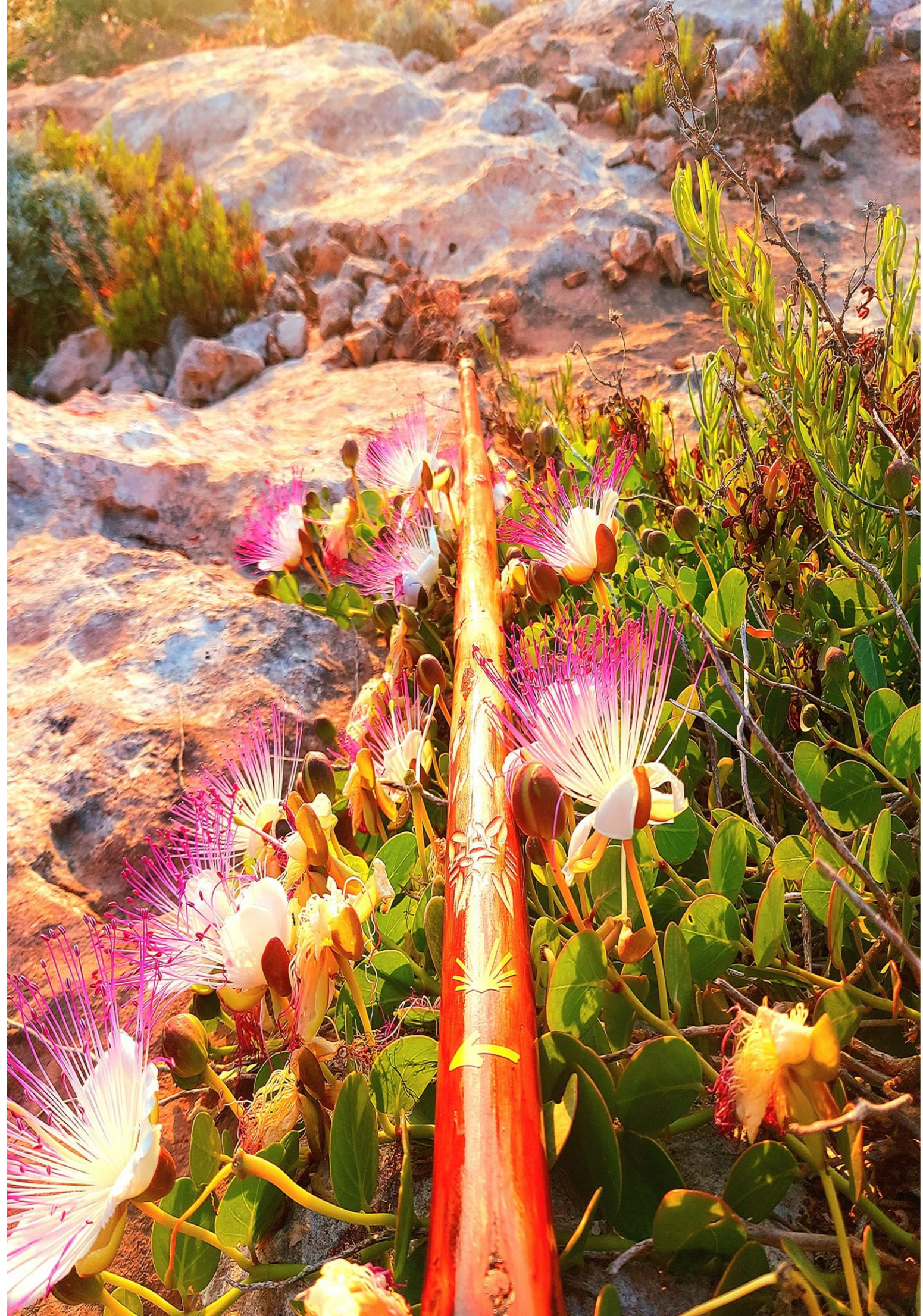




XirCammini

Annual Report & Accounts 2022

Corpus, mens et anima



Introduction

This Annual Report is for XirCammini's 4th year of operations and covers the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

