

Charity number: 298662

THE DELIUS SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The Committee (Trustees) present their Report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's (Society's) objects are to promote public education in, and appreciation of, the life and works of Frederick Delius.

The Charity carries out these objects by:

- Offering membership at a low cost to ensure that membership is not prohibitive to the general public.
- Providing information and promoting the work of Frederick Delius to the general public via the Society's website.

The main activities undertaken in relation to these purposes are:

- Organising musical functions for members of the Society and the general public.
- Promoting the music of Delius to young musicians by providing an award (The Delius Prize) for an annual competition, in which music students from one or more of the United Kingdom's music conservatories compete by playing recitals, which include compositions by Delius.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning their future activities.

Achievements and Performance

Achievements during the year to 31 March 2022 have been once again limited by the COVID pandemic which has made the planning of in person meetings challenging. However, a number of recorded talks and recitals have been produced and made available to members through YouTube. These include a piano recital by Nathan Williamson, pianist Penelope Thwaites in conversation with Paul Jackson on the subject of Percy Grainger and his visits to Grez, Jeremy Dibble on his new book, *The Music of Frederick Delius – Style, Form and Ethos*, and a talk from Raymond Holden on Sir John Barbirolli. The Delius Society has continued to promote the music of Delius to its members, young people via Club Delius, and to the wider public, through publication of its twice-yearly Journal and Newsletter, and through its website and social media. The Society continues to be active on social media, with a flourishing Facebook, Twitter and YouTube community.

The 2021 Annual General Meeting took place online on Sunday 19 September 2021, at 3pm, and this was followed by a 30-minute recorded recital by Kathryn Rudge, featuring songs by Delius and Coates. The meeting was attended by around 30 members and their guests, and the recital link made available to those who did not attend. Whilst events are organised primarily for members, the wider public is invited and encouraged to attend through publicity on the Society website, through social media and through a third-party ticketing website. Many of our online events are made public, following a members-only period, and can be accessed through the Society's website and YouTube channel.

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The Delius Prize is fundamental to the Society's work, and is important in introducing young talented musicians to the music of Delius. It was very disappointing to be prevented once again from holding the Prize in 2021, but we are confident of a resumption of this event in late 2022. Meanwhile, we have been busy making preparations for our 60th Anniversary Concert at the Royal Academy of Music in June 2022.

The Society continues to publish its Journal and Newsletter twice a year. As in previous years, the Journal carries articles from academics and laymen alike on the music of Delius and his contemporaries. It is widely quoted and well regarded as one of the best publications produced by a composer society. Access to all back issues more than two years old is available free of charge to all via the Society's website, which is updated regularly. The Newsletter contains topical items of interest to members and both publications carry a comprehensive list of performances of Delius's music at venues worldwide.

Financial Review

The Society's principal sources of regular funding are members' subscriptions and an annual grant from the Delius Trust. However, in the last year we have received a legacy of £42,664 from the estate of Jean Gibson, the widow of the Society's founder Roland Gibson. Another individual donation of £2,543 last year means that the Society's reserves have reached unprecedented heights and now exceed £90,000. Without these one-off windfalls our income and expenditure for 2021/22 would have been close to breakeven.

Our reserves will diminish during 2022 as a result of the commissioning and performance of three new works inspired by Delius, but we are still likely to have over £50,000 in hand after all expenses are paid. Our dilemma is how to spend it in a constructive way that promotes Delius and ideally benefits as many members as possible. Whereas financial resources are plentiful, we are constrained by the fact that our human resources comprise just the three trustees plus Karen Fletcher.

Membership numbers have held steady this year, with young ClubDelius members offsetting the departing members. Despite the cancellation of the Prize and the absence of a live AGM expenditure on events has almost tripled since the first Covid year thanks to the organisation of a variety of online events.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Society is a set of Rules drawn up when the Society was founded in 1962, revised at AGMs subsequently in 1995, 2001, 2002 and 2017 with the approval of the Charity Commissioners.

The charity is an unincorporated association.

When it is felt that new Trustees are required we will endeavour to identify and recruit individuals with skills and experience appropriate to the needs of the charity. We remain confident of being able to maintain the Society's effectiveness.

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Reference and Administrative Details

The Delius Society was founded in 1962 and in February 1988 became a Registered Charity in England and Wales, registration number 298662.

The principal address for correspondence with the Society is:-

The Delius Society
c/o Katharine Richman
15 Oldcorne Hollow
Yateley
Hampshire GU46 6FL

The Trustees from the start of the reporting year until the date of this report were as follows:-

Katharine Richman	Hon Secretary and Journal Editor
Roger Buckley	Delius Prize and AGM organiser
Jim Beavis	Hon Treasurer & Membership Secretary
Jayne Strutt	Social Media Adviser (until 26 May 2021)

Trustees are appointed and reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits, except for the reimbursement of reasonable expenses in relation to the Society's activities. The positions of Chair and Vice Chair are vacant but the other Trustees carry out all the necessary duties between them.

