

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
Bewdley Festival Limited

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Bewdley Festival Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Our Artistic Values

Bewdley Festival Society was formed in December 1987, when a public meeting held in the Guild Hall, decided to launch an annual festival of the arts designed:

"To bring the best into Bewdley and to bring the best out of Bewdley".

Thanks to the continued support and encouragement of the many members of the Society the Festival has developed and expanded over the years to become an eagerly awaited part of the Bewdley and Wyre Forest calendar.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

Bewdley Festival is proud to have maintained its high artistic standards and delivered varied programmes embracing all aspects of the arts over more than 35 years. At the same time as ensuring its' financial viability.

This involves hosting high quality events for the enjoyment of local people in our beautiful town. We are only able to hold these events because of the hard work of our volunteers; our organising committee, our trustees and the support we receive from our members, patrons and sponsors.

Bewdley Festival Limited, is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The charity's objectives are:

- To advance the education of the public particularly in the neighbourhood of Bewdley by the production and promotion of educational plays and other forms of art including the art of drama, dancing, singing and music.
- To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations, particularly in the neighbourhood of Bewdley for the benefit of the community.

In our Annual Report 2023 we set out our aims for the year:

These included:

- Deliver a full programme of high-quality, varied events throughout 2024.
- Develop our strategy for growing Festival in terms of the audience we reach and the multi arts events we deliver. This includes delivering a children's literary festival.
- Bewdley Youth Festival, working with Bewdley School, to support young people in developing their artistic skills and personal development.
- Help and support our community through our Bewdley Community Arts Foundation by securing funding and encouraging more people to participate in creative activities.
- Continue to build our resource base by attracting new sources of income, attracting new volunteers and expert advisers.
- Continuing to ensure that good governance and business continuity processes are applied, and that Bewdley Festival is financially viable for many years to come.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Achievements

Highlights of 2024 include:

In October we held 17 events across a range of arts including music; comedy; film; drama and spoken word. We welcomed both local and internationally known acts.

Artists enjoy performing at our events. Our audiences are very welcoming and thanks to the tremendous work done by our organising committee and our volunteers, events are professionally run.

Music evenings included the world famous Aled Jones and Ruby Turner. Whilst the Bath Abbey Choir brought to us a wonderful evening of choral music at St Anne's Church. Comedy from Alfie Moore and Natalie Haynes, thought provoking evenings from Jane Garvey and Darren McGarvey together with a range of other events, meant that we had a strong programme across many facets of the arts.

For the 17 events held in the main festival we sold just over 2,100 tickets, which was 70% of the tickets available. This is 500 fewer than 2023 when we delivered 3 more events.

Although we face ever increasing costs, we made every effort to keep our ticket prices as affordable as possible. We used four local venues and attracted sponsorship from over 30 local companies.

Over 100 people (17%) replied to our customer questionnaire. We were pleased with positive feedback we received. The overall satisfaction rating was 92% with 96% of customers saying they would come, or probably come, to our events again.

Bewdley Youth Festival (BYF): remains a very important part of Bewdley Festival and something we want to grow. The Wyre Forest Young Musician of the Year is a regular event in the Festival calendar. As part of Youth Festival in 2024 we trialled 2 new events:

Step into Stories: our first one-day festival in April, held particularly for children up to 12 years old, was full of performances from some of the best authors, poets and storytellers in the children's story world today. Nineteen events held across Bewdley in one day provided a real logistical challenge but it was a great success. Our thanks go to Ed Shed and The Elmley Foundation for supporting the day.

One Earth: after 15 successful years of Hop Fest unfortunately the venue was no longer available. To give the local youth the platform to showcase their musical talents, a one day music and sustainability event for the whole family was organised by Bewdley Festival and The Bewdley School. Over 20 local acts performed during the day. Whilst the event was well organised, the infrastructure costs and low ticket sales coupled with the lack of sponsorship and grant support resulted in a disappointing financial loss. Following a full review, the Trustees have decided the policy for one off events will be amended to guarantee any external funding is committed (rather than promised) before the project is approved.

Bewdley Festival receives financial assistance from The Elmley Foundation. We are very grateful for their support. Also our thanks go to our sponsors and organisations who support our work, these include:

- Ed Shed
- The Roger & Douglas Turner Charitable Trust
- Bewdley Rotary Club
- Bewdley Civic Society
- Kidderminster Lions
- Bewdley Town Council
- Mug House Inn and Restaurant
- and St George's Hall.

