

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1171644

Details

Other names NATURAL VOICE PRACTITIONER'S NETWORK

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-02-16

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ART OF NATURAL VOICE SINGING WITH THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRACTICE OF NATURAL VOICE AND COMMUNITY SONG, AND IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTITIONERS.

Activities: The Natural Voice Network is a network of people who work with voice and song, and who believe that singing is everyone's birthright, regardless of musical experience or ability.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£102,466	£90,625	-	-
2024-07-31	£80,031	£80,881	-	-
2023-07-31	£72,992	£82,044	-	-
2022-07-31	£41,106	£52,682	-	-
2021-07-31	£38,847	£31,666	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adelaide Carlow		2026-01-17
Denise Dobson		2026-02-09
Hanna Lawrence		2025-01-11
Kirsty Abraham		2025-02-07
Penny Stone		2025-08-18
Rebecca Denniff		2024-05-19
Ryan O'Riordan		2024-05-19
Susan Rushforth		2025-02-10
Teresa Verney		2025-01-11

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Accounts

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025
FOR
NATURAL VOICE NETWORK**

Clifton-Crick Sharp & Co. Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025. 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 charity, as stated in its governing document, are the advancement of the art of natural voice singing with the public through the maintenance, development and improvement of the practice of natural voice and community song, and in particular the development of practitioners.

These objectives are achieved by:

- > Providing opportunities for practitioners to share information, ideas, materials, skills and experiences organising and supporting training events and conferences
- > Publicising and promoting the work of the organisation and the activities of singing practitioners and choirs.
- > Seeking funding and acquiring resources to support the work of the charity and its members promoting and developing good practice and high standards in the field of natural voice and community song, by encouraging members to undertake training and continuing professional development
- > Producing publications which are a resource for practitioners and choirs

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The following is a summary of the achievements and performance through the year:

- > Co-opted several new trustees onto the Board including Treasurer and have maintained a stable Trustee Board following a period of instability in the previous year
- > Supporting the 800+ members to find training and support locally to them, using a monthly email that highlights all the training opportunities offered by members
- > Promoting natural voice singing by maintaining a regular newsletter including all the opportunities for singing, nationally and internationally
- > Arranging an in-person Annual Gathering of 150 NVN practitioners, offering the opportunity for networking, CPD through workshops, and resource sharing
- > Arranging regular online workshops on a variety of themes including: Disrupting Whiteness, Singing and Menopause, Inclusivity Training, Singing and Mindfulness, Singer-Centred Leading: prioritising singer needs and accessibility, Drumming for Community Singing and Postcards from the Colonies: community singing in Aotearoa (New Zealand)
- > Maintaining the NVN website which highlights the work of the Network, enables members and nonmembers to find song leaders and singing groups in their area, and enables members to find resources for their professional development through the collections of articles, research reports, toolkits, blogs, podcasts, and other resources
- > Re-establishing the suspended Facebook page (members-only discussion forum) with new set of codes and allocating moderators to oversee smooth running of the Facebook page so that resources and knowledge can be shared and good practice disseminated
- > Completed 2 successful rounds of ARCH Levy fund awards
- > Using the Anti-Racism and Cultural Honouring (ARCH) levy to support the attendance of 3 Persons of the Global Majority at the 2025 Annual Gathering
- > Supporting the Black Lives Matter Commissioning project by receiving the payments for the songs created and sold through Choir Community and passing these on to the composers, worldwide
- > Reviewing the financial state of NVN and maintaining a rolling 12 month budget forecast to monitor income and expenditure, ensuring stability in NVN funds
- > Setting up Working Groups from members of the Trustee Board which are project specific and report progress updates to every meeting of Trustee Board
- > Continued focus on developing IDEA policy via the IDEA Working Group and branching out to include more support for protected characteristics
- > Undertaking a review of our policy and guidance documents - work which is ongoing with the setting up of a Document Review Working Group
- > Introducing a new Induction process for trustees to include training, advice and guidance

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding source of the charity is membership subscriptions.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to hold a level of reserves to continue its activities by covering operational costs and emergency expenditure, to manage cash flow and mitigate any downturn in income. The charity is also obliged to pay advance deposits on venues for events and if an event did not take place, the charity might forfeit the deposits and be liable for other associated costs. The trustees have agreed that the charity's bank account should not fall below a figure representing 50% of annual membership income. The trustees consider the current level of general reserves is necessary and appropriate taking into account continuing commitments.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

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The charity's principal address is 10 St. Albans Road, Sheffield, S10 4DP

The charity is managed by trustees appointed at a general meeting by the members. Additional trustees may be co-opted by existing trustees, but must be confirmed in office by members at the subsequent AGM. The constitution limits the term of individual trustees to periods of four consecutive years. At each AGM one third of the trustees retire by rotation but are eligible for re-appointment if not at the end of their term. The trustees meet several times a year in person or by video call.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1171644

Principal address

10 St Albans Road
Sheffield
S10 4DP

Trustees

M Awen (resigned 11.1.25)
C Clay (resigned 11.1.25)
R Denniff
S Harman (resigned 11.1.25)
U McCann
R O'Riordan
A Small (resigned 11.1.25)
S Wilde (resigned 11.1.25)
A Leinhos (appointed 18.2.25)
H Lawrence (appointed 11.1.25)
K Abraham (appointed 7.2.25)
S Rushforth (appointed 10.2.25)
T Verney (appointed 11.1.25)
T Vella Burrows (appointed 18.2.25) (resigned 2.7.25)
L Moyo (resigned 19.8.24)

Independent Examiner

Carol Draper
Clifton-Crick Sharp & Co. Ltd
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NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
S Rushforth - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Natural Voice Network

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Natural Voice Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 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.

