

RIPON ST CECILIA SOCIETY LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1049842

Details

Other names	ST CECILIA ORCHESTRA
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03084115
Registered	1995-10-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Barker Partnership 44 Kirkgate Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 1PB
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE, MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AND ADVANCE EDUCATION BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ARTS, INCLUDING THE ARTS OF DRAMA, MIME, DANCE, SINGING AND MUSIC, AND TO FORMULATE, PREPARE AND ESTABLISH SCHEMES THEREFOR PROVIDED THAT ALL OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY SHALL BE OF A CHARITABLE NATURE.

Activities: Organise classical music concerts for public performance using musicians in the community and from further afield. Promote playing of orchestral instruments, providing workshops and opportunities for young players.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,839	£57,157	-	-
2024-03-31	£35,194	£35,213	-	-
2023-03-31	£47,845	£41,688	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,160	£19,592	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,051	£690	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charles Sydney Penryn Monck		2022-07-11
Helen Dawson		2020-08-06
John Peter Frank Garstang Newberry		2024-07-26
MARTYN JOHN CLARKE		
Michael Anthony Porter		2020-08-06
Nicholas Alasdair Chamberlain		2022-07-11

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Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Company number: 03084115
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The Barker Partnership
Chartered Accountants
Ripon

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Legal and administrative information

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Registered office 44 Kirkgate
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North Yorkshire
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Trustees M J Clarke
H Dawson
MA Porter
NA Chamberlain
CSP Monck
S Murdoch
JPGF Newberry (appointed 26 July 2024)
R T Fletcher (appointed 2 December 2024)

Secretary MJ Clarke

Accountants The Barker Partnership
Chartered Accountants
44 Kirkgate
Ripon
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Bankers National Westminster Bank Plc
3 Cambridge Crescent
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North Yorkshire
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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees, who are also directors of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 26 July 1995 and registered as a charity on 16 October 1995.

The charity's objects and regulations are governed by the memorandum and articles of association.

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Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to promote, maintain, improve and advance education by the encouragement of the arts. There have been no changes in the charity's objects or policies during the year.

The Charity continues to organise classical music concerts for public performance using musicians from the local community and further afield. It promotes playing of orchestral instruments, providing workshops and opportunities for young players.

When reviewing the charity's objectives and activities and future plans we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

We have completed another successful financial year encompassing five concerts (instead of our usual four concerts), as our Spring concert on 2025 took place at the end of March (in our 2024/25 financial year) instead of in April.

- 20 April 2024 French Impressions in the Ripon Cathedral. The highlight was the Ravel Piano Concerto in G with Roelof Temmingh. The concert also included Debussy's La Mer, Ysaye's Harmonies du Soir and Villanelle by Paul Dukas with Catherine Hewitt (Horn). We were very grateful that Garry Mathewman was able to step in at short notice to conduct following Xen Kelsey's ankle injury.
- 22 June 2024 - Summer Concert - Brahms, Barons and Brandenburg in Holy Trinity Church. Katie Jarvis and Josephine Wells (violas) and Hilary Dexter (cello) were the soloists in the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No 6. The concert also included Brahms Serenade no 2 and Strauss der Rosenkavalier Harmoniemusik.
- 28 Sept 2024 - The Golden Age of Hollywood in Ripon Cathedral. This popular concert included a Songs from the Shows with Henna Mun (soprano) and Marcus Swietlicki (tenor), Gershwin's An American in Paris and Erich Korngold's Violin Concerto, played by the Orchestra's leader, Richard Fletcher.
- 15 Dec 2024 - Christmas Carol Concert in Ripon Cathedral. The orchestra accompanied the Cathedral's choir which included a performance of Britten's A Ceremony of Carols.
- 25 Jan 2025 - Winter Concert - Classical Gold - a sell-out concert in Holy Trinity. The highlight of the concert was Mozart's Clarinet Concerto with Ruaridh Bakke. It also included concert favourites, Beethoven's 7th Symphony and Mendelssohn's Fingal's Cave.

