



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 To 31 March 2025

Charity name: South Devon Singers

Charity registration number: 1144469

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To promote, improve, develop and maintain education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all it's aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the association through its committee shall determine from time to time.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>There were a number of performances such as Armadadrama + Dido &amp; Aeneas (June 24), An Autumn Gala (Nov 24) and Granny Galactica (Jan 25) and Anne Bolyn (March 25). Songs were also performed by invitation at the South West Futures Festival (Sept 24). Taster workshops were held which were open to all but aimed at the LGBTQ community (started Oct 24). The Science Choir was formed (summer 24) which is based at Exeter University and aims to promote science.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Training old and new songs to community choir members. Choir members enjoyed practising songs, being part of a social group, performing to others. The charity maintained its policy of being open to all choir members, regardless of their ability to pay.</b></p> <p><b>People attending gigs and concerts enjoyed the music and will almost certainly have learnt something as many songs contain information about the natural world, historical events and can be based on published literary works.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Surplus carried forward £11,109 which is a year-on-year increase of £4,451.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves are held to ensure that the choir can continue to operate even if income is reduced e.g. reduced contributions from ticket sales or fees.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£1500</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Model Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated association</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Annual election at Annual General Meeting</b></li> <li>- <b>Volunteer approved at a Trustee meeting</b></li> </ul>

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South Devon Singers
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1144469
Charity's principal address	88 Higher Brimley Road Teignmouth TQ14 8JU

### **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	Jane Clark	Chair		
2	Janet Richardson	Secretary		
3	Susan Daniels	Treasurer		
4	Steve Brown			
5	Claire Harding			
6	Evelyn Marsden		From 15 July 2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Susan Daniels

Susan Daniels	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Treasurer	
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Date

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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

*South Devon Sinters*

On accounts for the year  
ended

*31<sup>st</sup> March 2025*

Charity no  
(if any)

*1144469*

Set out on pages

*3 to 6*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended *31 / 03 / 2025*.

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~either that that disclosed below~~) 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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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:

Date:

*12<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

Name:

*Rachael Ann Shearman*

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

Address:

*The Old Toll House  
Manhead Road, Newton  
Exeter, Devon EX6 8RS*



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.

# INCOME

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Fees	£10 798	£11 438
Annual membership	£511	£497
Grants	£2 525	£3 493
Professional Fees	£1 167	
GiftAid reclaimed	£2 027	£3 244
Ticket Sales	£5 317	£3 201
Performance Fees	£449	£250
Publicity	£185	£642
Lottery	£26	£26
Donations	£1 025	£2 556
Small Donations	£1 904	£1 674
Raffle	£606	£626
Refreshments		£214
Online Fundraising	£103	£70
Savings Account Interest	£51	
Sales to choir members	£182	£73

## TOTAL INCOME

£26 876

£28 004

# EXPENDITURE

Professional Fees	£17 522	£16 315
Venue Hire	£3 966	£2 793
Admin/website	£417	£616
Insurance & Making Music Membership	£377	£394
Purchases		£562
Publicity/advertising	£573	£1 197
Miscellaneous	£2 281	£1 676

## TOTAL EXPENDITURE

£25 136

£23 553

Surplus for year	£1 740	£4 451
Loss for year		
Less loss at year start		
Plus surplus at year start	£4 918	£6 658

