

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

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# **NATURAL VOICE NETWORK**

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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.

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#### **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**

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 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**

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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

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	42,531	-	42,531	32,141
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring		-	4,748	4,748	3,550
Other trading activities	3	55,187	-	55,187	44,340
<b>Total</b>		<u>97,718</u>	<u>4,748</u>	<u>102,466</u>	<u>80,031</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
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	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>84,755</u>	<u>5,870</u>	<u>90,625</u>	<u>80,881</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		12,963	(1,122)	11,841	(850)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		18,851	3,441	22,292	23,142
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</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 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
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>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(18,676)	-	(18,676)	(21,140)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>31,814</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>34,133</u>	<u>22,292</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10				
Unrestricted funds				31,814	18,851
Restricted funds				<u>2,319</u>	<u>3,441</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<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		
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring	4,748	3,550
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Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

2025	2024
£	£
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### 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
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### 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	32,141	-	32,141
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring	-	3,550	3,550
Other trading activities	44,340	-	44,340
<b>Total</b>	<u>76,481</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>80,031</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Anti Racial and Cultural Honouring	-	1,740	1,740
General	47,291	-	47,291
General Charitable Activities	31,850	-	31,850
<b>Total</b>	<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 £
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(2,660)	1,810	(850)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	21,511	1,631	23,142
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	18,851	12,963	31,814
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	3,441	(1,122)	2,319
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	97,718	(84,755)	12,963
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	4,748	(5,870)	(1,122)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	21,511	(2,660)	18,851
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	1,631	1,810	3,441
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	76,481	(79,141)	(2,660)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	3,550	(1,740)	1,810
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	21,511	10,303	31,814
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	1,631	688	2,319
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	174,199	(163,896)	10,303
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	8,298	(7,610)	688
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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.

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

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Gifts	(1)	-
Donations	10	161
Membership subscriptions	42,394	31,827
E-mail services	128	153
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	42,531	32,141
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	53,016	41,832
Publications	2,171	2,508
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	55,187	44,340
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Anti Racism and Cultural Honouring	4,748	3,550
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	102,466	80,031
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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
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	90,625	80,881
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	90,625	80,881
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	11,841	(850)

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