THE EASTER ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ending

31st December 2025

Charity Name and Number

Easter Orchestral Society Charity number: 1153970

Principal Registered Contact

Easter Orchestral Society, c/o The Coach House, Rashleigh Vale, Truro TR1 1TJ

Trustees at 31st December 2025

1.	Quentin Maxwell-Jackson	Chair
2.	Calum Kennedy	Secretary
3.	Jennifer Davies	Assistant secretary
4.	John Best	Treasurer
5.	Philip Austin	Librarian
6.	Greg Place	Brass weekend co-ordinator
7.	Susannah Rang	Committee member
8.	Daniel Regan	Committee member

Structure, governance and management of the charity

1. Governing document

- Constitution.

2. How the charity is constituted

- Association.

3. Trustee selection

- The Committee of the Orchestra is elected by members of the society at the annual AGM. All committee members are required to be trustees.

4. Additional governance issues

- The society is governed by its Constitution as amended at the AGM held on 30th May 2021.
- The management of the society is undertaken by the Committee/Board of Trustees which is responsible for all matters of administration and management. The trustees meet at least twice a year.
- There were no serious incidents that require reporting.

Summary of the objects of the charity

The objects of the society are to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all of its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of the annual rehearsal orchestral programme providing instruction in orchestral playing. Non-playing members are also welcome.

Summary programmes undertaken by the Easter Orchestral Society

The society's main activity is the provision of an annual residential orchestral programme which is open to applications from experienced and able orchestral instrument players. The trustees engage a Musical Director, Assistant Musical Director and Leaders of the Orchestra who are professional musicians. The aim is to achieve a high standard of orchestral playing within a supportive and fun environment. The week-long programme is held during the Easter holiday and the final informal run-through session is open to the public, at no cost, to further enhance the objectives of the society.

The society also holds, in the autumn of each year, a Brass Ensemble weekend for a limited number of players.

The trustees are committed to equal opportunities and provide several fully funded scholarships, 50% bursaries and reduced subscriptions for players under 30 for the annual residential week.

Summary of achievements

The annual Easter Orchestra week took place from 11 April to 17 April 2025. The Brass Weekend took place from 24 October to 26 October 2025. Both were held at Ellesmere College in Shropshire.

Financial summary (figures rounded to the nearest £1)

- The Society received income of £6,589 (prior year £6,119) in sundry donations and Gift Aid claims.

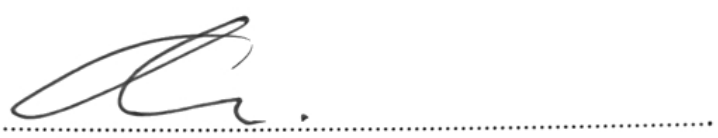
- The total surplus generated was £6,776 (p/year £5,032); the additional amount was largely due to increased attendance.

- The society held cash funds of £72,303 at the yearend (p/year £59,788), of which member fees paid in advance amounted to £15,587. The level of net assets (£60,917; p/yr £54,141) is sufficient to cover several years' deficit if recruitment should fall significantly, and any cancellation fees which may be incurred.

- The trustees regularly review planning and reserve policy.
- All expenditure is used solely to further the objectives of the society in the hire of venues, printed music, professional musicians and instruments as required for each annual programme.
- Expenditure and income is detailed in the annual accounts available with this report at the Charities Commission website.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report.



Quentin Maxwell-Jackson
Chair

Date: 8/9/2026

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Income and Expenditure for the year ended		31-Dec-25		31-Dec-24	
	note	Easter week Apr-25	Brass weekend Oct-25	Easter week Apr-24	Brass weekend Nov-24
Income					
Subscriptions		48,504.00	3,600.00	44,292.00	3,600.00
Donations		1,210.00	0.00	875.00	150.00
Gift Aid		5,165.62	213.70	4,764.47	329.74
		54,879.62	**3,813.70**	**49,931.47**	**4,079.74**
Expenditure					
Course accomodation		35,708.40	2,484.00	34,340.20	2,346.00
Music hire and expenses		5,224.41	231.18	5,533.97	0.00
MD fees		1,850.00	680.00	1,775.00	450.00
Assistant MD fee		1,725.00		1,675.00	
Leaders fees		2,600.00		2,450.00	
Soloists fees		300.00			
Instrument hire & players		910.00		1,320.00	
Other fees and expenses	1	858.49		150.00	
Other course costs		0.00		0.00	
Making Music sub & insurance		700.00		675.00	
Other expenses		27.81		0.00	
		49,904.11	**3,395.18**	**47,919.17**	**2,796.00**
Surplus on activity		**4,975.51**	**418.52**	**2,012.30**	**1,283.74**
Total surplus on activity		**5,394.03**		**3,296.04**	
Interest on savings account		1,381.79		1,735.80	
Other income		0.00		0.00	
TOTAL SURPLUS		**6,775.82**		**5,031.84**	

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Statement of Net Assets

			Carried forward at 31-Dec-25		Brought forward at 31-Dec-24
Current account			5,336.72		753.33
Savings account (Barclays)			90.41		3,570.18
Savings account (Hampshire Trust Bank)			30,050.00		
Savings account (Saffron BS)			36,826.24		55,464.68
	Total bank balances		72,303.37		59,788.19
Deduct	Income in advance		(15,587.00)		(14,456.34)
	Other creditors & accruals		(3,003.49)		(710.00)
Add	Payments in advance		1,716.00		4,200.00
	Debtors		5,488.00		5,319.21
Net Assets		cfwd	**60,916.88**	bfwd	**54,141.06**
Add surplus for the year to	31-Dec-25				6,775.82
Net Assets				cfwd	**60,916.88**

Creditors & accruals	
Expenses related to 2025 paid in 2026	(1,293.49)
Donations received related to 2026	(1,610.00)
Provision for replacement parts	(100.00)
	(3,003.49)
Debtors	
2025 Gift aid estimated	5,263.00
Other debtors	225.00

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Treasurer's report for the year ended 31st December 2025

Continuing success in securing full attendance, especially violinists, has meant that despite the committee's efforts not to make a surplus, we again exceeded our budgeted income and have returned a surplus of just over £6,750.

For the Easter course this breaks down against budget as follows:

Easter course only (excluding interest income)

		£
	budgeted loss	(1,089)
increase in	member subs	4,563
	gift aid and donations	1,106
cost differences	course costs	1,004
	accommodation	(608)
	actual surplus	4,976

	actual	budget
players (excluding guests)	91	85
paying members	83	72

For 2025 we increased the budgeted number of paying members from 71 to 72, and kept this number for 2026. If we now assume that the current mix of paying members and assisted places will continue we are likely to increase this figure for the 2027 budget in order to reduce future unexpected surpluses.

Note that we always budget for the agreed number of scholarships (10) and bursaries (6). If these places are not taken up then the annual surplus will always exceed the budget. The current course in 2026 is again well subscribed at over 90 players.

John Best
Treasurer
March 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Easter Orchestral Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025

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.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act)
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Richard Mansfield

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11th March 2026

Signed 