

## Epsom Music Society 1197449

### Annual Report and Accounts Year End 30th November 2024

During the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Epsom Music Society staged 4 classical concerts free of entry to showcase Ukrainian refugee musicians.

These events attracted donations to support the musicians.

We also staged several ticketed live top-class jazz concerts.

“Grassroots Jazz” continued to address the shortfall in Government funding for small jazz clubs up and down the country.

These clubs invariably work on a shoestring, and (more often than not) are chaired by promoters of the older generation. Within this generation, there is a (completely understandable) hugely lower incidence of internet/IT proficiency, which in turn leads to chronic underuse of social media to promote events.

In addition to this, there is a hugely reduced rate of bid submissions to the available money via Arts Council England from these promoters. This is definitely attributed to the same causation - a lack of the required skills required to make a coherent and competitive online bid.

There are dozens of professional bid writers bidding for this same pot of money. Pitting these promoters against these professional bid writers is never going to see a good result for grassroots venues. The likelihood of success is close to zero.

With reduced audience numbers, the profit margins are smaller for clubs, and for many, unmanageable.

As some clubs began to close we decided to do something about it.

A total of 4 clubs were awarded grants in 2023.2024.

The Trustees

Lionel Blackman  
Nigel Price  
Richard Tomlinson  
Alex Griffiths



Signed on their behalf by Lionel Blackman

19th August 2025

Epsom Music 1197449		
Account for Financial Year 1st December 2023 to 30th November 2024		
EXPENSES		
Accountant fee	100	
Concert venue hire	1313	
Grants	5450	
Equipment	290.41	
Musician fees and expenses	2710.38	
Printing	329.6	
Promotion and social media	222.99	
Audio services	400	
Total	10816.38	
Income		
Concert tickets	7630.36	
Donations	1882.55	
Gift Aid	200	
Total	9712.91	
Deficit	-1103.47	
Balance c/fwd 22.23	10813.1	
Balance 30/11/2024	9709.63	
Signed		
Lionel Blackman LLB MA Solicitor		