

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1167154

Details

Other names NSN

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-05-17

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ARTS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO STEEL PAN MUSIC, BY PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY; THE TEACHING, PRACTICE, PROMOTION AND PRESENTATION OF CONCERTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF A CHARITABLE NATURE WHICH WILL PROMOTE THIS ART.

Activities: NSN organises regional steel pan activities, including Northern Steel Orchestra.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham
- Gateshead
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,981	£674	-	-
2023-12-31	£6,904	£2,929	-	-
2022-12-31	£4,533	£3,249	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,133	£1,223	-	-
2020-12-31	£1,204	£6,556	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MIKE GILBERG	Chair	2016-03-01
ELLIE McGRADY		2018-07-05
JENNY GILBERG		2016-03-01
JULIE ROBINSON		2016-03-01
KARINA ATKINSON		2016-03-01
LOUISE BRYDON		2018-07-05
LOUISE MORAN		2016-03-01
MICHAEL DARLING		2016-03-01
PAUL FLETCHER		2016-03-01
RACHEL ERICA FARAH		2016-10-17
YASMIN McGRADY		2018-07-05

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2024

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Charity name: Northern Steel Network
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Trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit, including the guidance on fee charging. The charity relies on a mixture of subscriptions, donations, grants, workshop fees and cost recharges to support its activities. The subscription for players in the orchestra (£30 per annum) covers a very small proportion of the orchestra's costs, and trustees consider that this level of subscription is appropriate and does not discourage potential players. Small charges are also made to attend steel pan workshops.

Achievements and Performance

NSN's regular activities came to a halt in March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Restrictions by venues were eased only in September 2022 and NSN resumed its work with the region's steel pan musicians in 2023.

In March 2024, NSN organised a visit to the region by a pan tuner. Unfortunately, because of difficulties matching the availability of national tutors with available weekends locally, and then illness, NSN was unable to organise any workshop weekends during the year. NSN's outreach instruments remained in use in schools throughout 2024.

NSN still has ambitious plans to expand its activities, with an extended Festival of Steelbands and an intention for a re-formed NSO to play at Junior Panorama again. Fortunately, NSN's key funders have agreed to support postponed activities, and NSN is looking forward to putting its plans into practice with a full programme of events.

Disappointingly, no individuals participated in NSN activities during the year, although the outreach instruments were used by a total of 145 players in schools and community groups.

NSN is a member of Making Music and the British Association of Steelbands, has links with North Tyneside VODA and works closely with local steel bands in the North-East.

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2024**

Financial Review

Trustees consider that it is appropriate to hold cash reserves equivalent in value to one year's expenditure, to meet fluctuations in income and expenditure and to provide funds to replace assets as necessary. The total amount of reserves carried forward at the end of the year was £21,768.62, which consisted of £3,002.03 in restricted income funds and £18,766.59 in unrestricted funds. The financial performance during the year was satisfactory. Trustees gratefully acknowledge the donation of £18.20 from Dave Edwards and also the continuing support from The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and the Freemasons of Northumberland, who have agreed to support postponed activities. As a result of this, the charity remains in a strong short-term financial position.

The charity is heavily reliant on income from donations and grants, without which it would be unable to carry out most of its main activities.

Trustees have reviewed the charity's operations and plan to offer as full a range of activities as possible within the constraints of the grant funding available and donations received.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. Gilberg
Chairman and Treasurer
15th October, 2025

M. Darling
Trustee
15th October, 2025

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2024**

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report to the Trustees of Northern Steel Network (Charity No 1167154) (the Charity) on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2024, set out on pages 5 to 8.

As charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities 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 Charities 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities 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.

Signed:

R.G.F. Garrard
22 Northcote Street
South Shields
NE33 4BY
20th October 2025

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2024**

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December, 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOME					
Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	6	18.20	0.00	18.20	4,014.00
Subscriptions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,190.00
Outreach Pans Hire		1,962.50	0.00	1,962.50	1,700.00
Trailer Hire		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>1,980.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,980.70</u>	<u>6,904.00</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Tuition/Supervision		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,173.39
Rehearsals Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performances Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Festival Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	129.52
Arts Award Scheme Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Use of Instruments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Instrument Tuning/Maintenance		294.69	0.00	294.69	-67.96
Trailer Repairs/Maintenance		0.00	0.00	0.00	383.41
Insurance		193.63	0.00	193.63	188.57
Premises		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Promotion		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationery Costs		10.80	0.00	10.80	6.00
Sundry Expenses		174.81	0.00	174.81	115.70
Depreciation	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>673.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>673.93</u>	<u>2,928.63</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,306.77	0.00	1,306.77	3,975.37
TOTAL FUNDS brought forward		17,459.82	3,002.03	20,461.85	16,486.48
TOTAL FUNDS carried forward		<u>18,766.59</u>	<u>3,002.03</u>	<u>21,768.62</u>	<u>20,461.85</u>