A full list of our sponsors can be found on our website.

Bewdley Community Arts Foundation

Bewdley Community Arts Foundation (BCAF) was launched by Bewdley Festival in 2021. It funds arts-based activities that support and inspire the citizens of Bewdley and Wyre Forest.

By providing funding and resources, facilitating and enabling access to creative activities (such as music, drama, painting, poetry, etc) BCAF is a catalyst that helps to make a positive change to people's lives. Taking part in creative activities is now widely recognised as having a positive effect on many areas of life.

We were pleased to agree grants totalling £1,420 in December 2023. No further grants were made in 2024.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Bewdley Festival Society Committee and our Volunteers

As ever thanks go to Festival Society Chair Trevor Price and Bewdley Festival Society Committee for their hard work throughout the year. Delivering a Festival with such a variety of acts is a major achievement of which they should all be very proud.

Thank you to our Partners and Patrons for their continuing support. Thank you to our now 480 Friends of Festival who pay an annual subscription which is so important to our financial viability. Thank you to those who attend our events and finally, the unsung heroes of Festival, our 80 or so volunteers who give freely of their time and ensure that Festival happens. Our volunteers undertake a range of duties including keeping our audiences safe and preparing the venues. Your support is invaluable.

A special thank you goes to Jane Barnett our Festival Manager who after 21 years working for festival left us at the end of January so she can concentrate on her role with St George's Hall. We will miss her advice, guidance and her organisational skills which have allowed us to deliver many successful events over the years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

With regard to our finances our aims are to:

- ensure that high standards of regularity and propriety are applied to the management of our funds.
- ensure that Bewdley Festival Limited is financially viable and an adequate level of funds are held in reserve to meet unforeseen circumstances.
- ensure that our ticket pricing is commensurate with our company's objective.

In the 12 months ending on the 31 December 2024, we delivered a loss of £16,340 and the money held at the bank was £51,063. As a result, the total funds carried forward were £51,312. The loss was due to the One Earth project but our overall financial position remains strong.

		Festival Events (£)	One Earth (£)	Step Into Stories (£)	Total (£)
1	Income	78,277	9,751	6,447	94,475
2	Costs	(67,956)	(36,981)	(5,878)	(110,815)
3	Surplus	10,321	(27,230)	569	(16,340)

Following the One Earth project a full review has been completed resulting in a new approval process for new projects requiring a significant budget. This requires grant and sponsorship income to be secured before financial commitments are entered into.

Reserves policy

The trustees consider it prudent to maintain reserves of approximately £50,000 or 50% of turnover whichever is the greater. This takes into account our heavy reliance on ticket sales which can be volatile and the cash flow is uneven month to month. This level of reserves is intended to allow us to have two loss making years and still be able to operate for a third year. The policy is subject to annual review as we consider the future plans of the festival.

It is clear that music and art festivals like ours face significant challenges including increasing costs; a drop in demand for tickets and attracting the levels of sponsorship we need to deliver a quality programme. The Association of Independent Festivals reported on November 2024 that 204 festivals have closed since 2019.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed, to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The risks the charity faces are reviewed at least twice a year. Attention is given to the action to be taken to help mitigate the risks:

	Description	Action Taken
1	A member of the public, volunteer, employee or artist is injured at a festival event.	Health & Safety policy in place.H&S risk assessments completed at each venue.First Aiders at each event.Public liability insurance in place.Training provided for our volunteers.
2	Insufficient funds to meet our commitments	Proper accounting records maintained.Hold a prudent level of reserves.Financial forecasts regularly completed and reported to the trustees.Monthly meetings of the organising committee.Ticket sales closely monitored, and action taken as required.Close working with Partners.
3	Key people with valuable knowledge and skills are not able to support us.	Succession planning.Key information held centrally.Encourage more volunteers to get involved including subject experts.
4	Reputational risk of events being cancelled at short notice.	Careful selection of acts and maintain good contact with agents.Contracts management arrangements.Customer contact lists maintained.Ticket refund processes in place and tested.

