

# **TOWCESTER MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

## **Annual Report - 2020**

The objectives of Towcester Midsummer Music Festival are.

1. The advancement of the arts for the public benefit, in particular through the organisation and delivery of an annual music festival in the town.
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.

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

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## 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