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Balance Sheet at 31st December, 2024

	Note	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	7	0.00	0.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments and Accrued Income		2,107.79	887.32
Cash at Bank		19,195.90	19,013.69
Cash in Hand		591.08	594.08
		<u>21,894.77</u>	<u>20,495.09</u>
LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Accruals and Deferred Income		126.15	33.24
		<u>126.15</u>	<u>33.24</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		21,768.62	20,461.85
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>21,768.62</u>	<u>20,461.85</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>21,768.62</u>	<u>20,461.85</u>
Representing:			
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS			
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust Fund		3,002.03	3,002.03
		<u>3,002.03</u>	<u>3,002.03</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Accumulated Fund		18,766.59	17,459.82
		<u>18,766.59</u>	<u>17,459.82</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>21,768.62</u>	<u>20,461.85</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. GILBERG
Chairman and Treasurer
15th October, 2025

M. DARLING
Trustee
15th October, 2025

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2024**

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income is recognised on the date of supply in respect of goods and services supplied and on the date of receipt in respect of donations and grants received. Donated goods, facilities and services are recognised as income on the date of receipt at their fair value. (See note 6.)

Expenditure is recognised on the date that an obligation to make a payment arises.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to financial statements for previous years.

2. Trustee payments

In 2024, the following Trustee provided paid tuition and other services to the charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution:

Jenny Gilberg NIL (2023, £848.75), of which NIL was unpaid at the end of the year.

3. Trustee expenses

In 2024, 4 trustees were reimbursed for travelling and other expenses totalling £92.91 (2023, 2 trustees, £46.25).

4. Fee for examination of the financial statements

For 2024, a gift valued at £11.50 will be provided for the independent examiner (2023, gift, £11.00).

5. Staff

No staff were employed during the period.

6. Donated goods, facilities and services

In 2024, NIL was recognised as income (the free use of premises valued at NIL) (2023, NIL (the free use of premises valued at NIL)).

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

7. Fixed assets

	Instruments £	Trailer £	Total £
COST / ACQUISITION VALUE			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Additions	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Depreciation charge for year	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
Brought forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis at 25% per annum.

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Achievements and Performance

NSN's regular activities came to a halt in March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions. NSN was unable to organise any activities throughout the remainder of 2020 and for most of 2021 and 2022, as it had no access to instruments and venues remained closed or unavailable for use. Even after venues began to reopen in September 2021, NSN was unable to resume most of its regular activities as a result of restrictions by venues. These restrictions were eased in September 2022 and NSN resumed its work with the region's steel pan musicians in 2023.

In March, NSN organised a workshop weekend, giving players of all ages and abilities in North-East bands access to high quality tuition from a leading national tutor. The intensive sessions, spread over two days, were attended by 82 players. In October, NSN organised another successful workshop weekend, this time attended by 108 players. NSN's outreach instruments remained in use in schools throughout 2023.

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Encouragingly, a total of 137 individuals participated in NSN activities during the year.

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Signed:

R.G.F. Garrard
22 Northcote Street
South Shields
NE33 4BY
29th October, 2024

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2023**

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December, 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME					
Grants	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Donations	6	4,014.00	0.00	4,014.00	32.80
Subscriptions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops		1,190.00	0.00	1,190.00	0.00
Outreach Pans Hire		1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00	2,000.00
Trailer Hire		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>6,904.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,904.00</u>	<u>4,532.80</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Tuition/Supervision		1,060.48	1,112.91	2,173.39	0.00
Rehearsals Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performances Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Festival Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops Costs		129.52	0.00	129.52	0.00
Arts Award Scheme Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Use of Instruments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Instrument Tuning/Maintenance		-67.96	0.00	-67.96	443.74
Trailer Repairs/Maintenance		383.41	0.00	383.41	0.00
Insurance		188.57	0.00	188.57	184.60
Premises		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Promotion		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationery		6.00	0.00	6.00	2.20
Grant for NASSO	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Sundry Expenses		115.70	0.00	115.70	117.78
Depreciation	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>1,815.72</u>	<u>1,112.91</u>	<u>2,928.63</u>	<u>3,248.32</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		5,088.28	-1,112.91	3,975.37	1,284.48
TOTAL FUNDS brought forward		12,371.54	4,114.94	16,486.48	15,202.00
TOTAL FUNDS carried forward		<u>17,459.82</u>	<u>3,002.03</u>	<u>20,461.85</u>	<u>16,486.48</u>