PLANS FOR 2025

These include:

- Clearly setting out our mission and values.
- Delivering a programme of high-quality, varied events throughout 2025.
- Develop our strategy for growing Festival in terms of the audience we reach and the multi arts events we deliver. This includes delivering a second Step into Stories event.
- Bewdley Youth Festival, working with local schools, to support young people in developing their artistic skills and personal development.
- Help and support our community through our Bewdley Community Arts Foundation by securing funding and encouraging more people to participate in creative activities.
- Continue to build our resource base by attracting new sources of income, attracting new volunteers and expert advisers.
- Continuing to ensure that good governance and business continuity processes are applied, and that Bewdley Festival is financially viable.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

There are two key groups. The Council of Management and the Bewdley Festival Society Committee.

The charity is governed by a Council of Management (a maximum of 11 Trustees) of which 5 can be nominees of the Festival Society. One of which is the Society Chair. The remaining 6 members are local people appointed for their expertise, the Festival Treasurer and the Company Secretary. The trustees work to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

The Council guides the strategic direction of the Festival and monitors compliance with its statutory obligations. It meets bi monthly to consider progress, approve budgets and annual accounts, monitor risks, review the ongoing financial position and to safeguard the Festival's original aims and objectives and overall artistic integrity. It also liaises with organisations such as Companies House, Charities Commission and Performing Rights (PPL PRS Ltd).

Bewdley Festival Society Committee meet every month. The 15 members of the committee are responsible for the planning, organising and delivery of festival events. The committee in 2024 was chaired by Trevor Price who is also a trustee and a member of the Council of Management. The Bewdley Festival Society's objects are the furtherance of Bewdley Festival Limited.

Legal Entity

Bewdley Festival Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 24 May 1989 and registered as a charity on 5 June 1989. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law and who served during the year, up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ordinary Members:

Mr PG Potter (Chair)
Mr N Subert (Company Secretary)
Mr GM Corner
Mr G J La-Borde (Treasurer)
Mr RJ Mander
Ms S Paterson (resigned 23rd April 2024)
Ms N Applegarth (appointed 9th September 2024)

Society Committee Nominated Members:

Mr TE Price
Mrs S Humphries
Mr J Frost
Ms R Tucker

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

My thanks go to Sheelagh Paterson who after providing valuable advice to the trustees resigned from the Council of Management due to pressures of work.

After completing a skills audit of the trustees, we welcomed Nyree Applegarth to the Council whose legal background and her work on sustainability will be important to us in meeting the challenges we face.

As required by our memorandum Mr G La-Borde retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed by the trustees from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts.

In the event of this company being wound up, the liability of a Bewdley Festival Limited's trustee is limited to £1.

Induction and training of new trustees

Where there is a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining trustees. The chair of the trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee, which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity.

Wider network

The charity is not part of a wider network.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Related parties

On 20th June 2012 SGH Venue Management, now known as St George's Hall Bewdley (company limited by guarantee), was incorporated. It was registered as a charity on 23rd October 2012. The membership of this company includes one Bewdley Festival Limited's trustee, Mrs S Humphries.

The object of SGH Venue Management is to further or benefit the residents of Bewdley and the surrounding area, in particular, the refurbishment and running of St George's Hall, as a Community Arts Centre.

In the event of this company being wound up, the liability of Bewdley Festival Limited's member is limited to £1.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02388535 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

701629

Registered office

St Georges Hall
Load Street
Bewdley
Worcestershire
DY12 2EQ

Trustees

G M Corner
J H Frost
Mrs S Humphries
G J La-Borde
R J Mander
Mrs S Paterson - Fundraiser (resigned 23.4.24)
P G Potter - Chairman (Chair)
T E Price
Ms R C Tucker
Ms N J Applegarth (appointed 9.9.24)

Company Secretary

N Subert

Independent Examiner

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P G Potter', written over a horizontal line.

