



**The Notables**

Registered Charity No. 1072700

Website : [notables.org.uk](http://notables.org.uk)

## **Trustees' Annual Report : September 2023 to August 2024**

### **General**

This is the 27<sup>th</sup> year since **The Notables** was founded and a year without the inspirational leadership of our founder & head trustee Margery Jones. She is often in our thoughts & sadly missed. However, we continue in our quest to provide support and encouragement for people with learning difficulties to meet-up with others, gain confidence and play a valued role in the community. We do this by motivating our members, who have a natural love of music, to perform in front of others, learn new skills and widen their social circle.

### **Activities**

Our members continue to be able to meet-up as per normal on a Wednesday night and rehearse at Canley Community Centre. There were 37 of these sessions held at Canley, under the guidance of our musicians David, Grahame and Jon. In addition there were 27 occasions (ie outreach), where a few of our members accompanied our musicians to go out into the community and perform / entertain people with access challenges including Leamington Fordsfield Day Care Centre, Coventry Younity Hub, Stratford Ambleside Care Home, Brinklow Town Thorns Care Home, Baginton Fields School Academy [Summer School] and Life Path at Henry Fry Deaf Centre [every other Friday].

We then had 8 bigger special events or gigs where ALL our members had the opportunity to sing, perform and really let their hair down, once again supported by our professional musicians, including Coventry Enterprise Club for Disabled People, Rugby Drovers Care Home, Kenilworth PHAB Club and Springfield House School Summer Fayre in Solihull [July 2024].

We hosted Special Guest Nights at Canley Community Centre for The Scratch Orchestra [Oct 2023], Kenilworth PHAB Club and drew a capacity audience of around 200 people to our Social Inclusion / Autism Awareness / Multicultural Event at The Standard Triumph Club in August 2024 which was funded by The Heart of England Community Foundation as part of our successful Reaching Communities Project.

If anyone chooses to visit our website, they will observe positive feedback and a gallery that reflects a diverse, inclusive and fun environment. Our WhatsApp Group, set up by Trustee Juliet, is lively, informative and a place we can all communicate outside of rehearsals, gigs and outreach events. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter also offer up to the minute information on our news and bookings.

### **Fundraising & Finance**

Whilst the usual sources of funding were approached and as per usual these were generous once again in terms of donations. Project Manager / Musical Director David Claridge was instrumental in securing a huge grant of £29,485 from The Heart of England Community Foundation effective from May 2024. Our Treasurer, John Claridge handled the budget and reported that this substantial grant had effectively relieved pressures in terms of our running costs for about 9 months and enabled a much greater amount of money to be carried over to start our 2024 / 2025 financial year. The Heart of England Community Foundation have rated this project as excellent and nominated The Notables to be one of their featured charity organisations of 2025.

In return for generous donations to the Notables Charity, Notables DJs Dave & Helen gave their time again for 'Dame Goodyvers Daye' [Sept 2023] and a fantastic Multicultural Ball at St. Mary's Guildhall [Nov 2023]. Notables singer / volunteer Core O'Gare performed a heartfelt song tribute to Margery at 'Dame Goodyvers Daye', September 2023 and assisted with technical support for all the musical and dance acts of the event attended by Coventry's Lord Mayor, other VIPs, Coventry schools, community groups and a capacity audience of the public at Priory Gardens.

### Other

From an organisational standpoint, because of bereavements and / or people leaving the area it becomes increasingly necessary for us to update or replenish our trustees. Mike Welch and Pamela Franklin were welcomed as new Notables Trustees in 2023.

With aim to consistently keep all our members, musicians and volunteers safe (who's ages range from 5 years old to 90 years old), Health and Safety Officer, Philip Blomberg [CMIOSH / PIEMA] continues to provide advice and detailed risk assessments for all our activities. David completed two days Team Teach training and Safeguarding training [for children, young people & vulnerable adults] in October 2023. Grahame is developing his work with the elderly in Warwickshire care homes including standard training and new work with the therapeutic benefits of music for the elderly. Helen is consulted regularly for advice relating to her longstanding work with Age UK, accessibility for older people and has researched and identified new potential funders for the Notables organisation moving forward.

We also greatly appreciate our dedicated taxi drivers / transport escorts, Gary, Dave and Wendy (our longest standing Trustee of 27 years) for continuing to support our vulnerable members on transport and making sure they never miss a meeting, concert or event.

### Trustees :

Signed : Mf PIS ..... Print name : Mf Pickering ..... Date : 4.6.2025  
Signed : Wendy McEntee ..... Print name : Wendy McEntee ..... Date : 04.06.2025



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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
The Notables

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1072700

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

*E Sprung*

Date:

9/6/25

Name:

Eppie Sprung

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address:

2 Flaxfield

Mouswald, Dumfries

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### Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
The Notables

No (if any)  
1072700

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st Sep 2023

To

Period end date  
31st August 2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	12,614		-	12,614	6,461
Grants	41,995	-	-	41,995	7,900
Other (Bank compensation)		-	-	-	138
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	54,609	-	-	54,609	14,499
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	54,609	-	-	54,609	14,499
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities	29,770		-	29,770	24,726
Governance Costs	100	-	-	100	65
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	29,870	-	-	29,870	24,791
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	29,870	-	-	29,870	24,791
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	24,739	-	-	24,739	- 10,292
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	2,495		-	2,495	12,787
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	27,234	-	-	27,234	2,495

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account 1	27,234		-
	Current Account 2			-
	Current Account 3		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature  


Print Name  
 John Claridge

Date of approval  
 09/06/2025