



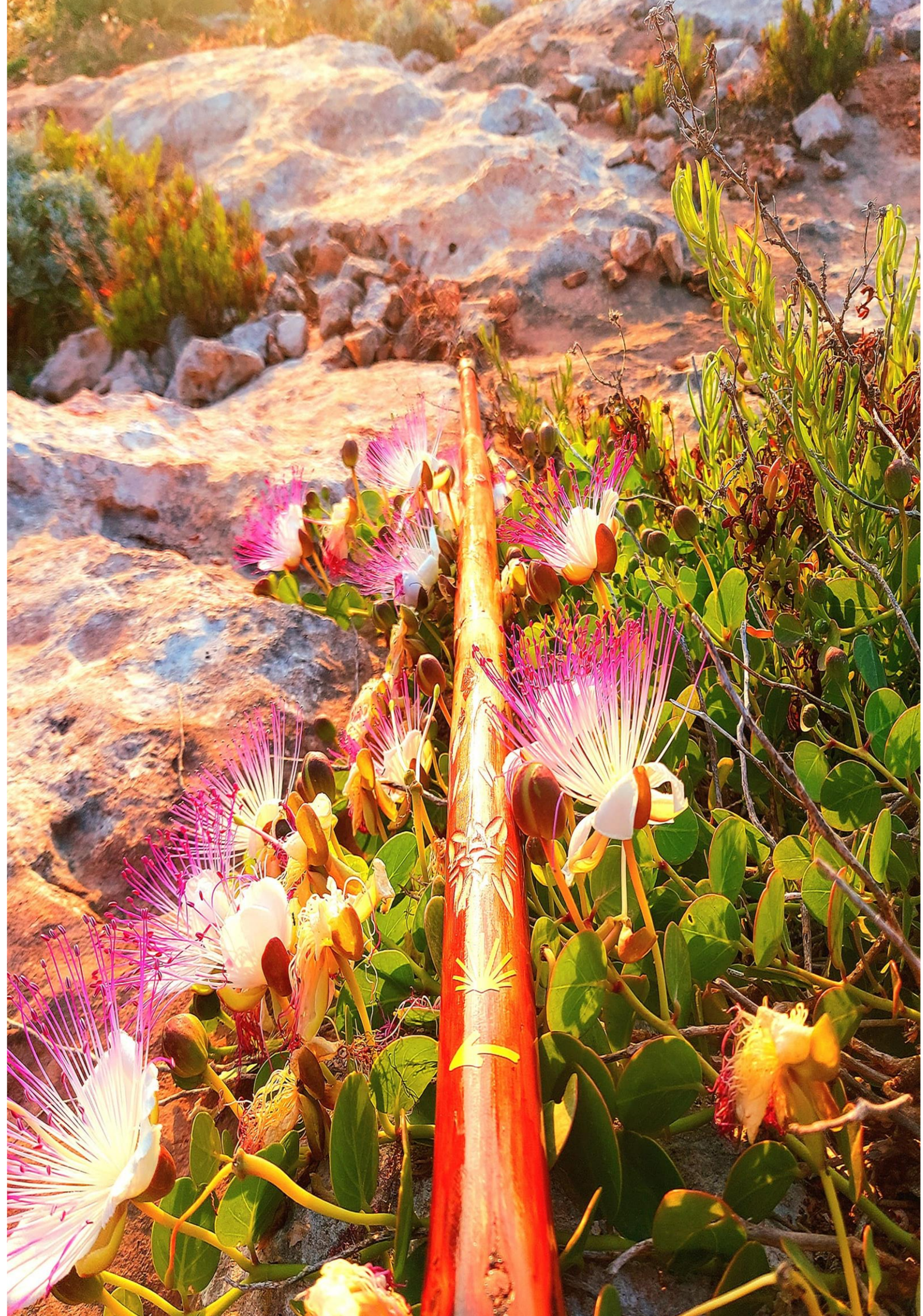
# XirCammini

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## Annual Report & Accounts 2023

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Corpus, mens et anima



# Introduction

This Annual Report is for XirCammini's 5th year of operations and covers the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2023.

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/>

- 🌐 2023 was our second full year of activities following a slow start in 2021 subsequent to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 🌐 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 [XirCammini](#) website as well as on the [Camino Maltes](#), [Mariae Melitensis](#) and [Sancti Pauli](#) websites.
- 🌐 A year after the Universal Peace Walk 1543AD and the Camino Maltés recommenced in earnest, pilgrims have exceeded 500 from more than 15 nationalities.

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 accomplished 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.

## 2023 Activities

In 2023 XirCammini held close to 70 walks divided into Wednesday and Weekend Walks (local) and overseas trekking / Caminos in Spain, Ireland and Italy.

We also held the Universal Peace Walk 1543AD and launched the Camino Maltés, with group walks in March and November. We reached an agreement with the Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) to sign-post the Universal Peace Walk, the Camino Maltés, the Camino Mariae Melitensis 1432AD and Perreginatio Sanci Pauli 60AD with the assistance of MTA. We also participated with them in the Fairway Camino Fair in Santiago de Compostela, Spain in November 2023.

