

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	1	April	2023		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	JAMES LOW CORMIE			Members
3	SANDRA HUDSON			Members
4	WILLIAM JAMES DUDDY			Members
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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.

<p>The charity is run on a day to day basis by a committee consisting of the trustees and other volunteers.</p> <p>The charity is a member of the NCVO and the Cimbalom World Association and an affiliate member of EFDSS. We joined Making Music in July 2021, who have continued to be invaluable in providing advice and training for the trustees and committee.</p> <p>Following the adoption of a risk management policy, the trustees have continued to work on and update the risk register. We have developed a regular cycle of reviewing our policies and procedures.</p> <p>In January 2021, we completed a baseline self-assessment using the NCVO "Trusted Charity Essentials" online tool - which helped target our ongoing policy development. We updated this in May 2022 and a good improvement in our rating was achieved - reflecting our progress on policy and risk register development/review alongside evolution of our online presence based on our COVID experience.</p>
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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)

Our member-led online sessions, which started in 2020, were continued into 2023/24. We adjusted our approach with 2 different regular sessions approximately monthly. We continued with a range of online events using a mix of professional tutors and volunteers as they have proved beneficial even though in-person events have resumed. We also supported online events and teaching from other related organisations and musicians.

This year we ran a full programme of in person events, while continuing to provide revised COVID guidelines for them.

Our members attend many festivals and community events where they promote dulcimers, with information and support from the club.

We strengthened the relationship with the Morpeth Gathering and in April 2024 at their in-person event we were invited to take part in a concert and run a 'have a go' session which was extremely well supported. Shortly after this, in nearby Newcastle we organised our third in-person post COVID Spring Fling event. As part of this initiative, we linked up with the local folk community before and during the event. This included a programmed visit to the well-known Bridge Folk Club.

We continued our residential Annual Weekends in October 2023 at The Hayes, Derbyshire with workshops at three levels for both hammered and mountain dulcimers, as well as concerts and music sessions and our Annual General Meeting, with 76 people attending.

We continued to develop our YouTube channel, with a range of videos from our events.

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 11 players over the year.

We have a bank of 24 mountain dulcimers which are used for workshops. They were used several times in 2023-2024, and members of the public had the opportunity to play an instrument with support from an expert. A new event, the Dorchester Dulcimer Festival used the instruments in March 2024.

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 grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We had 35 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

Post COVID, we have now fully returned to our in-person programme of events, taking account of public health guidelines.

We adjusted our Spring Fling event in Newcastle to incorporate a hammered dulcimer tutor. We continued to develop our relationships with the local community for this event, creating a blueprint for future years.

Due to rising prices at our current Annual Weekend venue, we carried out a survey among our members to relocate to a former venue in Malvern. This was overwhelmingly supported by the members and we are in negotiations to hold our 2025 event there.

Over the year, there was a 10% increase in members to 344. New members often join having attended beginners' workshops at festivals or community events. We have also managed to attract some younger members, particularly students who have a discount to attend our Annual Weekend.

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

We continue to develop our policy documents and operating plan as a basis for a successful and well managed charity.

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 £14,500 for 2023/24, 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 344 members. The membership fees (which have remained at £10 per annum for UK members for many years) covered our basic operating costs.

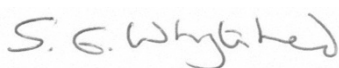
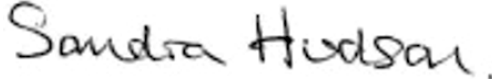
Additional variable income is generated by organising our workshop events throughout the year, which support our key objectives. These are designed generally to break even, but as they are popular we often make a small surplus which is used to further the aims of the charity. This year was no exception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

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)		
	Sally Elizabeth Whytehead	Sandra Hudson
Full name(s)	Sally Elizabeth Whytehead	Sandra Hudson
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	25/07/2024	25/07/2024



Charity Name NONSUCH DULCIMER CLUB	No (if any) 1184249
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/4/2023	To	Period end date 31/3/2024
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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 (Trading Receipts)	5,139		-	5,139	3,992
Online Workshops 2022	-				731
Online Workshops 2023	2,080		-	2,080	-
Spring Fling 2023 (In Person)	-		-	-	1,200
Spring Fling 2024 (In Person)	1,300		-	1,300	-
Annual Weekend 2022	-		-	-	24,955
Annual Weekend 2023	27,928		-	27,928	670
Annual Weekend 2024	-		-	-	-
Loan Instrument Deposits (Received)	-	300	-	300	250
Gift Aid	-		-	-	-
General Donations	170		-	170	146
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,616	300	-	36,916	31,943
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan Instrument Sales	320	-	-	320	-
Sub total	320	-	-	320	-
Total receipts	36,936	300	-	37,236	31,943
A3 Payments					
General Club (Trading Costs)	1,626		-	1,626	1,826
Online Workshops 2022				-	716
Online Workshops 2023	1,917			1,917	-
Spring Fling 2023 (In Person)	100		-	100	1,029
Spring Fling 2024 (In Person)	1,444		-	1,444	-
Annual Weekend 2022	-		-	-	21,984
Annual Weekend 2023	23,215		-	23,215	4,044
Annual Weekend 2024 (deposit)	-		-	-	4,698
General Admin/Governance Costs	1,386			1,386	1,544
Loan Instrument Deposits (Returned)		300		300	200
Charitable Grants/Donations (England/Wales)	-			-	-
Charitable Grants outside England & Wales	-		-	-	-
Sub total	29,687	300	-	29,987	36,042
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan Instrument Purchases	300	-	-	300	-
Sub total	300	-	-	300	-
Total payments	29,987	300	-	30,287	36,042
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,949	-	-	6,949	- 4,099
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,390	1,361	-	19,751	23,850
Cash funds this year end	25,339	1,361	-	26,700	19,751

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	24,877	1,361	-
	Paypal	462	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,339	1,361	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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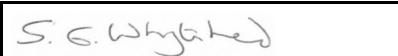
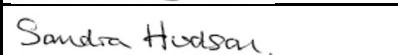
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Loan Instrument Inventory	Unrestricted	-	10,415
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Instrument Deposits	Restricted	300	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sally Elizabeth Whytehead	23/07/2024
	Sandra Hudson	23/07/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

NONSUCH DULCIMER CLUB

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2024

**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:

09/08/2024

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.