Carol Draper
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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10 December 2025

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	42,531	-	42,531	32,141
Charitable activities					
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring	4	-	4,748	4,748	3,550
Other trading activities	3	55,187	-	55,187	44,340
Total		<u>97,718</u>	<u>4,748</u>	<u>102,466</u>	<u>80,031</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring		(576)	5,870	5,294	1,740
General		24,326	-	24,326	47,291
General Charitable Activities		16,021	-	16,021	31,850
Annual gathering		44,873	-	44,873	-
Publications		111	-	111	-
Total		<u>84,755</u>	<u>5,870</u>	<u>90,625</u>	<u>80,881</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		12,963	(1,122)	11,841	(850)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		18,851	3,441	22,292	23,142
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>31,814</u></u>	<u><u>2,319</u></u>	<u><u>34,133</u></u>	<u><u>22,292</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	7	2,258	-	2,258	2,258
Debtors	8	641	-	641	23,449
Cash at bank		47,591	2,319	49,910	17,725
		<u>50,490</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>52,809</u>	<u>43,432</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(18,676)	-	(18,676)	(21,140)
		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)					
		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
FUNDS					
	10				
Unrestricted funds				31,814	18,851
Restricted funds				2,319	3,441
				<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>

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

.....
Trustee

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gifts	(1)	-
Donations	10	161
Membership subscriptions	42,394	31,827
E-mail services	128	153
	<u>42,531</u>	<u>32,141</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	53,016	41,832
Publications	2,171	2,508
	<u>55,187</u>	<u>44,340</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Activity		
Anti Racism and Cultural Honouring	4,748	3,550
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring	<u>4,748</u>	<u>3,550</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

2025	2024
£	£
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Trustees' expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	724	1,309
	<u>724</u>	<u>1,309</u>

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	32,141	-	32,141
Charitable activities			
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring	-	3,550	3,550
Other trading activities	44,340	-	44,340
Total	<u>76,481</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>80,031</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring	-	1,740	1,740
General	47,291	-	47,291
General Charitable Activities	31,850	-	31,850
Total	<u>79,141</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>80,881</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,660)	1,810	(850)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	21,511	1,631	23,142
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>18,851</u>	<u>3,441</u>	<u>22,292</u>

7. STOCKS

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	<u>2,258</u>	<u>2,258</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	<u>641</u>	<u>23,449</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1	-
Other creditors	<u>18,675</u>	<u>21,140</u>
	<u>18,676</u>	<u>21,140</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,851	12,963	31,814
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	3,441	(1,122)	2,319
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,292</u>	<u>11,841</u>	<u>34,133</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	97,718	(84,755)	12,963
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	4,748	(5,870)	(1,122)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>102,466</u>	<u>(90,625)</u>	<u>11,841</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,511	(2,660)	18,851
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	1,631	1,810	3,441
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>23,142</u>	<u>(850)</u>	<u>22,292</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	76,481	(79,141)	(2,660)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	3,550	(1,740)	1,810
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>80,031</u>	<u>(80,881)</u>	<u>(850)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,511	10,303	31,814
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	1,631	688	2,319
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>23,142</u>	<u>10,991</u>	<u>34,133</u>

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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	174,199	(163,896)	10,303
Restricted funds			
Restricted Fund	8,298	(7,610)	688
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>182,497</u>	<u>(171,506)</u>	<u>10,991</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2025.

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	(1)	-
Donations	10	161
Membership subscriptions	42,394	31,827
E-mail services	128	153
	<u>42,531</u>	<u>32,141</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	53,016	41,832
Publications	2,171	2,508
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Charitable activities		
Anti Racism and Cultural Honouring	4,748	3,550
	<u>4,748</u>	<u>3,550</u>
Total incoming resources	102,466	80,031
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' expenses	724	1,309
General charitable activities	38,121	30,541
Events	44,873	43,428
Publications	100	1,015
Workshops	-	1,848
Event bursaries including annual gathering	1,000	1,000
ARCH grants including annual gathering	5,807	1,740
	<u>90,625</u>	<u>80,881</u>
Total resources expended	<u>90,625</u>	<u>80,881</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>11,841</u>	<u>(850)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171644

Accounts

Natural Voice Network
Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered charity 1171644

Trustees annual report and
Financial statements for the year ended
31 July 2024

Natural Voice Network CIO

Annual report of the trustees for the year ended 31 July 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with financial statements for the period under review. The trustees have adopted Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The attached financial statements cover the year ended 31 July 2024.

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- producing publications which are a resource for practitioners and choirs

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and performance

- Supporting the 700+ members to find training and support locally to them, using a monthly email that highlights all the training opportunities offered by members
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- created and sold through Choir Community and passing these on to the composers, worldwide
- Reviewing the financial state of NVN and starting to move to an automated accounting process
- Identifying the need for a review of our policy and guidance documents
- In January 2024, the Trustee Board cancelled the process for the election of new Trustees, in breach of the NVN Constitution. Subsequently, the membership was made aware of difficulties within the Trustee Board which affected functionality and led to the resignation of some Trustees
- Following requests from the membership, a General Meeting was held on 19.5.24 and a new Interim Trustee Board (ITB) appointed to take over until the election of a new Trustee Board in January 2025. All remaining Trustees resigned. The ITB included four members who had previous experience on the Trustee Board, or the previous Executive Committee, and two members with experience of being a Charity Trustee with other organisations
- The new Trustees immediately instituted working principles and procedures for themselves, began a review of recent events for the membership, and undertook a fundamental appraisal of procedures to ensure a solid foundation for the new Trustee Board

Financial review

The principal funding source of the charity is membership subscriptions.

A summary of the charity's financial transactions during the year is as follows:

22-23		23-24
£		£
72992	Incoming resources	80031
82044	Resources expended	80881
<u>£ (9052)</u>	Net (deficit)	<u>£ (850)</u>
32194	Balance at start of year	23142
<u>£ 23142</u>	Balance at end of year	<u>£ 22292</u>
674	Membership at start of year	667
667	Membership at end of year	744

Full financial statements are attached.

