

The Friends of Dorset Opera

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

30th September 2025

Registered Charity No. 284784

The Friends of Dorset Opera

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of the Friends of Dorset Opera for the year to 30th September 2025.

STATUS AND OBJECTIVES

The Friends of Dorset Opera ("the Friends") is a registered charity (No 284784) established by a Trust Deed dated 14th April 1982. Its objective is to raise funds by public subscription to be paid by way of annual grant to Dorset Opera (registered charity No 1105318).

The Friends' registered address is Willow Barn, Stalbridge Weston, Sturminster Newton DT10 2LA.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The Friends continued to support Dorset Opera's Festival. The Trustees made a grant of £33,500 in support of the Festival's 2025 productions of Verdi's *Rigoletto* and double bill of Masagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* with Puccini's *Suor Angelica*.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Friends provide public benefit by supporting Dorset Opera Festival, which itself benefits the public.

INVESTMENT POWERS, POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees have the power to invest the money of the Charity not immediately required for its purposes in such investments or property as they think fit. Currently cash reserves are held in a low risk money-market fund which gives immediate access to these funds.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity works closely with Dorset Opera and may, as required, build up a level of reserves to help meet any longer term productions undertaken by the Festival. A small level of cash reserves is normally maintained to cover unforeseen circumstances.

TRUSTEES

The following Trustees have held office during the year:-

Mrs Rosamond Cassidy (Chairman)

Mr Peter Baillie (retired 25/11/2024)

Mr Nicholas Block

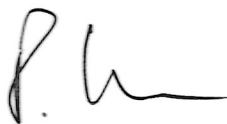
Mrs Sarah Bignell

Lady Sarah Digby (appointed 25/11/24)

Lady Garnier

The Trustees have the power to appoint new or additional trustees by resolution at a meeting of the Trustees.

By order of the Trustees



Rosamond Cassidy - Chairman of the Trustees

25th November 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE FRIENDS OF DORSET OPERA - CHARITY No 284784**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of **The Friends of Dorset Opera** (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with the accounting records..

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.



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Date: *29 November* 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th September 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions and donations received	26,440	27,360
Gift Aid received	5,765	6,165
Interest received	408	2,385
	<u>32,613</u>	<u>35,910</u>
PAYMENTS		
2025 Grant to Dorset Opera	33,500	76,500
Administrative expenses	50	1,152
	<u>33,550</u>	<u>77,652</u>
NET (PAYMENTS) / RECEIPTS	(937)	(41,742)
Cash Funds held at previous year-end	2,560	44,302
Cash Funds held at this year-end	<u>1,623</u>	<u>2,560</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the year ended 30th September 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Cash Funds - NatWest Current Account	114	109
- COIF Deposit Fund	<u>1,509</u>	<u>2,451</u>
	<u>1,623</u>	<u>2,560</u>

At the year end the following income items were outstanding:

- 1). Gift Aid of £113 (2024 £103) in respect of subscriptions and donations paid between 6th April and 30th September 2025 is to be claimed.
- 2). Subscriptions of £280 have been collected by Dorset Opera up to 30th September 2025 on the Charity's behalf.

No expenditure items were outstanding.

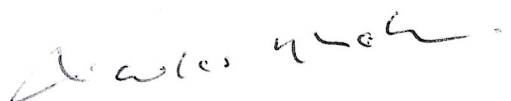
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Trustees have taken advantage of Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, which allows a small charity to present the accounts on a receipts and payments basis, together with a statement of assets and liabilities.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 25th November 2025



Rosamond Cassidy
Chairman of the Trustees



Nicholas Block
Hon Treasurer