Pipe Up for Pipe Organs

Charity registered in England & Wales No. 1199597

Annual report and accounts for the year ending 30 June 2026



The 1907 Harrison & Harrison organ of the former St Anne's Church, Ynyshir, in the Rhondda Valley in South Wales, now a community Centre. Brought back to playable condition with a Pipe Up Sleeping Beauty grant in 2026 by Kingsley Robinson and now available to visiting organists.

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Legal and administrative information

Name of the charity

The full name of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) is Pipe Up for Pipe Organs. It is often referred to in this report as "Pipe Up".

The charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners of England and Wales and its registration number is 1199597.

Principal office

The principal office of the charity is 66 Prebend Street, London, N1 8PS.

Structure, governance and management

Trustees

The Trustees who held office during the year and at the time of approval of these accounts were:

George Allan	Chair	
Martin Renshaw		
Matthew Smith		
Stephen Wilcox	Treasurer	
Lewis Hannaby		
Andrea Testa		(appointed 18th September 2025)
Richard Barnes		(appointed 1st December 2025)

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Annual report for the year ending 30th June 2026

The Trustees of Pipe Up for Pipe Organs present their report for the year ended 30th June 2026.

Objects & Public Benefit

As a registered charity we are required to report how our activities in furtherance of its charitable powers provide public benefit, and the Trustees confirm that they have had regard to Charity Commission's guidance in this matter.

Our objects are: for the public benefit to promote the arts, heritage and culture and to advance education in music with the focus on the promotion, encouragement and appreciation of the pipe organ as a musical instrument and the promotion of interest in all aspects of pipe organ music.

Activities and Achievements

Pipe Up's fourth full year was one of significant progress. We devoted much time to quantifying the rate at which pipe organs are being lost and devising initiatives to reverse this.

Our activities during the year can be grouped into four main areas:

- Educating the public, organists and organ custodians on all aspects of the pipe organ
- Campaigning to ensure pipe organs have a future as part of our cultural heritage
- Intervening to support specific pipe organs
- Running Pipe Up

Educating

We continued to receive large numbers of requests for advice, mostly from churches, but also from a number of other organ owners on the issues they face.

"Henry", the 1880s organ we placed in London Bridge Station in July 2022, continued to be very well used and appreciated by users of the station.

Henry hosted a number of events during the year, including a day of recitals organised by the Society of Women Organists on International Women's Day in March 2026, an event supporting the RCO "Play the Organ Year" organized by the Southwark and South London Society of Organists in October 2025 and a number of impromptu events including a visit by the Borough Welsh Choir on St David's Day.

Campaigning

In early March 2026, we published a report, "*Silencing the King"*, drawing attention to the loss of 9 pipe organs a week in Britain: five as a result of church closures, and another four lost to silence by lack of routine maintenance and repair. It called on all parties in the world of pipe organs to act together to reverse these losses.

The report achieved widespread coverage, notably on BBC television and in the national press.

It gave a great boost to our crowdfunded "Sleeping Beauty" grant scheme announced in early 2025. We announced a refreshed target of getting 26 silent organs back into use in 2026.

We were heartened by the response, and by the support of the Dalgleish Trust, which offered to match-fund the money raised up to £13,000.

Since then, we have had a gratifying number of applications for grants which are likely to ensure that this target is met. Many organs condemned as "unplayable" have proved, as we suspected, capable of becoming reliably playable, at cost of £1,000 or less, even if they are not in perfect condition.

We intend to hold meetings with other organisations, to ensure that the initiatives needed to address the threat can start.

We continued to monitor the record of the National Heritage Lottery Fund on making grants for organ repairs. Our research shows that in the calendar year 2025, it approved only five grants for organ repair projects totaling £918,000,while rejecting a further five. It is however funding some grants through the Church of England.

Intervening

We assisted one of our Trustees, Martin Renshaw, in re-homing a Holdich organ from a closing Unitarian Chapel in Dover to St John's Church, Fulham Broadway in London, by agreeing to treat it as a Pipe Up volunteer training opportunity. Over a number of Saturday afternoons, volunteers helped him re-assemble the instrument, adapt the wind supply, clean and mend the pipes, fit tuning collars and repair the case. The church has an elderly electronic instrument and it is hoped the Holdich will replace this.

