

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1160119**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
THE COMMONWEALTH RESOUNDS**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 10 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the CIO ('objects') are specifically restricted to the following:  
for the advancement of the education of the public in all aspects of music and musicianship in commonwealth countries in particular (but not exclusively) by:-

- a) provision of performances, seminars, projects, masterclasses, discussions and outreach work for musicians.
- b) providing facilities and opportunities to musicians and the public to develop their understanding and appreciation of music in all its aspects.
- c) develop partnerships between artists from different cultural origins and support training programmes for musicians.

The charity confirms that the trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising its powers or duties and in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees believe that the charity's accounts demonstrate that it acts for the public benefit.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The Commonwealth Resounds continued to administer the Play On Fund to support music and make initiatives worldwide, in collaboration with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM). Play On has already made a significant impact by providing financial support to a diverse range of organisations outside of the UK. The Play On fund has generously supported inspiring groups that are making a positive difference in their communities through music.

In collaboration with UK conservatories and specialist music schools, we took several musicians to Antigua and Barbuda in July 2024 to share our musical experiences and support the nurturing of young musical talent on these islands.

We supported the Commonwealth Music Relay project, a musical challenge for all Commonwealth countries. In October 2024, a small group of musicians travelled to Samoa for CHOGM 2024 to witness the final performance of the Commonwealth Music Relay.

Again we have organised musicians for various events funded by the Commonwealth Secretariat, and we also supported the Royal Commonwealth Society and Westminster Abbey by providing musicians for Commonwealth Day 2024. We helped them to prepare their musical programmes and voluntarily assisted them with all logistics for the event.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the year to 10 December 2024 the charity had total income of £48,637 (2023: £85,829) and total expenditure of £46,199 (2023: £65,494) giving net income of £2,438 for the year (2023: £20,335) as shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 3 of the accounts.

At the year end the charity held total funds of £25,589 (2023: £23,151).

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an incorporated charitable organisation (CIO).

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity number**

1160119

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**Principal address**

21 Croxton  
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**Trustees**

A Cox  
M W Wess  
M Coakley

**Independent Examiner**

S Moorey FCCA  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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M Coakley - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH RESOUNDS**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Commonwealth Resounds**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Commonwealth Resounds (the Trust) for the year ended 10 December 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



S Moorey FCCA

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Date: ...15 July 2025...

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	28,620	122	28,742	35,599
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Music		19,895	-	19,895	50,230
<b>Total</b>		<u>48,515</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>48,637</u>	<u>85,829</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Music		46,199	-	46,199	65,494
<b>NET INCOME</b>		2,316	122	2,438	20,335
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		21,941	1,210	23,151	2,816
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>24,257</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>25,589</u>	<u>23,151</u>

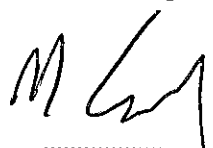
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## BALANCE SHEET 10 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	1,966	-	1,966	188
Cash at bank		23,131	1,332	24,463	23,931
		<u>25,097</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>26,429</u>	<u>24,119</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(840)	-	(840)	(968)
		<u>24,257</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>25,589</u>	<u>23,151</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>24,257</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>25,589</u>	<u>23,151</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>24,257</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>25,589</u>	<u>23,151</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>24,257</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>25,589</u>	<u>23,151</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10				
Unrestricted funds				24,257	21,941
Restricted funds				<u>1,332</u>	<u>1,210</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>25,589</u>	<u>23,151</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
M Coakley - Trustee

## THE COMMONWEALTH RESOUNDS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 December 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations	28,520	117	28,637	34,587
Gift aid	100	5	105	412
Grants	-	-	-	600
	<u>28,620</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>28,742</u>	<u>35,599</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

Activity	2024 £	2023 £
Contributions for travel and related costs for performances Music	<u>19,895</u>	<u>50,230</u>

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Music	<u>20,437</u>	<u>25,762</u>	<u>46,199</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Finance £	Information technology £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Music	<u>389</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>25,066</u>	<u>25,762</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 10 December 2024 nor for the year ended 10 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year M Coakley was paid £2,220 (2023 - £2,220) in respect of legal services provided to the Commonwealth Resounds. He was also reimbursed travel expenses of £51.

During the year A Cox claimed expenses of £719 (2023: £nil) in respect of travel.

