

# TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1174494

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-09-04

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE ORGANISATION AND DELIVERY OF AN ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN TOWCESTER. 2) TO FURTHER SUCH EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION SHALL THINK FIT FROM TIME TO TIME, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE MAKING OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS.

**Activities:** The advancement of the arts for the public benefit, in particular through the organisation and delivery of an annual festival in Towcester To further such exclusively charitable purposes for the public benefit as the trustees, in their absolute discretion shall think fit from time to time, in particular through the making of grants and donations

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Northamptonshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,964	£4,561	-	-
2023-12-31	£6,528	£4,851	-	-
2022-12-31	£8,926	£8,011	-	-
2021-12-31	£500	£30	-	-
2020-12-31	£100	£1,069	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID REED		2015-04-24
David Edgar Tarbun		2024-02-13
PETER JOHN STRATTON		2015-04-24

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# TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Objectives

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1. The advancement of the arts for public benefit, in participation through the organization and delivery of an annual music festival in the town.
2. To further such exclusively charitable purposes for public benefit, by appointing the trustees absolute discretion as they shall think fit from time to time, in particular through the making of grants and donations.

### Preparation

The 2024 Festival took place over the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. The management committee organised performances on the Friday in the Parish Church and the Town Hall, and on the Saturday in the Town Hall. Over the weekend, eleven local public houses and cafés organised their own programmes to give the town a full musical experience. Saturday evening ended with the usual organised fireworks display in the Water Meadows.

Prior to the Festival, arrangements were made for stewarding and formal applications made to the Police, Fire Service and District Council. The services of the St John Ambulance Service were procured, and confirmation made that the Festival was adequately insured.

### Programme

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

#### **Artistes**

Towcester Mill

Craig Live

Parish Church

Jojo and the Mojós

Town Hall

Sponne School Musicians

Young Musicians

The Plough

Towcester Community Choir

Dan Smith

Idle Palms

DJ Steve

Saracens Head Hotel

Fleetwood Mac Tribute

Brave Old Oak

The Band Isabelle

The Bull

Identity Crisis

The Monk & Tipster

Karaoke Night

#### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Town Hall

“Lets Rock”

Lincoln Noel Trio

Towcester Mill

NN12 Choir

Towcester Studio Band

The Dilemma

Watling Street Village

Fascination

Contraband

Saracens Head Hotel

Renew 169 Café

The Plough

Tove Valley Centre

The Bull

Monk & Tipster

Brave Old Oak

The All Fab Beatle Tribute

Abba Tribute

Scarecrows

The Songbook Singers

Willy and the Sarge

MLC3

DJ Diet

Fawsley Singers

Opus 4

The Fabulous Miss Jones

Christie Drummer

“That’s what she Said”

## **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

St Lawrence Church

The Bull

Watling Street Village

Wharfe Distillery

Brave Old Oak

Monk & Tipster

Songs of Praise

Duncan Craven Music

Nightlife

Women in Music

Kyle Boswell

Sgt Fury

## **Conclusion**

Once again, the Music Festival was declared to be a great success by those who attended, bringing local people into the Town Centre to enjoy a weekend of music and fellowship.

## **Financial Report**

Income from the Festival was an improvement of the previous year, mainly due to an increase in support from our sponsors, but also as a result of a weekend of fine weather which increased the footfall.

## **Donations**

The increase in income enabled the Trustees to donate extra funding to local charitable causes. Cheques for £1300 each were presented by the Town Mayor at the September Council Meeting to Dogs for Good, South Northants Youth Engagement and the local branch of MacMillan Cancer Support, In addition, a cheque for £150 was presented to the Parish Church for the use of their facilities.

David Reed - Chairman & Trustee

Peter Stratton - Treasurer & Trustee

David Tarbun - Trustee

## TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL - 2024

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>
B/fwd	2400.25
Unpaid Cheques	200.00
Sponsors	4375.00
Ticket Sales	1438.92
Donations	1335.50
Bar Takings	865.55
Bucket Collections	348.45
Float	400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11363.67</b>

### **PAYMENTS**

Artistes	1220.00
Printing	186.00
Fireworks	1201.50
TENS	42.00
Float	400.00
Jim's Gift	74.51
Banners	318.40
Web Site	272.80
Mill Brewery	436.25
Signs etc.	212.28
St John Ambulance	137.28
Andrew's Gift	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4561.02</b>

**Donations** **4050.00**

**Cash in Bank** **2752.65**

**TOTAL** **£11363.67**

**Peter Stratton ACIB**  
**Treasurer**  
**13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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### Preparation

For the 2023 Festival, it was agreed by the committee that we should only use the Town Hall for the Friday evening events, and invite students from both Primary Schools to perform from 5pm until 7pm, followed by an Evening Coral Concert. In addition, four local Town Centre public houses arranged a variety of musical acts

For the Saturday evening, the Town Hall was again used as the main focus for the Festival, starting at 6.45pm with a performance by the group Young Musicians prior to the official opening by the Town Mayor.