Reserves

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Trustees who served during the during the year under review were:

	Co-opted	Appointed	Stood down
Jessica Baker		09.01.21	20.03.24
Tembre de Carteret		14.01.23	19.05.24
James Dawes-Hughes		09.01.22	11.01.24
Siobhan Donnelly		09.01.22	10.05.24
Lisa Doscher	30.09.22	14.01.23	20.03.24
Satnam Galsian		09.01.22	27.11.23
Rose Hodgson		14.01.23	19.05.24
Neal Jolly (treasurer)	08.06.22	14.01.23	19.05.24
Roxane Smith		11.01.20	13.01.24
Kate Valentine		14.01.23	19.05.24
Omolara Awen		19.05.24	
Clara Clay		19.05.24	
Rebecca Denniff		19.05.24	
Aaron Evans		19.05.24	21.05.24
Sarah Harman		19.05.24	
Una McCann		19.05.24	
Lucky Moyo		19.05.24	19.08.24
Ryan O'Riordan (treasurer)		19.05.24	
Andrea Small		19.05.24	
Sorrel Wilde		19.05.24	

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given to trustees. Details of expenses reimbursed are disclosed in Note 4b of the financial statements.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report. Signed on behalf of the Interim Trustee Board

Ryan O'Riordan
Trustee

Date: 3 December 2024

Natural Voice Network CIO
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended
31 July 2024

22-23			note
£		£	
	Incoming resources		
	Charitable activities:		
30123	Membership subscriptions	31980	1
37478	Events	41332	2
2146	Publications	2508	3
60	Workshops	500	
3185	ARCH levy	3550	5
	Donations	161	
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£ 72992		£ 80031	
-----		-----	
	Resources expended		
	Charitable activities:		
31782	General charitable activities	31850	4
43363	Events	43428	2
1036	Publications	1015	3
500	Workshops	1848	
1774	Event bursaries including annual gathering	1000	
3589	ARCH grants including annual gathering	1740	5
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£ 82044		£ 80881	
-----		-----	
£ (9052)	Net movement in funds (deficit)	£ (850)	
32194	Balance at 1 August 2023	23142	
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£ 23142	Balance at 31 July 2024	£ 22292	
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Natural Voice Network CIO
Balance sheet
31 July 2024

22-23

	£	£		£	£	note
Current assets						
	1644		Stocks		2258	
	3396		Debtors & prepayments		23449	6
	36313		Cash at bank		17725	
	-----				-----	
	41353				43432	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year						
		17322	Amounts received in advance	20408		7
		888	Creditors & accruals	732		
	18210	-----		-----	21140	
	-----				-----	
	£ 23143		Total net assets		£ 22292	
	-----				-----	
Funds of the charity						
	1631		Restricted funds		3441	5
	21511		Unrestricted funds		18851	
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	£ 23142				£ 22292	
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Approved by the trustees on 27 November 2024

Signed on their behalf by

Ryan O’Riordan

Trustee/Treasurer

Natural Voice Network CIO
Notes to Accounts
for the year ended
31 July 2024

22-23

1 Membership income

Number of members:

31 July 2022	674
31 July 2023	667
31 July 2024	744

	£	£		£	£
	29962		Membership subscriptions		31827
	161		E-mail services		153
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	£ 30123				£ 31980
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Subscriptions are allocated to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 7).

2 Events

Annual gathering

			Fees received from participants (including bursaries)		41332
			<i>Less: expenses:</i>		
	37478		Venue hire	34639	
		31383	Event organiser	3004	
		4313	Organising committee accommodation	1080	
		834	Tutor fees, travel & accommodation	656	
		2251	Recording, videography, streaming	900	
		1710	Sundry expenses and office costs	311	
		335	Payment processing fees	774	
		707			
	41533	-----		-----	41364
	-----				-----
	£ (4055)		Operating deficit for year		£ (32)
			<i>Additional expenditure:</i>		
		1560	Administration charge	1640	
		270	Accommodation for administrator	270	
	1830	-----		-----	1910
	-----				-----
	£ (5885)		Deficit after additional expenditure		£ (1942)
	-----				-----
			<i>Yorkshire Regional Day expenditure</i>		154

			<i>Total</i>		
	37478		Income		41332
	43363		Expenditure		43428
	-----				-----
	£ (5885)		Deficit for year		£ (2096)
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Natural Voice Network CIO
Notes to Accounts
for the year ended
31 July 2024

	22-23		
£	£		£
		3 Publications	
		<i>To Grace the Earth</i>	
690		Sales	940
		<i>Less : expenditure</i>	
14		Payment processing fees	20
£ 676		Surplus for year	£ 920
		<i>This Room Sings</i>	
1456		Sales	1568
		<i>Less : expenditure</i>	
	659	Production costs	721
	168	Administration charge	183
	169	Postage and packing	73
	26	Payment processing fees	18
1022			995
£ 434		Surplus for year	£ 573
		Total	
2146		Income	2508
1036		Expenditure	1015
£ 1110		Surplus for year	£ 1493
		4a Resources expended on general charitable activities	
8764		Contractor costs: administration	9483
2317		Contractor costs: bookkeeping	3621
302		General travel and related expenses	162
1946		Trustees' expenses (see note below)	1309
2430		Accommodation for trustees at annual gathering	2430
1791		Trustee training	0
		Mediation and legal fees	1608
428		Room hire	0
7503		Members' insurance scheme	8116
168		Website management & hosting	2040
2948		Website development	150
225		Office costs	239
625		Independent accounts examination	675
1017		Payment processing fees	848
835		Software costs	887
83		Subscriptions	82
400		Consultancy fees – ARCH levy	200
£ 31782			£ 31850

Natural Voice Network CIO
Notes to Accounts
for the year ended
31 July 2024

	22-23						
£	£			£			£

4b Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties: travel based on a mileage rate of 45ppm or fares incurred, other expenses based on invoices produced.

	1088	Travel		904			
	444	Subsistence		405			
	414	Accommodation		0			
1946							1309

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given. Attendance at a the annual gathering (accommodation cost £2430) is provided to enable attendance at the AGM and associated trustees meeting and facilitate interaction with members.