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	263*	4	1
3.	Social media members' community	2,800 followers up from 1,200 in 2022		

(\*) in 2022: 212 registered and paid members rising from 219 in 2021 and 126 in 2020

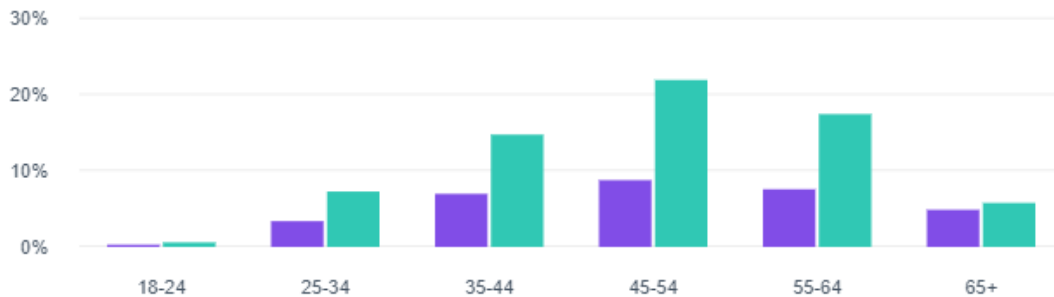
The following is our Social Media following "age and gender" demographic:

## Audience

2,820 Facebook followers

### Age and Gender

Men 32.20%  
Women 67.80%



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

2023 has seen an increase in membership subscriptions (our main source of income) and sponsored trekking activities which also contribute financially to our VO. There were no donations in 2023 but we received a 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 € 4,999 (€ 6,005 in 2022). With the increased activity, particularly the roll out of the local Camino projects, the two founding members increased their long-term, zero interest loan from € 5,000 in 2022 to € 5,562.73 in 2023.

# Conclusion

The emphasis in 2024 is in consolidating our efforts on [Camino Maltés](#), the [Universal Peace Walk 1543AD](#), Camino [Mariae Melitensis 1432AD](#) and [Perregrinatio Sancti Pauli 60AD](#) and in rolling out Itinerario de Mello and Melita Mariana walks.. For this we continue working closely with the Faith Tourism Directorate of the [Malta Tourism Authority](#), with [Heritage Malta](#), the [Maltese Ambassador to Spain](#) and, internationally, with [Aleteia](#) through the Malta Tourism Authority, the [Federación Española de Asociaciones de Amigos del Camino de Santiago](#) to further develop locally and regionally heritage-faith tourism walks.

We also continue to further cement 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.

For Approval by Members

# Financial Statements

For Approval by Members

<b>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS</b>
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Name of Voluntary Organisation: XirCammini

VO Number: 1646

Year Ended: 31-Dec-23

<b>Income</b>
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	€
Donations received	-
Interest on Fixed Deposit Accounts	-
Interest on Savings Accounts	-
Interest/Dividends on Investments	-
Membership Fees	7,080
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-
Income from trekking and other activities ( net )	4,427
Sponsorships (Revenue Generating Activities) Received	-
<i>MTA Grant Received</i>	48,369
<b>Total income</b>	<b>59,876</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>
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Advertising and promotion	5,354
Annual Registration Fees	-
Memberships payable	1,500
<i>Miscellaneous expenses</i>	
<i>Website and It expenses</i>	26,735
<i>Bank charges</i>	130
<i>Signage ,Literature and Brochures</i>	21,158
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>54,877</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4,999.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	



Funds Movement	At the beginning of the year €	Movements for year €	At end of year €
Cash in hand/petty cash			0
Current accounts	22888	(3,040)	19848
Prepayments and accrued income	4660	22383	27043
advance deposits and memberships	0	-26161	-26161
Loan from James and Ritucca Portelli	-5000	-562	-5562
Trade and other payables	-15811	12379	-3432
Opening retained earnings	-6737	-4999	-11736
	0	-	0

The accounts have been approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on:




Signature of Administrator

James Portelli

Name of Administrator

President

Designation



Signature of Administrator

Mark Mifsud

Name of Administrator

Treasurer

Designation

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023

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

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

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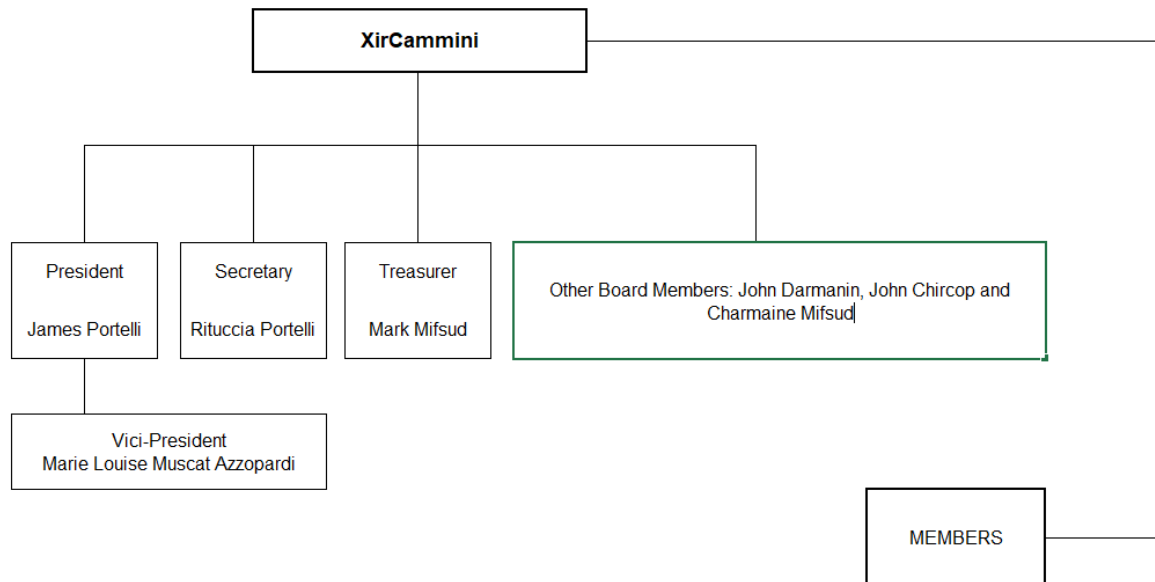
Date of Statement 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023

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For Approval by Me.

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