**Management and Administration of the Charity**	**2025**	**2024**
	Subscription to Hellenic Centre	(250)	(250)
	Internet - Website (Squarespace)	(245)	(726)

	Internet - Ionos hosting	(41)	
	Zoom subscription	(156)	
	Adobe Acrobat subscription	(15)	
	Mailerlite subscription	(160)	
	Newsletter printing	(288)	
	Staff travel expenses	(162)	
	Sundry expenses	(70)	(25)
		(1,387)	**(1,001)**

5	**Debtors and Prepayments**	**2025**	**2024**
	HMRC Gift Aid claim to be submitted	75	72
	Total	**75**	**72**

6	**Website Development**	**2025**	**2024**
	Costs to date		
	Donations specific to the expense		

7	**Donations made by the League**	**2025**	**2024**
	Classics for All	(400)	(400)
	Trapeza Trofimon (Greek Food Bank)	(300)	(295)
	Olive Branch Aid	(300)	(300)
		(1,000)	**(995)**

8 Investments

The Trustees consider that there were material investment holdings in the year as more than 25% of the League's investments were held in Charifund Units.

Charifund	
At 31 Dec 2024: 1,208.894 units at 1472.40p	17,800
At 31 Dec 2025: 1,208.894 units at 1727.54p	20,884
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) in year ending 31 Dec 2025	**3,084**

9 Net Movement in Funds

The net movement in funds for the year was £34,628 [2024: £4,647].

10	**General Fund**	**2025**	**2024**
	General Fund - Unrestricted	53,789	25,307
	Runciman Award - Restricted Funds	21,249	18,829
	* Katie Lentakis Memorial Fund:		
	Investment - Charifund Units (at Market Value)	20,884	17,800
	Katie Lentakis - restricted funds	2,470	1,828
		98,392	**63,764**

11 Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No members of the League received any remuneration during the year.

Dr Vassilis Apostolopoulos, who was elected to the Council as a trustee at the June 2025 AGM, made a one-off philanthropic donation of £22,500 (£22,494 net of transfer fees) to the League in January 2025, prior to his election. The donation was given on a wholly philanthropic basis and without conditions.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANGLO-HELLENIC LEAGUE

I report on the accounts of The Anglo-Hellenic League (charity no. 278892) for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of independent examination

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect: (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: Ikaros Matsoukas (Jun 9, 2026 09:12:28 GMT+1)

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