5 Restricted Funds

Anti Racism & Cultural Honouring

	2035	Balance brought forward					1631
	3185	Membership levy					3550
	(3589)	Less: grants made					(1740)
£ 1631		Balance carried forward					£ 3441

6 Debtors and prepayments

	2993	Annual gathering					20250
		Insurance					2843
	403	Subscriptions					356
£ 3396							£ 23449

Advance payment was made in respect of the Annual Gathering to be held in January 2025, which could be considered a material risk. At the date of accounts approval, the trustees are not aware of any realised risk.

7 Amounts received in advance

£ 17322		Membership subscriptions allocated to subsequent year					£ 20408

Natural Voice Network CIO
Accounting policies
Year ended 31 July 2024

Summary of significant accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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 2015 as updated through Update Bulletin 1, published on 2 February 2016, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP).

The charity does not include a cash flow statement as it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies are consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised or allocated by the charity for particular purposes.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Membership subscriptions are apportioned to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 6).

In line with SORP (FRS 102) no amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time.

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where deposits are paid for services to be delivered after the year end, and at the time of accounts preparation have been delivered or there is reasonable expectation that the services will be delivered, these are allocated to the subsequent year and are therefore included as prepayments (note 5).

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional to performance then the grant is only accounted for when payment becomes due, but is noted as a capital commitment if significant.

e) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Natural Voice Network CIO
for the year ended
31 July 2024**

Respective responsibilities of treasurer and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that in the course of my examination, no matters have come to my attention that give 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.

Christopher Lee
Cider Mill Cottage, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
5 December 2024

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171644

Accounts

Natural Voice Network
Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered charity 1171644

Trustees annual report and
Financial statements for the year ended
31 July 2023

Natural Voice Network CIO

Annual report of the trustees for the year ended 31 July 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with financial statements for the period under review. The trustees have adopted Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The attached financial statements cover the year ended 31 July 2023.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity, as stated in its governing document, are the advancement of the art of natural voice singing with the public through the maintenance, development and improvement of the practice of natural voice and community song, and in particular the development of practitioners.

These objectives are achieved by:

- providing opportunities for practitioners to share information, ideas, materials, skills and experiences
- organising and supporting training events and conferences
- publicising and promoting the work of the organisation and the activities of singing practitioners and choirs
- seeking funding and acquiring resources to support the work of the charity and its members
- promoting and developing good practice and high standards in the field of natural voice and community song, by encouraging members to undertake training and continuing professional development
- producing publications which are a resource for practitioners and choirs

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and performance

During the year under review, the charity offered a wide range of support for those working with voice and song and participants in natural voice choirs.

We did this by:

- Supporting the 650+ members to find training and support locally to them, using a monthly email that highlights all the training opportunities offered by members
- Promoting natural voice singing by maintaining a regular newsletter including all the opportunities for singing, nationally and internationally
- Arranging an In Person Annual Gathering of NVN practitioners, offering the opportunity for Networking, CPD through Workshops, re-booting of Regional Groups and song sharing
- Arranging an online annual gathering of NVN practitioners with opportunities for networking as well as song learning, and workshops on a huge variety of themes
- Launching the re-designed and vastly improved NVN website. This will:
 - Highlight the work of the Network
 - Enable members and non-members to find song leaders and singing groups in their area
 - Enable members to find resources for their professional development through the collections of articles, research reports, toolkits, blogs, podcasts, and other resource
- Continuing the support to members in the Facebook members-only discussion forum where ideas and

- questions can be shared and answered and good practice disseminated
- Entering a partnership with Singing for Health and a loose association with Making Music
 - Developing connections with other relevant projects including being invited to judge on the Making Music Annual awards
 - Continuing to facilitate research by
 - a PhD student into natural voice singing
 - a Diploma student into the re-teaching of songs taught by ear
 - Using the anti-racism and cultural honouring (ARCH) levy to
 - Support the attendance at the AG 2023 of 3 non-NVN persons of the Global Majority
 - Support the Black Lives Matter Commissioning project whereby 8 composers of colour were invited to create new songs for sale and use worldwide
 - Support 3 projects with c£2000 through the April/May award process
 - Work of the ARCH steering group has been seen by them to have been completed now that the ARCH principles and ethos have been incorporated into the running of the organisation
 - Running an on-line study day on Gender Inclusion ('Welcoming Trans and Non-Binary People to Your Singing Group') which was open to partner and associated groups
 - Engaging as a Trustees Board in further work on inclusion and anti -racism, by taking part in a number of on-line training events regarding Equity, Difference and Inclusion, run by NCBI, and starting to read 'Me and White Supremacy' as a study text for our personal engagement, by using Whatsapp to share our personal responses to that text

Financial review

The principal funding source of the charity is membership subscriptions.

A summary of the charity's financial transactions during the year is as follows:

21-22		22-23
£		£
43141	Incoming resources	72992
52682	Resources expended	82044
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£ (9541)	Net (deficit)	£ (9052)
41736	Balance at start of year	32195
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£ 32195	Balance at end of year	£ 23143
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643	Membership at start of year	643
674	Membership at end of year	667

Full financial statements are attached.

Reserves

The charity aims to hold a level of reserves to continue its activities by covering operational costs and emergency expenditure, to manage cash flow and mitigate any downturn in income. The charity is also obliged

to pay advance deposits on venues for events and if an event did not take place, the charity might forfeit the deposits and be liable for other associated costs. The trustees have agreed that the charity's bank account should not fall below a figure representing 50% of annual membership income. The trustees consider the current level of general reserves is necessary and appropriate taking into account continuing commitments.

Structure, governance and management

Natural Voice Network is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its trustees, formed on 16 February 2017. It is a registered charity in England and Wales (number 1171644) and operates under a constitution adopted upon incorporation.

The charity's principal address is 10 St. Albans Road, Sheffield, S10 4DP.

The charity is managed by trustees appointed at the AGM by the members. Additional trustees may be co-opted between AGMs by existing trustees, but must be confirmed in office at the subsequent AGM. The constitution limits the term of individual trustees to periods of four consecutive years. The trustees meet several times a year and are in regular contact remotely.

