

MUSIC IN COUNTRY CHURCHES

England & Wales - Charity number 801073

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1989-03-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN MUSIC BY ANY MEANS INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE HOLDING OF CONCERTS IN COUNTRY CHURCHES. 2. THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF SUCH CHARITABLE BODIES OR FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE

Activities: Music in Country Churches was established as a charitable trust in 1989. It has two aims: (1) to assist churches in rural regions of England and Wales with holding concerts of classical music; (2) to raise funds to assist those churches with the costs of their repair and maintenance. The Charity is particularly keen to provide performance opportunities to young and emerging musicians.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£106,470	£117,681	-	-
2023-10-31	£56,862	£80,733	-	-
2022-10-31	£73,729	£75,822	-	-
2021-10-31	£39,618	£51,458	-	-
2020-10-31	£20,895	£25,412	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Matthew Rice	Chair	2017-11-02
Anna stanton Mrs		2024-12-17
NIGEL SAVORY DL		2014-03-13
Robert Ralph Abel Smith		2015-04-01
SIR JOHN PARSONS KCVO		2006-06-02

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Accounts

**Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2024
for
Music in Country Churches**

Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited
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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 October 2024

Patron	His Majesty The King
Trustees	Mr Matthew Rice (Chairman) Mr Robert Abel Smith Mr Nigel Savory Sir John Parsons Mrs Anna Stanton (appointed 17.12.2024)
Director	Dr Philip Burnett
Principal address	PO Box 1645 Oxford OX4 9PE
Website	musicincounrtychurches.org.uk
Registered charity number	801073
Independent auditors	Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor 22-26 King Street King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 1HJ
Solicitors	Farrer & Co LLP 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 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).

Objectives and activities

Music in Country Churches was established as a charitable trust in 1989. It has two aims:

- to assist churches in rural regions of England and Wales with holding concerts of classical music.
- to raise funds to assist those churches with the costs of their repair and maintenance.

The Charity is particularly keen to provide performance opportunities to young and emerging musicians.

Achievement and performance

The Charity held concerts at churches in Northleach (Gloucestershire), Chagford (Devon), Clare (Suffolk), Geddington (Northamptonshire), Coleman's Hatch (East Sussex) and King's Lynn (Norfolk) during the year. Donations totalling £9,000 were made to the churches where the concerts were held.

The Trustees have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

The Charity's investment portfolio was administered by Rathbones Group Plc and in November 2023 the investment portfolio was sold for cash.

Reserves policy

The Trustees define the Charity's reserves as the value of assets over and above those which are required to meet its current commitments and planned expenditure. Trustees aim to have sufficient reserves to enable the Charity to meet its financial objectives for one year.

Future plans

Further concerts took place during 2025 at Chedworth (Gloucestershire) in May, Ross-On-Wye (Herefordshire) in June, Church Stowe (Northamptonshire) in June, Wickhambrook (Suffolk) in June, Longworth (Oxfordshire) in July, Newton St Cyres (Devon) in July, Bruton (Somerset) in July, Wiveton (Norfolk) in July and Burnham Thorpe (Norfolk) in July.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is run by a Committee of Trustees who meet at least twice each year, but usually more often, to discuss not only matters of policy and direction, but also to make decisions about the way the Charity is run and to keep a close eye on budgetary matters. The Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees. Training and induction of new Trustees is undertaken on an informal and continual basis through discussions with existing Trustees and attendance at board meetings.

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the 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 Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 26th August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr M. Rice - Chairman

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Music in Country Churches (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 October 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 October 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following: the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the key drivers for remuneration; the Charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or error; results of our enquiries of management; any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the Charity's documentation of policies and procedures relating to identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance; detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK) we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included tax legislation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 26th August 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2024

		31.10.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.10.23 Total funds £
Income and endowments from	Notes		
Donations and legacies	3	69,573	29,280
Other trading activities	4	36,657	26,935
Investment income	5	<u>240</u>	<u>647</u>
Total		<u>106,470</u>	<u>56,862</u>
Expenditure on Charitable activities	6		
Concert expenses		85,481	52,930
Grants payable		9,000	8,000
Support costs		18,686	16,159
Governance costs		<u>4,514</u>	<u>3,644</u>
Total		<u>117,681</u>	<u>80,733</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>367</u>	<u>206</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(10,844)	(23,665)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		14,957	38,622
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,113</u>	<u>14,957</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position

