Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2025		31	March	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bowdon Festival
Other names charity is known by	Bowdon Youth Festival
Registered charity number (if any)	1167136
Charity's principal address	c/o Barbers Lane Cottage, Barbers Lane, Antrobus, Cheshire
Postcode	**CW9 6JP**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Abbott	Chairman		
2	Alec Bonson	Trustee		
3	Susan Sinagola	Trustee		
4	Glenys Lambie	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	For the public benefit, to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music, speech & drama in all their aspects in particular but not exclusively by providing an annual Festival of public performance by amateurs with professional adjudication for performers and through the presentation of public concerts, masterclasses and recitals.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Post covid it has proved impossible to run a Youth Festival due to lack of volunteers. The Trustees therefore decided to use some of the remaining charity funds in accordance with the charity's objectives and one grant was made in the year.

The Trustees have decided to distribute all the remaining funds and close the Charity as soon as the Term Deposit is available in August 2026.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trustees made one grant and decided to use the remaining funds to support activities in accordance with the Charity's objectives.
£14000 of the Charity's funds have been invested in a one year Virgin Money Charity Deposit Account, expiring in August 2026. The remaining funds are in a current account.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Trustees have considered the financial risks inherent in their activities, the need to maintain adequate working capital and the need to retain funds to finance future development opportunities. Consequently their policy is to maintain Reserves of at least one year's Youth Festival costs plus £5k. Should no further Festivals be run, the Trustees will distribute the Reserves through giving grants, in accordance with the Objectives of the charity.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Richard Abbott	Susan Sinagola
Full name(s)	Richard Abbott	Susan Sinagola
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Trustee

Date	31.7.25

BOWDON FESTIVAL
Year to 31 March 2026

		2026	2025
Income	£	£	£
Term Deposit interest		630.00	0.00
Youth Festival			
Entry fees (net)		0.00	0.00
Choir Night Donations		0.00	0.00
Programme Sales		0.00	0.00
Programme Adverts		0.00	0.00
Patrons & Sponsors		0.00	0.00
Gift Aid		0.00	0.00
Total Income		**630.00**	**0.00**
Expenditure			
Youth Festival			
Adjudicators - cancellation fees	0.00		0.00
Accompanists - cancellation fees	0.00		0.00
BIFF fees & insurance	0.00		0.00
Piano hire	0.00		0.00
Piano tuning	0.00		0.00
Venue hire - cancellation fee	0.00		0.00
Printing	0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00
Stationery	0.00		0.00
Prizes	0.00		0.00
Trophies	0.00		0.00
Bank charges	0.00		0.00
Hosting & RMF Fees	0.00		0.00
Grants	300.00		0.00
Total Costs	**300.00**		**0.00**
One off costs			
Purchase of Assets	0.00		0.00
Total Costs	**0.00**		0.00
Total Costs	**300.00**		**0.00**
Net surplus/deficit		**330.00**	0.00

Balance Sheet

	2026	2025
	£	
Assets		
Bank	17,357.00	17,027.50
Cash	0.00	0.00
Gift aid receivable	0.00	0.00
	17,357.00	17,027.50
Reserves		
Opening Reserves	17,027.50	17,027.50
Net income	330.00	0.00
Closing Reserves	17,357.50	17,027.50

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Susan J Sinagola
31.7.26