



Reading Operatic Society  
37 Greenham Wood  
Bracknell  
Berkshire  
RG12 7WJ

**Annual Report**

**Charity Number 297402**

**Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

1. The provisional accounts were approved at Reading Operatic Society's AGM on 1 May 2025 and the Trustees subsequently approved the finalised financial reporting and annual report on Tuesday 5 August 2025. Trustees of the charity at that time were the following:
  - a. Lewis Donnelly
  - b. Kim Hollamby
  - c. Delun Jones
  - d. Cleo King
  - e. David Parsonson
  - f. Jack Simpson
  - g. Kevin Harvey
  - h. Lucy Seymour
2. The management of the Society is conducted by a Committee, elected every two years by Members at an Annual General Meeting. If a vacancy for any Officer or member of the Committee fails to be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting or vacant positions during the year, the Committee shall have the power to fill this vacancy by co-opting any member of the Society to serve as that officer or member with full rights as if elected for the remainder of the term.
3. The charity is unincorporated and uses its constitution to govern its operations.
4. The Aim of the Society is to: Educate the public in the operatic and dramatic arts. Further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts. Assist and further such charitable institutions and charitable purposes as the Committee shall from time to time determine.
5. The Society operates in Reading, Berkshire and currently produces its main shows at The Kenton Theatre in Henley on Thames due to lack of a venue in Reading capable of meeting the required balance of size, technical facilities and budget.



6. Two productions were staged during the year. Each was preceded by months of training and rehearsal. Members also took part in community, charitable and fundraising events.
7. There were no serious incidents requiring disclosure during the year.
8. Income for the year was £48,556 and expenditure was £46,533, leading to a surplus of £2022 and an improvement in the Society's overall finances for the second successive year.
9. There was no expenditure incurred outside the United Kingdom.
10. No grants, income or contracts were received from central or local government.
11. The society has no employees or paid staff.
12. No Trustees were remunerated for their services.
13. The Trustees reviewed and continue to review, the Society's financial controls and safeguards.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Reading Operatic Society

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

297402

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(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 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 27/10/2025

Name:

Callum J. Hood

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

Chartered ICAEW accountant

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Reading Operatic Society

No (if any)  
297402

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2024

To

Period end date  
31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Show income	36,615	-	-	36,615	26,305
Subscriptions	2,110	-	-	2,110	605
Fundraising	4,678	-	-	4,678	3,380
Friends donations	150	-	-	150	80
Matched giving donations	3,367	-	-	3,367	1,030
Other income	1,520	-	-	1,520	-
Amazon Smile	-	-	-	-	30
Easy Fundraising	116	-	-	116	54
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>48,556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,556</b>	<b>31,485</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>48,556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,556</b>	<b>31,485</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Show and workshop costs	43,481	-	-	43,481	20,292
Insurance	717	-	-	717	-
NODA membership	650	-	-	650	-
Fundraising	327	-	-	327	-
Other expenses	1,359	-	-	1,359	16
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>46,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,533</b>	<b>20,308</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>46,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,533</b>	<b>20,308</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>11,177</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,038</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,038</b>	<b>14,861</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>28,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,061</b>	<b>26,038</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds bank account	27,663	-	-
	Cash in hand	397	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>28,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>


		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kim Hollamby	05-Aug-25