

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	1	April	2020		31	March

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	NONSUCH DULCIMER CLUB		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1184249		
Charity's principal address	Flat 10 Holmwood House		
	6 Purshall Close		
	Redditch		
	Postcode	B97 4PD	

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	SALLY ELIZABETH WHYTEHEAD	CHAIR		Members
2	CHRISTOPHER JOHN SHAW		01/04/2020 - 24/10/2020	Initial Trustee
3	HILARY JANE DAVIES			Members
4	SANDRA HUDSON		24/10/2020 -	Members
5	WILLIAM JAMES DUDDY		30/10/2020 -	Charity Trustees
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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 dated 20/10/2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members or appointed by charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- 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.

The charity is run on a day to day basis by a committee consisting of the trustees and other volunteers.

The charity is a member of the NCVO and the Cimbalom World Association and an affiliate member of EFDSS.

The trustees have adopted a risk management policy, and created a risk register. This will be further refined over the next year.

In January 2021, we completed a baseline self-assessment using the NCVO "Trusted Charity Essentials" online tool - which helped target our ongoing policy development. This will be repeated at intervals to track improvement.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art, heritage and science of music in all its aspects, and in particular as they relate to the hammered, plucked and mountain dulcimer families of musical instruments (including international variants), primarily but not exclusively within the British Isles and by any means the trustees see fit; including through the presentation of public concerts, recitals, workshops, lectures, festivals, conferences, exhibitions and the provision of grants in support of these aims.

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)

The year 2020/21 has been a challenging time for the club, as it has been for many music organisations. During the year, both our main residential festivals were replaced by an online equivalent. In addition, the Halsway Manor Dulcimer Week which we support, was also cancelled.

To replace these, a range of online workshop events were held during the year. There were 5 stand-alone events over the summer 2020, followed by our Annual Weekend Online Festival on October 24-25 2020 and our Spring Fling Online Festival on March 20-23 2021. The workshops covered a variety of topics and ability levels over the equivalent of 17 afternoon workshops, with 341 workshop places booked altogether. In addition an online tutor concert was held as part of each of the two weekend festivals.

All local and regional events were replaced by member-led online 'sessions'. Over 80 such sessions were held during the year, covering a range of music and ability. By the end of the year we had 4 different sessions, each running around 2 a month.

We plan to continue with a range of online events, reducing the frequency once lockdowns are eased and in-person events resume.

In order to support our increased online activities, we made significant enhancements to our website to enable better online event publicity and streamlined online booking for events. We also supported online events and teaching from other related organisations and musicians.

We published a quarterly newsletter 'Nonsuch News'. This provides information about events, educational material and items of interest to those interested in dulcimers. This is sent out to all members.

We loaned hammered dulcimers to 2 new players, and continued loans to 4 existing players.

The charity trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and have followed this in planning and undertaking our activities.

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.

We had 13 volunteers helping us with various aspects of organisation over the period (not including trustees).

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We very successfully adapted our in-person programme to an online one. During the year we found that the revised event programme was well received by many of our members. While all our events are open to all, we were best able to analyse the response in relation to our members. In our analysis, 43% of members engaged with this programme as opposed to about 34% engaging with our in person events in recent years. We also found that we had new participants who, due to health, financial, location or other reasons had not been able to attend our in-person events.

There was an increase in interest in our activities by non UK players, a number of whom also joined the club. At the end of the year this was around 12% of members, of which 6% are from the USA. While our primary aim is to serve the British Isles, this diversity is welcome and adds breadth and interest to our dulcimer community.

Over the year, there was a 12% increase in members to 265. This increase is partly new overseas members finding us through our online events and partly new UK members looking for a new hobby during lockdown.

We purchased a set of 24 mountain dulcimers to use in beginner and 'taster' workshops, and ran a successful loan program.

We published (4) newsletters for members, and a membership directory.

