Reading Operatic Society
37 Greenham Wood
Bracknell
Berkshire
RG12 7WJ

Annual Report

Charity Number 297402

Year to 31st December 2025

1. The provisional financial results for 2025 were approved at Reading Operatic Society's AGM on 28 May 2026. The Trustees subsequently approved the finalised financial reporting and annual report. Trustees of the charity at that time were the following:

    a. Lewis Donnelly
    b. Kim Hollamby
    c. Cleo King
    d. David Parsonson
    e. Jack Simpson
    f. Lucy Seymour

2. The management of the Society is conducted by a committee of Trustees elected every two years by Members at an Annual General Meeting. If a vacancy for any Officer or member of the Committee fails to be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting or vacant positions during the year, the Committee shall have the power to fill this vacancy by co-opting any member of the Society to serve as that officer or member with full rights as if elected for the remainder of the term.

3. The charity is unincorporated and uses its constitution to govern its operations.

4. The Aim of the Society is to: Educate the public in the operatic and dramatic arts. Further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts. Assist and further such charitable institutions and charitable purposes as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

5. The Society rehearses in Reading, Berkshire and currently produces its shows in suitable venues around the region due to lack of a venue in Reading capable of meeting the required balance of size, technical facilities and budget. For 2025 it utilised the Kenton Theatre in Henley (a charitable organisation) and the Ranelagh School in Bracknell.

6. Three fully licensed productions were staged during the year, the first time that three full shows had been staged annually throughout the Society's 75-year history. Two were preceded by months of training and rehearsal, while the third was a new outreach venture for the Society where a performance was rehearsed and performed in 24 hours. Members also took part in community, charitable and fundraising events.

7. There were no serious incidents requiring disclosure during the year.

8. Income for the year was £40,560 and expenditure was £52,245, leading to a reduction in the Society's cash reserves from £28,060 at year end 2024 to £16,375 at year end 2025, a drop of £11,685. Key reasons for this were:

    a. a decision by the Committee to perform creative show choices to mark the Society's 75th Anniversary, including a fully staged production involving hire of a full set for the first time in some years;
    b. the unforeseen loss of matched giving income in the period;
    c. lower than budgeted fund-raising activity;
    d. lower than budgeted ticket sales for all except the 24-hour musical in what proved to be a difficult year to attract audiences given the level of economic uncertainty;
    e. increased costs.

    Whilst disappointing, the financial performance remained within the Society's carefully monitored agreed risk management strategy and the quality and reach of the activities seen as a worthwhile investment of the Society's charitable funds.

9. The Society has subsequently planned activities in line with its objects for the next financial year that are appropriate to its 2025 year-end position. The Trustees will be examining new ways of finding additional sources of funding to build resilience and expand its programme.

10. There was no expenditure incurred outside the United Kingdom.

11. No grants, income or contracts were received from central or local government.

12. The society has no employees or paid staff.

13. No Trustees were remunerated for their services.

14. The Trustees reviewed and continue to review, the Society's financial controls and safeguards.

15. The Society remains a viable concern with sufficient reserves to deliver its planned 2026 programme.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Reading Operatic Society		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	*297402*
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 / 12 / 2025**.

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:	LHobson	**Date:**	26th October 2026
Name:	Mrs Laura Hobson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Retired Accountant		
Address:	30 Lancaster Road Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 5EP		

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.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Reading Operatic Society	297402

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Show income	36,117	-	-	36,117	36,615
Subscriptions	1,525	-	-	1,525	2,110
Fundraising	2,847	-	-	2,847	4,678
Friends donations	-	-	-	-	150
Matched giving donations	-	-	-	-	3,367
Other income	-	-	-	-	1,520
Amazon Smile	-	-	-	-	-
Easy Fundraising	71	-	-	71	116
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	40,560	-	-	40,560	48,556
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,560	-	-	40,560	48,556
A3 Payments					
Show and workshop costs	51,175	-	-	51,175	43,481
Insurance	660	-	-	660	717
NODA membership	260	-	-	260	650
Fundraising	150	-	-	150	327
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	1,359
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	52,245	-	-	52,245	46,533
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,245	-	-	52,245	46,533
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,685	-	-	- 11,685	2,022
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,061	-	-	28,061	26,038
Cash funds this year end	16,376	-	-	16,376	28,061

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds bank account	16,303	-	-
	Cash in hand	72	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,376	-	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kim Hollamby	10-Oct-26