### Programme

#### **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **Artistes**

Town Hall

Young Musicians  
The Songbirds  
Ukrainian Performers  
Greens Norton Community Choir  
Towcester Rock School

Towcester Mill

Craig  
The Dilemma

Saracens Head Hotel

Identity Crisis

The Plough

Dan Smith

Brave Old Oak

MLC3 The Band

Crimson Monkeys

#### **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Town Hall

Young Musicians  
Towcester Studio Band  
Rock School  
Lincoln Noel Trio

Towcester Mill

NN12 Community Choir  
Torus  
Nickolas Hawksmoor Primary School Choir  
Towcester Studio Band  
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Brave Old Oak

The Band Isabelle

Watling Street Village  
The Plough

Saracens Head Hotel

Fascination  
Needles in the Hay  
Sgt Fury  
ABBA Stars Live

### **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Towcester Mill

Saracens Head Hotel  
Watling Street Village  
St Lawrence Church

Jenkinson's Folly  
Spodne School Musicians  
Cadillac  
Anthony Wolfson  
The Roberts Family Band  
Songs of Praise

Prior to the date of the Festival, arrangements were made for stewarding and formal applications made to the police, fire and District Council. The services of the St John Ambulance Service were procured, and confirmation made that the Festival was adequately insured.

### **Conclusion**

It was agreed that attendance at the 2023 Festival had been a record, which might have been due to the increased publicity, the hot weather or an increase in the Town's population. There was also agreement that the Festival had been a success musically, and in "Bringing the Town together". The Saturday evening events ended with a grand fireworks display from the nearby Watermeadows.

### **Financial Report**

Financially, the 2023 Festival had been disappointing. Although ticket sales and sponsorship were roughly on target, the anticipated contribution from the public houses had been negligible. Consideration will be given for future years to the introduction of QR codes being made available at every venue. Also, the arranged pub bucket collections by members of the Mayor's benefiting charities did not take place.

### **Charitable Donations**

The trustees agreed that the sum of £2000 be donated to the Town Mayor's Charity Fund from the proceeds of the 2023 Festival. At the October meeting of the Town Council, cheques were presented to representatives of Renew 169 Wellbeing Café, Towcester Foodbank and The Lighthouse Centre.

David Reed – Chairman  
James Lynch – Secretary  
Peter Stratton - Treasurer



## TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
B/fwd	2723.37
Sponsors	3325.00
Ticket Sales	1926.85
Donation	20.00
Float	350.00
Bar takings	887.52
Sundries	18.41
	<b>£9251.15</b>

### EXPENDITURE

Venue Hire	100.00
Artistes	1400.00
Fireworks	1134.00
Web Site	1087.98
Float	350.00
Mill Brewery	450.60
St John	126.72
TENS	42.00
Printing	159.60
	<b>£4850.90</b>
Less Donation	2000.00
Cash in Bank	£2400.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9251.15</b>

Peter Stratton ACIB  
Treasurer

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### Preparation

It was with great relief that following two years of lockdown, the committee were once again able to organise a full Music Festival for the benefit of the local community. The date of the 2022 Festival was agreed as Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June with events also being held on the Friday and Sunday. The Committee met at least once a month prior to the Festival, and artistes and venues were contacted.

### Programme

#### Venue

#### Artistes

#### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June

St Lawrence Church

Sponne School Musicians

The Songbirds

Towcester Town Hall

Towcester Young Musicians

Towcester Mill

Craig

Antony Wolfson

Sawpits Centre

Tad Newton and Friends

Brave Old Oak

“That’s what she said”

The Plough

The Dilemma

Saracens Head Hotel

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#### Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June

Towcester Town Hall

Towcester Rock Choir

Whirlygig

Tove Valley Centre

The Fawsley Singers

TVBF House Band

St Lawrence Church

Towcester Choral Society

Sawpits Centre

Lincoln Noel Trio

The Village

Chris Hepworth Trio

Towcester Mill  
Brave Old Oak  
Saracens Head Hotel

Towcester Studio Band  
Kyle Boswell  
ABBA Tribute

### **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Towcester Mill  
  
The Village  
Towcester Town Hall  
St Lawrence Church

Nicholas Hawksmoor Primary School Choir  
NN12 Community Choir  
Towcester Studio Band  
Deuce Duo  
Towcester Rock School  
“Songs of Praise”

As the Festival drew closer, the requirements for stewarding, risk assessments and formal safety notifications/applications were made to the necessary statutory bodies (police, fire and District Council ). The services of the St John Ambulance were procured, and a formal check made that all elements of the Festival were adequately insured.