Trustees who served during the during the year under review were:

	Co-opted	Elected	Stood down
Frances Andre		09.01.21	14.01.23
Jessica Baker		09.01.21	
Rebecca Ballard (treasurer)	01.07.19	11.01.20	14.01.23
Tembre de Carteret		14.01.23	
James Dawes		09.01.22	
Siobhan Donnelly		09.01.22	
Lisa Doscher	30.09.22	14.01.23	
Satnam Galsian		09.01.22	
Rose Hodgson		14.01.23	
Neal Jolly (treasurer)	08.06.22	14.01.23	
Kirsty Martin		09.01.21	08.06.22
Chris Samuel		09.01.21	14.01.23
Roxane Smith		11.01.20	
Kate Valentine		14.01.23	

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given to trustees. Details of expenses reimbursed are disclosed in Note 4 of the financial statements.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report

Neal Jolly
Trustee

Date: 27 November 2023

Natural Voice Network CIO
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended
31 July 2023

21-22			note
£		£	
	Incoming resources		
	Charitable activities:		
29649	Membership subscriptions	30123	1
8405	Events	37478	2
1687	Publications	2146	3
1365	Workshops	60	
2035	ARCH levy	3185	5
£ 43141		72992	
	Resources expended		
	Charitable activities:		
41049	General charitable activities	31782	4
10188	Events	43363	2
745	Publications	1036	3
700	Workshops	500	
	Event bursaries including annual gathering	1774	
	ARCH grants	3589	5
£ 52682		82044	
£ (9541)	Net movement in funds (deficit)	£ (9052)	
41736	Balance at 1 August 2022	32195	
£ 32195	Balance at 31 July 2023	£ 23143	

Natural Voice Network CIO
Balance sheet
31 July 2023

21-22			note	
£	£		£	£
Current assets				
2064		Stocks	1644	
6485		Debtors & prepayments	3396	6
41446		Cash at bank	36313	
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49995			41353	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
	17210	Amounts received in advance	17322	7
	590	Creditors & accruals	888	
17800	-----		-----	18210
-----			-----	
£ 32195		Total net assets	£ 23143	
-----			-----	
Funds of the charity				
2035		Restricted funds	1631	5
30160		Unrestricted funds	21512	
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£ 32195			£ 23143	
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Approved by the trustees on 27 November 2023

Signed on their behalf by

Neal Jolly
Trustee/Treasurer

Natural Voice Network CIO
Accounting policies
Year ended 31 July 2022

Summary of significant accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

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The charity does not include a cash flow statement as it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies are consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised or allocated by the charity for particular purposes.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Membership subscriptions are apportioned to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 6).

In line with SORP (FRS 102) no amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time.

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where deposits are paid for services to be delivered after the year end, and at the time of accounts preparation have been delivered or there is reasonable expectation that the services will be delivered, these are allocated to the subsequent year and are therefore included as prepayments (note 5).

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional to performance then the grant is only accounted for when payment becomes due, but is noted as a capital commitment if significant.

e) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Natural Voice Network CIO
Notes to Accounts
for the year ended
31 July 2023

21-22

1 Membership income

Number of members:

31 July 2021	643
31 July 2022	674
31 July 2023	667

	£	£		£	£
	29474		Membership subscriptions		29962
	175		E-mail services		161
	-----				-----
	£ 29649				£ 30123
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Subscriptions are allocated to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 7).

2 Events

Annual gathering

			Fees received from participants		37478
8405			<i>Less: expenses:</i>		
			Venue hire	31383	
			Event organiser	4313	
			Organising committee accommodation	834	
			Organising committee travel	30	
	650		Tutor fees, travel & accommodation	2251	
	7241		Recording, videography, streaming	1710	
			Sundry expenses and office costs	305	
	207		Payment processing fees	707	
	8098	-----		-----	41533
	£ 307		Operating deficit for year		£ (4055)
			<i>Additional expenditure:</i>		
	2090		Administration charge	1560	
			Accommodation for administrator	270	
	2090	-----		-----	1830
	£ (1783)		Deficit after additional expenditure		£ (5885)
			<i>Total</i>		
	8405		Income		37478
	10188		Expenditure		43363
	-----				-----
	£ (1783)		Deficit for year		£ (5885)
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Natural Voice Network CIO
Notes to Accounts
for the year ended
31 July 2023

	21-22		
£	£		£
		3 Publications	
		<i>To Grace the Earth</i>	
350		Sales	690
		<i>Less : expenditure</i>	
7		Payment processing fees	14
£ 343		Surplus for year	£ 676
		<i>This Room Sings</i>	
1337		Sales	1456
		<i>Less : expenditure</i>	
427		Production costs	659
141		Administration charge	168
144		Postage and packing	169
26		Payment processing fees	26
738			1022
£ 599		Surplus for year	£ 434
		<i>Total</i>	
1687		Income	2146
745		Expenditure	1036
£ 942		Surplus for year	£ 1110
		4a Resources expended on general charitable activities	
7535		Contractor costs: administration	8764
2317		Contractor costs: bookkeeping	2317
144		General travel and related expenses	302
510		Trustees' expenses (see note below)	1946
		Accommodation for trustees at annual gathering	2430
315		Room hire	428
82		Trustee training	1791
6911		Members' insurance scheme	7503
1632		Website management & hosting	168
19746		Website development	2948
199		Office costs	225
590		Independent accounts examination	625
656		Payment processing fees	1017
362		Software costs	835
50		Subscriptions	83
		Consultancy fees – ARCH levy	400
£ 41049			£ 31782

Natural Voice Network CIO
Notes to Accounts
for the year ended
31 July 2023

	21-22						
£		£		£		£	

4b Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties: travel based on a mileage rate of 45ppm or fares incurred, other expenses based on invoices produced.

	450	Travel		1088			
	60	Subsistence		444			
		Accommodation		414			
510	————			————			1946
							————

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given.
Attendance at a the annual gathering (accommodation cost £2430) is provided to enable attendance at the AGM and trustees meeting and facilitate interaction with members.

