

PETERBOROUGH OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 20th May 2025**

PETERBOROUGH OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

CHARITY DETAILS

Mrs Tricia Glaves	President
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TRUSTEES

Mr Robert Melhuish	Chairman
Mrs Amanda Villamayor	Vice-Chairman
Mrs Jennie Dighton	Treasurer
Miss Rebecca Piggott	Secretary
Mrs Georgina Kane	Members Representative
Mrs Laura Sorrell	Members Representative
Miss Amy Lythgoe	Members Representative

<u>REGISTERED NUMBER</u>	1209243
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CHARITY ADDRESS

Elm Tree Farm
Crowland Road
Eye Green
Peterborough
PE6 7TT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

Joynson & Co
89A High Street
Market Deeping
Peterborough
PE6 8ED

BANKERS

Barclays Bank PLC
1 Church Street
Peterborough
PE1 1XE

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TRUSTEES

The appointment of Trustees is in accordance with the Society's rules adopted in January 2024

CONSTITUTION, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Society is governed by rules as approved by the Charity Commission and registered by them on 22nd July 2024. The Society's objectives are to educate the public in dramatic and operatic arts, to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts, to assist and further such charitable institutions and charitable purposes as the trustees shall decide from time to time in accordance with their financial status.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Peterborough Operatic & Dramatic Society has been a registered charity for many years under Charity Number 286815.

In 2023 the trustees decided to apply to change the status of the society by becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The application was first filed in April 2024. That first application was refused because we have the word "Society" in our name and to continue to use the same name, we had to apply for permission from Companies House.

That permission was granted on 23rd May 2024.

The application to become a CIO was re-submitted and this time a delay was caused because we were asked to amend our constitution. This was done and sent to the Charity Commission on 19th July 2024.

The application to become a CIO was finally granted on 22nd July 2024 and we were given Charity No: 120943.

The Society's only real asset is its bank account and we then had to apply to the Charity Commission for its authority to transfer the assets from the registered charity to the new CIO, and that was submitted on 21st August 2024.

We heard nothing from them until they replied with a series of questions on 25th November 2024. A further delay caused by Christmas 2024 meant that the answer to those questions were not sent until 3rd January 2025.

On 28th January 2025, the Charity Commission gave us authority to transfer the assets as requested.

Barclays Bank, with whom the Society banked, had already confirmed that, as we were not changing the name of the Society or the trustees and therefore the signatories to the account, we did not need to close the registered charity's account and open a new one for the CIO. They would simply change the status of the society and its registered number on their records. They did however need that permission from the Charity Commission to transfer assets.

That was sent to Barclays as soon as it was given in January 2025 but it took until 20th May 2025 for Barclays to change the Charity Number on the bank account and therefore transfer ownership of the account to the CIO.

Without the use of that bank account, the CIO could not function, so up until 20th May 2025, almost a year after the application to become a CIO had been granted, the society had to continue functioning as a registered charity. The accounts for the financial year ending May 2025 for the registered charity were prepared and audited and have been filed with the Charity Commission in the usual way. However, instead of preparing them to the usual date of 31st May, they were prepared to the 20th May 2025, the date the bank account was transferred to the new CIO.

As a result, the CIO has no financial history for its first year of existence, and the accounts to which this report is attached have been completed with nil values to the 20th May 2025.

From 21st May 2025, financial records have been kept for the CIO, and the first complete accounts will be prepared as at 31st May 2026 and filed with the Charity Commission, in accordance with the legal requirement, by March 31st 2027.

STATEMENT OF OFFICERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 1992 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to: -

- 1) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- 2) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 4) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1992. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking all reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 25th March 2026



Mr R Melhuish - Chair

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 20TH MAY 2025

INCOME	<u>2025</u>
Show income	Nil
Concerts	Nil
Subscriptions and Donations	Nil
Gift Aid Tax Refund	Nil
Society Fund Raising	Nil
Bank Income	Nil
Misc Income	Nil
Hire/Sale of Assets	Nil
TOTAL	<u>0</u>
 EXPENDITURE	
Show costs	Nil
Concert Costs	Nil
Society miscellaneous expenditure	Nil
Donations to charity	Nil
Fund raising and sponsorship	Nil
Insurance	Nil
NODA Membership	Nil
Capital Expenditure/Depreciation	Nil
Society Publicity	Nil
Scenery Storage	Nil
TOTAL	<u>0</u>
 NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR	Nil
 TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	Nil
 TOTAL FUNDS	Nil

Peterborough Operatic and Dramatic Society is a charity registered with the Charity Commissioners.

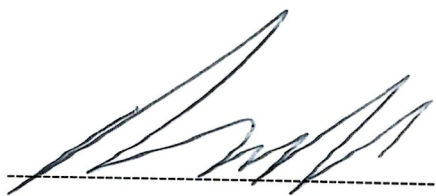
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BALANCE SHEET

	2025
	£
FIXED ASSETS	
Equipment at written down value	Nil
CURRENT ASSETS	
Debtors/Prepayments	Nil
Cash at Bank and in hand	Nil
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Sundry creditors	Nil
NET CURRENT ASSETS	Nil
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>	Nil
<u>CAPITAL (unrestricted funds)</u>	<u>Nil</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.



Mr R Melhuish - Chairman
25th March 2026

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 20TH MAY 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of accounts - The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustees' report and which are continuing.

2 Income

All income is accounted for by the charity as it is received. No permanent endowments have been received.

3 Staff costs

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year.