31 October 2024

		31.10.24	31.10.23
		Unrestricted	Total funds
	Notes	fund	Total funds
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	156	209
Investments	13	<u>-</u>	<u>21,745</u>
		156	21,954
Current assets			
Debtors	14	3,136	2,276
Cash at bank		<u>12,883</u>	<u>1,280</u>
		16,019	3,556
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(12,062)	(10,553)
		<u>3,957</u>	<u>(6,997)</u>
Net current assets			
		4,113	14,957
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,113</u>	<u>14,957</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>4,113</u>	<u>14,957</u>
Funds	16		
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,113</u>	<u>14,957</u>
Total funds		<u>4,113</u>	<u>14,957</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26th August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr M. Rice – Chairman

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2024

		31.10.24	31.10.23
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(10,749)</u>	<u>(17,113)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(10,749)</u>	<u>(17,113)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Sale of fixed asset investments		22,112	4,999
Interest received		19	15
Dividends received		<u>221</u>	<u>632</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>22,352</u>	<u>5,646</u>
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		11,603	(11,467)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>1,280</u>	<u>12,747</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>12,883</u></u>	<u><u>1,280</u></u>

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2024

1. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities	31.10.24	31.10.23	
	£	£	
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(10,844)	(23,665)	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	53	69	
Gain on investments	(367)	(206)	
Interest received	(19)	(15)	
Dividends received	(221)	(632)	
Increase in debtors	(860)	(126)	
Increase in creditors	<u>1,509</u>	<u>7,462</u>	
Net cash used in operations	<u>(10,749)</u>	<u>(17,113)</u>	
2. Analysis of changes in net funds			
	At 1.11.23	Cash flow	At 31.10.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>1,280</u>	<u>11,603</u>	<u>12,883</u>
Total	<u>1,280</u>	<u>11,603</u>	<u>12,883</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the Charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

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. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Income on listed investments includes all realised and unrealised gains on investment. Dividends are recognised when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computer equipment - 25% p.a. reducing balance

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2024

1. Accounting policies - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. There are no restricted funds.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits held with financial institutions repayable without penalty, net of bank overdrafts which are shown within borrowings in current liabilities

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Investments

Listed investments comprise stocks and shares quoted on recognised stock exchanges and are included in the balance sheet at their fair value, which has been ascertained by reference to their publicly reported mid-market value.

The differences between fair value and the original cost of the investments are shown as unrealised investment gains or losses and transferred to the income and expenditure account. The difference between the balance sheet value and the proceeds of investments disposed of are shown as a gain or loss in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events, that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are in respect of investments as described below.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2024

3. Donations and legacies

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Donations and gift aid	22,573	19,280
Grants	<u>47,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>69,573</u>	<u>29,280</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Concerts	<u>47,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

4. Other trading activities

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Concert income	33,487	23,145
Merchandise sales	780	2,270
Sponsorships	<u>2,390</u>	<u>1,520</u>
	<u>36,657</u>	<u>26,935</u>

5. Investment income

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Income from listed investments	221	632
Deposit account interest	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>240</u>	<u>647</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2024

6. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Concert expenses	85,435	-	46	85,481
Grants payable	-	9,000	-	9,000
Support costs	-	-	18,686	18,686
Governance costs	-	-	4,514	4,514
	<u>85,435</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>23,246</u>	<u>117,681</u>

7. Grants payable

	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £
Grants payable	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>

The grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £
Friends of Northleach Church	2,000	-
Chagford PCC	2,000	-
PCC Clare with Poslingford	2,000	-
Geddington PCC	2,000	-
Holy Trinity Colemans Hatch	1,000	-
Warkton PCC	-	2,000
Whitton PCC	-	2,000
Widecombe PCC	-	2,000
Snettisham PCC	-	2,000

8. Support costs

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Concert expenses	-	46	-	46
Support costs	18,583	103	-	18,686
Governance costs	-	-	4,514	4,514
	<u>18,583</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>4,514</u>	<u>23,246</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2024

9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

10. Staff costs

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	10,800	10,800
Other pension costs	<u>137</u>	<u>137</u>
	<u><u>10,937</u></u>	<u><u>10,937</u></u>