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	34,389	1,210	35,599
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Music	<u>50,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,230</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>84,619</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>85,829</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Music	<u>65,194</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>65,494</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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<b>7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued</b>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>NET INCOME</b>	19,425	910	20,335
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	(300)	300	-
	<u>19,125</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>20,335</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>			
	19,125	1,210	20,335
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	2,816	-	2,816
	<u>21,941</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>23,151</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>			
	<u>21,941</u>	<u>1,210</u>	<u>23,151</u>
<b>8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
		2024	2023
		£	£
Other debtors		1,966	188
		<u>1,966</u>	<u>188</u>
<b>9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
		2024	2023
		£	£
Other creditors		840	968
		<u>840</u>	<u>968</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 11.12.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 10.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	6,283	8,725	(751)	14,257
Antigua	-	(1,381)	1,381	-
PlayOn project	15,658	(1,000)	(4,658)	10,000
Commonwealth Music Relay	-	(1,538)	1,538	-
International Peace Conference	-	(249)	249	-
Commonwealth Blue Charter World Ocean Event	-	69	(69)	-
Commonwealth 75	-	(2,310)	2,310	-
	<u>21,941</u>	<u>2,316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,257</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
The Tony Gilbert Fund	860	-	-	860
ALS and Spark for Llife Fundraising Concert	350	122	-	472
	<u>1,210</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,332</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>23,151</u>	<u>2,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,589</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	20,000	(11,275)	8,725
Antigua	14,815	(16,196)	(1,381)
PlayOn project	10,000	(11,000)	(1,000)
Commonwealth Music Relay	2,500	(4,038)	(1,538)
International Peace Conference	400	(649)	(249)
Commonwealth Blue Charter World Ocean Event	800	(731)	69
Commonwealth 75	-	(2,310)	(2,310)
	<u>48,515</u>	<u>(46,199)</u>	<u>2,316</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ALS and Spark for Llife Fundraising Concert	122	-	122
	<u>48,637</u>	<u>(46,199)</u>	<u>2,438</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 11.12.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 10.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(2,286)	16,064	(7,495)	6,283
Dionysus	2,394	(2,394)	-	-
Antigua	238	(5,249)	5,011	-
Jubilee Beacons	2,470	(2,019)	(451)	-
Commonwealth Secretariat	-	(35)	35	-
Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony	-	(750)	750	-
PlayOn project	-	15,658	-	15,658
Commonwealth Music Relay	-	(1,850)	1,850	-
	<u>2,816</u>	<u>19,425</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>21,941</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
The Tony Gilbert Fund	-	860	-	860
ALS and Spark for Life Fundraising Concert	-	50	300	350
	<u>-</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1,210</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,816</u>	<u>20,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,151</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	25,000	(8,936)	16,064
Dionysus	3,350	(5,744)	(2,394)
Antigua	33,303	(38,552)	(5,249)
Jubilee Beacons	-	(2,019)	(2,019)
Commonwealth Secretariat	2,966	(3,001)	(35)
Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony	-	(750)	(750)
PlayOn project	20,000	(4,342)	15,658
Commonwealth Music Relay	-	(1,850)	(1,850)
	<u>84,619</u>	<u>(65,194)</u>	<u>19,425</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
The Tony Gilbert Fund	860	-	860
ALS and Spark for Life Fundraising Concert	350	(300)	50
	<u>1,210</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>910</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>85,829</u></u>	<u><u>(65,494)</u></u>	<u><u>20,335</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 11.12.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 10.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(2,286)	24,789	(8,246)	14,257
Dionysus	2,394	(2,394)	-	-
Antigua	238	(6,630)	6,392	-
Jubilee Beacons	2,470	(2,019)	(451)	-
Commonwealth Secretariat	-	(35)	35	-
Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony	-	(750)	750	-
PlayOn project	-	14,658	(4,658)	10,000
Commonwealth Music Relay	-	(3,388)	3,388	-
International Peace Conference	-	(249)	249	-
Commonwealth Blue Charter World Ocean Event	-	69	(69)	-
Commonwealth 75	-	(2,310)	2,310	-
	<u>2,816</u>	<u>21,741</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>24,257</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
The Tony Gilbert Fund	-	860	-	860
ALS and Spark for Life Fundraising Concert	-	172	300	472
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,032</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>1,332</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,816</u></u>	<u><u>22,773</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>25,589</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	45,000	(20,211)	24,789
Dionysus	3,350	(5,744)	(2,394)
Antigua	48,118	(54,748)	(6,630)
Jubilee Beacons	-	(2,019)	(2,019)
Commonwealth Secretariat	2,966	(3,001)	(35)
Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony	-	(750)	(750)
PlayOn project	30,000	(15,342)	14,658
Commonwealth Music Relay	2,500	(5,888)	(3,388)
International Peace Conference	400	(649)	(249)
Commonwealth Blue Charter World Ocean Event	800	(731)	69
Commonwealth 75	-	(2,310)	(2,310)
	<u>133,134</u>	<u>(111,393)</u>	<u>21,741</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
The Tony Gilbert Fund	860	-	860
ALS and Spark for Life Fundraising Concert	472	(300)	172
	<u>1,332</u>	<u>(300)</u>	<u>1,032</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>134,466</u>	<u>(111,693)</u>	<u>22,773</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 10 December 2024.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	28,520	117	28,637	34,587
Gift aid	100	5	105	412
Grants	-	-	-	600
	<u>28,620</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>28,742</u>	<u>35,599</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Contributions for travel and related costs for performances	19,895	-	19,895	50,230
	<u>48,515</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>48,637</u>	<u>85,829</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Musicians costs	2,310	-	2,310	5,769
Travel	16,247	-	16,247	38,552
Performing fees	1,880	-	1,880	3,751
Flags & badges	-	-	-	385
Concert expenses	-	-	-	1,800
	<u>20,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,437</u>	<u>50,257</u>
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Management</b>				
Insurance	377	-	377	-
Postage and stationery	12	-	12	134
Sundries	-	-	-	300
	<u>389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>434</u>
<b>Finance</b>				
Bank charges	60	-	60	61
<b>Information technology</b>				
Website hosting	247	-	247	-

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Information technology</b>				
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Accountancy and legal fees	858	-	858	780
Bookkeeping	2,220	-	2,220	2,220
Legal & Professional Fees	21,988	-	21,988	11,742
	<u>25,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,066</u>	<u>14,742</u>
Total resources expended	<u>46,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,199</u>	<u>65,494</u>
Net income	<u>2,316</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>2,438</u>	<u>20,335</u>

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