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- 22 Mar 2025 - Spring Concert - Over Land and Sea in Ripon Cathedral. The concert featured a glorious performance by Bath Taylor (mezzo soprano) of Elgar's Sea Pictures, Gustav Mahler's 1st Symphony and Helena Munktell's Bränningar (Breaking Waves).

We are very grateful that more of our regular supporters have also become Friends; their donations make a significant contribution to revenue. Our informal audience surveys indicate that we continue to attract new audiences, but cannot count this without extensive pre-concert publicity.

We were delighted to welcome two new trustees. John Newberry, is our new Treasurer following the resignation of Katherine Cavanagh after 8 years of diligent service. We also welcome Richard Fletcher, the Orchestra's leader, which strengthens the links between the repertoire committee, the players and the Trustees. We are particularly grateful to Val Blackburn and her team of helpers for undertaking front of house of house roles and help with interval refreshments, as well as a number of supporters who have provided accommodation for some of the players.

We are enormously grateful once again for the continued support of our main sponsors, Trevor and Elizabeth Ingham whose unwavering support over many years has bridged the gap between our concert revenue and our costs.

In summary, the orchestra's reputation and popularity continues to grow. The trustees are actively engaged in seeking new sources of funding to secure its long term sustainability. The orchestra continues as an important cultural addition to Ripon and the region and one that we all enjoy being part of.

Financial review

The charity made a net deficit from activities in the year of £1,318 (2024 £19), decreasing reserves to £48,300 at 31 March 2025.

For the first time, these figures include the receipt of Orchestra Tax Relief of £19,372 towards production costs incurred in the years ending March 2019, 2020, 2023 and 2024, but excludes tax relief for 2024-25, recoverable only when the accounts have been finalised. Caution needs to be taken when comparing the financial performance with the previous year. The current 2024-25 figures are based on 5 concerts (compared to 4 concerts in 2023-24) as our Spring concert in 2025 took place at end March, rather than in April (which would be in the next financial year- 2025-26).

Reserves

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity on an annual basis and the trustees are mindful of the need to keep the unrestricted reserves at a level which will meet these requirements.

Currently, reserves are at a level to ensure concerts can continue for one year if sponsorship of concerts is no longer forthcoming.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



MJ Clarke
Secretary
17 November 2025

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd.

I report on the accounts of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company under company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees 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 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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The Barker Partnership
44 Kirkgate
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9 Dec 2025

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	2	3,002	3,002	17,306
Charitable activities	3	33,242	33,242	17,617
Investment income	4	223	223	271
Other	5	19,372	19,372	-
Total income		<u>55,839</u>	<u>55,839</u>	<u>35,194</u>
Expenditure				
Raising funds	6	6,155	6,155	3,415
Charitable activities	7	51,002	51,002	31,798
Total expenditure		<u>57,157</u>	<u>57,157</u>	<u>35,213</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year / Net income/(expense) for the year		(1,318)	(1,318)	(19)
Total funds brought forward		49,618	49,618	49,637
Total funds carried forward		<u>48,300</u>	<u>48,300</u>	<u>49,618</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	456	456
Current assets			
Debtors	12	146	5,602
Cash at bank and in hand		51,796	48,707
		<u>51,942</u>	<u>54,309</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(4,098)</u>	<u>(5,147)</u>
Net current assets		47,844	49,162
Net assets		<u>48,300</u>	<u>49,618</u>
Funds	14		
Unrestricted income funds		48,300	49,618
Total funds		<u>48,300</u>	<u>49,618</u>

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

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Balance sheet (continued)

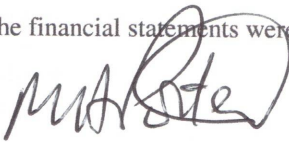
Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006
for the year ended 31 March 2025

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, relating to small companies.
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 March 2025.
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of statements.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 17 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Mr MA Porter
Trustee

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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

General information

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The principal address is 44 Kirkgate, Ripon HG4 1PB.