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

	31.10.24	31.10.23
Staff	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>

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

11. 2023 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £
Income and endowments from	
Donations and legacies	29,280
Other trading activities	26,935
Investment income	<u>647</u>
Total	<u><u>56,862</u></u>
Expenditure on Charitable activities	
Concert expenses	52,930
Grants payable	8,000
Support costs	16,159
Governance costs	<u>3,644</u>
Total	<u><u>80,733</u></u>
Net gains on investments	<u>206</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2024

11. 2023 comparatives for the statement of financial activities - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(23,665)
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	38,622

Total funds carried forward	<u>14,957</u>

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 November 2023 and 31 October 2024	<u>6,335</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 November 2023	6,126
Charge for year	<u>53</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>6,179</u>
Net book value	
At 31 October 2024	<u>156</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>209</u>

13. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
Market value			
At 1 November 2023	21,606	139	21,745
Disposals	(24,145)	(139)	(24,284)
Fair value movement	<u>2,539</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,539</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>21,606</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>21,745</u>

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14. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Other debtors	2,925	2,150
Prepayments	<u>211</u>	<u>126</u>
	<u><u>3,136</u></u>	<u><u>2,276</u></u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Taxation and social security	53	53
Other creditors	<u>12,009</u>	<u>10,500</u>
	<u><u>12,062</u></u>	<u><u>10,553</u></u>

16. Movement in funds

	At 1.11.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,957	(10,844)	4,113
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>14,957</u></u>	<u><u>(10,844)</u></u>	<u><u>4,113</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2024

16. Movement in funds - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	106,470	(117,681)	367	(10,844)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>106,470</u>	<u>(117,681)</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>(10,844)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	38,622	(23,665)	14,957
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>38,622</u>	<u>(23,665)</u>	<u>14,957</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	56,862	(80,733)	206	(23,665)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,862</u>	<u>(80,733)</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>(23,665)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.11.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	38,622	(34,509)	4,113
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>38,622</u>	<u>(34,509)</u>	<u>4,113</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2024

16. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	163,332	(198,414)	573	(34,509)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,332</u>	<u>(198,414)</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>(34,509)</u>

17. Related party disclosures

Mr Nigel Savory is a trustee of The Lady Hind Trust from which the Charity received a donation of £12,500 (2023 : £5,000) during the year. Mr Nigel Savory is also a trustee of the Charles Littlewood Hill Trust from which the Charity received a donation of £12,500 (2023 : nil).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2024

	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gift aid	22,573	19,280
Grants	<u>47,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	69,573	29,280
Other trading activities		
Concert income	33,487	23,145
Merchandise sales	780	2,270
Sponsorships	<u>2,390</u>	<u>1,520</u>
	36,657	26,935
Investment income		
Income from listed investments	221	632
Deposit account interest	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>240</u>	<u>647</u>
Total incoming resources	106,470	56,862
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Merchandise costs	3,799	1,571
Concert expenses	81,636	51,359
Grants to institutions	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
	94,435	60,930
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	10,800	10,800
Pensions	137	137
Insurance	277	215
Stationery, postage and advertising	5,811	3,332
Other office costs	1,505	1,467
Computer equipment	<u>53</u>	<u>69</u>
	18,583	16,020

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2024

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Management		
Finance		
Bank charges	149	139
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	2,720	2,300
Legal and professional fees	<u>1,794</u>	<u>1,344</u>
	<u>4,514</u>	<u>3,644</u>
Total resources expended	<u>117,681</u>	<u>80,733</u>
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(11,211)	(23,871)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	<u>367</u>	<u>206</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(10,844)</u>	<u>(23,665)</u>

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MUSIC IN COUNTRY CHURCHES

England & Wales - Charity number 801073

Accounts

**Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2023
for
Music in Country Churches**

Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited
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Music in Country Churches

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 October 2023

Patron	His Majesty The King
Trustees	Mr Matthew Rice (Chairman) Mr Robert Abel Smith Mr Nigel Savory Sir John Parsons KCVO Mrs Anna Stanton – appointed 27 February 2024
Director	Dr Philip Burnett
Principal address	PO Box 1645 Oxford OX4 9PE
Website	musicincountrychurches.org.uk
Registered charity number	801073
Independent auditors	Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor 22-26 King Street King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 1HJ
Solicitors	Farrer & Co LLP 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd The Plaza 100 Old Hall Street Liverpool L3 9AB

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2023

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2023. 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).

