

The Philharmonia Orchestra in Bedford Trust

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the Year Ending 31 March 2025

Charity Registration No: 1170495

The Philharmonia Orchestra in Bedford Trust

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of The Philharmonia Orchestra in Bedford Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Registration number: 1170495

Constitution: The Philharmonia Orchestra in Bedford Trust is a registered Charity governed by the Declaration of Trust dated 7th April 2016.

Registered Office: The Harpur Trust
Princeton Court
Pilgrim Centre
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Bedford
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Bankers: NatWest Bank plc
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Independent Examiner: MHA
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Trustees:	Henry Vann	Chairman	
	Ivan Flack	Trustee	
	Sarah-Jayne Gallagher	Trustee	Appointed 10/05/2024
	Ting Kuei	Trustee	Appointed 30/03/2025
	Georgina Murphy-Clifford	Trustee	
	David Steadman	Trustee	
	David Russell	Trustee	Resigned 14/02/2025
	Stuart Renshaw	Trustee	Resigned 27/09/2024

Investment Manager: Sarasin & Partners LLP
Juxon House
100 St Paul's Churchyard
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Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are the advancement of the education of the public in the Borough of Bedford (the "Borough") through the promotion and support of the art of music, in particular (but without limitation) by the promotion and support of the following;

- The residence of the Philharmonia in the Borough,
- Such other free of charge educational activities as may be carried out by Philharmonia in the Borough from time to time; and
- Such other activities as the Trustees consider will advance the education of the public in the Borough through the promotion and support of the art of music.

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

When reviewing the charity's objectives and activities set out above, the Trustees have referred to the charity commission general guidance on public benefit and complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

The charity is working towards its next target of £2m of endowment funds.

Investment Policy

The Trustees' objective is to invest the Trust's assets in order to maximise the total return whilst balancing risk through a diversified assets portfolio. It is the objective of the fund to both return the value of the fund to its original capital value and to generate sufficient income to support the orchestra in its activities in Bedford.

The Trustees have delegated the management of the Trust's investments to The Harpur Trust, which in turn has delegated the day to day management to an investment manager, Sarasin & Partners.

Under the terms of the governing document, there are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest.

Grant Making

A grant of £26,000 was awarded to the Philharmonia Orchestra towards concerts being held in Bedford (2024: £27,344).

Financial Review

The financial statements cover all the activities of the charity during the year. Gross income totalled £36,848 (2024: £35,963) and there was a surplus in the period of £21,272 (2024: surplus £92,804).

At the period end total reserves were £1,123,980 (2024: £1,102,708) of which a surplus of £1,120,036 (2024: £1,107,572) were Endowment funds and a surplus of £3,944 (2024: deficit of £4,864) of Unrestricted funds. The deficit on Unrestricted funds will be replenished from future income generated by the Endowment funds.

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Reserves policy and Risk Management

It is the Trustees' intention to reserve a balance of income generated from the Endowment Fund to enable them to provide an annual grant to support related activities.

Risks associated with fundraising are being met with an income strategy focussed on legacy giving. Negative impacts are anticipated on investment returns related to slowing global growth and the prospect of further monetary easing (per the charity's fund managers).

Plans for the future

The bulk of funds are held in a diversified assets portfolio, managed by our Investment Managers, Sarasin & Partners. Income from these investments enables the Trust to promote and support the art of music in the Borough of Bedford via the activities of Philharmonia Limited, by the provision of grants in line with the Philharmonia's mission to create the orchestral experience of the future in Bedford.

Plans for the future will be kept under review by the Trustees. Risks associated with income generation outlined above make it difficult to forecast, and a legacy fundraising strategy is under discussion by the Trustees and Philharmonia Ltd.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity (Number 1170495) and was established under a Trust Deed dated 7th April 2016.

Policy for the induction and training of trustees

New Board members receive a formal induction session from the existing Trustees. In addition, additional external Trustee training and guidance is provided dependent on the experience and skills of the new Trustees.

Related parties

The Harpur Trust, Bedford Council and Philharmonia Limited are considered related parties.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Trustees have delegated the accounting function to Philharmonia Limited. Philharmonia Limited, The Harpur Trust and Bedford Council are entitled to nominate in writing one individual for appointment as a Trustee from time to time.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The range of skills and experience of the Board is kept under review and new appointments are recommended in order to ensure the Board has and maintains a full range of expertise.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Henry Vann

Chairman

Date: 26/01/2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PHILHARMONIA IN BEDFORD TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 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.



Rachel Doyle

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Date: 26/1/2026

MHA is the trading name of MHA Audit Services LLP, a limited liability partnership in England and Wales (registered number OC455542).

