Stratford-upon-Avon Chamber Music Society

Registered charity number 508874

TRUSTEES' REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 1st May 2026

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The trustees submit their report and financial statements for the period ended 1st May 2026.

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

We presented six concerts during the period:

Emma Johnson (clarinet) with Carducci String Quartet
Weber, Brahms, Shostakovich.
Fibonacci String Quartet
Haydn, Bartók, Beethoven.
Rossetti Ensemble – piano quartet
Mozart, Ravel, D'Indy.
Zemlinsky Trio – clarinet, cello and piano
Ireland, Rota, Rhian Samuel, Brahms, Mendelssohn.
Alasdair Beatson – piano
Beethoven, Schumann, Debussy, Beethoven, Ries.
Elmore String Quartet
Haydn, Bartók, Beethoven.

During the year, we saw an increase in the number of season ticket and individual ticket sales, following some changes in our marketing.

The Trustees decided to change the charitable status of the organisation to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). A new CIO was formed entitled STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CHAMBER MUSIC (registration no. 1217327). The original unincorporated entity has been dissolved. The charitable objectives and the trustees remain the same as the old charity. The CIO was registered on 23 March 2026, and the assets of the old charity were transferred to the CIO on 1st May 2026 to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of the charitable activities. This Report & Financial Statements represents the final cessation period of the old charity.

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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 further instalment from the estate of Brian Midgley. In total, this resulted in an increase in funds of £25,933.

The trustees believe that it is prudent to hold reserves of approximately 50% of turnover and this amount was being held in short-term bank deposits. The remaining reserves were 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, as the charity will no longer operate, issues of going concern are no longer relevant.

The charity's sources of funds are:

	£
Ticket sales	4,135
Season tickets	4,080
Grants	2,000
Donations	1,549
Legacies	24,935
Investment income	5,823
Other income	110
Total	42,632

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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
Bob Bessell (resigned 25 June 2025)
John Cohen
Diane Edwards (appointed 22 January 2026)
John Ryder
John Scampion

The Trustees are 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).

Shawbrook Bank Ltd.

Charity's principal address
51 Grove Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6PB

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

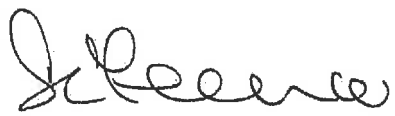
Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Financial Statements
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 17th September 2026



Signed by David Fletcher on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
for the period ended 1st May 2026

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 period ended 1st May 2026.

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').

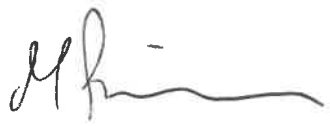
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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
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Date: 17th September 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the period ended 1st May 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment Fund	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Incoming resources	*3*				
Donations and legacies		9,372	24,935	34,307	119,660
Charitable activities		8,325	0	8,325	8,416
Total		**17,697**	**24,935**	**42,632**	**128,076**
Resources expended	*4*				
Raising funds		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities		16,699	0	16,699	12,937
Total		**16,699**	**0**	**16,699**	**12,937**
Net movement in funds		**998**	**24,935**	**25,933**	**115,139**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,830	114,644	117,474	2,335
Funds transferred to charity number 1217327		(3,828)	(139,579)	(143,407)	0
Total funds carried forward		**(0)**	**(0)**	**(0)**	**117,474**

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 1st May 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	*5*	0	0	0	759
Cash at bank	*7*	0	0	0	116,834
Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	117,593
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	*6*	0	0	0	118
Net current assets/(liabilities)		**0**	**0**	**0**	117,475
Total net assets		**0**	**0**	**0**	117,475
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment Fund		**0**	(0)	(0)	114,644
Unrestricted funds		(0)	0	(0)	2,831
Total funds		**(0)**	**(0)**	**(0)**	117,475

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

Approved by the Board on 17th September 2026

Signed by David Fletcher on behalf of the Board of Trustees

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the period ended 1st May 2026

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PREPARATION

During the period, the Trustees resolved to change the legal structure of the charity from an unincorporated association/trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). A new successor entity, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CHAMBER MUSIC (Registered Charity Number: 1217327), was established for this purpose. On 1st May 2026, a formal transfer agreement was executed, and all activities, assets, and liabilities of the unincorporated charity were transferred to the new CIO at their carrying book values. Following the transfer of all remaining fund balances, the unincorporated charity was formally dissolved. Consequently, these final financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern. Because all assets and liabilities were transferred to the successor CIO to continue the charity's underlying purposes, no adjustments were required to change their valuation or classification from the amounts originally recorded under normal operating conditions

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.

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 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
NOTE 3 - ANALYSIS OF INCOME				
Donations, grants and legacies				
Donations and gifts	1,220	0	1,220	1,316
Gift Aid	329	0	329	329
Legacy	0	24,935	24,935	114,644
Endowment income	5,823	0	5,823	1,371
Grants	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Total	**9,372**	**24,935**	**34,307**	**119,660**
Charitable activities				
Ticket sales	4,135	0	4,135	4,750
Memberships	4,080	0	4,080	3,500
Other	110	0	110	166
Total	**8,325**	**0**	**8,325**	**8,416**

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for the period ended 1st May 2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment Fund £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
NOTE 4 - ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE				
Raising funds				
Fundraising costs	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities				
Performers	12,014	0	12,014	10,008
Venues	1,833	0	1,833	1,429
Piano Tuning	210	0	210	200
Other concert costs	104	0	104	204
Prize	1,000	0	1,000	0
Printing, publicity, booking fees	787	0	787	679
Overheads	751	0	751	417
Total	16,699	0	16,699	12,937

NOTE 5 - DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
Trade debtors		0
Prepayments and accrued income	0	450
Other debtors	0	0
Total	0	450
All amounts fall due within one year		

NOTE 6 - CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS		
Trade creditors	0	0
Accruals and deferred income	0	(191)
Total	0	(191)
All amounts fall due within one year		

	£	£
NOTE 7 - CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Short term deposits	0	7,350
Medium term deposits	0	108,000
Cash at bank and on hand	0	1,484
Total	0	116,834

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.