5 Restricted Funds

		Anti Racism & Cultural Honouring					
		Balance brought forward			2035		
2035		Membership levy			3185		
		Less: grants made			(3589)		
					————		
£ 2035							£ 1631
							————

6 Debtors and prepayments

	5960	Annual gathering		2993			
	53	Insurance					
	472	Subscriptions		403			
					————		
£ 6485							£ 3396
							————

7 Amounts received in advance

£ 17210		Membership subscriptions allocated to subsequent year					£ 17322
							————

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Natural Voice Network CIO
for the year ended
31 July 2023**

Respective responsibilities of treasurer and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that in the course of my examination, no matters have come to my attention that give 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.

Christopher Lee
Cider Mill Cottage, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
1 December 2023

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171644

Accounts

Natural Voice Network
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The trustees declare that they have approved the above report



Rebecca Ballard
Trustee

Date: 12-Jan-2023

Natural Voice Network CIO
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended
31 July 2022

20-21			note
£		£	
	Incoming resources		
	Charitable activities:		
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5768	Events	8405	2
1711	Publications	1687	3
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£ 38847		41106	
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	Resources expended		
	Charitable activities:		
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10089	Events	10188	2
832	Publications	745	3
	Workshops	700	
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£ 31666		52682	
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£ 7181	Net movement in funds	£ (11576)	
34555	Balance at 1 August 2021	41736	
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Natural Voice Network CIO
Balance sheet
31 July 2022

20-21

	£	£		£	£	note
Current assets						
	2490		Stocks		2064	
	6235		Debtors & prepayments		6485	5
	49218		Cash at bank		41446	
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	57943				49995	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year						
		15657	Amounts received in advance	17210		6
		550	Creditors & accruals	590		
	16207	<hr/>		<hr/>	17800	
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	£ 41736		Total net assets		£ 32195	
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Funds of the charity						
			Restricted funds		2035	7
	41736		Unrestricted funds		30160	
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	£ 41736				£ 32195	
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Approved by the trustees on

Signed on their behalf by



Rebecca Ballard
Trustee/Treasurer

Natural Voice Network CIO
Accounting policies
Year ended 31 July 2022

Summary of significant accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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 2015 as updated through Update Bulletin 1, published on 2 February 2016, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP).

The charity does not include a cash flow statement as it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies are consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised or allocated by the charity for particular purposes.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Membership subscriptions are apportioned to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 6).

In line with SORP (FRS 102) no amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time.

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where deposits are paid for services to be delivered after the year end, and at the time of accounts preparation have been delivered or there is reasonable expectation that the services will be delivered, these are allocated to the subsequent year and are therefore included as prepayments (note 5).

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional to performance then the grant is only accounted for when payment becomes due, but is noted as a capital commitment if significant.

e) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Natural Voice Network CIO
Notes to Accounts
for the year ended
31 July 2022

20-21

1 Membership income

Number of members:

31 July 2020	701
31 July 2021	643
31 July 2022	674

£	£		£	£
31155		Membership subscriptions		29474
213		E-mail services		175
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£ 31368				£ 29649
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Subscriptions are allocated to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 6).

2 Events

Annual gathering

5768		Fees received from participants		8405
		<i>Less: expenses:</i>		
	4640	Teleconferencing fees	6341	
	1400	Tutor fees	650	
	900	Recording and videography	900	
	0	Office costs	0	
	109	Payment processing fees	207	
7049	-----		-----	8098
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£ (1281)		Operating deficit for year		£ 307
		Additional expenditure:		
	3040	Administration charge	2090	
3040	-----		-----	2090
-----				-----
£ (4321)		Deficit after additional expenditure		£ (1783)
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		<i>Total</i>		
5768		Income		8405
10089		Expenditure		10188
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£ (4321)		Deficit for year		£ (1783)
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Natural Voice Network CIO
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for the year ended
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	20-21		
£	£		£
		3 Publications	
		<i>To Grace the Earth</i>	
210		Sales	350
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4		Payment processing fees	7
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	474	Production costs	427
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	188	Postage and packing	144
	22	Payment processing fees	26
828	-----		-----
£ 673		Surplus for year	£ 599
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		Total	
1711		Income	1687
832		Expenditure	745
-----			-----
£ 879		Surplus for year	£ 942
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		4a Resources expended on general charitable activities	
7198		Contractor costs: administration	7724
2317		Contractor costs: bookkeeping	2317
0		General travel and related expenses	144
0		Trustees' expenses (see note below)	510
0		Room hire	315
5772		Members' insurance scheme	6911
2962		Website management & hosting	1632
334		Website development	19746
192		Office costs	199
807		Course fee	82
550		Independent accounts examination	590
569		Payment processing fees	656
		Software costs	173
35		Subscriptions	50
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£ 20736			£ 41049
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Natural Voice Network CIO
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	20-21				
£	£			£	£

4b Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties: travel based on a mileage rate of 45ppm or fares incurred, other expenses based on invoices produced.

	0	Travel	451		
	0	Subsistence	60		
0					571

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given. Free attendance at the online annual gathering is offered to enable attendance at the AGM and trustees meeting and facilitate interaction with members. Technical support for the online gathering was provided by Fran Andre at a cost of £1247.

5 Debtors and prepayments

	5960	Annual gathering		5960
	275	Insurance		53
	0	Subscriptions		472
				472
£ 6235				£ 6485

The prepayment for the annual gathering was originally for the 2021 event, but is now allocated to 2023. This could be considered a material risk given the lead time. At the date of accounts approval, the trustees are not aware of any realised risk.

