**Vive la Musique! (Registered Charity Number 1190248)**

**Annual Report for the year 2025**

**Trustees serving during the year**:

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**Charitable activities carried out during the year**

During 2025 the charity pursued its charitable objects through 3 projects:

1. Teignmouth Classical Music Festival
2. Concert Programme
3. School Concerts Project

**Teignmouth Classical Music Festival** took place between 28th April and 9th March 2025 and comprised three concerts and a Festival Evensong in St Michael's Church and a concert in Teignmouth Pavilion's. The costs of hosting the events amounted to £1,646.04 and the income from them was £1,647.20 giving a surplus of income over expenditure of £1.16.

As always, and to encourage attendance, all events were free for under 18s, so long as accompanied by an adult ticket holder. The Festival Evensong was also a free event. Associated with the festival, School Concerts were held in each of Teignmouth's three state primary schools.

There were twelve concerts in the **2025 Concert Programme** plus a fund-raising carol singing event – *Carols in the Porch* - to raise funds for the charity *HITS – Homelessness in Teignmouth Support* which raised £43.85.

*Winter Warners* in St Thomas Church in Mamhead was a fundraiser for that church and all profits (£203.13) were paid to the church. The concert performed by the Orchard Café Quartet in All Saints Church in Kenton was run on the basis of sharing profits equally between the performers (in lieu of performance fees) and the charity, but the whole of the charity's profit share (£258.12) was donated to that church's *Giving to Go Green* appeal. Funds raised by that appeal must be used on work to reduce the carbon footprint of that building. As this is a venue for most of our concert programme (in 2025 the 10 *Kenton Koncerts*) the improved heating and lighting planned by the church from these appeal funds will be of indirect benefit to the charity in making this venue more appealing to performances and audience members.

The remaining concerts in the Concert Programme were run on the basis that any losses would be underwritten by Vive la Musique! but profits would be shared equally by the charity and the venue. This arrangement has an advantage to the charity as it avoids payment of a venue fee and thus – by reducing the fixed cost of each event - makes Vive la Musique! more able to stage musical events in the Concert Programme where ticket sales may fail to cover costs.

During 2025 four events cost more to stage than the income they raised. Over the year the Concert Programme recorded a surplus of income (£4,368.44) over expenditure (£3,656.42) of £712.02.

The **Schools Concert Project** staged concerts in 6 state primary schools during 2025 being:

1. Mill Lane Primary School in Teignmouth

2. Hazeldown Primary School in Teignmouth
3. Our Lady & St Patrick RC Primary School in Teignmouth
4. Starcross Primary School
5. Exminster Primary School
6. Kenton Primary School

The cost of this project in 2025 was £1.320.

In each case all children in the school are presented with a musical programme designed to introduce a divers range of musical styles and genres by two professional instrumentalists. Sometimes a whole school performance is presented and sometimes separate performances are staged for younger (Key Stage 1) and older (Key Stage 2) pupils.

During 2025 Alex Wilson (piano) and Ruth Molins (flutes and piccolos) – who perform as together *Duo Tutti* – played two of the School Concerts. Alfie Pugh (keyboards and percussion) and Jade Gall (woodwinds) played the remaining 4 School Concerts.

**Financial Position**

Over the course of the year expenditure on the activities of the charity (£8,652.35) exceeded its income (£8,190.51) by £371.84.

The income breakdown is as follows:

- Donations by Named Individuals: £1,500.00
- Donation by Friends of Dawlish Station: £60.00
- Donated vis collection buckets at events: £606.89
    - Collected at and attributed in the annual accounts as income of the Teignmouth Classical Music Festival: £109.85
    - Collected at and attributed in the annual accounts as income of the Concert Programme: £497.04
- Ticket sales for events: £6,023.62
    - Teignmouth Classical Music Festival: £2152.22
    - Concert Programme: £3,871.40

The balance in the bank account as at 31st December 2025 was £1,451.44. However, a cheque issued by the charity during the year in the sum of for £100.00 had not been cashed at the year end. Accordingly, the available balance at the end of the annual accounting period was £1351.44.

**Richard Walford**
**Chair**
**26.10.2026**

# Vive La Musique!

# Accounts for the year 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025

## Income

| Item | Amount | Subtotals | Total |
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| **Donations from named individuals (see notes)** | | | |
| In tax year 2024/25 (from 01.01.25) | £365.00 | | |
| In tax year 2025/26 (to 31.12.25) | £1,135.00 | | |
| **Subtotal named individual donations** | | **£1,500.00** | |
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| **Donations from unnamed individuals at concerts** | | | |
| At concerts | £497.04 | | |
| At TCMF | £109.85 | | |
| **Subtotal from unnamed individuals at concerts** | | **£606.89** | |
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| **Donation from Friends of Dawlish Station** | | **£60.00** | |
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| **Ticket sales for concerts** | | | |
| At concerts | £3,871.40 | | |
| At TCMF | £2,152.22 | | |
| **Subtotal ticket sales for concerts** | | **£6,023.62** | |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | | | **£8,190.51** |