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2023**

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 2023

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	8	0.00	0.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments and Accrued Income		887.32	1,056.69
Cash at Bank		19,013.69	15,638.45
Cash in Hand		594.08	619.05
		<u>20,495.09</u>	<u>17,314.19</u>
LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Accruals and Deferred Income		33.24	827.71
		<u>33.24</u>	<u>827.71</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		20,461.85	16,486.48
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		20,461.85	16,486.48
NET ASSETS		20,461.85	16,486.48
Representing:			
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS			
Player Development Fund		0.00	414.94
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust Fund		3,002.03	3,700.00
		<u>3,002.03</u>	<u>4,114.94</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Accumulated Fund		17,459.82	12,371.54
		<u>17,459.82</u>	<u>12,371.54</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		20,461.85	16,486.48

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. GILBERG
Chairman and Treasurer
15th October, 2024

M. DARLING
Trustee
15th October, 2024

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income is recognised on the date of supply in respect of goods and services supplied and on the date of receipt in respect of donations and grants received. Donated goods, facilities and services are recognised as income on the date of receipt at their fair value. (See note 6.)

Expenditure is recognised on the date that an obligation to make a payment arises.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to financial statements for previous years.

2. Trustee payments

In 2023, the following Trustee provided paid tuition and other services to the charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution:

Jenny Gilberg £848.75 (2022, NIL), of which NIL was unpaid at the end of the year.

3. Trustee expenses

In 2023, 2 trustees were reimbursed for travelling and other expenses totalling £46.25 (2022, 2 trustees, £51.47).

4. Fee for examination of the financial statements

For 2023, a gift valued at £11.00 will be provided for the independent examiner (2022, gift, £10.00).

5. Staff

No staff were employed during the period.

6. Donated goods, facilities and services

In 2023, NIL was recognised as income (the free use of premises valued at NIL) (2022, NIL (the free use of premises valued at NIL)).

7. Newcastle All Stars Steel Orchestra

In 2022, the charity acted as an intermediary to facilitate the payment of £2,500.00 by The Gillian Dickinson Charitable Trust to Newcastle All Stars Steel Orchestra. The amount is shown in income as a restricted grant and in expenditure as a grant for NASSO.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

8. Fixed assets

	Instruments	Trailer	Total
	£	£	£
COST / ACQUISITION VALUE			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Additions	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Depreciation charge for year	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
Brought forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis at 25% per annum.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1167154

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NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK

(Charity No 1167154)

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NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2022**

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Northern Steel Network

Registered charity no: 1167154

Address: c/o Mike Gilberg, 23 Chiltern Road, North Shields, NE29 9QG

Names of charity trustees (acting at any time between 1st January, 2022, and 15th October, 2023):

Karina Atkinson
Michael Darling
Louise Drewitt (Secretary)
Kieran Finney (resigned 23rd October, 2022)
Paul Fletcher
Mike Gilberg (Chairman and Treasurer)
Jenny Gilberg
Julie Robinson
Rachel Farah
Louise Brydon
Ellie McGrady
Yasmin McGrady

Musical Director (Northern Steel Orchestra): Jenny Gilberg

Structure, Governance and Management

Description: a 'foundation' charitable incorporated organisation governed by a constitution and managed by trustees, with the first trustees named in the constitution and new trustees appointed by current trustees

Management decisions are taken by a committee of all trustees, which normally meets six times per year.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of objects:

The advancement of education of the public by the encouragement of the arts with particular reference to steel pan music, by particularly but not exclusively: the teaching, practice, promotion and presentation of concerts and other activities of a charitable nature which will promote this art.

Summary of activities:

Northern Steel Network (NSN) was formed as an independent charity on 1st March, 2016, to take on the work of the Steelbands North project of North Tyneside Steelband, with trustees drawn from several steel bands in the region. The charity became registered with the Charity Commission on 17th May, 2016.

NSN does not have a permanent base, and operates in the North of England, mainly in North Tyneside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Northumberland.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2022

Objectives and Activities (continued)

Summary of activities (continued):

Northern Steel Network (NSN) organises regional steel pan activities: Northern Steel Orchestra, an annual Festival of Steelbands, steel pan workshops, co-ordination of steel pan tuning visits and the provision of networking and information. NSN also owns and maintains three sets of instruments for use by schools and education authorities throughout the North of England.

The flagship activity is Northern Steel Orchestra (NSO), which gives talented young steel pan musicians across the Northern region the opportunity to play at an advanced level and have wider performance opportunities, particularly at a national level. NSN promotes its activities via its website, www.northernsteelnetwork.org, and via its facebook pages, Northern Steel Network and Northern Steel Orchestra.

Trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit, including the guidance on fee charging. The charity relies on a mixture of subscriptions, donations, grants, workshop fees and cost recharges to support its activities. The subscription for players in the orchestra (£30 per annum) covers a very small proportion of the orchestra's costs, and trustees consider that this level of subscription is appropriate and does not discourage potential players. Small charges are also made to attend steel pan workshops.