P G Potter - Chairman - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Bewdley Festival Limited**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bewdley Festival Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

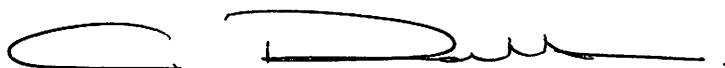
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Colin Dalton FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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29 April 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	35,537	3,100	38,637	35,751
Charitable activities Income	4	55,546	-	55,546	56,007
Investment income	3	292	-	292	62
Total		<u>91,375</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>94,475</u>	<u>91,820</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities Expenditure	5	106,825	3,990	110,815	86,178
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(15,450)</u>	<u>(890)</u>	<u>(16,340)</u>	<u>5,642</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		66,762	890	67,652	62,010
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>51,312</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>51,312</u></u>	<u><u>67,652</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	14	27	-	27	27
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	1,887	-	1,887	2,884
Cash at bank and in hand		51,937	-	51,937	74,533
		<u>53,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,824</u>	<u>77,417</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(2,539)	-	(2,539)	(9,792)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,285</u>	<u>67,625</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>51,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,312</u>	<u>67,652</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>51,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,312</u>	<u>67,652</u>
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				51,312	66,762
Restricted funds				-	890
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>51,312</u>	<u>67,652</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



P G Potter - Chairman - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from trading activities includes income from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised at their fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grant will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support Costs

Support costs are those costs that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office and governance costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The cost of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Charitable funds

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Donations and gifts	<u>38,637</u>	<u>35,751</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>292</u>	<u>62</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.12.24	31.12.23
		£	£
Ticket and programme sales	Income	54,056	56,007
Commission received	Income	425	-
Advertisements	Income	425	-
Other income	Income	640	-
		<u>55,546</u>	<u>56,007</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Expenditure	<u>73,679</u>	<u>37,136</u>	<u>110,815</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Artists fees	37,404	39,452
Hire of venue etc	31,939	11,196
Commission on ticket sales	1,013	1,138
Post festival lunch	-	2,402
Gifts and hospitality	-	507
Art projects	1,809	1,530
Performing Right Society	989	881
Youth events	525	1,532
Foundation	-	3,032
	<u>73,679</u>	<u>61,670</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Office and other costs	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Expenditure	<u>36,116</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>37,136</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Office and other costs

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	Expenditure	Total activities
	£	£
Wages	11,955	10,876
Office running costs	7,222	5,326
Postage and stationery	29	1,061
Advertising	8,490	4,260
Sundries	3,285	1,868
Gifts	50	-
Meeting rooms	541	-
Subscriptions	250	-
OE	3,027	-
Refunds	1,132	-
Bank charges	135	157
	<u>36,116</u>	<u>23,548</u>

Governance costs

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	Expenditure	Total activities
	£	£
Independent examination	<u>1,020</u>	<u>960</u>

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8. OTHER

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Support costs	<u>37,136</u>	<u>24,508</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Trustees' expenses

Sundry expenses of £1,294 were reimbursed to five Council members for hospitality expenses and administration costs. In 2023, £1,150 was paid to three members of the Council.

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>11,955</u>	<u>10,876</u>
	<u>11,955</u>	<u>10,876</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	1	1
Administrator	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED 31.12.23

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	34,851	900	35,751
Charitable activities			
Income	56,007	-	56,007
Investment income	<u>62</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62</u>
Total	<u>90,920</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>91,820</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Expenditure	<u>85,278</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>86,178</u>
NET INCOME	5,642	-	5,642
Transfers between funds	<u>500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	6,142	(500)	5,642
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	60,620	1,390	62,010
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>66,762</u>	<u>890</u>	<u>67,652</u>

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12. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Computer
software
£

COST

At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

1,200

AMORTISATION

At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

1,200

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2024

-

At 31 December 2023

-

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixtures
and
fittings
£

COST

At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

10,761

DEPRECIATION

At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

10,761

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2024

-

At 31 December 2023

-

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Unlisted
investments
£

MARKET VALUE

At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

27

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2024

27

At 31 December 2023

27

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31.12.24

31.12.23

£

£

Other debtors

335

358

Prepayments and accrued income

1,552

2,526

1,887

2,884

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16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Other creditors	494	8,620
Accruals and deferred income	2,045	1,172
	<u>2,539</u>	<u>9,792</u>

17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Between one and five years	780	720
	<u>780</u>	<u>720</u>