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with 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 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

1.2. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations, grants, event and voluntary income are included in the year they are receivable.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Musical instruments	-	10% reducing balance
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1.6. Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Sponsorship for concerts	-	-	10,000
Patrons	2,950	2,950	2,755
Donations	52	52	590
100 Club	-	-	739
Gift aid	-	-	3,222
	<u>3,002</u>	<u>3,002</u>	<u>17,306</u>

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Ticket sales	27,794	27,794	14,296
Hire of Orchestra	2,900	2,900	2,000
Refreshment sales	1,033	1,033	387
Programme sales	1,515	1,515	934
	<u>33,242</u>	<u>33,242</u>	<u>17,617</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Bank interest receivable	223	223	271
	<u>223</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>271</u>

5. Other

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Orchestra Tax relief	19,372	19,372	-
	<u>19,372</u>	<u>19,372</u>	<u>-</u>

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6. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Insurance	155	155	543
Postage and stationery	319	319	122
IT and website costs	824	824	948
Sundry expenses	777	777	603
Independent examination fee	300	300	300
Accounts preparation fee	900	900	900
Professional - Other	2,880	2,880	-
	<u>6,155</u>	<u>6,155</u>	<u>3,417</u>

7. Charitable activities expenses

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Musicians expenses	19,091	19,091	13,733
Musicians accomodation and travel	405	405	165
Conductors fees	8,460	8,460	4,365
Administrator fees	2,600	2,600	1,600
Venue Hire	9,676	9,676	6,344
Music and equipment hire	7,342	7,342	2,845
Printing leaflets and banners	1,681	1,681	1,246
Adverts and promotion	690	690	520
Card Transaction Fees	-	-	30
Refreshments costs	500	500	295
Online sales commission	557	557	655
	<u>51,002</u>	<u>51,002</u>	<u>31,798</u>

8. Net outgoing resources for the year

	2025 £	2024 £
Net outgoing resources is stated after charging:		
Independent Examination fee	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

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9. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Trustees	7	6

10. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Musical	Total
	equipment	£
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	954	954
At 31 March 2025	954	954
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	498	498
At 31 March 2025	498	498
Net book values		
At 31 March 2025	456	456
At 31 March 2024	456	456

12. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	146	-
Other debtors	-	5,602
	146	5,602

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13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2025	2024
		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		<u>4,098</u>	<u>5,147</u>
14. Analysis of net assets between funds		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
		£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets		456	456
Current assets		51,942	51,942
Current liabilities		<u>(4,098)</u>	<u>(4,098)</u>
		<u>48,300</u>	<u>48,300</u>
15. Unrestricted funds	At		At
	1 April	Incoming	31 March
	2024	resources	2025
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund	<u>49,618</u>	<u>55,839</u>	<u>(57,157)</u>
			<u>48,300</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The unrestricted fund represents those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives.

16. Company limited by guarantee

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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Trustees	M J Clarke KC Cavanagh-Jackson PWJ Bailly H Dawson MA Porter NA Chamberlain CSP Monck S Murdoch	(resigned 23rd August 2023) (resigned 29th May 2023) (appointed 29th May 2023)
Secretary	MJ Clarke	
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When reviewing the charity's objectives and activities and future plans we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

We have completed another successful financial year encompassing three concerts from our 2023 Season and a fourth from our 2024 Season.

- * Horns and heroes in the Cathedral (April 2023)
- * Essential Classics at Holy Trinity (June 2023)
- * Virtuoso Strings at Holy Trinity (November 2023)
- * The Magic of Music in the Cathedral (January 2024)

Our success in retaining a core of support through 'Friends' membership continues and general concert attendance has been boosted by our reach to schools in the region with our Magic of Music concert in January. Well over one hundred children performed two choral works for children and we filled the cathedral with parents and friends, many of whom had not attended an orchestral concert before. Our informal audience surveys indicate that we continue to attract new audiences, but cannot count on broad ongoing support without extensive pre-concert publicity.

We have received good post-and pre-concert reviews, particularly in the Darlington and Stockton Times. Informal feedback from audiences remains positive and enthusiastic. Nevertheless, the orchestra's primary catchment area around Ripon and Harrogate is limited and the cathedral remains a popular venue for other orchestras outside the region who must, inevitably, soften the demand for classical music in the area.