6 Amounts received in advance

		Membership subscriptions allocated to subsequent year		£ 17210
£ 15657				£ 17210

7 Restricted Funds

		Anti Racism & Cultural Honouring		£ 2035
				£ 2035

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20-21

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-----			-----
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832		Expenditure	745
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£ 879		Surplus for year	£ 942
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		4a Resources expended on general charitable activities	
7198		Contractor costs: administration	7724
2317		Contractor costs: bookkeeping	2317
0		General travel and related expenses	144
0		Trustees' expenses (see note below)	510
0		Room hire	315
5772		Members' insurance scheme	6911
2962		Website management & hosting	1632
334		Website development	19746
192		Office costs	199
807		Course fee	82
550		Independent accounts examination	590
569		Payment processing fees	656
		Software costs	173
35		Subscriptions	50
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£ 20736			£ 41049
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	20-21						
£	£			£			£

4b Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties: travel based on a mileage rate of 45ppm or fares incurred, other expenses based on invoices produced.

	0	Travel	451		
	0	Subsistence	60		
0					571

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given. Free attendance at the online annual gathering is offered to enable attendance at the AGM and trustees meeting and facilitate interaction with members. Technical support for the online gathering was provided by Fran Andre at a cost of £1247.

5 Debtors and prepayments

	5960	Annual gathering			5960
	275	Insurance			53
	0	Subscriptions			472
£ 6235					£ 6485

The prepayment for the annual gathering was originally for the 2021 event, but is now allocated to 2023. This could be considered a material risk given the lead time. At the date of accounts approval, the trustees are not aware of any realised risk.

6 Amounts received in advance

		Membership subscriptions allocated to subsequent year			£ 17210
£ 15657					

7 Restricted Funds

		Anti Racism & Cultural Honouring			£ 2035

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Natural Voice Network CIO
for the year ended
31 July 2022**

Respective responsibilities of treasurer and examiner

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

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that in the course of my examination, no matters have come to my attention that give 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.



Christopher Lee
Cider Mill Cottage, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Gloucester, GL19 4HJ
12 January 2023

NATURAL VOICE NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1171644

Accounts

Natural Voice Network
Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered charity 1171644

Trustees annual report and
Financial statements for the year ended
31 July 2021

Natural Voice Network CIO

Annual report of the trustees for the year ended 31 July 2021

The trustees present their annual report together with financial statements for the period under review. The trustees have adopted Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The attached financial statements cover the year ended 31 July 2021.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity, as stated in its governing document, are the advancement of the art of natural voice singing with the public through the maintenance, development and improvement of the practice of natural voice and community song, and in particular the development of practitioners.

These objectives are achieved by:

- providing opportunities for practitioners to share information, ideas, materials, skills and experiences
- organising and supporting training events and conferences
- publicising and promoting the work of the organisation and the activities of singing practitioners and choirs
- seeking funding and acquiring resources to support the work of the charity and its members
- promoting and developing good practice and high standards in the field of natural voice and community song, by encouraging members to undertake training and continuing professional development
- producing publications which are a resource for practitioners and choirs

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and performance

During the year under review, the charity offered a wide range of support for those working with voice and song and participants in natural voice choirs.

We did this by:

- supporting the 600+ members to find training and support locally to them, using a monthly email that highlights all the training opportunities offered by members
- arranging an online annual gathering of practitioners with opportunities for networking as well as song learning, and workshops on a huge variety of themes
- maintaining a website where resources are readily available to practitioners
- assembling collections of articles, research reports, toolkits, blogs, podcasts, and other resources that may be useful to members
- reminding members of the teaching videos available via the members' area of the website to support members' continuing professional development, thus enabling us to reach members from all over the UK and internationally
- expanding the support to members with a Facebook members-only discussion forum where ideas and questions can be shared and answered and good practice disseminated
- developing connections with other relevant projects, networks and organisations including Sing Up! and Giving Voice and exploring potential for future collaborations
- joining with other organisations to bring attention of government for the need to give advice to amateur choir members consistent with research done into COVID-19 spread

- continuing work on submitting academic papers for consideration by university research bodies
- facilitating research done by a PhD student into natural voice singing
- promoting natural voice singing by maintaining a regular newsletter including all the opportunities for singing nationally and internationally
- continuing to support the formation of local and specialist networks of practitioners over Zoom including one looking at some of the issues connected with anti-racism and cultural honouring, both in song leading and in all aspects of life.
- facilitating the regular online sharing and song circles for members
- running an online workshop on “the new science and discoveries of the older woman’s voice”, which was recorded and attended/watched by 81 NVN members.
- agreeing a Gender Inclusion Policy

Financial review

The principal funding source of the charity is membership subscriptions.

A summary of the charity’s financial transactions during the year is as follows:

19-20		20-21
£		£
70001	Incoming resources	38847
69567	Resources expended	31666
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£ 434	Net income	£ 7181
34121	Balance at start of year	34555
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£ 34555	Balance at end of year	£ 41736
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662	Membership at start of year	701
701	Membership at end of year	643

Full financial statements are attached.

Reserves

The charity aims to hold a level of reserves to continue its activities by covering operational costs and emergency expenditure, to manage cash flow and mitigate any downturn in income. The charity is also obliged to pay advance deposits on venues for events and if an event did not take place, the charity might forfeit the deposits and be liable for other associated costs. The trustees have agreed that the charity’s bank account should not fall below a figure representing 50% of annual membership income. The trustees consider the current level of general reserves is necessary and appropriate taking into account continuing commitments.

Structure, governance and management

Natural Voice Network is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its trustees, formed on 16 February 2017. It is a registered charity in England and Wales (number 1171644) and operates under a constitution adopted upon incorporation.

The charity's principal address is 10 St. Albans Road, Sheffield, S10 4DP.

The charity is managed by trustees appointed at the AGM by the members. Additional trustees may be co-opted between AGMs by existing trustees, but must be confirmed in office at the subsequent AGM. The constitution limits the term of individual trustees to periods of four consecutive years. The trustees meet several times a year and are in regular contact remotely.