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31.12.24
		in funds	funds	£
		£	£	
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	65,951	(15,395)	(80)	50,476
Designated funds	811	(55)	80	836
	<u>66,762</u>	<u>(15,450)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,312</u>
Restricted funds				
The Helen Rachael Mackaness Charitable Trust	100	(100)	-	-
SGH Venue Management	790	(790)	-	-
	<u>890</u>	<u>(890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,652</u>	<u>(16,340)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,312</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	91,375	(106,770)	(15,395)
Designated funds	-	(55)	(55)
	<u>91,375</u>	<u>(106,825)</u>	<u>(15,450)</u>
Restricted funds			
The Helen Rachael Mackaness Charitable Trust	-	(100)	(100)
SGH Venue Management	-	(790)	(790)
Bewdley Town Council	1,000	(1,000)	-
Elmley	1,500	(1,500)	-
Civic Society	600	(600)	-
	<u>3,100</u>	<u>(3,990)</u>	<u>(890)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>94,475</u>	<u>(110,815)</u>	<u>(16,340)</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	60,109	6,342	(500)	65,951
Designated funds	511	(700)	1,000	811
	<u>60,620</u>	<u>5,642</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>66,762</u>
Restricted funds				
The Helen Rachael Mackaness Charitable Trust	100	-	-	100
SGH Venue Management	790	-	-	790
Other	500	-	(500)	-
	<u>1,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>890</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,010</u>	<u>5,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,652</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,520	(84,178)	6,342
Designated funds	400	(1,100)	(700)
	<u>90,920</u>	<u>(85,278)</u>	<u>5,642</u>
Restricted funds			
The Helen Rachael Mackaness Charitable Trust	350	(350)	-
Bewdley Town Council	300	(300)	-
Lions - Youth Festival	250	(250)	-
	<u>900</u>	<u>(900)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>91,820</u>	<u>(86,178)</u>	<u>5,642</u>

Purpose of restricted funds:

The Helen Rachael Mackaness Charitable Trust funds held are to be used for the Youth Festival.

The Roger & Douglas Turner Charitable Trust funds held are to be used for the Youth Festival.

Bewdley Town Council provided a £300 grant towards the cost of the Arts Project.

SGH Venue Management funds are to be used towards the CD recording project.

Other funds held are to be used for the Youth Festival.

Purpose of general funds:

This represents free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes. However, the Council of Management considers it necessary to maintain reserves at this level to enable planning of the next Festival to go ahead and advance financial commitments to be entered into.

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Purpose of designated funds:

The charity trustees have designated funds for Bewdley Community Arts Foundation project. These funds have been set aside by the trustees in a separate bank account, with the intention of setting up a new charity once the project is established.

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

On 2nd April 2022, The Bewdley School Foundation, a private company limited by guarantee, was incorporated. Membership of this company includes two Bewdley Festival Society Committee members Mrs S Pennington and Mr N Shaw.

The object of The Bewdley School Foundation is to advance the education of the pupils at Bewdley School while paying due regard to the obligation to promote community cohesion under the Education Acts.

In the event of this company being wound up, the liability of each Bewdley Festival Society Committee member is limited to £10.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	35,537	3,100	38,637	35,751
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	292	-	292	62
Charitable activities				
Ticket and programme sales	54,056	-	54,056	56,007
Commission received	425	-	425	-
Advertisements	425	-	425	-
Other income	640	-	640	-
	<u>55,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,546</u>	<u>56,007</u>
Total incoming resources	91,375	3,100	94,475	91,820
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Artists fees	34,904	2,500	37,404	39,452
Hire of venue etc	31,939	-	31,939	11,196
Commission on ticket sales	1,013	-	1,013	1,138
Post festival lunch	-	-	-	2,402
Gifts and hospitality	-	-	-	507
Art projects	1,809	-	1,809	1,530
Performing Right Society	989	-	989	881
Youth events	-	525	525	1,532
Foundation	-	-	-	3,032
	<u>70,654</u>	<u>3,025</u>	<u>73,679</u>	<u>61,670</u>
Support costs				
Office and other costs				
Wages	11,955	-	11,955	10,876
Office running costs	7,222	-	7,222	5,326
Postage and stationery	29	-	29	1,061
Advertising	8,315	175	8,490	4,260
Sundries	3,285	-	3,285	1,868
Gifts	50	-	50	-
Meeting rooms	541	-	541	-
Subscriptions	250	-	250	-
OE	2,237	790	3,027	-
Refunds	1,132	-	1,132	-
Bank charges	135	-	135	157
	<u>35,151</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>36,116</u>	<u>23,548</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examination	1,020	-	1,020	960
Total resources expended	106,825	3,990	110,815	86,178
Net income	(15,450)	(890)	(16,340)	5,642

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