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

We were sorry to see two trustees leave (Paul Baily and Katherine Cavanagh) but were delighted to be joined by Charles Monck and Sue Murdoch. Paul had looked after 'Friends' for several years. Fortunately, Katherine agreed to continue as treasurer on a voluntary basis. Charles has already had a big impact in many areas analysing our audience segments, budgeting and distributing pre-concert publicity. Sue Murdoch has worked closely with Helen in proof reading programmes etc and helping Val with the front of house desk and with interval refreshments.

Our refreshment team left us at the end of 2023 after several years of organising drinks at rehearsals and concerts. We are presently looking for replacement volunteers. We are grateful to our many volunteers selling programmes, ushering, serving refreshments, putting up performers and many other tasks essential to the success of our concerts.

Despite our success and many strengths, we are aware of several weaknesses and threats to our future. Xen, Jane, many of volunteers, the trustees and our principal sponsor are over seventy and succession planning is a rising priority. Finding younger volunteers, trustees and audiences into the future remains our greatest challenge as it is with many charities.

We are enormously grateful to our sponsors, Trevor and Elizabeth Ingham whose unwavering support bridges the gap between our concert revenue and our costs. Without their contribution planning for each new season could not be done with the confidence we need to hire in the best pianos and engage international soloists.

The forthcoming season will have some more popular works to appeal to a wider audience, to sit alongside lesser known works that will also widen their interest.

Financial review

The charity made a net deficit from activities in the year of £19 (2023 a surplus of £6,157), decreasing reserves to £49,618 at 31 March 2024.

Reserves

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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



MJ Clarke
Secretary
6 August 2024

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
(A company limited by guarantee)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd.

I report on the accounts of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company under company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees 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 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or

- (ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	2	17,306	17,306	16,977
Charitable activities	3	17,617	17,617	30,774
Investment income	4	271	271	88
Other	5	-	-	6
Total income		<u>35,194</u>	<u>35,194</u>	<u>47,845</u>
Expenditure				
Raising funds	6	3,415	3,415	2,340
Charitable activities	7	31,798	31,798	39,195
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	153
Total expenditure		<u>35,213</u>	<u>35,213</u>	<u>41,688</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year / Net income/(expense) for the year		(19)	(19)	6,157
Total funds brought forward		<u>49,637</u>	<u>49,637</u>	<u>43,480</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>49,618</u>	<u>49,618</u>	<u>49,637</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		456		456
Current assets					
Debtors	12	5,602		3,768	
Cash at bank and in hand		48,707		46,865	
		<u>54,309</u>		<u>50,633</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(5,147)</u>		<u>(1,452)</u>	
Net current assets			49,162		49,181
Net assets			<u>49,618</u>		<u>49,637</u>
Funds	14				
Unrestricted income funds			49,618		49,637
Total funds			<u>49,618</u>		<u>49,637</u>

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
(A company limited by guarantee)

Balance sheet (continued)

**Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

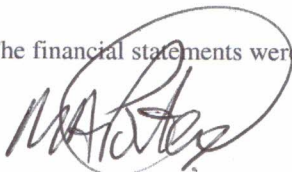
(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, relating to small companies.

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(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of statements.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 6 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Mr MA Porter
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

General information

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The principal address is 44 Kirkgate, Ripon HG4 1PB.

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with 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 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

1.2. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations, grants, event and voluntary income are included in the year they are receivable.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Musical instruments - 10% reducing balance

1.6. Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Sponsorship for concerts	10,000	10,000	12,000
Patrons	2,755	2,755	1,220
Donations	590	590	326
100 Club	739	739	100
Gift aid	3,222	3,222	3,331
	<u>17,306</u>	<u>17,306</u>	<u>16,977</u>

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Ticket sales	14,296	14,296	23,137
Hire of Orchestra	2,000	2,000	5,300
Refreshment sales	387	387	1,012
Programme sales	934	934	1,325
	<u>17,617</u>	<u>17,617</u>	<u>30,774</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank interest receivable	271	271	88
	<u>271</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>88</u>

