



Opening the door to a lifetime of music

Music Matters in Oswestry and The Borderland. Annual Report 2022-23

Object

The object of the "Music MOB" 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.

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

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.

Annual Accounts 1 Sept2022 to 31 August 2023

Opening Balance 1 Sept 22	£24,031.59	2021-22 (£4819.34)
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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
- 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:

Adrian Bryan

Date: 27/02/2024

Name:

Adrian Bryan

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

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Chartered Institute of Management Accountants – Member in Practice