Achievements and Performance

NSN's regular activities came to a halt in March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions. NSN was unable to organise any activities throughout the remainder of 2020 and for most of 2021 and 2022, as it had no access to instruments and venues remained closed or unavailable for use. Even after venues began to reopen in September 2021, NSN was unable to resume most of its regular activities as a result of restrictions by venues. These restrictions were eased in September 2022 and NSN resumed its work with the region's steel pan musicians in 2023.

In February 2022, NSN was pleased to act as an intermediary to facilitate the payment of a grant by The Gillian Dickinson Charitable Foundation to Newcastle All Stars Steel Orchestra, following the theft of its trailer. In December 2022, NSN organised a visit to the region by a pan tuner.

NSN had ambitious plans to expand its activities in 2020, with an extended Festival of Steelbands and an intention for NSO to play at Junior Panorama again. Fortunately, NSN's key funders agreed to support postponed activities, and NSN is looking forward to putting its plans into practice with a full programme of events.

Disappointingly, a total of only 5 individuals participated in NSN activities during the year.

NSN is a member of Making Music and Sound Sense and the British Association of Steelbands, has links with North Tyneside VODA and works closely with local steel bands in the North-East.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2022**

Financial Review

Trustees consider that it is appropriate to hold cash reserves equivalent in value to one year's expenditure, to meet fluctuations in income and expenditure and to provide funds to replace assets as necessary. The total amount of reserves carried forward at the end of the year was £16,486.48, which consisted of £4,114.94 in restricted income funds and £12,371.54 in unrestricted funds. The financial performance during the year was satisfactory, given the continuing lack of activity. In March 2020, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions, the charity became unable to carry out almost all of its normal activities. The charity was able to resume some activities in September 2021, but its main income during 2022 was from the hire of its outreach pans. Trustees gratefully acknowledge the donation of £32.80 from Dave Edwards and also support from the Readman Family Grassroots Fund at the Community Foundation Serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and the Freemasons of Northumberland, who all agreed to support postponed activities. As a result of this, the charity remains in a strong short-term financial position.

The charity is heavily reliant on income from donations and grants, without which it would be unable to carry out most of its main activities.

Trustees have reviewed the charity's operations and plan to offer as full a range of activities as possible within the constraints of the grant funding available and donations received.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. Gilberg
Chairman and Treasurer
15th October, 2023

M. Darling
Trustee
15th October, 2023

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2022**

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report to the Trustees of Northern Steel Network (Charity No 1167154) (the Charity) on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2022, set out on pages 5 to 8.

As charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities 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 Charities 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities 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.

Signed:

R.G.F. Garrard
9 Grampian Close
North Shields
NE29 9EG
19th October, 2023

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2022**

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December, 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME					
Grants	7	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Donations	6	32.80	0.00	32.80	0.00
Subscriptions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outreach Pans Hire		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,133.33
Trailer Hire		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>2,032.80</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>4,532.80</u>	<u>1,133.33</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Tuition/Supervision		0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00
Rehearsals Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performances Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	91.86
Festival Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	21.47
Arts Award Scheme Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Use of Instruments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Instrument Tuning/Maintenance		443.74	0.00	443.74	755.85
Trailer Repairs/Maintenance		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance		184.60	0.00	184.60	180.60
Premises		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Promotion		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationery		2.20	0.00	2.20	2.20
Grant for NASSO	7	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Sundry Expenses		117.78	0.00	117.78	99.62
Depreciation	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<u>748.32</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>3,248.32</u>	<u>1,223.60</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,284.48	0.00	1,284.48	-90.27
TOTAL FUNDS brought forward		11,087.06	4,114.94	15,202.00	15,292.27
TOTAL FUNDS carried forward		<u>12,371.54</u>	<u>4,114.94</u>	<u>16,486.48</u>	<u>15,202.00</u>

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Balance Sheet at 31st December, 2022

	Note	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	8	0.00	0.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments and Accrued Income		1,056.69	771.29
Cash at Bank		15,638.45	13,734.74
Cash in Hand		619.05	833.21
		<u>17,314.19</u>	<u>15,339.24</u>
LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Accruals and Deferred Income		827.71	137.24
		<u>827.71</u>	<u>137.24</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		16,486.48	15,202.00
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>16,486.48</u>	<u>15,202.00</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>16,486.48</u>	<u>15,202.00</u>
Representing:			
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS			
Player Development Fund		414.94	414.94
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust Fund		3,700.00	3,700.00
		<u>4,114.94</u>	<u>4,114.94</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Accumulated Fund		12,371.54	11,087.06
		<u>12,371.54</u>	<u>11,087.06</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>16,486.48</u>	<u>15,202.00</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. GILBERG
Chairman and Treasurer
15th October, 2023

M. DARLING
Trustee
15th October, 2023

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2022**

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income is recognised on the date of supply in respect of goods and services supplied and on the date of receipt in respect of donations and grants received. Donated goods, facilities and services are recognised as income on the date of receipt at their fair value. (See note 6.)

