

MUSIC MATTERS IN OSWESTRY AND THE BORDERLANDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1188830

Details

Other names MUSICMOB

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-03-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN OSWESTRY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE IN FULL TIME STATE-FUNDED EDUCATION, OR BEING HOME EDUCATED, BY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR INSTRUMENTAL, SINGING AND MUSIC THEORY TEACHING AND ENABLING ACCESS TO MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING THE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, ENJOYMENT, UNDERSTANDING AND PERFORMANCE OF MUSIC.

Activities: We aim to increase opportunity and access to learning music. MusicMOB will fund music lessons (singing and instrumental) for young people attending state schools in Oswestry and its surrounding villages. We also will loan instruments and provide tuition books and music stands

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Powys
- Shropshire
- Wrexham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£16,895	£25,824	-	-
2024-08-31	£28,562	£20,520	-	-
2023-08-31	£23,693	£19,869	-	-
2022-08-31	£28,585	£9,373	-	-
2021-08-31	£5,603	£784	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Coppock	Chair	2019-07-02
Amy McCulloch		2025-08-05
Dr MILES PAUL MYRES		2019-07-02
Phillip James Springett		2024-06-17
Sian Tasker		2019-07-02

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Annual Report 2024-2025

Charity Commission Reg. 1188830

Object

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Introduction

During the 2024-25 academic year we taught 115 children in seven schools. We were delighted to be welcomed into St Martins where several of our students from Weston Rhyn had moved to. We also started teaching in St Martins Primary. In the spring term our eight existing teachers were joined by Caroline Morris who began teaching woodwind in St Martins. At the end of the year we said good-bye and a big thank you to Sian Davies who had been teaching violin and viola at Ellesmere Primary.

We have been joined by Amy McCullough as trustee. Amy is a music teacher and organiser in the area.

We had fewer students entering the Oswestry Youth Music Festival but all did well. We had 11 competitors in seven categories, and had two second places and two third places. Two competitors achieved a grade of Outstanding; one achieved Honours. A clarinet ensemble achieved Merit and two string players achieved Commended.

Fundraising is increasingly competitive and we had fewer grants this year totalling £10,401. We are hugely appreciative of grants received from the Oswestry Town Council, Borderlands Arts Association, the Oswestry and Cambrian rotary Club (via the Mary Hignett Bequest Fund), Ellesmere Town Council, the Hilton-Jones Charitable Trust, the Albert and Eugenie Frost Trust and the Charlotte Hartey Foundation. We did see an increase in individual donations from £4,913 in 23-24 to £5,921 in 24-25.

We have maintained a Reserve Account to ensure we can provide a full half year of teaching should we fail in year to get funding from trusts and corporate organisations. However, at the end of this year academic year we have monetary assets of £27,668, which ensures that MusicMOB will be a going concern for 25-26. Further we plan to raise £15,000 by the end of December in order to protect our Reserves. Funds raised from January will support our work in the 26 - 27 academic year starting in September 2026.

We aim to teach 125 students during 25-26 and will be welcoming Jane Holmes to our teaching team. Some of our Ellesmere Primary students will be moving to Lakelands and we will be continuing their lessons there.

Facts and Figures

Trustees

We now have five trustees.

- Mike Coppick (chairman)
- Sian Tasker (secretary/publicity)
- Paul Myres (Fundraising/school liaison)
- Phill Springett (Treasurer)

Claire Stocker resigned in August.

But we were joined in August by a new trustee Amy McCulloch . Amy is a musician, and has taught music peripatetically, and now works in schools so is bringing a new perspective to us.

Schools Involved

Seven local schools are involved, Mostly primary schools, but we have students who are continuing after leaving primary school so we are starting to be teaching some in secondary schools.

Number of Students

Last year we were teaching about 115 pupils. This year we expect to increase that to about 125.

31 from last year decided not to carry on (27%), but we expect to take on 32

Number of Teachers

We currently have nine teachers.

Number of lessons provided

We have given 1286 lessons across the school year, each lesson usually teaches two or three pupils.