XirCammini is a membership-based, not-for-profits, non-denominational and non-sectarian association open to all who support its aims, primarily focused on generating interest in pilgrimages or hiking of ancient routes or pilgrimages in Europe and beyond. We are registered with the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations. To achieve its objectives, XirCammini is open not only to those who have already undertaken a Camino, but welcomes as members all who are interested in its aims and activities. More information about XirCammini is available on our website: <https://xircammini.org/>

- 🌐 2022 was our first full year of activities following a slow start in 2021 subsequent to Covid-19.
- 🌐 Membership continues to grow from strength to strength and
- 🌐 our itinerary of local and overseas trekking activities was very well subscribed.
- 🌐 Substantial work was also achieved on the website, new domains of XirCammini projects and also on re-branding.
- 🌐 2022 was also the year when work on the Universal Peace Walk 1543AD and the Camino Maltés re-commenced in earnest, subsequently launching both walks in Q1-2023.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all XirCammini members for their annual contributions, all XirCammini volunteers with whose commitment we have achieved so much, government entities particularly the Maltese Embassy to Spain, the Spanish Embassy to Malta, Heritage Malta and Malta Tourism Authority, the Regional Associations of Local Councils and the Mayors and Councillors and cultural managers of Local Councils in Malta who shared in our vision and enthusiasm, Camino associations in Sicily and Sardinia and the Federación Española de Asociaciones de Amigos del Camino de Santiago.



Much has been achieved in a short time and much still needs to be achieved.

But the joy is in the journey.

God bless.

Handwritten signature of James Portelli

James Portelli
President, XirCammini VO1646

Board of Administrators

During this period the administrators remained unchanged from the previous financial period and were:

Name Surname	Role
James Portelli	President
Marie Louise Muscat Azzopardi	Vice President
Rituccia Portelli	Administrative Director Board Secretary
Mark Mifsud	Treasurer
John Chircop	Administrator (IT and Social Media)
John Darmanin	Administrator (Local Walks)
Charmaine Mifsud	Administrator (Social Events)

(Note: Appendix B sent to the Commissioners' Office as a separate attachment for further details on Administrators is not included in this report for GDPR reasons)

Meetings

The Board held quarterly meetings online informally.

2022 Activities

In 2022 XirCammini held over 70 walks divided into Wednesday and Weekend Walks (local) and overseas trekking / Caminos in Spain, Ireland and Italy.

We also held pilot Universal Peace Walk 1543AD and Camino Maltés walks and reached an agreement with the Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) to sign-post the Universal Peace Walk and the Camino Maltés. Thanks to a grant by MTA, XirCammini produced guidebooks, brochures, Credenciales for their 2 flagship walks. Through the Faith Tourism directorate within MTA, discussions continued in 2023 for a wider itinerary of heritage-faith walks to support the Government's strategy to grow faith tourism in Malta.

The following is a summary of this year's activities:

		Malta	Rest of Europe	Rest of the World
1.	Walks & Activities (Walks)	70	7	0
2.	Registered Members	212*	6	1
3.	Social media members' community	1,200		

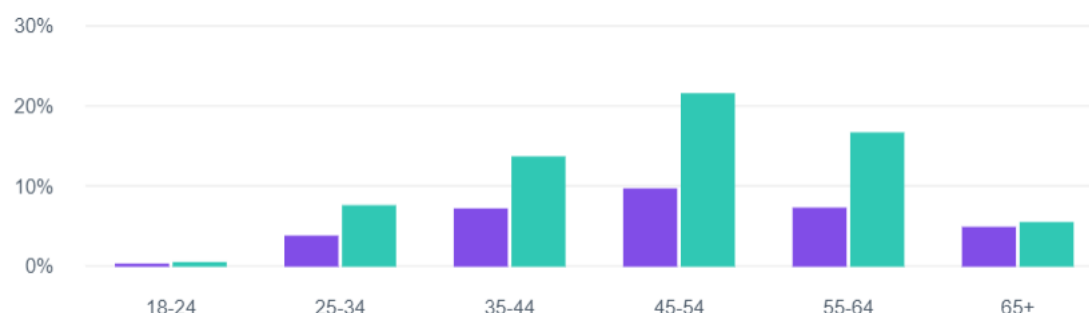
(*) in 2021 registered / paid membership stood at 126 increasing to 219 in 2022.

