



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/08/2024** To **31/07/2025**

**Charity name: Society for the Study of Sound and Music in Games**

**Charity registration number: 1180483**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To build an extensive and diverse body of knowledge for the advancement of the understanding of and education in music and sound in games, for the public benefit; in particular, but not exclusively, by the dissemination of the latest scholarly research.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>To support scholars of video game music and sound through research and education.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>Yes.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>

Other		N/A
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publication of several issues of the <i>Journal for the Study of Music in Games</i> (University of California Press), sharing the research of a number of global scholars with the wider academic community.</li> <li>- Nominal sponsor/host of two academic conferences (the North American Conference on Video Game Music and Ludo 2024), sharing the research of a number of global scholars with the wider academic community.</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The charity is continuing to increase the strength of our financial position year-to-year, thanks primarily to income from royalty payments to the society from subscriptions to our journal.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves are held until the board has identified a suitable expenditure or payments are required for the operation of the society.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£9,169</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>N/A</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>
Other		<b>N/A</b>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Election by Board of Directors</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Society for the Study of Sound and Music in Games
Other name the charity uses	SSSMG
Registered charity number	1180483
Charity's principal address	SSSMG Edge Hill University St Helens Road Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 4QP

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### 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)
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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)

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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

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Date

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Society for the Study of Sound and Music in Games - Accounting Year 2024/25			
003 JSMG Royalty			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
24 Mar 25	CY23 UCP JSMG Royalty Payment JSMG Royalty		2,361.57
Total			2,361.57
009 Conference Fees - Ludo			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
16 Jul 25	Ludo 2025 Registration Fees Conference Fees - Ludo		1,379.78
Total			1,379.78
268 Web Hosting			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
25 Sep 24	Ionos Cloud Ltd. V9026110 60218950 Web Hosting	19.32	
20 May 25	Gocardless UK Host4U ltd Prvz49 Hq Account Migration / setup charge Web Hosting	264.00	
24 Jul 25	Ionos Cloud Ltd. V9026110 60218950 Web Hosting	19.32	
Total		302.64	
281 Miscellaneous			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
16 Jul 25	Reimbursement (1 of 2) Miscellaneous	750.00	
17 Jul 25	Reimbursement (2 of 2) Miscellaneous	663.01	
Total		1,413.01	
750-1 Bank Account: SSSMG Current Account			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
01 Aug 24	Brought Forward	7,143.01	
25 Sep 24	Ionos Cloud Ltd. V9026110 60218950 Web Hosting		19.32
24 Mar 25	CY23 UCP JSMG Royalty Payment JSMG Royalty	2,361.57	
20 May 25	Gocardless UK Host4U ltd Prvz49 Hq Account Migration / setup charge Web Hosting		264.00
16 Jul 25	Reimbursement (1 of 2) Miscellaneous		750.00
16 Jul 25	Ludo 2025 Registration Fees Conference Fees - Ludo	1,379.78	
17 Jul 25	Reimbursement (2 of 2) Miscellaneous		663.01
24 Jul 25	Ionos Cloud Ltd. V9026110 60218950 Web Hosting		19.32
Total		9,168.71	
750-2 Bank Account: SSSMG PayPal Account			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
01 Aug 24	Brought Forward	363.60	
Total		363.60	
968 Profit and Loss			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
01 Aug 24	Brought Forward		7,506.61
Total			7,506.61