

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

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

Company number: 03084115
Charity number: 1049842

The Barker Partnership
Chartered Accountants
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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
H Dawson
MA Porter
NA Chamberlain
CSP Monck
S Murdoch
JPG Newberry (appointed 26 July 2024)
R T Fletcher (appointed 2 December 2024)

Secretary MJ Clarke

Accountants The Barker Partnership
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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.

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.

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 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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for the year ended 31 March 2025

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

M.J. Clarke

MJ Clarke

Secretary

17 November 2025

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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.

S. Kay

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9 Dec 2025

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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

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
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>

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Balance sheet (continued)

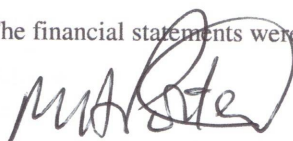
Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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 Number	2024 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 equipment £	Total £
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	4,098	5,147
	<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	(4,098)	(4,098)
	<u>48,300</u>	<u>48,300</u>

15. Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund	49,618	55,839	(57,157)	48,300
	<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.