## Expenses

| Item | Amount | Subtotals | Total |
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| **Professional fees (see notes)** | | | |
| Rehearsals | £325.00 | | |
| Concerts | £3,646.42 | | |
| TCMF | £1,125.00 | | |
| School concerts | £1,320.00 | | |
| **Subtotal professional fees** | | **£6,416.42** | |
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| **Making Music** | | | |
| Membership 2026 | | **£219.00** | |
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| **Venue Hire** | | | |
| Pavilions Teignmouth for concerts 09.03.25<br>Incl PRS and box office | £614.85 | | |
| St Michael's Church Teignmouth for 28.02-02.03.25 | £357.00 | | |
| Victory Hall committee room for Sound of the Sea rehearsal 01.03.25 | £36.00 | | |
| **Subtotal venue hire** | | **£1,007.85** | |

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| **Donations to All Saints Church in lieu of venue hire fees** | | | |
| 19.07.25 – Exeter Recorder Orchestra | £78.29 | | |
| 21.09.25 – Orchard Café String Quartet | £258.12 | | |
| 11.11.25 – Eternal Rest | £178.59 | | |
| 13.12.25 – Exeter Railway Band | £35.87 | | |
| **Subtotal donations to churches** | | **£550.87** | |
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| **Cost of refreshments** | | | |
| 19.07.25 (drinks) | £10.00 | | |
| **Subtotal refreshments** | | **£10.00** | |
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| **Gifts for performers/composers not charging a fee** | | | |
| 01.03.25 (TCMF mini-recitals) | £51.94 | | |
| **Subtotal gifts** | | **£51.94** | |
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| **Donations following specific collections** | | | |
| HITS (18.12.25) | £43.83 | | |
| AIMS | £100.00 | | |
| **Subtotal donations** | | **£143.83** | |
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| **Bank charges** | | **£50.34** | |
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| **Printing TCMF leaflets** | | **£112.10** | |
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| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | | | **£8,562.35** |

# Profit

| Item | Amount |
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| Total income | £8,190.51 |
| Less total expenses | £8,562.35 |
| **LOSS** | **£371.84** |

**Bank reconciliation with HSBC account 45667887**

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| Balance in HSBC account at 31.12.24 | £1,723.30 | |
| Less loss | £371.84 | |
| Subtotal | | £1,351.46 |
| Balance in HSBC account at 31.12.25 | | £1,451.44 |
| Discrepancy | | £99.98 |

Discrepancy due to cheque for £100 issued but not presented in 2025, plus 2p mistake.

# Notes

### Individual donations in tax year 2024/25 (from 01.01.25)

| Name | Total donations |
|---|---|
| Rachael Shearmur | £200.00 |
| Richard Walford | £150.00 |
| Sheila Townsend (SCH) | £15.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **£365.00** |

### Individual donations in tax year 2025/26 (to 31.12.25)

| Name | Total donations |
|---|---|
| Rachael Shearmur | £400.00 |
| Richard Walford | £450.00 |
| Sheila Townsend (SCH) | £35.00 |
| Darryl and Mandy Hendley | £250.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **£1,135.00** |

### Professional fees

| Name | Amount | Subtotal |
|---|---|---|
| Alfie Pugh | | |
| Rehearsals | £325.00 | |
| School concerts | £440.00 | |
| Performance | £500.00 | |
| Alfie Pugh subtotal | | £1,265.00 |
| Jade Gall | | £440.00 |
| Ruth Molins | | £220.00 |
| David Jones | | £250.00 |
| Exeter Recorder Orchestra | | £78.29 |
| Alex Wilson | | |
| School concerts | £220.00 | |
| Performance | £120.00 | |
| Alex Wilson subtotal | | £340.00 |
| Rebecca Willson | | |
| Personal fees | £500.00 | |
| For Orchard Café String Quartet | £258.13 | |
| Rebecca Willson subtotal | | £758.13 |
| John Donnelly | | £250.00 |
| Gary Evans | | £250.00 |
| Jim Rintoul | | £250.00 |
| Ekaterina Shetliffe | | |
| Personal fees | £400.00 | |
| For Ekaterina Shetliffe and Yulia Northridge duo | £300.00 | |
| Ekaterina Shetliffes subtotal | | £700.00 |
| Raphael Hitchen | | £400.00 |
| Exeter Cathedral for St Peter’s Singers | | £365.00 |
| Michael Graham | | £250.00 |

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| Exeter Railway Band | | £600.00 |
| **TOTAL** | | **£6,416.42** |

**Rachael Shearmur**
**Treasurer**
**13.10.2026**