

# THE BRITISH DOUBLE REED SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1080461

## Details

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**Other names** B D R S

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2000-04-27

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE AND FOSTER INTEREST, EDUCATION, STUDY, DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ART OF MUSIC AND MUSIC MAKING IN ALL ITS ASPECTS INVOLVING DOUBLE REED WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE OBOE AND BASSOON FAMILIES.

**Activities:** Fosters the arts and science of double reed musical instruments - most particularly the oboe and the bassoon. It assists in running workshops/courses and holds an annual event with international artists. It provides a thrice-yearly magazine for members and offers discounts with some traders in the field.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£27,544	£23,443	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,501	£24,757	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,343	£23,326	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,387	£20,856	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,971	£20,353	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>James William Turnbull</b>	Chair	2021-12-12
Aliki Papaioannou-Georgiou		2025-11-16
Alison Jean Wathey		2019-12-01
Caron de Burgh		2021-12-12
Donal Flynn		2019-12-01
Elizabeth Frazer Woods		2024-11-27
Esther Sarah Ruth Williams		2021-03-10
Helen Ruth Nakhwal		2025-11-16
Liam David Fleet		2022-11-20
Philip George Naniewski		2025-11-16
Philip Stephen Eric Haworth		2019-12-01
Stephen Fuller		2017-10-29

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# Accounts

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**British  
Double  
Reed  
Society**

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*Registered Charity No. 1080461*

## **British Double Reed Society**

### **Trustees' Report for 2024**

2024 was another busy year for the Society. We were again able to programme two major one day events: at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff in March and at the Royal Academy of Music in London in October. Participants at both of these well-attended events were offered a range of activities including professionally coached solo and group playing sessions, a lunchtime concert and the opportunity to visit a range of trade stands. In keeping with our established format both events ended with a mass playing session for participants.

Recognising the need to support younger players in particular in other parts of the country, we also supported events run by other bodies: we made small grants to Empower, to the Gloucestershire Double Reed Day and the South Coast Double Reed Day, and a more significant contribution to a new initiative by In Harmony working with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra to work with young players in schools in Liverpool.

We continued to operate our new instrument bank, benefitting from a number of generous donations of instruments to be loaned to players at differing levels of ability who would otherwise have struggled to obtain a suitable instrument.

We kept in touch with our members through three issues of Double Reed Magazine as well as through continuing posting on Facebook and other social media. We also started an overhaul of our website to improve our communication with our members including online access to more resources.

The Society's income from all sources received during 2024 was £27544 and our outgoings came to £23443. With a total surplus of £4101 this left us in a very strong position to plan an even wider programme of activities in the coming years.

James Turnbull, Chair  
Paul Hubbard, Secretary



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
British Double Reed Society

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2024 **Charity no  
(if any)** 1080461

**Set out on pages**

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**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 28/10/2025

**Name:** Mark Yea

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

MAAT

**Address:** Castle Chambers, 6 Westgate Hill, Pembroke SA71 4LB

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BRITISH DOUBLE REED SOCIETY  
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY - Receipts and Payments  
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Membership subscriptions	17210	Double Reed News costs	
DRN advertising received	3900	Printing and distribution	7842
Competition prize/ sponsorship	0	Editorial	6367
		Competition costs	0
		Events	
RWCMD	571	RWCMD	1851
RAM Double Reed Day 2024	2517	RAM Double Reed Day 2024	3314
RAM DRD 2023	342	RAM DRD 2023	245
Bank Interest	366	GDRD Support	250
		RNCM 2025	295
		South Coast DRD	100
		Empower	100
		In Harmony	1200
		Internet & website expenses	448
		Design and publicity	0
		Committee Expenses	207
		Accountancy	0
		membership refunds	139
		Information Commissioner	35
		Subscriptions Making Music	492
		Instrument bank	480
		DBS & safeguarding	78
Total	24906		23443
		Surplus	1463
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OPENING BANK BALANCES 71493

Surplus for year 1463

Bequest bank interest 2638

CLOSING BANK BALANCES 75594

Total income £27,544  
Total surplus: £4,101  
(includes Bequest bank interest)

