

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Sep	2024		31	August	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Dissenters N16 Community Arts

Other names charity is known by

Dissenters Arts/ Dissenters Arts N16

Registered charity number (if any)

1172761

St Matthias Church Hall

Wordsworth Road

London

Postcode

N16 8DD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicolas Johnson	Chair		
2	Ruth Whitehead			
3	Sylvia Chew			
4	Morag Shiach			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose members are the trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Selected by the existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Dissenters Arts N16 was established by members of a local choir, Chorus of Dissent, and relies mainly on financial contributions from members of the choir, trustees and their contacts, collections at concerts, and fundraising social events.</p> <p>Ruth Whitehead, who through Ruth Whitehead Associates is the principal sponsor of Chorus of Dissent, is also a trustee of Dissenters Arts N16.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Dissenters Arts was established to advance the arts for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively choral and classical music and local visual arts. Based in Stoke Newington, its focus is on local activities in N16 and neighbouring areas.

The main activity of the Charity during the period was the facilitation of engagement in music and the arts.

Declaration

The trustees had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit when allocating the resources of the charity to particular projects.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following the announcement of forthcoming closure of Sir Thomas Abney Primary School, our cooperation with this school could not continue as anticipated and our activity was much reduced during the year.

Our main expenditure was contributing to facilitating a recording by a group of local young musicians.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity will seek to identify funding commitments in advance of projects undertaken and will keep sufficient funds to at least meet its next three months' expected expenditures. It does not aim to build up substantial reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Total funds raised in the period were £742, including £139 from Gift Aid. These were mainly collected through CAF Donate.

Expenditure on projects and grants was £1,000.

Administrative costs were £79, corresponding to bank and payment provider fees.

The charity had a cash balance of £7,882 on 31 Aug 2025, compared to of £8,202 the year before.

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Nicolas Johnson	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	25 March 2025
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Dissenters N16 Community Arts

No (if any)
1172761

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-24	To	Period end date 31-Aug-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Direct donations	89		-	89	5 009
Donations through CAF Donate	515	-	-	515	620
Gift Aid receipts	139	-	-	139	145
Fundraising Events/ calendars		-	-	-	1 382
Donations at events		-	-	-	30
		-	-	-	
Interest	17	-	-	17	95
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	759	-	-	759	7 280
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	759	-	-	759	7 280
A3 Payments					
		-	-	-	
Bank account charges	65	-	-	65	61
Payment provider charges	14	-	-	14	31
Other admin		-	-	-	
Events & calendars costs		-	-	-	721
		-	-	-	
School projects		-	-	-	2 000
Other projects	1 000	-	-	1 000	
		-	-	-	
Sub total	1 079	-	-	1 079	2 813
Total payments	1 079	-	-	1 079	2 813
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 319	-	-	- 319	4 467
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8 202	-	-	8 202	10 637
Cash funds this year end	7 882	-	-	7 882	15 104

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Account with CAF Bank	7 882	-	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	1			

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	7 882	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds
to nearest £

Restricted funds
to nearest £

Endowment funds
to nearest £

Details

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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Details

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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B5 Liabilities


Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Nicolas johnson (Chair)

25-Mar-26