Objectives and activities

Music in Country Churches was established as a charitable trust in 1989 with two aims: to arrange concerts in rural churches of exceptional beauty and interest, and to raise funds to assist those churches with the costs of their repair and maintenance. The Charity is particularly keen to use its resources to support young and emerging musicians and to this end it engages performers from music colleges for some of its concerts.

Achievement and performance

The Charity held concerts at churches in Warkton (Northamptonshire), Ramsbury (Wiltshire), Widecomb-in-the-Moor (Devon) and Snettisham (Norfolk) during the year. Donations totalling £8,000 were made to the churches where the concerts were held.

The Trustees have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

The Charity's investment portfolio is administered by Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd. In April 2021 the account ceased to be managed on a discretionary basis and was transferred to the IWI Fund Service, which offers a fully diversified, actively managed and cost-effective investment solution. The Charity's holding at the year end was invested in the IWI Balance A Income Fund. This was a medium risk unit trust for those who seek a return in the form of both capital appreciation and income. Following the year end the investment was sold for cash.

The Trustees have carried out risk assessments and are satisfied with the results of their work. Major risks are always discussed at Trustees' meetings and Trustees examine the systems in place to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy

The Trustees define the Charity's reserves as the value of assets over and above those which are required to meet its current commitments and planned expenditure. Trustees aim to have sufficient reserves to enable the Charity to meet its financial objectives for one year.

Future plans

Further concerts took place during 2024 at Northleach (Gloucestershire) in May, Chagford (Devon) in June, Clare (Suffolk) in June, Geddington (Northamptonshire) in July, Coleman's Hatch (East Sussex) in July and King's Lynn (Norfolk) in July.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is run by a Committee of Trustees who meet at least twice each year, but usually more often, to discuss not only matters of policy and direction, but also to make decisions about the way the Charity is run and to keep a close eye on budgetary matters. The Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees. Training and induction of new Trustees is undertaken on an informal and continual basis through discussions with existing Trustees and attendance at board meetings.

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the 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 Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 27 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr Matthew Rice - Chairman

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Music in Country Churches (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 October 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 October 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as going concern.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair representation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
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Date: 27 August 2024

Music in Country Churches

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2023

		31.10.23	31.10.22
		Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	2	29,280	48,476
Other trading activities	3	26,935	24,687
Investment income	4	<u>647</u>	<u>566</u>
Total		<u>56,862</u>	<u>73,729</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities	5		
Concert expenses		52,930	53,041
Grants payable		8,000	6,500
Support costs		16,159	13,821
Governance costs		<u>3,644</u>	<u>2,460</u>
Total		<u>80,733</u>	<u>75,822</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>206</u>	<u>(4,575)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE		(23,665)	(6,668)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		38,622	45,290
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>14,957</u>	<u>38,622</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Music in Country Churches

Statement of Financial Position

31 October 2023

		31.10.23	31.10.22
	Notes	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	209	278
Investments	12	<u>21,745</u>	<u>26,538</u>
		21,954	26,816
Current assets			
Debtors	13	2,276	2,150
Cash at bank		<u>1,280</u>	<u>12,747</u>
		3,556	14,897
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(10,553)	(3,091)
		—————	—————
Net current assets		<u>(6,997)</u>	<u>11,806</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		14,957	38,622
		—————	—————
NET ASSETS		<u>14,957</u>	<u>38,622</u>
Funds	15		
Unrestricted funds		<u>14,957</u>	<u>38,622</u>
Total funds		<u>14,957</u>	<u>38,622</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr Matthew Rice - Chairman

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Music in Country Churches

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2023

		31.10.23	31.10.22
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(17,113)</u>	<u>(7,343)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(17,113)</u>	<u>(7,343)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		-	(139)
Sale of fixed asset investments		4,999	-
Interest received		15	3
Dividends received		<u>632</u>	<u>563</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>5,646</u>	<u>427</u>
<hr/>			
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(11,467)	(6,916)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>12,747</u>	<u>19,663</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>1,280</u></u>	<u><u>12,747</u></u>

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2023

1. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities	31.10.23	31.10.22	
	£	£	
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(23,665)	(6,668)	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	69	93	
(Gain)/losses on investments	(206)	4,575	
Interest received	(15)	(3)	
Dividends received	(632)	(563)	
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(126)	632	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>7,462</u>	<u>(5,409)</u>	
Net cash used in operations	<u>(17,113)</u>	<u>(7,343)</u>	
2. Analysis of changes in net funds			
	At 1.11.22	Cash flow	At 31.10.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>12,747</u>	<u>(11,467)</u>	<u>1,280</u>
Total	<u>12,747</u>	<u>(11,467)</u>	<u>1,280</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Music in Country Churches