5. Other

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
HMRC interest received	-	6
	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>

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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

6. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Insurance	543	543	914
Postage and stationery	121	122	52
IT and website costs	948	948	160
Sundry expenses	603	603	40
Independent examination fee	300	300	300
Accounts preparation fee	900	900	872
	<u>3,415</u>	<u>3,416</u>	<u>2,339</u>

7. Charitable activities expenses

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Musicians expenses	13,733	13,733	20,133
Musicians accomodation and travel	165	165	225
Conductors fees	4,365	4,365	4,784
Administrator fees	1,600	1,600	1,400
Venue Hire	6,344	6,344	5,704
Music and equipment hire	2,845	2,845	2,833
Printing leaflets and banners	1,246	1,246	1,561
Adverts and promotion	520	520	520
Card Transaction Fees	30	30	18
Refreshments costs	295	295	596
Online sales commission	655	655	1,421
	<u>31,798</u>	<u>31,798</u>	<u>39,195</u>

8. Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year

	2024 £	2023 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	153
Independent Examination fee	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

9. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Trustees	6	7

10. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Musical	Total
	equipment	£
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	954	954
At 31 March 2024	954	954
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	498	498
At 31 March 2024	498	498
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	456	456
At 31 March 2023	456	456

12. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	5,602	3,768

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Notes to financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £		
Accruals and deferred income	<u>5,147</u>	<u>1,452</u>		
14. Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £		
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 as represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	456	456		
Current assets	54,309	54,309		
Current liabilities	<u>(5,147)</u>	<u>(5,147)</u>		
	<u>49,618</u>	<u>49,618</u>		
15. Unrestricted funds	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted Fund	<u>49,637</u>	<u>35,194</u>	<u>(35,213)</u>	<u>49,618</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The unrestricted fund represents those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives.

16. Company limited by guarantee

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

RIPON ST CECILIA SOCIETY LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1049842

Accounts

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
(A company limited by guarantee)

Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Company number: 03084115
Charity number: 1049842

The Barker Partnership
Chartered Accountants
Ripon

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Legal and administrative information

Charity number 1049842

Company registration number 03084115

Registered office 44 Kirkgate
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Trustees M J Clarke
KC Cavanagh-Jackson Resigned 29th May 2023
PWJ Baily
H Dawson
MA Porter
S Kitching Resigned 11th July 2022
NA Chamberlain Appointed 11th July 2022
CSP Monck Appointed 11th July 2022
S Murdoch Appointed 29th May 2023

Secretary MJ Clarke

Accountants The Barker Partnership
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
44 Kirkgate
Ripon
North Yorkshire
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Bankers National Westminster Bank Plc
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Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees, who are also directors of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 26 July 1995 and registered as a charity on 16 October 1995.

The charity's objects and regulations are governed by the memorandum and articles of association.

Trustees

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The two longest serving Trustees each year have to stand down and may put themselves forward for re-election.

Honorary President

Baroness Masham of Ilton

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to promote, maintain, improve and advance education by the encouragement of the arts. There have been no changes in the charity's objects or policies during the year.

The Charity continues to organise classical music concerts for public performance using musicians from the local community and further afield. It promotes playing of orchestral instruments, providing workshops and opportunities for young players.

When reviewing the charity's objectives and activities and future plans we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

We were very sorry to learn of the death of our Honorary President, Baroness Masham of Ilton to whom we owe so much for her support of the Orchestra over many years since its start in 1995.

Our 2022/2023 season has seen the completion of another successful and enjoyable year for our musicians, soloists, conductors and all involved in the promotion of orchestral music in Ripon of an exceptional standard. We believe our audience numbers have recovered well (post Covid) and they are a testament to the appeal of the music programmes the repertoire committee produce.

We remain keen to attract younger musicians and audience members to our music making and recognise that they are both key to the sustainability of the orchestra as we look to the future.