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
		Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations	1	-	40	40	-	40	40
Investment income	2	36,808	-	36,808	35,923	-	35,923
Total		36,808	40	36,848	35,923	40	35,963
Expenditure on:							
Grants made	3	26,000	-	26,000	27,344	-	27,344
Bank charges		-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit & Accountancy fees		2,000	-	2,000	1,500	-	1,500
Other Expenditure		-	-	-	248	-	248
Total Expenditure		28,000	-	28,000	29,092	-	29,092
		8,808	40	8,848,	6,831	40	6,871
Other recognised Gains/(Losses):							
Gain/(Loss) on investment assets	4	-	12,424	12,424	-	85,933	85,933
Net income / (expenditure)		8,808	12,464	21,272	6,831	85,973	92,804
Total funds brought forward		(4,864)	1,107,572	1,102,708	(11,695)	1,021,599	1,009,904
Total funds carried forward	9	3,944	1,120,036	1,123,980	(4,864)	1,107,572	1,102,708

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Investments	4	1,196,735	1,166,502
Cash at bank		251	7,214
Debtors		-	-
Current Assets		<u>251</u>	<u>7,214</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5	(73,006)	(71,008)
Net Current Assets		<u>(72,755)</u>	<u>(63,794)</u>
Net Assets		<u>1,123,980</u>	<u>1,102,708</u>
Reserves			
Unrestricted Fund		3,944	(4,864)
Trust Endowment Fund		1,120,036	1,107,572
Total Funds		<u>1,123,980</u>	<u>1,102,708</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 26/01/2026.



Henry Vann

Chairman

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

GOING CONCERN

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

INCOME

Voluntary income, including donations, gifts and legacies, as well as grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income earned through interest or investments is recognised in the period it is received.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised when a liability has been incurred and on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised in the period in which the liability is incurred.

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are donations or other income, receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Permanent Endowment funds are funds that generally cannot be spent under the terms of the grant awards from The Harpur Trust, Bedford Council and the Arts Council. Any income arising from these funds will form part of Unrestricted funds whilst movements in the market value of investments held will form part of the Permanent Endowment funds. Expenditure incurred in support of the charitable activities of the Trust is set against the unrestricted funds with the intention that the unrestricted funds will be built up to their original level from income raised by the investing of the Permanent Endowment funds.

DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount.

CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity only has basic financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are revalued at open market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2025

1 DONATIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sundry donations and Gift Aid	40	40
	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>

2 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	127	110
Management fee rebate	4,684	4,215
Income from investment	31,997	31,598
	<u>36,808</u>	<u>35,923</u>

3 GRANTS AWARDED

A grant of £26,000 was awarded to the Philharmonia Orchestra to support the work undertaken in Bedford by the Orchestra in 2024 (2024: £27,344).

4 INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance brought forward 1 April 2024	1,166,502	1,071,971
Additions to investments at cost	34,809	31,598
Sale of shares	(17,000)	(23,000)
Net gain on revaluation (based on open market valuation at year end)	12,424	85,933
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,196,735</u>	<u>1,166,502</u>

5 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	1,500
Amount payable to Philharmonia Limited	70,798	67,298
Accruals and deferred income	2,008	2,210
	<u>73,006</u>	<u>71,008</u>

6 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Trustees.

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7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	1,500	1,500
Under Accrual from previous year	500	-
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>

8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trustees have delegated the management of the Trust's investments to The Harpur Trust, which in turn has delegated the day to day management to an investment manager, Sarasin & Partners.

At the year end the charity owed Philharmonia LTD £70,798 (2024: £67,298). The amount is interest free and repayable on demand.

9 EMPLOYEES

During the year, the average number of employees was Nil. (2024 : Nil)

10 FUNDS

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & Losses £	At 31 March 2025 £
Endowment Funds	1,107,572	40	-	12,424	1,120,036
Unrestricted Funds	(4,864)	36,808	(28,000)	-	3,944
Total Funds	<u>1,102,708</u>	<u>36,848</u>	<u>(28,000)</u>	<u>12,423</u>	<u>1,123,980</u>

Unrestricted Funds will be replenished from future income generated from the Endowment funds.

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ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN 11 FUNDS

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total	Unrestricted	Endowment	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	76,699	1,120,036	1,196,735	58,930	1,107,572	1,166,502
Current assets	251	-	251	7,214	-	7,214
Current liabilities	(72,506)	-	(72,506)	(71,008)	-	(71,008)
	4,444	1,120,036	1,124,480	(4,864)	1,107,572	1,102,708