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the Charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

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. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computer equipment - 25% p.a. reducing balance

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. There are no restricted funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2023

1. Accounting policies - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. Donations and legacies

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Donations and gift aid	<u>29,280</u>	<u>48,476</u>

3. Other trading activities

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Concert income	24,665	24,687
Tea towel sales	<u>2,270</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>26,935</u>	<u>24,687</u>

4. Investment income

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Income from listed investments	632	563
Deposit account interest	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>647</u>	<u>566</u>

5. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Concert expenses	52,930	-	-	52,930
Grants payable	-	8,000	-	8,000
Support costs	-	-	16,159	16,159
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,644</u>	<u>3,644</u>
	<u>52,930</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>19,803</u>	<u>80,733</u>

Music in Country Churches

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2023

6. Grants payable

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Grants payable	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Grants to Churches	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>

7. Support costs

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Support costs	16,020	139	-	16,159
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,644</u>	<u>3,644</u>
	<u>16,020</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>3,644</u>	<u>19,803</u>

8. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2023 nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2023 nor for the year ended 31 October 2022.

9. Staff costs

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	10,800	10,800
Pension costs	<u>137</u>	<u>137</u>
	<u>10,937</u>	<u>10,937</u>

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

	31.10.23	31.10.22
Staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2023

10. 2022 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £
Income and endowments from	
Donations and legacies	48,476
Other trading activities	24,687
Investment income	<u>566</u>
Total	<u>73,729</u>
Expenditure on Charitable activities	
Concert expenses	53,041
Grants payable	6,500
Support costs	13,821
Governance costs	<u>2,460</u>
Total	<u>75,822</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(4,575)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE	(6,668)
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	45,290
	<u> </u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>38,622</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2023

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023	<u>6,335</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 November 2022	6,057
Charge for year	<u>69</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>6,126</u>
Net book value	
At 31 October 2023	<u>209</u>
At 31 October 2022	<u>278</u>

12. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
Market value			
At 1 November 2022	26,399	139	26,538
Disposals	(5,442)	-	(5,442)
Fair value movement	<u>649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>649</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>21,606</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>21,745</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2023	<u>21,606</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>21,745</u>
At 31 October 2022	<u>26,399</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>26,538</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 October 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
22,368.49 units in ETFS Ltd IW&I Balanced A Income Fund	<u>21,606</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>21,745</u>

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13. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Other debtors	2,150	2,025
Prepayments	<u>126</u>	<u>125</u>
	<u>2,276</u>	<u>2,150</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Taxation and social security	53	233
Other creditors	<u>10,500</u>	<u>2,858</u>
	<u>10,553</u>	<u>3,091</u>

15. Movement in funds

	At 1.11.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	38,622	(23,665)	14,957
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>38,622</u>	<u>(23,665)</u>	<u>14,957</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	56,862	(80,733)	206	(23,665)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,862</u>	<u>(80,733)</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>(23,665)</u>

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15. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,290	(6,668)	38,622
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,290</u>	<u>(6,668)</u>	<u>38,622</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	73,729	(75,822)	(4,575)	(6,668)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,729</u>	<u>(75,822)</u>	<u>(4,575)</u>	<u>(6,668)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.11.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,290	(30,333)	14,957
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,290</u>	<u>(30,333)</u>	<u>14,957</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	130,591	(156,555)	(4,369)	(30,333)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>130,591</u>	<u>(156,555)</u>	<u>(4,369)</u>	<u>(30,333)</u>

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16. Related party disclosures

Mr Nigel Savory is a trustee of The Lady Hind Trust from which the Charity received a donation of £5,000 (2022 : £5,000) during the year.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2023

	31.10.23 £	31.10.22 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gift aid	29,280	48,476
Other trading activities		
Concert income	24,665	24,687
Tea towel sales	<u>2,270</u>	<u>-</u>
	26,935	24,687
Investment income		
Income from listed investments	632	563
Deposit account interest	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>647</u>	<u>566</u>
Total incoming resources	56,862	73,729
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Tea towel costs	1,571	-
Concert expenses	51,359	53,041
Grants to institutions	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	60,930	59,541
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	10,800	10,800
Pensions	137	137
Insurance	215	188
Stationery and postage	3,332	1,978
Other office costs	1,467	415
Travelling	-	67
Computer equipment	<u>69</u>	<u>93</u>
	16,020	13,678
Finance		
Bank charges	139	143

