



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

Charity name: Philomusica Aberystwyth

Charity registration number: 1207720

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To educate the public in the art and science of music in Aberystwyth and occasionally elsewhere; and To encourage and promote the study, rehearsal and performance of orchestral music.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Charity puts on two orchestral concerts a year in the Great Hall in Aberystwyth, and also undertakes varying individual projects from time to time.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity does not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity does not use social investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity does not have any volunteers.

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Charity provides the public with an opportunity to attend live orchestral performances in the West Wales area. The Charity provides players of the required standard with the opportunity to participate in orchestral playing and develop their musical skills. Through its activities, the Charity extends the musical knowledge and promotes the wellbeing of audiences and players.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Charity's objectives are as per its charitable purposes (see above). See directly above for the means by which the Charity achieves these objectives.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Charity does not have any fundraising objectives.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The Charity does not make investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity is in a sound financial position, with a net surplus for the year of £2,198 and significant cash reserves (see below).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not have a specific policy for holding reserves. However, as at 20 September 2025, it had net assets of £56,965, all of which is in cash in its bank account or a National Savings Investment Account. This significantly exceeds the cashflow requirements of the Charity, and could be used for the purposes of unforeseen capital expenditure or liabilities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal sources of funds are: - A grant from Aberystwyth University (currently £3,000 per year) - Concert ticket income - Membership fees - Donations from the 'Friends' of Philomusica
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Charity does not have an investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Aberystwyth University currently provides the Charity with a grant of £3,000 per year, together with very significant 'in kind' support such as the services of the orchestra's conductor, rehearsal facilities, storage facilities and discounted use of the Charity's main performance venue. The withdrawal of such support could lead to the Charity's activities becoming financially unviable. The relationship between Aberystwyth University and the Charity is reviewed by the parties periodically. It is due to be renewed again prior to the start of the academic year 2027-28.

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a charitable incorporated organisation.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable incorporated organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Charity must have a minimum of 5 trustees. There is no maximum number of trustees. All trustees must retire at each AGM, but may stand for re-election by the members. Any person may stand for election as a member at an AGM. Trustees may at any time appoint up to 3 additional individuals to be trustees. Any trustees appointed by this method are also subject to the requirement to retire at the next AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	None
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity's organisational structures are as per its constitution. The Charity works closely with Aberystwyth University (see above).
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Philomusica Aberystwyth
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1207720
Charity's principal address	C/O The Music Centre Aberystwyth Arts Centre Aberystwyth University, Penglais Campus Aberystwyth Ceredigion SY23 3DE

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	Alison Greeley	Chair	3/4/24 – 19/11/25	N/A
2	Iwan Ap Dafydd	Secretary	3/4/24 – 19/11/25	N/A
3	Graham Brand	Librarian	3/4/24 – 19/11/25	N/A
4	Jane Blank	Friends secretary	3/4/24 – 19/11/25	N/A
5	Catherine Byers		3/4/24 – 19/11/25	N/A
6	Isobelle McGuinness		3/4/24 – 19/11/25	N/A
7	Victoria Evans		3/4/24 – 19/11/25	N/A
8	Kim Kenobi		29/1/25 – 19/11/25	N/A
9	Rafael Verão		3/9/25 – 19/11/25	N/A
10	Emma Butler-Way		14/10/25 – 19/11/25	N/A

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None. Title to all property is held by the Charity directly.		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this	N/A

falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

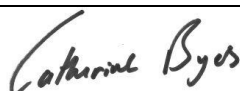
Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
Full name	Catherine Byers
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Charitable Trustee

Date

4/11/25

PHILOMUSICA ABERYSTWYTH
(REG. CHARITY No. 1207720)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year Ended 30 September 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1531	1150
Donations: Friends	650	595
Interest	259	0
Grant - Aberystwyth University	3000	3000
Other	30	390
TOTAL INCOME	<u>5470</u>	<u>5135</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Concerts: Net Loss	1113	1568
Insurance	328	208
Depreciation	0	0
Other Expenses	1831	1418
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>3272</u>	<u>3194</u>
NET SURPLUS	<u><u>£2,198</u></u>	<u><u>£1,941</u></u>

CONCERT ACCOUNTS

	£	£	£
INCOME			
Ticket Sales (Net)	3439	3747	7186
Programme Sales	185	180	320
TOTAL INCOME	<u>3624</u>	<u>3927</u>	<u>7551</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Soloists' Fees	1059	0	1059
Additional Players	1326	839	2165
Music	770	614	1384
Hall Hire etc>	1871	1827	3698
Other Costs	174	184	358
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>5200</u>	<u>3464</u>	<u>8664</u>
NET LOSS	<u><u>-£1,576</u></u>	<u><u>£463</u></u>	<u><u>-£1,113</u></u>

PHILOMUSICA ABERYSTWYTH
(REG. CHARITY NO. 1207720)
BALANCE SHEET as at 30 September 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Instruments on Valuation	10426		10426	
at Cost	24180		24180	
	<u>34606</u>		<u>34606</u>	
Less: Depreciation	34606		34606	
NET FIXED ASSETS		0		0
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank - Barclays Bank PLC & cash	52471		50532	
National Savings Investment	4494		4235	
TOTAL		56965		54767
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>£56,965</u></u>		<u><u>£54,767</u></u>
FUNDED BY				
General Fund at the beginning of the year		26675		24734
Surplus/ Loss for the Year		2198		1941
		<u>28873</u>		<u>26675</u>
Reserve Fund		28092		28092
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>£56,965</u></u>		<u><u>£54,767</u></u>

These Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act

Signed..... Alison Greeley (Chair and Interim Treasurer)

Signed..... Keith Lewis (Independent Reviewer)