Instruments

We teach the following thirteen instruments: Cello, clarinet, cornet, drum, flute, guitar, saxophone, singing, tenor horn, trombone, trumpet, viola and violin.

Number of Instruments Owned by Music MOB

We own 174 instruments. The majority are used instruments that have all been donated to us. We did purchase a new cello this year, but also had six guitars and one more violin donated to us.

Grants received during the year

This year we received grants from the following organisations

- Oswestry Town Council
- The Arts Society
- Mary Hignett Bequest, Rotary Club of Oswestry and Cambrian
- Ellesmere Town Council
- The Hilton Jones Charitable Trust
- The Frost Foundation
- The Charlotte Hartey Foundation

Financial Procedures

Our finances are held in

- a current bank account with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) which requires dual authorisation for all payments.
- an interest bearing saving account with CAF
- a higher interest account with the Charity Bank (this holds our reserves).

We aim to hold a reserve of two terms of teaching costs to provide assurance to the teachers and the students that we will not need to end teaching at short notice if income fails.

We can cover the full years teaching for 2025-2026.

Receipts and Payments

	Total This Year	Total Last Year
	2025	2024
	€	€
A1. RECEIPTS		
Grants etc	10,401	23,071
Donations	5,921	4,913
Other	573	578
TOTAL	16,895	28,562
A2 Asset and Investment Sales		
Transfer from Savings	4,000	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,895	28,562
A3. PAYMENTS		
Tuition	23,715	18,730
Instruments	730	0
Other	1,378	1,790
TOTAL	25,824	20,521
A4. Asset and Investment Purchases		
Transfer to Savings	13,200	12,000
TOTAL PAYMENTS	39,024	32,521
Net of Receipts/Payments	-18,129	-3,969
A5. TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-
A6. CASH FUNDS PREVIOUS YEAR	23,857	27,816
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	5,728	23,847

Assets

	Total This Year	Total Last Year
	2025	2024
	€	€
B1. Cash Funds		
CAF Bank Account	5,728	23,857
Cash in Hand	40	40
B2. Other Monetary Assets		
CAF reserve Account	9,296	
B3. Investments Assets		
The Charity Bank 1 yr Ethical Fund	12,604	12,000
B4. Assets Retained for the charity own use		
Instruments (166, 10% depreciation)	9,720	10,800
New Instruments (6 extra guitars donated, one donated violin, one new Cello)	490	
Music Stands (80, 10% depreciation)	432	480
Various Music Accessories (10% depreciation)	360	400
B5. Liabilities	-	-
ASSETS THIS YEAR END	38,670	47,577

Approved by the trustee Board on 13/7/26

Chair  Hon Treasurer: 



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Music MOB

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 25

Charity no
(if any)

1195548

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Adrian Bryan

Date:

22/12/2025

Name:

Adrian Bryan

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

ACMA MIP – Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants – member in Practice

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

[Empty box for disclosure details]

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Introduction

This year we started teaching in Ellesmere Primary School and at the Marches Secondary School where we have agreed to support students already learning as they transition to secondary education.

There was some disruption to violin teaching in two schools following the retirement of our first teacher. There were regrettable delays in a new teacher starting so some students had lessons from three different teachers and did not receive the full number of lessons we aim to provide during the year.

Sue Turner our music coordinator and founding trustee stepped away at the end of the autumn term. Her knowledge of music and teaching and expert organisation of our teachers was greatly missed. The Trustees are extremely grateful for the huge contribution Sue made to the success of MusicMOB. Sue continued some direct teaching to students. We have not appointed a new coordinator. Claire Stocker and Paul Myres took over as Acting Coordinators for the rest of the year.

Fundraising Events : Beginners Concert for Parents and Funders, Oswestry Youth Music Festival Bucket Collection, Whjittington Car boot Sale, Folk concert at Hermon Arts Centre.

Several of our students participated in an Orchestra Experience Day at the Marches School in October. Nine students took part in 13 categories at the Oswestry youth Music Festival in March. One woodwind student achieved first place, one achieved a merit, and one was commended; two achieved joint second (one mark behind the winner). One violin student received a Commended and one achieved a first-place trophy. 2 singers received Merits.