During our first full year as a registered charity, the trustees have laid the groundwork for a successful and well managed charity by putting together our operating plan and initial policy documents.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Nonsuch Dulcimer Club ensures it has sufficient cash reserves at any time to cover all its outstanding commitments.

For the reporting period we had a written reserves policy. This policy sets a reserve of £10,000 for 2020/21, based on potential commitments over the year, as well as cash flow for general expenses.

Maintaining these reserves will not impact our ability to implement club programmes.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Trustees review the amount of reserves that are required at least annually to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations.

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.

At the end of the period we had 265 members. The membership fees (£10 per annum for UK members) covered our basic operating costs.

Additional variable income is generated by organising our workshop events throughout the year, which support our key objectives. These are designed generally to break even, but as they are popular we often make a small surplus which is used to further the aims of the charity. This year was no exception and all our paid events made a small profit.

In June 2020 we received a one-off payment of £8,214 from the charity Dulcimer World Congress as it was wound up following our merger.

We received a deposit refund of £2,063 for our cancelled residential annual weekend (Denstone 2020). This deposit had been paid originally in January 2020 and was shown as expenditure in last year's accounts.


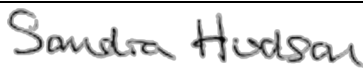
We were able to purchase a set of 24 mountain dulcimers to use in workshops for taster sessions to the general public at festivals and events run by third parties.

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)		
Full name(s)	Sally E Whytehead	Sandra Hudson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	3rd December 2021	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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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					
General Club	3,157	-	-	3,157	3,487
Single Online Workshops	2,225	-	-	2,225	-
DWC Funds Transfer	8,214	-	-	8,214	-
Spring Fling 2020	-	-	-	-	3,645
Spring Fling 2021 (Online)	4,076	-	-	4,076	-
Annual Weekend 2019 (Denstone)	119	-	-	119	7,711
Annual Weekend 2020 (Denstone - cancelled)	2,063	-	-	2,063	-
Annual Weekend 2020 (Online)	3,025	-	-	3,025	-
Loan Instrument Deposits (Received)	-	100	-	100	200
Grants & Bequests - Mat Fox	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & Bequests - Ian Hay	-	15	-	15	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,878	115	-	22,993	15,043
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan Instrument Sales	-	-	-	-	70
Sub total	-	-	-	-	70
Total receipts	22,878	115	-	22,993	15,113
A3 Payments					
General Club	2,303	-	-	2,303	1,983
Single Online Workshops	2,007	-	-	2,007	-
Spring Fling 2020	300	-	-	300	4,255
Spring Fling 2021 (Online)	3,808	-	-	3,808	-
Annual Weekend 2019 (Denstone)	-	-	-	-	18,923
Annual Weekend 2020 (Denstone - cancelled)	-	-	-	-	2,063
Annual Weekend 2020 (Online)	2,952	-	-	2,952	-
Loan Instrument Deposits (Returned)	-	150	-	150	50
Grants & Bequests - Mat Fox	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & Bequests - Ian Hay	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Grants outside England & Wales	-	-	-	-	47
Sub total	11,369	150	-	11,519	27,321
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan Instrument Purchases	1,320	-	-	1,320	430
Sub total	1,320	-	-	1,320	430
Total payments	12,689	150	-	12,839	27,751
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,189	- 35	-	10,154	- 12,638
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,162	1,296	-	15,458	28,096
Cash funds this year end	24,351	1,261	-	25,612	15,458

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				
	Bank	24,351	1,261	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,351	1,261	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

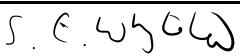
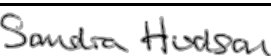
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Loan Instrument Inventory		-	7,990
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Instrument Deposits	Restricted	200	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sally E Whytehead	4/12/2021
	Sandra Hudson	4/12/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

NONSUCH DULCIMER CLUB

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1184249

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

P. Answer

Date:

13/12/2021

Name:

Peter David Answer

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Milton Keynes, MK8 8AE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.