Running Pipe Up

We continued to recruit a significant number of subscribing members and volunteers willing to help recover organs at risk. We recruited a new type of volunteer, the "first responder", able to visit candidate organs for sleeping beauty grants, to draw up a list of known faults, to send to a local organ builder with a request to quote for a visit to fix as many as possible.

We implemented an extensive make-over of the web site and adopted a new logo.

Finance

Income

Our main income during the year continued to be membership subscriptions and donations, and the associated Gift Aid on those donations. Thanks to the significant publicity we received by launching "Silencing the King" we now have over 160 active members, and have begun a campaign to contact previous members whose memberships have lapsed.

This publicity also brought us a large number of donations to the "Sleeping Beauty" fund, and we are very grateful to the Dalgleish Trust for a donation of £13,000, matching funds we raised ourselves. Many of the individual donations were also generous, and we are very grateful to everyone who has supported us.

At the end of the year we also received a generous unsolicited grant from Moynitrust to support our work with "Henry" at London Bridge.

Other than the Moynitrust grant our funds continue to be raised as unrestricted funds.

Expenditure

We have made several “Sleeping Beauty” grants during the year, totalling about £4,000. These included instruments in Wales, Northumberland and Greater Manchester. We have a solid pipeline of other applications, which we are gradually working through. We have also consolidated the administration of the charity, reducing the amount we need to spend on general administration. For the first time our regular membership income was enough to cover our general overheads, and also provided enough additional funds to support our development activity. This is a very welcome threshold, and means that we can now focus our efforts on raising money for specific projects.

Reserves policy

The policy of the Trustees is to maintain a sufficient level of general free reserves to enable operating activities to be maintained, taking account of potential risks that may arise from time to time. The Trustees have determined that a free reserves target of 6 months of operating expenditure (defined as projected recurrent expenditure excluding one-off items and restricted activities) is appropriate. At the time of preparing these accounts, the free reserves exceed that target.

Risk management

The key risk facing the charity is the financial risk that it does not have sufficient funds to cover routine operating expenses; this is effectively mitigated by the reserves policy. The charity also faces governance, operations and compliance risks. Each project or potential project is subject to a Health and Safety Assessment.

Controls in place include a suite of financial controls, including dual sign-off of expense and online payments and review of invoices before payment.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that (a) there is a reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence; and (b) there is no material uncertainty regarding the CIO’s ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these accounts.

Statement of Trustees’ responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the CIO’s financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which both disclose with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is responsible in law.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report of the Trustees and the accounts were approved by the Trustees on [XX September 2026], and signed on their behalf by:



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George Allan
Chair

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Pipe Up for Pipe Organs

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Pipe Up for Pipe Organs Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) for the year ending 30th June 2026:

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity Trustees of the CIO are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 seeks explanations from you as members of the Trustee Board 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out the the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Roger Leslie
Honorary Independent Examiner
Amersham
23 September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
Income		£	£	£	£
Donations, Grants and Memberships	2	52,234	3,000	55,234	17,547
Income		**52,234**	**3,000**	**55,234**	**17,547**
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	7,900	-	7,900	5,475
Cost of generating funds	3	4,243	-	4,243	3,376
Total expenditure		**12,143**	**-**	**12,143**	**8,851**
Net movement in Funds		**40,091**	**3,000**	**43,091**	**8,696**
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Balances brought forward		11,389	2,000	13,389	4,693
Balances carried forward		**51,480**	**5,000**	**56,480**	**13,389**

Notes 1 to 12 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	4	421	631
		421	**631**
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	4,369	839
Cash at bank and in hand		52,677	14,842
		57,046	**15,681**
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	(987)	(2,923)
Net current assets		56,059	12,758
Total net assets		**56,480**	**13,389**
Charity Funds	9		
Unrestricted		51,480	11,389
Restricted		5,000	2,000
		56,480	**13,389**

Approved by the Trustees on 23 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Stephen Wilcox, Treasurer

George Allan, Chair

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2026

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention on an accruals basis and in compliance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 ("FRS 102") and the Charities Act 2011.

b) Funds

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular purposes as specified by the donor or funds raised for particular restricted purposes.

