

Sevenoaks Music Club 2021-22 Annual Report

Charity reference information

Charity name:	Sevenoaks Music Club
Charity registration number:	1181364
Correspondence address:	Eaves Solefields Road Sevenoaks Kent TN13 1PF
Trustees as at date of report:	Mr Charles Hebert – Chairman Mr Paul Bidder – Treasurer Mr Bob Coupe – Secretary Mr Malcolm Todd – Concert Planner Mr Rob White – Concert Manager Mr Chris Dance - Webmaster

Structure, governance and management

Sevenoaks Music Club is governed according to its constitution as adopted on 27 December 2018. Sevenoaks Music Club is a Charitable Incorporate Organisation. Trustees are elected by Sevenoaks Music Club members at the Annual General Meeting.

Reserves policy

It is Sevenoaks Music Club's policy to hold some 120% of annual turnover in reserves for contingency purposes, this being based on covering all commitments that could be outstanding at any one time.

Objectives and activities

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As stated in the charity constitution, Sevenoaks Music Club's objects are:

To promote and develop public education and appreciation of chamber music through public performances, talks, competitions, recitals and such other means as the trustees deem appropriate.

The giving of public concerts ensures that the benefits are available to the public. The concert ticket prices are such that these are not prohibitively expensive and reductions are available through a subscription scheme, and reduced price tickets and subscriptions are available to students in order to encourage their attendance.

The programme notes available at each concert go beyond those normally provided at recitals, and are designed to further audiences' understanding and appreciation of the music being performed.

The Club is run entirely by volunteers, who undertake all the administrative work associated with engaging and looking after the artists, publicity, and producing concert programmes.

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Activities

Sevenoaks Music Club promotes the appreciation of chamber music primarily by arranging recitals by renowned musicians in the Ship Theatre (Walthamstow School) in Sevenoaks. Admission by ticket is open to anyone, and discounted tickets are available, primarily through a season ticket scheme. Reduced price concert and season tickets are available to students in order to encourage development of an interest in classical music.

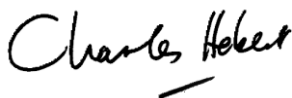
The Club also provides cash prizes and a recital opportunity for two Sevenoaks Young Musician Competition participants each year as an encouragement to young performers.

Achievements and performance

Following the Covid-19 pandemic it was possible to put on all of the seven concerts planned for the 2021-22 season. The artists engaged included some who had had concerts cancelled because of the Covid outbreak. It was very gratifying that the number of people buying season tickets was back close to pre-Covid levels. By using the main school hall for concerts instead of the school's small theatre it was possible to accommodate everyone in a well-spaced seating arrangement, and concert attendance was generally good.

Ticket income during the season was not sufficient to cover outgoings, but the Club was the beneficiary of some generous donations. During the season more effort was put into advertising the Club, and it is to be hoped that this will eventually pay dividends in future seasons. In addition, an appeal for more volunteers has been initiated with a view to giving the Committee which manages the Club greater resilience.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Charles Hebert

05 October 2022

Sevenoaks Music Club – Accounts 2021-22

The Club's accounts for the year 2021-22 show a **deficit of £2,731** as compared with a deficit of £2,299 for the preceding year of 2020-21.

The 2021-22 season was a return to a full concert programme following the 2 previous seasons that were reduced because of the Covid pandemic. Given the disruption caused to all aspects of life, including social and artistic, it is probably unsurprising that the effects have been experienced by the Club in terms of its membership income for the 2021-22 season. The Club has, however, received many donations from members, including some particularly generous ones, for which we are very grateful.

Anticipating the overall lower income during the season, and given the deficit experienced in the previous year, the committee decided to draw on the Club's reserves to ensure that all expenses for the season could be covered by the funds in our current account.

For the current 2022-23 season, membership income has improved versus last season. So far, it looks as if it will be at a similar level, or slightly below, membership income for 2018-19 (the last full season before Covid). This is despite the increases in this season's membership subscription fees.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Mr Peter Knapton for undertaking an independent examination of our annual accounts.



Paul L. Bidder
Hon. Treasurer

SEVENOAKS MUSIC CLUB

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year 12th July 2021 to 30th June 2022

2020/21

2021/22

£ INCOME

-	Annual Subscriptions
2,240	Concert Tickets
-	Donations
428	Bank Interest
-	Refreshments
-	CD Sales
-	Advertising
-	Refund (Artists)

£ £

6,951
1,994
2,067
271
-
-
-
100

2,668 Total Income

11,383

EXPENDITURE

3,400	Artists
650	Hall Hire
27	Concert Support
434	Office printing & member communication
107	Publicity & Advertising/Website
313	Insurance/Performing Rights
-	Prizes + donations
	HMRC Tax (Overseas Artists)
	Equipment purchase
36	Stripe/SumUp Fees (for card sales)

9,436
2,564
616
234
223
285
195
300
154
109

4,967 Total Expenditure

14,114

- 2,299 DEFICIT

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-2,731

Nil Other Items

Nil

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-2,731

SEVENOAKS MUSIC CLUB

12th July
2021

Balance Sheet at 30th June 2022

£	BANK and CASH BALANCES	£	£
31,801	Bank & Building Society Deposits	26,764	
4,068	Current Accounts	13,601	
133	Petty Cash	260	
129	Debtors and Prepayments	100	
-853	Creditors and unpaid cheques	-8,180	
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35,278			32,545
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GENERAL FUND

35,277	General Fund at 12 July 2021		35,277
		Deficit	-2,731
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35,277			32,545
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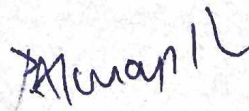


Paul L Bidder

Hon. Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S Report to the Members of SEVENOAKS MUSIC CLUB

I have examined the accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting records. In the course of my examination nothing has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn for a proper understanding of the accounts.



Peter Knaption

Independent Examiner