### **Conclusion**

It was agreed that the 2022 Festival had been a success and achieved its objectives, although the poor weather on the Saturday evening had resulted in a sharp drop in attendees. Despite the weather, the Festival closed on the Saturday evening with a grand fireworks display.

### **Charitable Donations**

The Trustees agreed that the sum of £3000 would be donated to the Town Mayor’s Charity Fund from the proceeds of the 2022 Festival, to add to the amount raised by the Mayor during his year in office. At a meeting in the Town Hall on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, cheques were presented to representatives of the Towcester Scout Group, Towcester Girl Guides, the South Northants Youth Engagement Group, and to the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

David Reed - Chairman  
Jim Lynch - Secretary  
Peter Stratton - Treasurer

**TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2022**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>
B/Forward	1808.67	Venue Hire	100.00
Ticket Sales	2307.00	Artistes	2310.00
Sponsors	5690.00	Printing	448.00
Float	500.00	Fireworks	982.49
Bar Takings	429.28	Float	500.00
		TENS	21.00
		St John Ambulance	115.20
		Mill Brewery	273.33
		Advertising	39.96
		Banners	141.60
		Sundries	80.00
		<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5011.58</b>
		Donations	3000.00
		Cash in Bank	2723.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10734.95</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10734.95</b>

**Peter Stratton ACIB**  
**Treasurer**  
**16<sup>th</sup> August 2022**



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# **TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Registered Charity Number 1174494**

## **ANNUAL REPORT - 2021**

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As in the previous two years, COVID-19 caused the festival to be cancelled but the staff at Towcester Town Hall again produced a “Virtual” festival which was very well received by the public. All parties involved felt it important that the festival continued in some form or another, in order that public interest be maintained for when circumstances allow the full event to again take place.

Despite the lack of income, the Trustees decided to make a donation of £1000 from current funds to the Town Mayor’s Charity which was for Macmillan Cancer Support.

To date, three meetings of the committee have been held to organize the 2022 Festival which is scheduled to be held on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June.

David Reed  
Chairman  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL - 2021**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
B/fwd	2338.66	3307.66			
Sponsors	500.00	100,00			
			Sundry Expenses	29.99	69.00
			<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>29.99</b>	<b>69.00</b>
			Donations made	1000.00	1000.00
			Cash in Bank	1808.67	2338.66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£2838.66</b>	<b>£3407.66</b>		<b>£2838.66</b>	<b>£3407.66</b>

Peter Stratton ACIB  
Treasurer  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2021



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## **Annual Report - 2020**

The objectives of Towcester Midsummer Music Festival are.

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Regular meetings of the committee were held from September 2019 to organise the 2020 festival, and venues and artistes were contacted to confirm availability. The weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> June was selected for the festival. However, in March 2020 we became aware that as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, it was unlikely that the festival could take place, and this was confirmed by the restrictions introduced during the first Lockdown period. The committee reluctantly took the decision to cancel the festival for the year.

With the assistance of the staff from Towcester Town Hall, a “virtual” festival was arranged with many groups recording their acts with different performances to try and mirror the planned live event. These were then made available on-line over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> June. The committee received many favourable reports from the public for the virtual event, but unlike previous years, no funds were raised to pass on to charities.

In view of the support from the Town Hall, the trustees took the decision to make a donation of £1,000 from existing funds to the Town Mayor’s Charity, which this year was for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It is hoped that the present COVID-19 restrictions will have eased by the New Year, and so a meeting of the committee will be held in January to assess the situation and begin arrangements for a festival in June 2021.

David Reed  
Chairman  
25th November 2020

# TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL - 2020

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
B/fwd	3171.32	3307.66	Venues	100.00	
Sponsors	3592.50	100,00	Artistes	1950.00	
Ticket Sales	3063.00		Sundry Expenses	59.00	69.00
Float	1000.00		St John	92.16	
Bucket Collection	67.00		Printing etc.	870.00	
Waitrose Green Disc	445.00		Float	1000.00	
			Fireworks	960.00	
			<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>5031.16</b>	<b>69.00</b>
			Donations made	3000.00	1000.00
			Cash in Bank	3307.66	2338.66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£11338.82</b>	<b>£3407.66</b>		<b>£11338.82</b>	<b>£3407.66</b>

Peter Stratton ACIB  
Treasurer  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