Expenditure is recognised on the date that an obligation to make a payment arises.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to financial statements for previous years.

2. Trustee payments

In 2022, the following Trustee provided paid tuition and other services to the charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution:

Jenny Gilberg NIL (2021, £72.00), of which NIL was unpaid at the end of the year.

3. Trustee expenses

In 2022, 2 trustees were reimbursed for travelling and other expenses totalling £51.47 (2021, 2 trustees, £80.24).

4. Fee for examination of the financial statements

For 2022, a gift valued at £10.00 will be provided for the independent examiner (2021, gift, £10.00).

5. Staff

No staff were employed during the period.

6. Donated goods, facilities and services

In 2022, NIL was recognised as income (the free use of premises valued at NIL) (2021, NIL (the free use of premises valued at NIL)).

7. Newcastle All Stars Steel Orchestra

In 2022, the charity acted as an intermediary to facilitate the payment of £2,500.00 by The Gillian Dickinson Charitable Trust to Newcastle All Stars Steel Orchestra. The amount is shown in income as a restricted grant and in expenditure as a grant for NASSO.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

8. Fixed assets

	Instruments	Trailer	Total
	£	£	£
COST / ACQUISITION VALUE			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Additions	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Depreciation charge for year	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
Brought forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis at 25% per annum.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK

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(Charity No 1167154)

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NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2021

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Northern Steel Network

Registered charity no: 1167154

Address: c/o Mike Gilberg, 23 Chiltern Road, North Shields, NE29 9QG

Names of charity trustees (acting at any time between 1st January, 2021, and 23rd October, 2022):

Karina Atkinson
Michael Darling
Louise Drewitt (Secretary)
Kieran Finney
Paul Fletcher
Mike Gilberg (Chairman and Treasurer)
Jenny Gilberg
Julie Robinson
Rachel Farah
Louise Brydon
Ellie McGrady
Yasmin McGrady

Musical Director (Northern Steel Orchestra): Jenny Gilberg

Structure, Governance and Management

Description: a 'foundation' charitable incorporated organisation governed by a constitution and managed by trustees, with the first trustees named in the constitution and new trustees appointed by current trustees

Management decisions are taken by a committee of all trustees, which normally meets six times per year.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of objects:

The advancement of education of the public by the encouragement of the arts with particular reference to steel pan music, by particularly but not exclusively: the teaching, practice, promotion and presentation of concerts and other activities of a charitable nature which will promote this art.

Summary of activities:

Northern Steel Network (NSN) was formed as an independent charity on 1st March, 2016, to take on the work of the Steelbands North project of North Tyneside Steelband, with trustees drawn from several steel bands in the region. The charity became registered with the Charity Commission on 17th May, 2016.

NSN does not have a permanent base, and operates in the North of England, mainly in North Tyneside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Northumberland.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2021

Objectives and Activities (continued)

Summary of activities (continued):

Northern Steel Network (NSN) organises regional steel pan activities: Northern Steel Orchestra, an annual Festival of Steelbands, steel pan workshops, co-ordination of steel pan tuning visits and the provision of networking and information. NSN also owns and maintains three sets of instruments for use by schools and education authorities throughout the North of England.

The flagship activity is Northern Steel Orchestra (NSO), which gives talented young steel pan musicians across the Northern region the opportunity to play at an advanced level and have wider performance opportunities, particularly at a national level. NSN promotes its activities via its website, www.northernsteelnetwork.org, and via its facebook pages, Northern Steel Network and Northern Steel Orchestra.

Trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit, including the guidance on fee charging. The charity relies on a mixture of subscriptions, donations, grants, workshop fees and cost recharges to support its activities. The subscription for players in the orchestra (£30 per annum) covers a very small proportion of the orchestra's costs, and trustees consider that this level of subscription is appropriate and does not discourage potential players. Small charges are also made to attend steel pan workshops.

Achievements and Performance

NSN's regular activities came to a halt in March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions. NSN was unable to organise any activities throughout the remainder of 2020 and for most of 2021, as it had no access to instruments and venues remained closed or unavailable for use. Even after venues began to reopen in September 2021, NSN was unable to resume most of its regular activities as a result of restrictions by venues.

In October 2021, NSO performed at a charity dinner held by the Freemasons of Northumberland and NSN held taster sessions in association with one of the region's bands. In November 2021, NSN facilitated a visit to the region by a pan tuner.

NSN had ambitious plans to expand its activities in 2020, with an extended Festival of Steelbands and an intention for NSO to play at Junior Panorama again. Fortunately, NSN's key funders have agreed to support postponed activities, and NSN is looking forward to putting its plans into practice with a full programme of events.

