

Stratford-upon-Avon Chamber Music Society

Registered charity number 508874

TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

AIMS, OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The aims and objectives of the charity are to educate the public in the arts and sciences and in particular the art and science of music in the presentation of concerts and other activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on Charities and Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

The financial year brought us sadness and joy. Our long-standing chairman Brian Midgley died in February 2024, and the very generous bequest in his will transformed the finances of the charity. We also celebrated our 60th anniversary this year with a programme which Brian helped to plan. It included six concerts:

Alasdair Beatson (piano)

Beethoven, Fauré, Webern, and Schumann.

Roderick Williams (baritone) with Natalie Burch (piano)

Schubert's *Schwanengesang*

Elmore String Quartet

Haydn, Shostakovich, Britten

Oakham Piano Trio

Fauré, Brahms, Schubert

Sara Trickey (violin) with Ivana Gavric (piano)

Grieg, Ravel, Beethoven, Franz von Vecsey

Calathea String Quartet

Imogen Holst, Ligeti, Dvořák

During the year, we saw an increase in the number of members and ticket sales to non-members, following some changes in our marketing.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are set out in the annexed Statement of Financial Activities. There was a small surplus on our normal operations, plus a significant legacy from Brian Midgley's estate. In total, this resulted in an increase in fund of £115,139.

The trustees believe that it is prudent to hold reserves of approximately 50% of turnover and this amount is being held in short-term bank deposits. The remaining funds of £108,000 are being held in longer-term deposits in order to provide a regular stream of income to support the annual programme of concerts.

The charity is managed by the trustees, who receive no remuneration.

The trustees believe that the charity can continue as a going concern for at least the next twelve months and that, as a result, no changes need to be made to this Report and Financial Statements.

The charity's sources of funds are:

Ticket sales	4,750
Memberships	3,500
Grants	2,000
Donations	1,645
Legacies	114,644
Other income	1,537
Total	128,076

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Stratford-upon-Avon Chamber Music Society is a charity governed by its Constitution.

Trustees

Chairman: Tim Raistrick

Secretary: James Hazel (resigned 25 June 2025)

Treasurer: David Fletcher (appointed 10 June 2024)

Bob Bessell (resigned 25 June 2025)

John Cohen (appointed 10 June 2024)

John Ryder

John Scampion (appointed 10 June 2024)

The trustees shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

Independent Examiner

Mike Prince FCCA

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited, which is a subsidiary of the Charities Aid Foundation, (registered charity number 268369).

Charity's principal address

51 Grove Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6PB

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements 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 disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They 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.

Approved by the Board on 9th December 2025



Signed by David Fletcher on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stratford Chamber Music Society ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 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 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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in 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.

Signed:



Mike Prince FCCA
Unit 3, Wellesbourne Distribution Park
Loxley Road
Warwick
CV35 9JY
Date: 9th December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment Fund	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources	<i>3</i>				
Donations and legacies		5,016	114,644	119,660	3,906
Charitable activities		8,416	0	8,416	5,358
Total		13,432	114,644	128,076	9,264
Resources expended	<i>4</i>				
Raising funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities		12,937	0	12,937	7,815
Total		12,937	0	12,937	7,815
Net movement in funds		495	114,644	115,139	1,449
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,335	0	2,335	886
Total funds carried forward		2,831	114,644	117,475	2,335

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 31 March 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	5	759		759	0
Cash at bank	7	2,190	114,644	116,834	3,595
Total		2,949	114,644	117,593	3,595
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	118	0	118	1,260
Net current assets/(liabilities)		2,831	114,644	117,475	2,335
Total net assets		2,831	114,644	117,475	2,335
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment Fund		0	114,644	114,644	0
Unrestricted funds		2,831	0	2,831	2,335
Total funds		2,831	114,644	117,475	2,335

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board on 9th December 2025



Signed by David Fletcher on behalf of the Board of Trustees

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland': the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

NOTE 2 – ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Income

- Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, and when it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources, and when the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 or SORP.
- Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.
- Contractual income and performance related grants are only included in the SOFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
- The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

- Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
- The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

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2.3 Assets

- Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

2.4 Funds

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.
- Endowment funds are designated by the charity to provide ongoing income.

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
NOTE 3 – ANALYSIS OF INCOME				
Donations, grants and legacies				
Donations and gifts	1,316	0	1,316	1,911
Gift Aid	329	0	329	495
Legacy	0	114,644	114,644	0
Endowment income	1,371	0	1,371	
Grants	2,000	0	2,000	1,500
Total	5,016	114,644	119,660	3,906
Charitable activities				
Ticket sales	4,750	0	4,750	2,239
Memberships	3,500	0	3,500	2,700
Other	166	0	166	419
Total	8,416	0	8,416	5,358

NOTE 4 – ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

Fundraising costs	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Charitable activities

Performers	10,008	0	10,008	4,900
Venues	1,429	0	1,429	1,706
Piano Tuning	200	0	200	250
Other concert costs	204	0	204	0
Printing, publicity, booking fees	679	0	679	513
Overheads	417	0	417	446
Total	12,937	0	12,937	7,815

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	2025	2024
	£	£
NOTE 5 – DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Trade debtors		0
Prepayments and accrued income	450	0
Other debtors	309	0
Total	759	0
<i>All amounts fall due within one year</i>		
 NOTE 6 – CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS		
Trade creditors	0	0
Accruals and deferred income	118	1,260
Total	118	1,260
<i>All amounts fall due within one year</i>		
 NOTE 7 – CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Short term deposits	7,350	540
Medium term deposits	108,000	0
Cash at bank and on hand	1,484	3,055
Total	116,834	3,595

NOTE 8 – TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Trustees receive no remuneration. Occasionally donations are given by trustees. No benefits are given in return for these donations.