The XirCammini page on social media attracted an audience of over 2,000 people in 2022 with the following age and gender demographic:

Audience

Age and Gender

Men 33.90%
Women 66.10%



Members are very active within our social media forum on both the XirCammini Page and the XirCammini Community on Facebook. To a lesser extent there is also visibility and some activity on LinkedIn.

Financial Report

Following a protracted period of no or low activity due to Covid-19, 2022 has seen a resurgence of members (our main source of income) and sponsored trekking activities which also contribute financially to our VO. There were no donations in 2022 but we received an MTA grant to recoup costs incurred in the Universal Peace Walk 1543AD and/or the Camino Maltés projects.

The registered membership subscriptions, sponsored trekking activities and the MTA grant have contributed positively to the VO resulting in a net surplus to XirCammini of € 6,005.

Conclusion

The emphasis in 2023 is in consolidating our efforts on [Camino Maltés](#) and the [Universal Peace Walk 1543AD](#) and in rolling out our other [projects](#).

We will also be cementing further our relationships with like-minded NGOs within the region, particularly Sicily, Sardinia and Spain as well as growing our visibility and membership within the local, regional and international hiking community.

Financial Statements

Income Statement

Income	2022
Trekking income (net)	1,053
Donations	-
Memberships	4,498
Grants received	24,702
Total revenue	30,253

Expenditure	2022
Signage, literature & brochures	20,918
Marketing & promotion	2,222
Bank charges	121
Website expenses	62
Membeships payable	925
	24,248

Operational Surplus	6,005
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Balance Sheet

Assets	2022
Non current assets	
Current assets	
- Receivables	4,660
- Cash at Bank	22,888
Total assets	27,548

Equity & Liability	2022
Retained earnings	732
Current year surplus	6,005
Total Equity	6,737

Liabilities	2022
Non current liabilities	
- Loan	5,000
Current liabilities	
- Trade payables	15,811
Total equity & liabilities	27,548

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Name of Voluntary Organisation: XirCammini VO Number: 1646

Year Ended: 31 December 2022

Income

€

<i>Donations received</i>	-
<i>Interest on Fixed Deposit Accounts</i>	-
<i>Interest on Savings Accounts</i>	-
<i>Interest/Dividends on Investments</i>	-
<i>Membership Fees</i>	4,498
<i>Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets</i>	-
<i>Rents Receivable</i>	-
<i>Trekking Activities Net</i>	1,053
<i>MTA Grant</i>	24,702
Total income	30,253

Expenditure

Marketing and Promotion	2,222
Membership Fees Payable	925
Website Expenses	62
<i>Bank charges</i>	121
<i>Signage, Literature and Brochures</i>	20,918
Total expenditure	24,248

Excess of Income over Expenditure	6,005
Excess of Expenditure over Income	

Funds Movement	At the beginning of the year €	Net Movements for year €	At end of year €
Cash in hand/petty cash	0	0	0
Current accounts	14,366	8,523	22,889
Savings accounts	0	0	0
Fixed Deposit accounts	0	0	0
Malta Government Stocks	0	0	0
Shares – Local	0	0	0
Other local investments	0	0	0
	14,366	8,523	22,889

The accounts have been approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting (online poll) closing on:

31 May 2023

Signature of Administrator

James Portelli

Name of Administrator

President

Designation

Signature of Administrator

Mark Mifsud

Name of Administrator

Treasurer / Finance Director

Designation

Date:

31 May 2023

A NIL reply has to be submitted if no fundraising activities are held for the general public.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Name of Voluntary Organisation: XirCammini

VO Number: 1646

Date of Statement: 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022

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VO Number:1646

