

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	1	April	2024		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
5	CHRISTINE ANN FITT		19/10/24 – 31/03/25	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, Making Music as well as the Cimbalom World Association and is an affiliate member of EFDSS. The Cimbalom World Association and EFDSS provide networking and music specific opportunities. The NCVO and Making Music in particular are invaluable in providing advice, training, tools and self-assessments 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>We continue to review our progress using the NCVO "Trusted Charity Essentials" online tool to help target our ongoing policy development.</p>

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 2024/25. 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. This includes a new series of online educational beginner sessions for both mountain dulcimer and hammered dulcimer. We also supported online events and teaching from other related organisations and musicians.

This year we ran a full programme of in person events, 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 helped a member in Italy with publicity to run community based Mountain Dulcimer events.

We strengthened the relationship with the Morpeth Gathering and we were invited to hold a 'meet the dulcimer' event and run a 'have a go' session which was extremely well supported. Associated with this, we organised our annual Spring Fling event in nearby Newcastle. As part of this initiative, we link up with the local folk community before and during the event. This includes a programmed visit to the well-known Bridge Folk Club and a presentation by a notable Northumbrian folk musician as guest speaker.

We continued our residential Annual Weekends in October 2024 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 69 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 12 players over the year.

We have a bank of 24 mountain dulcimers which are used for workshops. They were used several times in 2024-2025, and members of the public had the opportunity to play an instrument with support from an expert. This year, it included a project running over several weeks for a group of women with learning disabilities, in collaboration with Sheffield based charity "Under the Stars".

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

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.

Over the year, there was an 8% increase in members to 371. 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 £17,000 for 2024/25, 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 level 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 371 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 sometimes make a small surplus which is used to further the aims of the charity.

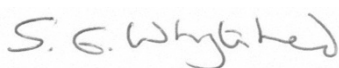
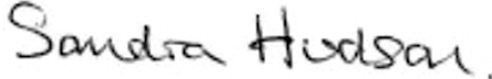
Our accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. This year our accounts show a surplus of £8,662. The income and expenditure for our events span more than one year, and this accounts for £6,344 of this figure. About £2000 of the remaining surplus is from general club activities and donations while the rest can be attributed to our events.

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	16 th July 2025	16 th July 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
1/4/2024

To

Period end date
31/3/2025

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)	5,632	-	-	5,632	5,139
Online Workshops 2023	-	-	-	-	2,080
Online Workshops 2024	260	-	-	260	-
Spring Fling 2023 (In Person)	-	-	-	-	-
Spring Fling 2024 (In Person)	130	-	-	130	1,300
Spring Fling 2025 (In Person)	1,870	-	-	1,870	-
Annual Weekend 2023	-	-	-	-	27,928
Annual Weekend 2024	26,741	-	-	26,741	-
Loan Instrument Deposits (Received)	-	300	-	300	300
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
General Donations	293	-	-	293	170
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,926	300	-	35,226	36,916
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan Instrument Sales	-	-	-	-	320
Sub total	-	-	-	-	320
Total receipts	34,926	300	-	35,226	37,236
A3 Payments					
General Club (Trading Costs)	2,635	-	-	2,635	1,626
Online Workshops 2023	-	-	-	-	1,917
Online Workshops 2024	418	-	-	418	-
Spring Fling 2023 (In Person)	-	-	-	-	100
Spring Fling 2024 (In Person)	301	-	-	301	1,444
Spring Fling 2025 (In Person)	703	-	-	703	-
Annual Weekend 2023	-	-	-	-	23,215
Annual Weekend 2024	20,897	-	-	20,897	-
General Admin/Governance Costs	1,311	-	-	1,311	1,386
Loan Instrument Deposits (Returned)	-	250	-	250	300
Charitable Grants/Donations (England/Wales)	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Grants outside England & Wales	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,265	250	-	26,515	29,987
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan Instrument Purchases	-	-	-	-	300
Sub total	-	-	-	-	300
Total payments	26,265	250	-	26,515	30,287
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,662	50	-	8,712	6,949
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,339	1,361	-	26,700	19,751
Cash funds this year end	34,001	1,411	-	35,412	26,700

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	33,600	1,411	-

Paypal	401	-	-
Cash	-	-	-
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	34,001	1,411	-
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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)
		-	-
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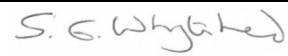
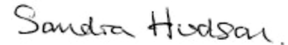
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Loan Instrument Inventory	Unrestricted	-	11,215
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Instrument Deposits	Restricted	350	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Sally Elizabeth Whytehead	16/07/2025
	Sandra Hudson	16/07/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

NONSUCH DULCIMER CLUB

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**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 31/03/2025

**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:

Date: 08/08/2025

Name:

Peter David Answer

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

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Two Mile Ash

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.