We received 14

grants from both local and distant trusts or organisations totalling £18,254 and two donations from public organisations totalling £1757.

We are extremely grateful to all our donors and supporters.

FACTS & FIGURES

Trustees

Mike Coppock (Chair), Sue Turner (education lead until 22 December 2023), Sian Tasker (Publicity and Fundraising), Paul Myres (Treasurer and Governance), Claire Stocker (from April 2023) Secretary, Phillip Springett (from June 2024).

Schools involved

Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy, Bryn Offa C of E Primary School, The Meadows Primary School, Weston Rhyn Primary School, Ellesmere Primary School, The Marches Secondary School.

Number of students

From April 2024 we were funding music tuition for 103 students.

Number of teachers. 8

Number of lessons provided. (20 -30 mins) 1038

Range of instruments.

Violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, drums, trumpet ,Cornet, trombone and tenor horn
Voice tuition is also provided

Number of instruments now owned by MusicMOB. 166

Grants and Corporate donations received during the year

Walker Trust Shropshire County Council
Shropshire Masonic Charitable Trust
Hilton-Jones Trust
Cambrian Rotary
Ellesmere Town Council
Ellesmere Community Care
Mary Hignett Fund, Rotary club of Oswestry
Upton blues Festival Fund
Weston Rhyn Parish Council
St Oswalds Church
Oswestry Borderlands Rotary Firework Fund
Albert and Eugenie Frost Trust
Oswestry Lions
Ellen Barnes Charitable Trust
Charlotte Hartey Trust

Financial Procedures

We have a bank account with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank which requires dual authorisation for all payments.

We aim to hold a reserve for two terms of teaching costs to provide assurance to the teachers and the students that we will not need to end teaching at short notice if income falls. We seek external funding for the year ahead to be assured we are a going concern for at least an academic year.

Reserve funds are held in a higher interest account with the Charity Bank.

Assets

Jul24		Jul 23
166 Musical instruments (10% devaluation)	£10,800	£12,000
10 new donated instruments at £30 each (average)	£300	
60 Music Stands @£8	£480	Not valued
Various Music Accessories	£400	Not valued
Total	£11,980	
Cash in hand	£40.00	

Produced by Miles Paul Myres Hon Treasurer until end of August 2024

Independently reviewed by AB Accountants (see report below)

Approved at Trustee board meeting 13 January 2025

Signed as correct representation

Mike Coppock, Chair

Phill Springett, Treasurer

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Introduction

This year we moved into a fourth school, Weston Rhyn Primary providing tuition in guitar and woodwind. By the summer term we were teaching 95 primary school students.

Our Music coordinator lead choirs in Holy Trinity and Bryn Offa and a recorder ensemble in Holy Trinity.

We added brass teaching to our offer. All 8 teachers reported mostly good attendance and progress albeit at different rates and levels for different students.

In November 2022, 45 children performed ,often for the first time, at our closed Beginners concert for parent and local funders. A trophy was awarded to the MusicMOB student who had worked hard and showed the most progress. There were 22 entries for the Oswestry Youth Music Festival including 2 choirs. In all 50 children took part. There was one winner who received a trophy from the Mayor and several received commendations and distinctions. Almost 40% of all Entries were from state schools this year (up from 30% the previous year)

We were grateful to the support of several local and visiting musicians and groups in raising the charity's profile and funds to continue our provision. Local musicians, Chris Symons, Sylvie Reverdy and Samantha Lewis gave a well-attended fundraising recital. The Fron Male Voice Choir invited MusicMOB's singers to sing with them in their Christmas Carols charity concert and shared the door receipts, The Ridgeway Chorale and the Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir gave concerts and offered donations from door receipts.

We received eight grants from both local and distant trusts or organisations totalling £12,300.

FACTS & FIGURES

Trustees

Mike Coppock (Chair), Sue Turner (education lead, Concerts), Sian Tasker (Publicity and Fundraising), Paul Myres (Treasurer and Governance), Claire Stocker (from April 2023) Secretary

Schools involved

Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy, Bryn Offa CE Primary School, The Meadows Primary School, Weston Rhyn Primary School

Number of students

From April 2023 we were funding music tuition for 95 students.

