



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	06	04	2024		05	04	2025
From				To			

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE STRADIVARI TRUST

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1106652

Charity's principal address

C/O NTrust Accountancy Ltd

Suite 3a Kings Hall, St Ives Business Park

Parsons Green, St Ives

Postcode

PE27 4WY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Colin Smithers			
2	Mr Andrew Thomas Swarbick			
3	Mr John Willan			
4	Dr Nigel John Yandell			
5	Mr Andrew Little		Appointed 8 October 2025	
6	Alicja Anna Smietana		Appointed 10 October 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Declaration of Trust

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by board of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To promote, maintain, improve and advance education by the encouragement of the art and science of music and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the above) to award an annual music prize to the best music student in the faculty of music in the university of Cambridge ('the faculty'), such student to be selected by the faculty, to be called 'The Nigel Brown Music Prize'.
2. In furtherance of the above, but not further or otherwise, to present, promote, organise, provide, manage, produce and support such concerts, musical pieces, lectures and musical entertainments and exhibitions as are conducive to the promotion, maintenance, improvement and advancement of education by the encouragement of music and to formulate, prepare and establish schemes thereof.
3. To or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Advance education by the encouragement of the art or science of music.
 Grants donations to musicians/musical groups.
 Sponsorship of the same.
 Promotional concerts.
 Although it has not been possible to award an annual music prize for several years, plans are underway to reinstate this, to be called 'The Stradivari Trust Music Prize'.
 The trust continues to facilitate the purchase of high-end musical instruments on behalf of the musicians and administers the management of the musician buying out the schemes over a number of years.
 For the last couple of years, the Trustees have had to streamline the running of the charity after the passing of the trusts main donor which has been all encompassing. The Trustees are confident that the charity will continue thanks to the generosity of new donors and the natural sales and musician purchases of schemes.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Securing funding for future years and advancing on the buy backs of ownership for various musicians.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Retain sufficient funds to cover known expenditure for a three-month period ahead.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:


- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Colin Smithers	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	22nd Dec 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name THE STRADIVARI TRUST	No (if any) 1106652
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 06-Apr-24	To	Period end date 05-Apr-25
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable Activities	20,410	-	-	20,410	17,776
Voluntary Income - Donations	80,361	40,425	-	120,786	48,293
Fundraising fees	1,852	-	-	1,852	7,156
Investment income	819	-	-	819	286
Other income	320	-	-	320	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103,762	40,425	-	144,187	73,511
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,762	40,425	-	144,187	73,511
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	31,010	-	-	31,010	27,065
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,010	-	-	31,010	27,065
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,010	-	-	31,010	27,065
Net of receipts/(payments)	72,752	40,425	-	113,177	46,446
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,664	500	-	44,164	- 2,282
Cash funds this year end	116,416	40,925.00	-	157,341	44,164

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 £
B1 Cash funds	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>Total cash funds</div> <div>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</div> </div>	<div>116,416</div> <div>-</div> <div>116,416</div> <div>OK</div>	<div>40,925</div> <div>-</div> <div>40,925.00</div> <div>OK</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>OK</div>
B2 Other monetary assets	<div>Details</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div></div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div></div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
B3 Investment assets	<div>Details</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Fund to which asset belongs</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Cost (optional)</div> <div></div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div>Current value (optional)</div> <div></div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<div>Details</div> <div>n/a</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Fund to which asset belongs</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Cost (optional)</div> <div></div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>	<div>Current value (optional)</div> <div></div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div>
B5 Liabilities	<div>Details</div> <div>Creditors</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Fund to which liability relates</div> <div>Restricted</div> <div>Unrestricted</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>Amount due (optional)</div> <div>525,471</div> <div>2,184</div> <div></div> <div>-</div>	<div>When due (optional)</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<div>Signature</div> <div></div>	<div>Print Name</div> <div>Dr C Smithers</div>	<div>Date of approval</div> <div>22/12/25</div>	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
THE STRADIVARI TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

5TH APRIL 2025

**Charity no
(if any)** 1106652

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 05/04/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Gilbert Holbourn

Date:

21/11/2025

Name:

GILBERT HOLBOURN

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

1 UPPER BRIDGE STREET

WYE

KENT TN25 5AF

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A