It is generally accepted that our season of concerts runs from September to August each year so, as in previous years, we report on our four concerts in the 2022/23 season adjusted to include for the June 2022 concerts but excluding the April and June 2023 concerts.

As usual, two concerts were held in the cathedral and two at Holy Trinity church. We are extremely grateful to both institutions and their staff for making us feel at home and for providing logistical support and facilities, not only for performances but for the orchestral practices ahead of each concert.

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

The four concerts in our season were:

- * A Summer concert-An evening in Italy (11th June 2022) (Music by Albinoni and Mendelssohn) at Holy Trinity Church
- * The Rachmaninov Gala week-end concerts (8th/9th October 2022) with Peter Donohoe in the Cathedral (Rachmaninov's four piano concertos and the Paganini variations).
- * Dance, Drama and Romance (Music by Strauss, Bartok, Sibelius and Mozart) on the 28th January 2023, at Holy Trinity Church

We had an enthusiastic audience of 135 for this first concert of the Summer, a joyful Italian themed evening with soloists Josh Hall (Oboe) and Ben Jarvis (trumpet) both playing with verve and colour well suited for a sunlit evening.

The two Gala concerts in October were outstanding. The orchestra was joined by the renowned pianist Peter Donohoe to perform the musical feat of four Rachmaninov concertos and the Paganini variations over two days before a total audience of over 600. The Steingraeber grand piano was shipped in from Bayreuth by the piano makers who flew from southern Germany to join us for the week-end.

It is always difficult to predict how successful the January concert at Holy Trinity will be due to the time of year (post-Christmas) and poor weather conditions, so we were delighted to have an audience of over 120 for a very lively concert.

The sustainability of our future in these difficult times is a key concern of the trustees. We were delighted that Gary Matthewman could join our permanent conductor Xen Kelsey for the Rachmaninov weekend. Two new trustees, Charles Monck and Nick Chamberlain have stepped in for a three year term to replace Paul Baily. Sue Murdoch also assisted the trustees in the year ahead of becoming a trustee herself. As ever, we remain very grateful to Martyn Clarke for his unwavering support as a past chairman, continuing trustee and secretary to the Society.

We recognise the need to work hard to attract audiences by using social media and email. Charles Monck and Nick Chamberlain have jointly developed a database of potential supporters to supplement the more traditional routes to reach our audience (flyers, posters and banners) designed by Helen Dawson. Helen has also produced a much more accessible and popular programme format for each concert too. We intend to develop our ticketing website and seating arrangements to try and encourage more people to buy tickets on-line well before concerts than at the door on the night.

Katherine Cavanagh, our treasurer, has assisted the financial management of the Society by promptly producing abbreviated accounts after each concert and we have raised our ticket price for over 18's to £20.00. We hope to introduce a pro-forma budgeting system for concerts next year to set against proposed programmes and forecast the likely out turn for the season to aid forward planning. Regrettably, without sponsorship, Ripon St Cecilia Orchestra would make a small loss at every concert, but we plan to manage this more proactively.

Our thanks go to Val and Steve Blackburn, Jacqui Page and Wendy Wright for organising the front of house team so seamlessly for each of our concerts and to Alison Knox Gore and Julia Fisher for dispensing refreshments so efficiently. Many others have helped at critical times too and we thank them for giving up their valuable time. We also thank the Little Ripon Bookshop for selling our tickets free of charge.

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Trevor and Elizabeth Ingham are our sole sponsors and it is to them that we owe so much for bridging the gap between our concert receipts and our costs. Without the security of that support, planning ahead would be so much more difficult to achieve with forward commitments to soloists and concert programmes.

We believe that we are doing everything we can to address the challenge of meeting the charitable objectives for the orchestra that were raised in last year's annual report. We are casting the net wider to garner more supporters for orchestral music in the Ripon area and beyond. We all enjoy what we do and that remains central to this endeavour.

Financial review

The charity made a net surplus from activities in the year of £6,157, increasing reserves to £49,637 at 31 March 2023.

Reserves

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity on an annual basis and the trustees are mindful of the need to keep the unrestricted reserves at a level which will meet these requirements.