Number of teachers. 8

Number of lessons provided. (20 -30 mins) 767

Range of instruments.

Violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, drums and trumpets ,Cornets
Voice tuition is also provided

Number of instruments now owned by MusicMOB. 160

Additional Activities for young people

55 children sung in two school based choirs and 20 played recorder in an ensemble

40 sung a specially arranged piece for Christmas and a shared item with the Fron Male Voice Choir

22. entries for the **Oswestry Youth Music Festival** involving 50 children

11 string and woodwind students attended a workshop at **Whittington Music Festival and 7** performed with professional artists at a family concert in the Festival Programme

Exam Results in May 2023 3 students took and passed Grade 1 (2 with merit). In July 5 woodwind students passed their first exams, all with either merit or distinction.

Grants and Corporate donations received during the year

Mary Hignett Bequest Fund Rotary Club of Oswestry

Oswestry Cambrian Rotary

Oswestry Town Council

Borderland Rotary

Charlotte Hartey Foundation

Arts Society Mid Wales and Borders

Albert and Eugenie Frost Trust

Weston Rhyn Parish Council

Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council

Financial Procedures

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Annual Accounts 1 Sept 2022 to 31 August 2023

		2021-22
Opening Balance 1 Sept 22	£24,031.59	(£4819.34)
INCOME		
Donations -Single	£410.00	(£10,700.00)
Donations – regular giving	£1603.00	(£850.00)
Donations – corporate	£0.00	(£1,435.00)
Grants	£12,300.00	(£10,790.00)
Events	£4,930.39	(£2,680.30)
On line fundraising.	£824.35	(£1,921.04)
Fees (for choir and ensemble direction)	£360.00	(£0.00)
Bank Interest	£39.34	(£0.00)
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£3,226.02	(£209.06)
Total Income	£23,693.30	(£28,585.40)
EXPENDITURE		
Tuition	£13,464.00	(£6131.49)
Choir and Ensemble	£1,152.00	(£0.00)
Music Accessories	£994.97	(£796.05)
Instrument purchase	£1,292.93	(£1,067.76)
Music Books	£532.36	(£182.25)
Instrument Accessories.	£438.48	(£0.00)
Instrument Repairs.	£115.00	(£0.00)
Festival entry	£156.00	(£42.00)
Exam Fees	£435.00	(£0.00)
Fundraising	£246.00	(£740.97)
Bank Fees	£60.75	(£93.50)
Insurance	£249.60	(£247.60)
Accountancy	£360.00	(£0.00)
Website & Email	£259.18	(£60.04)
Office	£18.40	(£0.00)

Other costs	£94.50	(£11.49)
Total Expenditure	£19,869.17	(-£9,373.15)
Surplus	£3,824.13	(£19,212.25)
Closing Balance	£27,855.72	(£24,031.59)
Money in bank	£27,815.72	(£23,991.59)
Cash in hand	£40.00	(£40.00)
Debtors	£0.00	(£0.00)
Creditors	£0.00	(£0.00)
Carried forward to next financial year	£27,855.72	(£24,031.59)
Assets.		
166 Musical instruments.	Est value	£12000.00
60 Music Stands	Est value.	£360.00
Various music Accessories.	Est value.	£400.00
Total	£12,760.00	(£8,550.00)

Produced by Miles Paul Myres Hon Treasurer

Independently reviewed by AB Accountants

Approved at Trustee board meeting 17 April 2024

Signed as correct representation

Mike Coppock, Chair

Paul Myres, Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Music MOB

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1188830

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2023DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:

Adrian Bryan

Date: 27/02/2024

Name:

Adrian Bryan

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

ACMA MIP - Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants – Member in Practice

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Introduction

This year we started funding music lessons in two schools from October, and early in 2022 we started in a third school. By the beginning of the summer term, we were providing tuition in voice and a variety of instruments to 81 children, exceeding our expectations for our first year of operation. Our six teachers provided progress reports for all the children and we are delighted that almost all of them are opting to continue into our second year.