Breakdown of bank balances

	2024	2023
	£	£
Santander	3230	3175
Santander Savings Acc	11718	5905
Paypal	1327	5985
Cashe assets excluding bequest	16275	15065
CCLA bequest	59319	56428
Total cash assets	75594	71493

Approved by: *James Turnbull* J Turnbull (Chairman) on 26 October 2025



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

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2023 was a busy year for the Society. We were able to programme two major one-day events: a “Double Reed Festival” at the Birmingham Conservatoire in May and a “Double Reed Celebration” at the Royal Academy of Music in London in October. Participants at both events were offered a range of activities including professionally coached solo and group playing sessions, a lunchtime concert and the opportunity to visit a range of trade stands including instrument and reed makers and dealers. In keeping with our established format both events ended with a mass playing session for participants. The London event, which was particularly well attended, also included the first performance, by Amy Harman, of a new work for solo bassoon by Pongtorn Techaboonakho, the winner of the BDRS-Leitzinger open bassoon prize in our 2021 composition competition.

We also supported some events run by other bodies: the well-established Gloucestershire Double Reed Day in June and a Summer Music event at Cheetham's School.

During the year we were delighted to receive a very generous donation in the form of a legacy to support double reed opportunities. We also received a number of donations of double reed instruments from several sources enabling us to launch a new instrument loan bank in October.

We kept in touch with our members through three issues of Double Reed Magazine as well as online newsletters and regular posting on social media including Facebook.

The Society's income from all sources (including the legacy) received in 2023 was. £75,501 and our outgoings came to £24,757. This left us in a strong position to plan further activities in the coming years.

James Turnbull - Chair  
Paul Hubbard - Secretary

BRITISH DOUBLE REED SOCIETY  
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY - Receipts and Payments  
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Membership subscriptions	15860	Double Reed News costs	
DRN advertising received	3097	Printing and distribution	8822
Competition prize/ sponsorship	0	Editorial	6201
		Competition costs	900
		Events	
Leicester Discovery Day	90	Leicester Discovery Day	0
RAM Double Reed Day	1885	RAM Double Reed Day	2444
Birmingham DRD	2811	Birmingham DRD	2808
		GDRD Support	60
Bank Interest	266	Chethams	900
		DBS and safeguarding	387
		Internet & website expenses	490
		Design and publicity	237
		Committee Expenses	840
		Accountancy	150
		Sundries	106
		Information Commissioner	35
		Subscriptions Making Music	377
<b>Total</b>	<b>24009</b>		<b>24757</b>
<b>DEFICIT BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEM</b>	<b>748</b>		
	24757		24757
Exceptional item		Exceptional item surplus	51492
Bequest	50000		
Bequest interest	1492		
	76249		76249

OPENING BANK BALANCES	20749
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Exceptional item surplus	51492
<b>CLOSING BANK BALANCES</b>	<b>71493</b>

Breakdown of bank balances

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Santander	3175	5365
Santander Savings Acc	5905	5836
CCLA	56428	4728
Paypal	5985	4820
<b>Total cash assets</b>	<b>71493</b>	20749

Approved by:  J Turnbull (Chairman) on 29 September 2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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11/10/2024

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MAAT

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

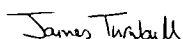
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# Accounts

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*Registered Charity No. 1080461*

## **Trustees' report for 2022**

2022 was the first year since the Coronavirus outbreak in which the Society was able to plan a programme of live events. We started in July and August with two summer playing days run in collaboration with the Royal Academy of Music and aimed at younger players in particular. In September we had a well attended Double Reed day in Leicester - an event on a rather larger scale including concerts featuring the premieres of the two new work for oboe commissioned by the Society following our competition the previous year. These works were due for publication in 2023.

In October we held another Double Reed Day in a similar format held jointly with the Royal Academy of Music; this too was well attended attracting a broad group of participants including young players, students and adults, and featured performances by staff and students of the Academy as well as coaching sessions and a closing mass playing session for participants. Both of these events attracted a number of traders. We also supported the well established Gloucestershire Double Reed Day in June.

During the year we kept in touch with our members through three issues of Double Reed News as well as several online newsletters and regular posting on social media including Facebook.