Trustees who served during the during the year under review were:

	Co-opted	Elected	Stood down
Frances Andre		09.01.21	
Omolara Awen	30.03.19	11.01.20	
Jessica Baker		09.01.21	
Rebecca Ballard (treasurer)	01.07.19	11.01.20	
Laura Bradshaw		11.01.20	
Caroline Bithell		13.01.18	09.01.21
Dave Camlin	14.10.17	13.01.18	09.01.21
Rose Hodgson		11.01.20	09.01.21
Kirsty Martin		09.01.21	
Ryan O'Riordan	30.03.19	11.01.20	
Rod Paton		16.02.17	09.01.21
Lotte Reimer		13.01.18	
Chris Samuel		09.01.21	
Roxane Smith		11.01.20	

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given to trustees. Details of expenses reimbursed are disclosed in Note 4 of the financial statements.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report



Rebecca Ballard
Trustee

Date: 28-Jan-2022

Natural Voice Network CIO
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended
31 July 2021

19-20			note
£		£	
	Incoming resources		
	Charitable activities:		
33279	Membership	31368	1
33684	Events	5768	2
3038	Publications	1711	3
£ 70001		38847	
	Resources expended		
	Charitable activities:		
25188	General charitable activities	20745	4
42465	Events	10089	2
1914	Publications	832	3
£ 69567		31666	
£ 434	Net income	£ 7181	
34121	Balance at 1 August 2020	34555	
£ 34555	Balance at 31 July 2021	£ 41736	

Natural Voice Network CIO
Balance sheet
31 July 2021

19-20			note	
£	£		£	£
Current assets				
2964		Stocks	2490	
6071		Debtors & prepayments	6235	5
43343		Cash at bank	49218	
52378			57943	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
	17253	Amounts received in advance	15657	6
	570	Creditors & accruals	550	
17823			16207	
£ 34555		Total net assets	£ 41736	
Funds of the charity				
£ 34555		Unrestricted funds	£ 41736	

Approved by the trustees on

Signed on their behalf by



Rebecca Ballard
Trustee/Treasurer

Natural Voice Network CIO
Accounting policies
Year ended 31 July 2021

Summary of significant accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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 2015 as updated through Update Bulletin 1, published on 2 February 2016, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP).

The charity does not include a cash flow statement as it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies are consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised or allocated by the charity for particular purposes.

c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Membership subscriptions are apportioned to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 6).

In line with SORP (FRS 102) no amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time.

d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Where deposits are paid for services to be delivered after the year end, and at the time of accounts preparation have been delivered or there is reasonable expectation that the services will be delivered, these are allocated to the subsequent year and are therefore included as prepayments (note 5).

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional to performance then the grant is only accounted for when payment becomes due, but is noted as a capital commitment if significant.

e) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Natural Voice Network CIO
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for the year ended
31 July 2021

19-20

1 Membership income

Number of members:

31 July 2019	662
31 July 2020	701
31 July 2021	643

£	£		£	£
33041		Membership subscriptions		31155
238		E-mail services		213
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£ 33279				£ 31368
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Subscriptions are allocated to each accounting year with the amount relating to the subsequent year shown as received in advance (note 6).

2 Events

Annual gathering

33684		Fees received from participants		5768
		<i>Less: expenses:</i>		
	30591	Venue hire/teleconferencing fees	4640	
	1200	Organising committee accommodation	0	
	220	Organising committee travel	0	
	780	Tutor fees, travel & accommodation	1400	
	74	PA system	0	
	3580	Recording and videography	900	
	176	Office costs	0	
	464	Payment processing fees	109	
37085	-----		-----	7049
£ (3401)		Operating deficit for year		£ (1281)
		Additional expenditure:		
	1660	Administration charge	3040	
	3480	Accommodation for trustees	0	
	240	Accommodation for administrator	0	
5380	-----		-----	3040
£ (8781)		Deficit after additional expenditure		£ (4321)
	875	Grants to participants included in costs	0	
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	19-20			
£	£		£	£
		<i>Annual gathering (cont.)</i>		
33684		Total income		5768
42465		Total expenditure		10089
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£ (8781)		Deficit for year		£ (4321)
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		3 Publications		
		<i>To Grace the Earth</i>		
590		Sales		210
		<i>Less : expenditure</i>		
10		Payment processing fees		4
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£ 580		Surplus for year		£ 206
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		<i>This Room Sings</i>		
2448		Sales		1501
		<i>Less : expenditure</i>		
	1425	Production costs	474	
	255	Administration charge	144	
	195	Postage and packing	188	
	29	Payment processing fees	22	
1904	<hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/>		<hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/>	828
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£ 544		Surplus for year		£ 673
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		<i>Total</i>		
3038		Income		1711
1914		Expenditure		832
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£ 1124		Surplus for year		£ 879
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	19-20		
£	£		£
		4 Resources expended on general charitable activities	
7942		Contractor costs: administration	7198
2246		Contractor costs: bookkeeping	2317
2254		Contractor costs: special projects	0
166		General travel and related expenses	0
1251		Trustees' expenses (see note below)	0
226		Room hire	0
6881		Members' insurance scheme	5772
2249		Website management & hosting	2962
576		Website development & upgrading	334
194		Office costs	192
550		Independent accounts examination	550
567		Payment processing fees	569
86		Subscriptions	851
£ 25188			£ 20745

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties: travel based on a mileage rate of 45ppm or fares incurred, other expenses based on invoices produced.

	1094	Travel	0
	157	Subsistence	0
1251			0

No remuneration or waiving of subscriptions were given.

The 2021 AGM and annual gathering took place remotely. Free accommodation at the 2020 annual gathering was offered to enable attendance at the AGM and trustees meeting and facilitate interaction with members, at a cost of £3480.

Frances Andre was paid £4270 for Zoom support at the 2021 annual gathering, the contract being agreed before she was appointed a trustee.

5 Debtors and prepayments

	5960	Annual gathering	5960
	67	Insurance	275
	44	Subscriptions	0
£ 6071			£ 6235

The prepayment for the annual gathering was originally for the 2021 event, but is now allocated to 2023. This could be considered a material risk given the Covid-19 emergency and the lead time. At the date of accounts approval, the trustees are not aware of any realised risk.

6 Amounts received in advance

	£ 17253	Membership subscriptions allocated to subsequent year	£ 15657