It was our intention to be cautious in our expenses this year in order to ensure we remain a going concern for

the foreseeable future. We are very grateful for a number of grants from local organisations, enabling us to expand into a third school during the year. We have also received a generous personal donation to allow us to further expand in 2022-23.

Our aim is to have raised sufficient funds to support teaching for at least one term but hopefully two terms ahead. We are pleased to report that at the end of August 2022 we had sufficient funds to support teaching for all of 22-23. As a result, our fundraising next year will be to support teaching in 23-24.

In 2021-22 we held several successful fundraising events and were particularly pleased to finally hold our launch concert in the presence of our patron with several local groups and musicians raising over £1000.00 as well as providing an enjoyable evening of music to many friends and supporters.

FACTS & FIGURES

Trustees

Mike Coppock (Chair), Sue Turner (Tuition, Concerts), Sian Tasker (Publicity and Fundraising), Paul Myres (Treasurer and Governance)

Schools involved

Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy, Bryn Offa CE Primary School, The Meadows Primary School

Number of students

By May 2022 we were funding music tuition for 81 students

Number of teachers. 6

Number of lessons provided. (20 -30 mins) 374

Range of instruments.

Violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar and drums

Voice tuition is also provided

Number of instruments now owned by MusicMOB. (July 22). 95

Additional Activities for young people

7 children (singing) entered the **Oswestry Youth Music Festival**

34 children participated in Choirs for **Songs for Ukraine**,

23 visited **St Oswalds church** to hear about singing in a church choir

11 string students attended a workshop at **Whittington Music Festival**

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Our first full year of fundraising was very successful, giving us necessary funds to be confident of continuing and growing our provision into a second year.

The fundraising was wide-ranging and included event fundraising, grant fundraising, corporate fundraising and individual giving, which itself split into bucket collections, online giving, regular giving and general donations.

In terms of events, Trustees were involved in several events during the year which started with a Springtime pub quiz. Our much-postponed launch concert eventually took place in June and included performances from various local groups and individual musicians all of whom gave of their time and talent at no cost, enabling ticket money to come to the charity. A group of Music MOB supporters put on a 'Big Busk' as part of the Oswestry Food Festival, with bucket collections going to the

charity. Trustees had a stand at the Fun Day which took place at Cae Glas Park, with organisers committing profits to Music MOB.

Trustees were very successful in applications for grants from local groups, with money raised from all three Rotary Groups (one through their Mary Hignett Bequest Fund and one through their Firework Fund), the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association, the Oswestry Lions, Oswestry Town Council and the Charlotte Hartey Foundation. Additional funding was successfully obtained for string teaching from the Albert and Eugenie Frost Trust Fund. The trustees are extremely grateful for this support.

PLANS FOR 2022-23 - Tuition

Next year we plan to provide tuition for 96 children and increase our presence to 4 schools.

We will be adding tuition in brass instruments.

We will also be setting up two choirs and a recorder group. It is hoped that the choirs will join a well known established choir at a Christmas concert in Oswestry.

Fundraising

October will see a wonderful fundraising concert given by three local professional musicians who are committed to the work of the charity and will perform at no cost. The concert will be free to enter but concert-goers will receive information about the charity and will be encouraged to donate in various ways. In November the first 'new Music MOB musicians' concert will take place. It will be a closed concert for the children and parents and fundraising, as a result, will be low key with our buckets in attendance! There are plans for a fundraising concert to be given by our peripatetic teachers and another pub quiz is likely to be organised.

Identification of and application to Trusts and other Funds will continue through the year.