Disappointingly, a total of only 17 individuals participated in NSN activities during the year.

NSN is a member of Making Music and Sound Sense and the British Association of Steelbands, has links with North Tyneside VODA and works closely with local steel bands in the North-East.

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2021**

Financial Review

Trustees consider that it is appropriate to hold cash reserves equivalent in value to one year's expenditure, to meet fluctuations in income and expenditure and to provide funds to replace assets as necessary. The total amount of reserves carried forward at the end of the year was £15,202.00, which consisted of £4,114.94 in restricted income funds and £11,087.06 in unrestricted funds. The financial performance during the year was satisfactory, given the unusual circumstances. In March 2020, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions, the charity became unable to carry out almost all of its normal activities. The charity was able to resume some activities in September 2021. During the period of shutdown, core costs only were incurred, with payments covered by a reduced level of income. Trustees gratefully acknowledge support from the Readman Family Grassroots Fund at the Community Foundation Serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and the Freemasons of Northumberland, who have all agreed to support postponed activities. As a result of this, the charity remains in a strong short-term financial position.

The charity is heavily reliant on income from donations and grants, without which it would be unable to carry out most of its main activities.

Trustees have reviewed the charity's operations and plan to offer as full a range of activities as possible within the constraints of the grant funding available and donations received.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. Gilberg
Chairman and Treasurer
23rd October, 2022

M. Darling
Trustee
23rd October, 2022

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2021**

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report to the Trustees of Northern Steel Network (Charity No 1167154) (the Charity) on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2021, set out on pages 5 to 8.

As charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities 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 Charities 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities 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.

Signed:

R.G.F. Garrard
9 Grampian Close
North Shields
NE29 9EG
20th October, 2022

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December, 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME					
Grants		0.00	0.00	0.00	-799.94
Donations	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.60
Subscriptions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops		0.00	0.00	0.00	412.00
Outreach Pans Hire		1,133.33	0.00	1,133.33	1,545.00
Trailer Hire		0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Sundry Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	20.10
		<u>1,133.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,133.33</u>	<u>1,203.76</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Tuition/Supervision		72.00	0.00	72.00	1,059.00
Rehearsals Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performances Costs		91.86	0.00	91.86	0.00
Festival Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops Costs		0.00	21.47	21.47	82.92
Arts Award Scheme Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Use of Instruments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Instrument Tuning/Maintenance		755.85	0.00	755.85	0.00
Trailer Repairs/Maintenance		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance		180.60	0.00	180.60	180.63
Premises		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Promotion		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationery		2.20	0.00	2.20	5.00
Sundry Expenses		99.62	0.00	99.62	186.68
Depreciation	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,041.67
		<u>1,202.13</u>	<u>21.47</u>	<u>1,223.60</u>	<u>6,555.90</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		-68.80	-21.47	-90.27	-5,352.14
TOTAL FUNDS brought forward		11,155.86	4,136.41	15,292.27	20,644.41
TOTAL FUNDS carried forward		<u>11,087.06</u>	<u>4,114.94</u>	<u>15,202.00</u>	<u>15,292.27</u>

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2021**

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 2021

	Note	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	7	0.00	0.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments and Accrued Income		771.29	854.29
Cash at Bank		13,734.74	13,742.01
Cash in Hand		833.21	746.65
		<u>15,339.24</u>	<u>15,342.95</u>
LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Accruals and Deferred Income		137.24	50.68
		<u>137.24</u>	<u>50.68</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		15,202.00	15,292.27
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>15,202.00</u>	<u>15,292.27</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>15,202.00</u>	<u>15,292.27</u>
Representing:			
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS			
Arts Award Scheme Fund		0.00	0.00
Player Development Fund		414.94	436.41
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust Fund		3,700.00	3,700.00
		<u>4,114.94</u>	<u>4,136.41</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Accumulated Fund		11,087.06	11,155.86
		<u>11,087.06</u>	<u>11,155.86</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>15,202.00</u>	<u>15,292.27</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. GILBERG
Chairman and Treasurer
23rd October, 2022

M. DARLING
Trustee
23rd October, 2022

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2021**

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income is recognised on the date of supply in respect of goods and services supplied and on the date of receipt in respect of donations and grants received. Donated goods, facilities and services are recognised as income on the date of receipt at their fair value. (See note 6.)

Expenditure is recognised on the date that an obligation to make a payment arises.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to financial statements for previous years.

2. Trustee payments

In 2021, the following Trustee provided paid tuition and other services to the charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution:

Jenny Gilberg £72.00 (2020, £437.50), of which £72.00 was unpaid at the end of the year.

3. Trustee expenses

In 2021, 2 trustees were reimbursed for travelling and other expenses totalling £80.24 (2020, 1 trustee, £281.22).

