

The Avison Charitable Trust
Registered Charity Number 1017068

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

In line with our objectives of promoting the life and work of Newcastle's 18th Century composer Charles Avison, and the work of other composers, the Avison Charitable Trust has continued its involvement in music performances in the North East region and the adjoining Scottish Borders throughout 2023-24.

Members of The Avison Ensemble, an outstanding professional early music orchestra supported by the Trust, have performed in the region and have supported a public concert at Durham Cathedral with members of the Cathedral's choir.

Once again, the Trust has supported and encouraged the work of The William Shield Festival, which promotes the work of Avison's pupil, the composer William Shield, who was born in the North East of England.

The Festival has brought together many musicians on Tyneside in performances and educational projects spanning over several weeks, and has reached a large audience. Many venues throughout Newcastle and Gateshead have been utilised in order to expand the reach of the Festival. One performance was given in the Scottish Borders.

Our involvement with the William Shield Festival both continues and highlights the work of the Avison Charitable Trust, and draws on our support through social media advertising and website promotion, as well as through financial aid.

Additional support has been given to Dr. Simon Fleming, who is preparing a biography of Charles Avison which is to be published in 2024. The biography will be a great addition to expanding the knowledge of Charles Avison and a copy will be placed in our Avison Archive situated at the Newcastle Central Library, which is named The Charles Avison Building.

The Avison Charitable Trust's copies of the two Charles Avison Workbooks reside at the library and are regularly accessed by members of the public and consulted for academic research.

Our 18 CD recordings continue to sell to a worldwide market and are regularly played on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. Royalties and sales continue to provide an income for the Trust.

We gratefully acknowledge support of a grant of £24,000 given by the R.F. Gibson Trust in support and recognition of our work.

Gordon Dixon

Gordon Dixon
Trustee

On behalf of The Trustees, The Avison Charitable Trust



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

1 Apr 23

To

Period end date

31 Mar 24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Receipts from generated funds	1,710	-	-	1,710	1,656
Receipts from charitable activities	7,295	-	-	7,295	7,295
Grants (Unrestricted) and donations	24,260	-	-	24,260	3,293
Bank interest	423	-	-	423	34
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	33,688	-	-	33,688	12,278
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	33,688	- 0	- 0	33,688	12,278
A3 Payments					
Costs of generating funds	723	-	-	723	425
Costs of charitable activities	12,050	-	-	12,050	11,391
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,773	-	-	12,773	11,816
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	12,773	- 0	- 0	12,773	11,816
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,915	-	-	20,915	
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,922	-	-	15,922	15,922
Cash funds this year end	36,837	-	-	36,837	15,922

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	36,837	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Avison Charitable Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1017068

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/ 03 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

12/04/2024

Name:

Philip Henry

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Certified Public Accountants

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Gateshead

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.