

## Blackdowns Early Music Projects

Charity Number: 1156177

Report by the Trustees

Year 2024

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2024 was another exciting year for Blackdowns Early Music. Our financial position over the year improved by almost £3,000 after three separate performances.

We were delighted to host the first UK performance by the Basle based Phaedrus; they focussed on the remarkable music of the court of Henry VIII playing on a selection of old renaissance flutes, which proved most rewarding for our enthusiastic audience. We also welcomed a solo performance by Jamie Akers on baroque guitar and lute, a tour de force.

Without a doubt it was the residential choral even “Laudate Dominum” which brought us closer than ever to our ideals of *“advancing the education of the public in the appreciation and practice of early music”*. Alongside Palestrina’s Laudate motet was the most extraordinary musical creation by Orlando Lassus describing the twelve prophecies of Sibyl. Composed before 1600, this was the most progressive and experimental music of the renaissance with new harmonic structures and contrapuntal techniques that influenced later generations. It may well have been the first UK performance of all movements of this strange work.

Once again it was rewarding to share the performance with musicians just emerging from music college, giving colour to performances as well as a rare performing experience to up & coming musicians.

Audiences for each event were good and costs were well controlled. In summary BEMP can look forward with funding over £11,600 in 2025 and beyond.

19th October 2025

Signed by Managing Trustee: Geoffrey Bass

Signed remotely by Trustees: Roger Williams, Malcolm Plastow & Alison Bailly



**BLACKDOWN EARLY MUSIC PROJECT****Profit and loss and Balance Sheet - 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023 £
Turnover	14,171	28,341
Cost of Sales	(11,124)	(22,930)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>5,411</b>
Administrative expenses	(97)	(267)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>5,144</b>
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>2,951</b>	<b>5,144</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	11,726	8,851
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	(75)	(150)
<b>Net Current assets</b>	<b>11,651</b>	<b>8,701</b>
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Capital and reserves	8,701	3,557
Profit and loss account	2,951	5,144
<b>Shareholders funds</b>	<b>11,652</b>	<b>8,701</b>

Signed:  17/9/25

Jane Alagappa  
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