Membership

The total membership at 31 March 2022 is 243 (2021: 241). Deaths and resignations have been more than offset by new ClubDelius members.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Overseas</u>
Ordinary	69	29	40
Gift Aid	127	121	6
Honorary	47	37	10
<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>56</u>

Tax Status

HM Revenue & Customs has accepted the Charity for tax purposes and it is therefore exempt from tax on its income and/or gains to the extent that the income and/or gains are applicable and applied for charitable purposes only.

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Committee's (Trustees') Responsibilities

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts. They comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements. In preparing these financial statements Trustees are required to:-

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue.

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legislation. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts have been subject to independent examination, as the Charity Commission requires those charities with gross income of more than £25,000 in their financial year to have their accounts independently examined.

By order of the Committee and Trustees

Katharine Richman

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Katharine Richman

Hon Secretary

Date: 10 May 2022

THE DELIUS SOCIETY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DELIUS SOCIETY

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 9 - 12.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under sections 145(5)(b) and 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). This is in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

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I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matters have come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:

Dated: 11 May 2022

J S Backhouse

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
INCOME		
Bequest	42,664	-
Delius Trust Grant (see note 1)	8,000	8,000
Members' Subscriptions (see note 1)	6,420	6,726
Donations	2,571	454
Tax Refund on Gift Aid Subscriptions	1,075	1,178
Exchange Difference on Revaluation of US\$ Account (see note 2)	172	(297)
Royalties Received	73	77
Surplus on sale of Journals, Books and LPs	4	24
Bank Interest Received	-	158
Miscellaneous Income	-	97
TOTAL	60,979	16,417
EXPENDITURE		
Journal Costs	3,801	4,096
Marketing and Admin Support	3,250	2,403
Commissioning new works	3,000	288
Meetings and Events	2,913	1,006
London Song Festival sponsorship	1,050	-
Club Delius	915	465
Newsletter	584	514
Committee's Expenses (see note 3)	537	-
AGM costs	209	-
Postage & Stationery	136	99
Church Donation	125	125
Bank Charges	50	51
TOTAL	16,570	9,047
Net movement in funds	44,409	7,370
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2021	46,199	38,829
Total funds carried forward at 31 March 2022	90,608	46,199


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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2021/22 £	£	2020/21 £	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & Prepayments	4	1,074		1,176	
Cash at bank	5	91,836		46,643	
		<u>92,910</u>		<u>47,819</u>	
CREDITORS & OTHER LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(2,302)</u>		<u>(1,620)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>90,608</u>		<u>46,199</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>90,608</u>		<u>46,199</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			<u>90,608</u>		<u>46,199</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>90,608</u>		<u>46,199</u>

All of the results shown on page 9 and above are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains and losses other than those on pages 9 and 10 above.

The notes on pages 11 and 12 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:


 Jim Beavis


 Katharine Richman.....

THE DELIUS SOCIETY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the notes to these accounts.

Accounting Convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, in conjunction with Update Bulletin 1 published in February 2016 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Reserves

The Trustees consider that a Reserves Policy is required to maintain the financial stability of the Society in order that it can achieve its objectives. It is believed that reserves of £20,000, that would cover at least one year's normal expenditure, are required for the Trustees to fully and satisfactorily carry out the continued aims and objects of the Society. The unexpected bequest received this year means that at present our reserves are disproportionately high. We will devise a beneficial use for them.

The Committee (Trustees) is satisfied that the Society is a going concern, and will continue to monitor the reserves policy and if necessary make the required amendments to enable the Society to fulfil its objectives in this regard.

Members' Subscriptions

Subscription income for the year represents members' annual subscriptions receivable. Subscriptions received in advance for the year to 31 March 2023 are shown within Creditors & Other Liabilities.

Grants

Income from grants is recognised on receipt of funds. No grants have performance related conditions attached. The £8,000 received from the Delius Trust in November was the fourth in a series of five annual grants.

2. Exchange Difference

The US dollar bank account is always revalued at the end of the year to show its value at that date, rather than when each individual deposit was made.

3. Committee's Fees and Expenses

One of the four Trustees received remuneration during the year, for the cost of redirecting post when moving house. There were no expenses reimbursed to any of the four Trustees in the preceding year.

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4. Debtors & Prepayments

	2021/22	2020/21
Tax Rebate on Gift Aid Subscriptions	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,176</u>

5. Bank Balances

	2021/22	2020/21
The Meadows Palmley Memorial Fund*	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>
Other Bank Accounts		
Lloyds USD Account	3,973	3,208
Lloyds Treasurer's Account	<u>87,773</u>	<u>43,345</u>
	<u>91,746</u>	<u>46,553</u>
Total – All Bank Accounts	<u>91,836</u>	<u>46,643</u>

*This is the name given to the Society's reserve fund by the Trustees and is not a separately designated fund. It is named in memory of two former Committee members.

6. Creditors & Other Liabilities

	2021/22	2020/21
Accrued Expenses	1,000	17
Subscriptions Received in Advance	<u>1,302</u>	<u>1,603</u>
Total Creditors	<u>2,302</u>	<u>1,620</u>