Currently, reserves are at a level to ensure concerts can continue for one year if sponsorship of concerts is no longer forthcoming.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



MJ Clarke
Secretary
24 July 2023

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
(A company limited by guarantee)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd.

I report on the accounts of Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company under company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
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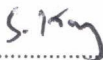
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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
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Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	2	16,977	16,977	7,683
Charitable activities	3	30,774	30,774	13,475
Investment income	4	88	88	2
Other	5	6	6	-
Total income		<u>47,845</u>	<u>47,845</u>	<u>21,160</u>
Expenditure				
Raising funds	6	2,340	2,340	1,495
Charitable activities	7	39,195	39,195	18,097
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets for the charity's own use		153	153	-
Total expenditure		<u>41,688</u>	<u>41,688</u>	<u>19,592</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year / Net income/(expense) for the year		6,157	6,157	1,568
Total funds brought forward		<u>43,480</u>	<u>43,480</u>	<u>41,912</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>49,637</u>	<u>49,637</u>	<u>43,480</u>

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Balance sheet (continued)

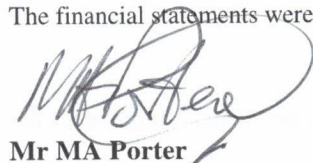
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In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, relating to small companies.
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- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of statements.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 24 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Mr MA Porter
Trustee

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Notes to financial statements
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1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Musical instruments - 10% reducing balance

1.6. Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Sponsorship for concerts	12,000	12,000	4,000
Patrons	1,220	1,220	1,676
Donations	326	326	76
100 Club	100	100	500
Gift aid	3,331	3,331	1,431
	<u>16,977</u>	<u>16,977</u>	<u>7,683</u>

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Ticket sales	23,137	23,137	12,850
Hire of Orchestra	5,300	5,300	-
Refreshment sales	1,012	1,012	137
Programme sales	1,325	1,325	488
	<u>30,774</u>	<u>30,774</u>	<u>13,475</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Bank interest receivable	88	88	2
	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>2</u>

5. Other

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
HMRC interest received	6	6	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>

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6. Raising Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Insurance	914	914	622
Postage and stationery	54	52	32
Website costs	160	160	115
Sundry expenses	40	40	5
Independent examination fee	300	300	200
Accounts preparation fee	872	872	520
	<u>2,340</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>1,495</u>

7. Charitable activities expenses

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Musicians expenses	20,133	20,133	4,405
Musicians accomodation and travel	225	225	135
Conductors fees	4,784	4,784	3,292
Administrator fees	1,400	1,400	1,100
Venue Hire	5,704	5,704	5,726
Music and equipment hire	2,833	2,833	1,399
Printing leaflets and banners	1,561	1,561	1,047
Adverts and promotion	520	520	443
Card Transaction Fees	18	18	66
Refreshments costs	596	596	103
Online sales commission	1,421	1,421	381
	<u>39,195</u>	<u>39,195</u>	<u>18,097</u>

8. Net incoming resources for the year

	2023 £	2022 £
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	153	-
Independent Examination fee	300	200
	<u>453</u>	<u>200</u>

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9. Employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the trustees, during the year.

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Trustees	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

10. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Musical equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	1,554	1,554
Disposals	(600)	(600)
At 31 March 2023	<u>954</u>	<u>954</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	945	945
On disposals	(447)	(447)
At 31 March 2023	<u>498</u>	<u>498</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2023	<u>456</u>	<u>456</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>609</u>	<u>609</u>

12. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>3,768</u>	<u>179</u>

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13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,452	3,445
	<u>1,452</u>	<u>3,445</u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 as represented by:		
Tangible fixed assets	456	456
Current assets	50,633	50,633
Current liabilities	(1,452)	(1,452)
	<u>49,637</u>	<u>49,637</u>

15. Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted Fund	<u>43,480</u>	<u>47,845</u>	<u>(41,688)</u>	<u>49,637</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The unrestricted fund represents those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives.

16. Company limited by guarantee

Ripon St Cecilia Society Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.