The Society's income from all sources received in 2022 was £25,343 and our outgoings came to £23,326. Combined with an operating surplus of some £2,500 from 2021 this left the Society in a healthy position to plan a somewhat broader programme of activities in 2023. During the year we had some turnover in our membership; numbers remained broadly stable though we would like to recruit more younger players as we plan more events aimed at this group.

James Turnbull - Chair  
Paul Hubbard - Secretary

October 2023

**BRITISH DOUBLE REED SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY - Receipts and Payments**  
**YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£
Membership subscriptions	17,077	<b>Double Reed News costs</b>	
DRN advertising received	3,245	Printing and distribution	7,594
Competition prize/ sponsorship	1,000	Editorial	6,084
		<b>Competition costs</b>	2,500
		<u>Events</u>	
RAM Activity Days	690	RAM Activity Days	700
Leicester Discovery Day	1,594	Leicester Discovery Day	2817
RAM Double Reed Day	1,686	RAM Double Reed Day	1281
		BDRD Attendance	180
		GDRD Support	400
		<b>Adult Zoom course</b>	120
		<b>Internet &amp; website expenses</b>	490
		Banner design and production	192
		Committee Expenses	271
		Paypal charges	162
		Accountancy	150
Bank Interest	51	<b>Sundries</b>	
		Data protection	35
		Subscriptions Making Music	350
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>£25,343</u></u>		<u><u>£23,326</u></u>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS IN YEAR</b>			<b>£2,017</b>
<b>OPENING BANK BALANCES</b>			£18,732
<b>CLOSING BANK BALANCES</b>			<u><u>£20,749</u></u>
<b><u>Breakdown of bank balances</u></b>			
		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		£	£
Santander		5,365	4,338
Santander Savings Acc		5,836	5,831
CCLA		4,728	4,682
Paypal		4,820	3,881
<b>Total cash assets</b>		<u><u>£20,749</u></u>	<u><u>£18,732</u></u>

Approved by: **J Turnbull (Chairman) on 29 July 2023**

**From:** martin@waterworth-fca.co.uk  
**Subject:** RE: bdrs sample request  
**Date:** 2 October 2023 at 11:17  
**To:** Stephen Fuller stephencfuller@hotmail.co.uk



Dear Stephen,  
Many thanks for the sample evidence. I have now completed my examination and am satisfied with the accounts already sent.  
Before we finalise, have you contacted HMRC to request that a return is not necessary/ have you heard? Or are we having to submit?

Thanking you

Martin

Martin Waterworth Limited  
Registered in Wales number 4455112  
Bronwylfa, Llangunor Road, Carmarthen SA31 2PB

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**From:** Stephen Fuller <stephencfuller@hotmail.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 01 October 2023 17:37  
**To:** martin@waterworth-fca.co.uk  
**Subject:** RE: bdrs sample request

Dear Martin

Sorry for taking so long to send the backup information.

I'm not sure exactly what you're seeking for the first item. Here's the bank account entry which I did modify as there was a single payment of £1188 covering two items:

01/02/2022	BANK GIRO CREDIT REF HOWARTH OF LONDON, HOWARTH OF LONDON	£188.00	x	Advertising	£1188
received in a single payment, divided for coding					
01/02/2022	BANK GIRO CREDIT REF HOWARTH OF LONDON, HOWARTH OF LONDON	£1,000.00	£8,820.42	x	Competition
sponsorship £1188 received in a single payment, divided for coding					

Also attached are the document for committee approval outlining the competition and prizes to be sponsored, email noting approval and an email advising Howarth have agreed to sponsor the oboe prize.

Please let me know if anything else is needed.

Payment to the winner of the bassoon composition prize is covered in the attached email – BDRS Competition Contract. The prize was £1000 as per the earlier documents and 50% was due to be paid as per the email.

There are invoices attached for the remaining 3 items, RAM, Clive Fairburn and Leicester City Council.

Best wishes

Stephen Fuller  
BDRS Treasurer  
[treasurer@bdrs.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@bdrs.org.uk)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 4:09 PM  
**To:** Stephen Fuller <[stephencfuller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephencfuller@hotmail.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** bdrs sample request

Dear Stephen,  
I attach my sample at random of items to review for back-up documentation, which please send to me at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you

Martin

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