4. Fee for examination of the financial statements

For 2021, a gift valued at £10.00 will be provided for the independent examiner (2020, gift, £9.00).

5. Staff

No staff were employed during the period.

6. Donated goods, facilities and services

In 2021, NIL was recognised as income (the free use of premises valued at NIL) (2020, NIL (the free use of premises valued at NIL)).

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

7. Fixed assets

	Instruments	Trailer	Total
	£	£	£
COST / ACQUISITION VALUE			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Additions	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Depreciation charge for year	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
Brought forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis at 25% per annum.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1167154

Accounts

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK

(Charity No 1167154)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2020

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2020**

Reference and Administration Details

Charity name: Northern Steel Network

Registered charity no: 1167154

Address: c/o Mike Gilberg, 23 Chiltern Road, North Shields, NE29 9QG

Names of charity trustees (acting at any time between 1st January, 2020, and 18th October, 2021):

Karina Atkinson
Michael Darling
Louise Drewitt (Secretary)
Kieran Finney
Paul Fletcher
Mike Gilberg (Chairman and Treasurer)
Jenny Gilberg
Julie Robinson
Rachel Farah
Louise Brydon
Ellie McGrady
Yasmin McGrady

Musical Director (Northern Steel Orchestra): Jenny Gilberg

Structure, Governance and Management

Description: a 'foundation' charitable incorporated organisation governed by a constitution and managed by trustees, with the first trustees named in the constitution and new trustees appointed by current trustees

Management decisions are taken by a committee of all trustees, which normally meets six times per year.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of objects:

The advancement of education of the public by the encouragement of the arts with particular reference to steel pan music, by particularly but not exclusively: the teaching, practice, promotion and presentation of concerts and other activities of a charitable nature which will promote this art.

Summary of activities:

Northern Steel Network (NSN) was formed as an independent charity on 1st March, 2016, to take on the work of the Steelbands North project of North Tyneside Steelband, with trustees drawn from several steel bands in the region. The charity became registered with the Charity Commission on 17th May, 2016.

NSN does not have a permanent base, and operates in the North of England, mainly in North Tyneside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Northumberland.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

Summary of activities (continued):

Northern Steel Network (NSN) organises regional steel pan activities: Northern Steel Orchestra, an annual Festival of Steelbands, steel pan workshops, co-ordination of steel pan tuning visits and the provision of networking and information. NSN also owns and maintains three sets of instruments for use by schools and education authorities throughout the North of England.

The flagship activity is Northern Steel Orchestra (NSO), which gives talented young steel pan musicians across the Northern region the opportunity to play at an advanced level and have wider performance opportunities, particularly at a national level. NSN promotes its activities via its website, www.northernsteelnetwork.org, and via its facebook pages, Northern Steel Network and Northern Steel Orchestra.

Trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit, including the guidance on fee charging. The charity relies on a mixture of subscriptions, donations, grants, workshop fees and cost recharges to support its activities. The subscription for players in the orchestra (£30 per annum) covers a very small proportion of the orchestra's costs, and trustees consider that this level of subscription is appropriate and does not discourage potential players. Small charges are also made to attend steel pan workshops.

Achievements and Performance

2020 began normally. In January, NSN organised a well-attended workshop weekend, giving players of all ages and abilities in North-East bands access to high quality tuition from a leading national tutor, including a session for Young Leader development. In February, NSN held taster sessions in association with one of the region's bands.

NSN's regular activities came to a halt in March as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions. NSN has been unable to organise any activities since then up to the date of this report, as it has had no access to instruments and venues have remained closed or unavailable for use.

NSN had ambitious plans to expand its activities in 2020, with an extended Festival of Steelbands and an intention for NSO to play at Junior Panorama again. Fortunately, NSN's key funders have agreed to support the postponed activities during 2022, and NSN is looking forward to putting its plans into practice with a full programme of events.

A total of 89 individuals participated in NSN activities during the year.

NSN is a member of Making Music and Sound Sense and the British Association of Steelbands, has links with North Tyneside VODA and works closely with local steel bands in the North-East.

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2020**

Financial Review

Trustees consider that it is appropriate to hold cash reserves equivalent in value to one year's expenditure, to meet fluctuations in income and expenditure and to provide funds to replace assets as necessary. The total amount of reserves carried forward at the end of the year was £15,292.27, which consisted of £4,136.41 in restricted income funds and £11,155.86 in unrestricted funds. The financial performance during the year was satisfactory, given the unusual circumstances. In March, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions, the charity became unable to carry out almost all of its normal activities. Core costs only have been incurred since then, with payments covered by a reduced level of income. Trustees gratefully acknowledge support from the Readman Family Grassroots Fund at the Community Foundation Serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and the Freemasons of Northumberland, who have all agreed to support postponed activities during 2022. As a result of this, the charity remains in a strong short-term financial position.