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the Trustees are also unrestricted. There are currently two restricted funds.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is responsible in law.

c) Income

i) Membership income and donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the charity.
ii) Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
iii) Grants are accounted for as soon as the Trustees are notified of the charity's legal entitlement and the amount due can be measured reliably and its receipt is more likely than not.
iv) Other income, particularly relating to pipe organs, is recognised as it is received.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT, which is not recoverable.

e) Fixed assets

Fixed assets, in the form of storage equipment, have been capitalised and are to be written off over 5 years. Assets over £1,000 used to support charitable activities will be considered for capitalisation.

f) Current assets

Amounts owing to the Charity at 30th June 2026 in respect of Gift Aid recoverables and other items are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

g) Stock

Donated organs that have been recovered for potential rehoming are valued at Net Realisable Value.

h) Debtors

Amounts owing at 30th June 2026 in respect of Gift Aid recoverable and other items are shown as debtors, less provision for amounts that might prove uncollectable.

2 Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Voluntary giving				
Memberships	7,549	-	7,549	4,107
Donations	44,685	-	44,685	13,440
Grants	-	3,000	3,000	-
Legacies	-	-	-	
Total Income	**52,234**	**3,000**	**55,234**	**17,547**

Income for 2025 was received as unrestricted funds £17,547, restricted funds £0

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Charitable activities	7,900	-	7,900	5,475
Cost of generating funds	4,243	-	4,243	3,376
Total expenditure	**12,143**	**-**	**12,142**	**8,851**

4 Fixed assets

	2026 £
Storage equipment	
Cost b/f	1,051
Additions in the year	-
Cost c/f	1,051
Depreciation b/f	(420)
Charge for the year	(210)
Depreciation c/f	(630)
Net book value as at 30 June 2026	421
Net book value as at 1 July 2025	631

5 Stock

Recovered and donated organs and organ parts are valued at nil cost (2025: nil) as it is impractical to obtain a reliable valuation for them.

6 Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Tax recoverable	1,329	776
Other debtors	3,040	63
	4,369	**839**

7 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals	987	2,923
	987	**2,923**

8 Analysis of net assets by fund as at 30 June 2026

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	421	-	421
Current assets - debtors	1,369	3,000	4,369
Current assets - cash at bank and in hand	50,677	2,000	52,677
Current liabilities	(987)	-	(987)
Fund balances	**51,480**	**5,000**	**56,480**

The charity has two restricted funds. They relate to a grant for £3,000 received in a prior year from the Chapman Charitable Trust, to provide educational opportunities for children, and to a grant for £2,000 awarded shortly before the end of the financial year by Moynitrust, to support the maintenance and interpretation of Henry, our London Bridge Station organ.

9 Analysis of Fund Movements

	1 July 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	30 June 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:	11,389	52,234	(12,143)	-	51,480
of which General funds:	*7,129*	*17,408*	*(8,026)*	-	*16,512*
Sleeping Beauties fund:	*3,651*	*34,826*	*(3,882)*	-	*34,595*
Other unrestricted funds:	*609*	*-*	*(235)*	-	*374*
Restricted Funds:	2,000	3,000	-	-	5,000
of which Access for Schools:	*2,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*2,000*
Henry Maintenance:	*-*	*3,000*	*-*	*-*	*3,000*
	13,389	**55,234**	**(12,143)**	-	**56,480**

The Sleeping Beauties fund mainly provides small grants to cover the cost of up to two days of an organ-builder's time, to get a currently silent organ playable again.

10 Loans and guarantees

No loans or guarantees have been secured against any of the charity's assets.

11 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities.

12 Related party transactions

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity.

Donations of £80 (2025: £599) have been received from Trustees without condition.

Four trustees (2025: two) have been reimbursed expenses totalling £2,732 (2025: £2,535). The expenses relate to travel, various administrative expenses and purchase of equipment on behalf of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered office and principal address	66 Prebend Street London N1 8PS
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