



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	Questa
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1197868
Charity's principal address	c/o Corfe Mullen Baptist Church
	Newtown Lane, Corfe Mullen
	Wimborne, Dorset
Postcode	BH21 3EY

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	Alexander Hustler	Chair		
2	Christopher Jones	Treasurer		
3	Annabelle Carter	Secretary		
4	Andrea Todd			
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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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by a general meeting of Trustees and reviewed annually

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.

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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 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.
- 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.

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)

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The main activities are as follows:

- Weekly choir rehearsals
- Weekly training and education for choir members
- Concerts for the general public, at low cost

These activities benefit the choir members by teaching them new skills, and developing their self-confidence and social skills, their practical musical skills and life skills. They benefit the audiences by providing opportunities for them to experience professional-standard live music at substantially lower costs than normally available and in locations where large-scale professional music is not normally available.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

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)

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.

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
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Direct Expenses

Total Direct Expenses	£ 23,456.81
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GROSS PROFIT / LOSS	£ 19,608.00
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Overheads

Total Overheads	£ 21,294.98
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NET PROFIT / LOSS	-£ 1,686.98
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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)**

1197868

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

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.