Surplus/Loss carried forward at year end

£6 658

£11 109

## Examined on behalf of SDS

*S. Daniels*

Sue Daniels  
SDS Treasurer

## Accounts prepared by

*Sheila Townsend*

Sheila Townsend  
SDS Finance Officer

<b>INCOME BREAKDOWN 2024 - 2025</b>					
<b>FEES</b>					
				£10 191 00	SDS
				£1 246 81	REO
				<b>£11 437 81</b>	
<b>GRANTS</b>					
	REGINA	DCC		£500 00	REO & SDS
		DCC		£500 00	SCIENCE CHOIR
		DCC		£500 00	SCIENCE CHOIR
		EX. UNI		£300 00	SCIENCE CHOIR
		TDC		£1 693 25	SDS
				<b>£3 493 25</b>	
<b>TICKET SALES</b>					
	REGINA			£1 448 48	REO & SDS
				£1 752 85	REO
				<b>£3 201 33</b>	
<b>GIFT AID</b>					
				£537 68	REO
				£2 706 23	SDS
				<b>£3 243 91</b>	
<b>SMALL DONATIONS</b>					
	REGINA			£176 35	REO & SDS
				£685 58	SDS
				£169 00	REO
				£643 03	SDS
				<b>£1 673 96</b>	
<b>DONATIONS</b>					
	CANTILENA			£376 34	REO & SDS
	REGINA			£130 00	REO & SDS
				£800 00	REO
		Garden Open Day		£200 00	SDS
		Supporter		£350 00	REO
		DCH		£650 00	SDS
		AS		£50 00	SDS
				<b>£2 556 34</b>	
<b>PUBLICITY</b>					
	Adverts			£442 50	
	Programme sales			£199 00	
				<b>£641 50</b>	

**FUNDS at 31.03.2025**

Treasurer's Account  
Savings Account  
Cash (float)  
Venue deposit (REO)

£2 712 56
£8 196 90
£150 00
£50 00
<b>£11 109 46</b>

SDS choir  
REO  
Science choir  
Float  
Video recording account  
Venue deposit account

£6 335 72
£3 899 74
£424 00
£150 00
£250 00
£50 00
<b>£11 109 46</b>

EXPENSES BREAKDOWN 2024 - 2025		
<b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>		
DCH - Rehearsals - SDS choir	£7 837 00	SDS
DCH - Rehearsals - Science choir	£1 300 00	SDS
DCH - Workshops - TAP	£1 160 00	SDS
DCH - Performances	£1 596 00	SDS
Performers - Regina	£2 022 00	SDS & REO
Performers - Autumn Opera	£1 550 00	REO
Audio recording - GG	£50 00	SDS
Narration - GG	£250 00	SDS
Orchestration/Armada drama - J A-B	£500 00	SDS
Accounts examiner	£50 00	SDS charity
	<b>£16 315 00</b>	
<b>VENUE HIRE</b>		
Rehearsal space	£1 017 00	SDS
Rehearsal space	£760 75	REO
Event hire	£533 25	SDS
Event hire	£482 00	REO
	<b>£2 793 00</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Website & Domain name	£197 97	SDS
Website & Domain name	£155 34	REO
Google docs	£80 00	
DBS - registration & certificate	£101 60	
AI subscription	£64 80	
Zoom	£15 99	
	<b>£615 70</b>	
<b>PURCHASES</b>		
Anker Power Pack	£149 00	
Printer	£412 79	
	<b>£561 79</b>	
<b>PUBLICITY</b>		
Programmes - Regina	£240 00	SDS & REO
Programmes	£391 00	REO
Flyers/posters	£357 90	REO
Flyers/posters	£79 00	SDS
Newspaper advert - Regina	£121 80	SDS & REO
Facebook ads	£7 00	SDS
	<b>£1 196 70</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
<b>Printing</b>		
Granny Galactica scores	£160 00	SDS
Paper/Toner	£585 24	SDS
	<b>£745 24</b>	
<b>Sundry</b>		
Costume hire - Regina	£20 00	SDS & REO
Regina refreshments etc	£157 19	SDS & REO
TEN licences	£63 00	REO
Gifts for raffle, performers etc	£227 75	REO
Event refreshments	£64 00	SDS
	<b>£531 94</b>	
<b>Travel</b>		
DCH - Exeter science choir	£53 00	SDS
Soloists for performance	£345 63	REO
	<b>£398 63</b>	
<b>TOTAL FOR MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>£1 675 61</b>	





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