Financial Procedures

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Annual Accounts 1 Sept2021 to 31 August 2022

Closing Balance 31 Aug 21

£4819.23

Bank reconciliation

+

£0.11

Opening Balance 1 Sept 21

£4819.34

INCOME

Donations -Single	£10,700.00
Donations - regular giving	£850.00
Donations - corporate	£1,435.00
Grants	£10,790.00
Events	£2,680.30
On line fundraising.	£1,921.04

Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed £209.06

Total Income

£28,585.40

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	£6131.49
Music Accessories	£796.05
Instrument purchase	£1067.76
Music Books	£182.25
Festival entry	£42.00
Exam Fees	£0.00
Fundraising	£740.97
Bank Fees	£93.50
Insurance	£247.60

Website & Email £60.04

Other costs £11.49

Total Expenditure
(£9,373.15)

Surplus
£19,212.25

Closing Balance
£24,031.59

Money in bank £23,991.59
Cash in hand £40.00

Debtors £0.00
Creditors £0.00

Carried forward to next financial year
£24,031.59

Assets.	95 Musical instruments.	Est value
£8000.00		
	50 Music Stands	Est value.
£250.00		
	Various music Accessories.	Est value.
£300.00		
	Total	
£8550.00		

Produced by Miles Paul Myres Hon Treasurer

Independently reviewed by Adrian Bryan ACMA MIP, AB
Accountants.

Independent Examiners Report 13 March 2023

Approved at Trustee board meeting on 15 March 2023

Signed as correct representation

Mike Coppock, Chair
Myres, Treasurer

Paul



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Annual Accounts 1 Sept 2021 to 31 August 2022

Closing Balance 31 Aug 21

£4819.23

Bank reconciliation

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£0.11

Opening Balance 1 Sept 21

£4819.34

INCOME

Donations -Single	£10,700.00
Donations - regular giving	£850.00
Donations - corporate	£1,435.00
Grants	£10,790.00
Events	£2,680.30
On line fundraising.	£1,921.04
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£209.06

Total Income

£28,585.40

EXPENDITURE

Tuition	£6131.49
Music Accessories	£796.05
Instrument purchase	£1067.76
Music Books	£182.25
Festival entry	£42.00
Exam Fees	£0.00
Fundraising	£740.97

Bank Fees	£93.50
Insurance	£247.60
Website & Email	£60.04
Other costs	£11.49
Total Expenditure (£9,373.15)	

Surplus
£19,212.25

Closing Balance
£24,031.59

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name Music MOB

On accounts for the year ended

31 st August 2022	Charity no (if any)	1188830
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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 31st August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:	<i>Adrian Bryan</i>	Date:	13 th March 2023
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Name:	Adrian Bryan
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ACMA MIP Chartered Institute of Management Accountants – Member in Practice
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MUSIC MATTERS IN OSWESTRY AND THE BORDERLANDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1188830

Accounts



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Annual Report September 2020 to August 2021

Covid continued to thwart our plans to launch by means of a young person concert. It was extremely difficult to garner interest from local schools who had too much on their plate maintaining provision of the basic curriculum. However we did get some publicity and did manage to raise some money.

We set up a website and began to collect names of those interested in what we intend to do. We attended three charity markets and on one occasion were visited by the Mayor of Oswestry. Visitors to our stall would tell us of their experiences of learning music as a child or their sadness that the opportunity was not available for their child. We received generous start up donations from Oswestry Borderland Rotarians, Cae Glas Masonic Lodge and the Shropshire Provincial Lodge, the Catriona Fund, the Oswestry town council festival fund and Reanimator, a local business. Also we were delighted to receive several donations from interested individuals and set up facilities for on line giving.

During the year we received 24 gifted instruments, some of which needed a few repairs and we were able to buy appropriate accessories.

We finished the year with a surplus of £3611.83 with an overall end of year balance to carry forward of £4819.33, which will enable us to offer 24 young people with the loan of an instrument and music lessons for the academic year 2021-22.



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Annual Accounts 1 Sept2020 to 31 August 2021

Opening Balance
£1207.50

INCOME

Donations -Single	£270.00	
Donations – regular giving	£600.00	
Donations – corporate	£1950.00	
Events	£350.15	
On line fundraising.	£803.18	
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£402.56	
Total Income		£4375.89

EXPENDITURE

Bank Fees	£89.50	
Music Accessories	£458.54	
Website & Email	£208.42	
Publicity	£7.70	
Total Expenditure		(£764.16)

Surplus
£3611.73



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Closing Balance
£4819.23

Debtors	£0.00
Creditors	£0.00

Produced by Miles Paul Myres Hon Treasurer 23 October
2021

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