Trustees gratefully acknowledge the donation of £11.60 from Dave Edwards. The charity is heavily reliant on income from donations and grants, without which it would be unable to carry out most of its main activities.

Trustees have reviewed the charity's operations and plan to offer as full a range of activities as possible within the constraints of the grant funding available and donations received.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. Gilberg
Chairman and Treasurer
18th October, 2021

M. Darling
Trustee
18th October, 2021

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2020**

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report to the Trustees of Northern Steel Network (Charity No 1167154) (the Charity) on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2020, set out on pages 5 to 8.

As charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities 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 Charities 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities 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.

Signed:

R.G.F. Garrard
9 Grampian Close
North Shields
NE29 9EG
20th October, 2021

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December, 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOME					
Grants		0.00	-799.94	-799.94	3,700.00
Donations	6	11.60	0.00	11.60	3,637.20
Subscriptions		0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Workshops		412.00	0.00	412.00	314.00
Outreach Pans Hire		1,545.00	0.00	1,545.00	3,000.00
Trailer Hire		15.00	0.00	15.00	75.00
Sundry Income		20.10	0.00	20.10	657.76
		<u>2,003.70</u>	<u>-799.94</u>	<u>1,203.76</u>	<u>12,133.96</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Tuition/Supervision		0.00	1,059.00	1,059.00	3,970.70
Rehearsals Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	325.02
Performances Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,319.96
Festival Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	428.88
Workshops Costs		0.00	82.92	82.92	131.97
Arts Award Scheme Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Use of Instruments		0.00	0.00	0.00	379.63
Instrument Tuning/Maintenance		0.00	0.00	0.00	471.22
Trailer Repairs/Maintenance		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance		180.63	0.00	180.63	180.57
Premises		0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Promotion		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationery		5.00	0.00	5.00	29.00
Sundry Expenses		186.68	0.00	186.68	392.33
Depreciation	7	5,041.67	0.00	5,041.67	5,250.00
		<u>5,413.98</u>	<u>1,141.92</u>	<u>6,555.90</u>	<u>13,379.28</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		-3,410.28	-1,941.86	-5,352.14	-1,245.32
TOTAL FUNDS brought forward		14,566.14	6,078.27	20,644.41	21,889.73
TOTAL FUNDS carried forward		<u>11,155.86</u>	<u>4,136.41</u>	<u>15,292.27</u>	<u>20,644.41</u>

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

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Balance Sheet at 31st December, 2020

	Note	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	7	0.00	5,041.67
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments and Accrued Income		854.29	1,844.97
Cash at Bank		13,742.01	13,799.77
Cash in Hand		746.65	570.47
		<u>15,342.95</u>	<u>16,215.21</u>
LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Accruals and Deferred Income		50.68	612.47
		<u>50.68</u>	<u>612.47</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		15,292.27	15,602.74
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>15,292.27</u>	<u>20,644.41</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>15,292.27</u>	<u>20,644.41</u>
Representing:			
RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS			
Arts Award Scheme Fund		0.00	799.94
Player Development Fund		436.41	1,578.33
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust Fund		3,700.00	3,700.00
		<u>4,136.41</u>	<u>6,078.27</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Accumulated Fund		11,155.86	14,566.14
		<u>11,155.86</u>	<u>14,566.14</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>15,292.27</u>	<u>20,644.41</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

I.M. GILBERG
Chairman and Treasurer
18th October, 2021

M. DARLING
Trustee
18th October, 2021

NORTHERN STEEL NETWORK (Charity No 1167154)

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Expenditure is recognised on the date that an obligation to make a payment arises.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to financial statements for previous years.

2. Trustee payments

In 2020, the following Trustee provided paid tuition and other services to the charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution:

Jenny Gilberg £437.50 (2019, £3,205.75), of which NIL was unpaid at the end of the year.

3. Trustee expenses

In 2020, 1 trustee was reimbursed for travelling expenses totalling £281.22 (2019, 3 trustees, £219.91).

4. Fee for examination of the financial statements

For 2020, a gift valued at £9.00 will be provided for the independent examiner (2019, gift, £10.00).

5. Staff

No staff were employed during the period.

6. Donated goods, facilities and services

In 2020, NIL was recognised as income (the free use of premises valued at NIL) (2019, £500.00 (the free use of premises valued at £500.00)).

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

7. Fixed assets

	Instruments	Trailer	Total
	£	£	£
COST / ACQUISITION VALUE			
Balance brought forward	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
Additions	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION			
Balance brought forward	15,000.00	958.33	15,958.33
Depreciation charge for year	5,000.00	41.67	5,041.67
(Disposals)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>21,000.00</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
Brought forward	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>41.67</u>	<u>5,041.67</u>
Carried forward	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis at 25% per annum.