

QUESTA

England & Wales · Charity number 1197868

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-02-10

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

Contact

Address Corfe Mullen Baptist Church
Newtown Lane
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Wimborne
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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE, IMPROVE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN AND APPRECIATION OF, THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIC IN ALL ITS ASPECTS BY ANY MEANS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF CHORAL MUSIC AND SYMPHONY AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRAS AND THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC CONCERTS AND RECITALS.2) SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: The preparation, study and performance of choral and orchestral music for the public. To study and prepare existing music and to commission new works. To facilitate arts activity in the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£43,065	£44,751	-	-
2024-03-31	£46,990	£41,065	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,326	£13,464	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALEXANDER HUSTLER	Chair	2022-02-10
ANDREA TODD		2022-02-10
Annabelle Carter		2022-02-10
Christopher Jones		2022-02-10

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

c/o Corfe Mullen Baptist Church	
Newtown Lane, Corfe Mullen	
Wimborne, Dorset	
Postcode	BH21 3EY

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trustees may from time to time determine.

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)

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the 2024/25 year, we produced three performances: the World Premiere of Stuart Mitchell's Seven Wonders Suite (attended by his family as he died a couple of years ago), Spies! and Questa's Big Christmas Singalong. All concerts were a great success and turned a small profit. We also raised money for other charities at these concerts. Stuart Mitchell's family were hugely supportive and appreciative of our performance of his work, and have asked to keep in touch to attend future projects. The first two concerts were held at The O2 Academy, Bournemouth, and Christmas was held at The Spire, Poole.

During this period, our members have continued to successfully sit music exams through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The main financial risk to the charity is low ticket sales and reduced donations, particularly considering nervousness amongst audiences following the COVID-19 pandemic. Many producers and promoters are still saying that audience numbers are continuing to be way below pre-pandemic numbers. Sufficient funds are held to cover 3 months running costs and to offset against the cost of forthcoming concerts in the event of insufficient ticket sales, and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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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)	A Hustler	
Full name(s)	Alexander Hustler	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	18 th May 2025	

Questa (1197868)

Profit and Loss Report

01 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

Sales

Total Sales £ 43,064.81

Direct Expenses

Total Direct Expenses £ 23,456.81

GROSS PROFIT / LOSS £ 19,608.00

Overheads

Total Overheads £ 21,294.98

NET PROFIT / LOSS -£ 1,686.98



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

Date:

26/01/2026

Name:

Andrew James Binnington

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

Address:

47 Sundew Road

Broadstone

BH18 9NX

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Accounts



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Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Questa (1197868)

Profit and Loss Report

01 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

Sales

Total Sales £ 46,990.98

Direct Expenses

Total Direct Expenses £ 25,792.35

GROSS PROFIT / LOSS £ 21,198.63

Overheads

Total Overheads £ 15,272.18

NET PROFIT / LOSS £ 5,926.45

Questa

Balance Sheet Report

To: 31 March, 2024

ASSETS

Fixed Assets

Total Fixed Assets £0.00

Current Assets

1200 - HSBC Current Account 79.34

1230 - Petty Cash 1,827.00

1250 - NatWest Current Account 558.10

1260 - NatWest Reserve Account 1,539.51

Total Current Assets £4,003.95

TOTAL ASSETS £4,003.95

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

2100 - Trade Creditors -1,922.50

Total Current Liabilities -£1,922.50

Future Liabilities

2600 - Long term Loans & Mortgages 2,138.80

Total Future Liabilities £2,138.80

TOTAL LIABILITIES £216.30

TOTAL NET ASSETS £3,787.65

EQUITY

Net Profit / Loss	3,787.65
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<i>Net Profit / Loss (prior year(s))</i>	-2,138.80
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<i>Net Profit / Loss (current year)</i>	5,926.45
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TOTAL EQUITY	£3,787.65
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Signed:

Date:

21/05/2024

Name:

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In the 2022/23 year, we produced four performances. Video Games in Concert in May 2022, followed by Symphonic Cinema in September and the usual Christmas concert in December, featuring Stella Natalis by Sir Karl Jenkins. In March 2023, we performed a concert featuring the Fauré Requiem and Requiem Pandemus. All concerts were a great success and turned a small profit.

During this period, three of our members sat music exams through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and Trinity College London: a Grade 5 Singing exam was passed, a Grade 8 Singing exam was passed with Merit (both ABRSM), and one of our sopranos earned the Licentiate of Trinity College London diploma (LTCL).

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

During this period, we converted from an unincorporated charity (charity number 1178014) to a CIO (this one). During this period, operations and finances were passed over in phases from the old charity to the new CIO, with the final trading day of the old charity being 31/03/2023. After this point the Trustees have instructed the CEO to apply to the Charity Commission to strike the old charity from the charity register. The old charity had £0 in its accounts, and no outstanding debts or liabilities as all these had been passed to this new CIO by that date.

For this new CIO, cash at bank on 31/03/2022 was £11861.57 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is low ticket sales and reduced donations, particularly considering nervousness amongst audiences with ongoing COVID-19 issues. The funds are held to cover 3 months running costs and to offset against the cost of forthcoming concerts in the event of insufficient ticket sales, and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

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Questa - CIO

Profit and Loss Report

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Direct Expenses

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GROSS PROFIT / LOSS £ 16,155.00

Overheads

Total Overheads £ 4,293.00

NET PROFIT / LOSS £ 11,862.00

Balance Sheet

Questa

As at 31 March 2023

	£	£
Capital Assets		
Net Book Value	£0	
Current Assets	11,862	
Bank Account: Business Current Account	4,334	
Bank Account: QUESTA	7,527	
Net Current Assets	£11,862	
Total Assets	£11,862	
Owner's Equity:		
Retained Profit		11,862
Total Owner's Equity		£11,862



Section A

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