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2023

	31.10.23	31.10.22
	£	£
Finance		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	2,300	1,800
Legal and professional fees	<u>1,344</u>	<u>660</u>
	<u>3,644</u>	<u>2,460</u>
Total resources expended	<u>80,733</u>	<u>75,822</u>
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(23,871)	(2,093)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	<u>206</u>	<u>(4,575)</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(23,665)</u>	<u>(6,668)</u>

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MUSIC IN COUNTRY CHURCHES

England & Wales - Charity number 801073

Accounts

**Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2022
for
Music in Country Churches**

Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited
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Reference and administrative Details for the year ended 31 October 2022

Trustees	Mr Matthew Rice (Chairman) Mr Robert Abel Smith Mr Nigel Savory Sir John Parsons KCVO
Principal address	PO Box 1645 Oxford OX4 9PE
Website	musicincountrychurches.org.uk
Registered charity number	801073
Independent auditors	Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited Chartered accountants & statutory auditor 22-26 King Street King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 1HJ
Solicitors	Farrer & Co LLP 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd The Plaza 100 Old Hall Street Liverpool L3 9AB

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2022

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2022. 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).

Objectives and activities

Music in Country Churches was established on 14 February 1989 as a Charitable Trust in order to educate the public in music, predominantly by holding concerts in country churches. By raising monies from these concerts and through the support of many individuals and trusts, the Charity is able to make donations to all the churches in which concerts are held.

Achievement and performance

The Charity held concerts at churches in Minchinhampton (Gloucestershire), Brecon (Wales), Fotheringhay (Northamptonshire) and Cley-next-the-Sea (Norfolk) during the year. Donations totalling £6,500 were made to the churches where the concerts were held.

The Trustees have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

The Charity's investment portfolio is administered by Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd. In April 2021 the account ceased to be managed on a discretionary basis and was transferred to the IWI Fund Service, which offers a fully diversified, actively managed and cost-effective investment solution. The Charity's holding is currently invested in the IWI Balanced A Income Fund. This is a medium risk unit trust for those who seek a return in the form of both capital appreciation and income.

The Trustees have carried out risk assessments and are satisfied with the results of their work. Major risks are always discussed at Trustees' meetings and Trustees examine the systems in place to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy

The Trustees define the Charity's reserves as the value of assets over and above those which are required to meet its current commitments and planned expenditure. Trustees aim to have sufficient reserves to enable the Charity to meet its financial objectives for one year.

Future plans

Further concerts took place during 2023 at Warkton (Northamptonshire) in June, Ramsbury (Wiltshire) in July, Widecomb-in-the-Moor (Devon) in July and Snettisham (Norfolk) in July.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is run by a Committee of Trustees who meet at least twice each year, but usually more often, to discuss not only matters of policy and direction, but also to make decisions about the way the Charity is run and to keep a close eye on budgetary matters. The Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees. Training and induction of new Trustees is undertaken on an informal and continual basis through discussions with existing Trustees and attendance at board meetings.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland).

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2022

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities - continued

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the 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 Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 23 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Matthew Rice - Chairman

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Music in Country Churches (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 October 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 October 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
 - Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as going concern.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair representation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 23 August 2023

Music in Country Churches

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2022

		31.10.22	31.10.21
		Total funds	Total funds
		£	£
Income and endowments from	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	48,476	23,262
Other trading activities	3	24,687	16,136
Investment income	4	<u>566</u>	<u>220</u>
Total		<u>73,729</u>	<u>39,618</u>
Expenditure on			
Raising funds	5	-	857
Charitable activities	6		
Concert expenses		53,041	28,466
Grants payable		6,500	6,000
Support costs		13,821	12,799
Governance costs		<u>2,460</u>	<u>3,336</u>
Total		<u>75,822</u>	<u>51,458</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(4,575)</u>	<u>5,339</u>
NET EXPENDITURE		(6,668)	(6,501)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		45,290	51,791
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>38,622</u>	<u>45,290</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Music in Country Churches

Statement of Financial Position

31 October 2022

		31.10.22	31.10.21
	Notes	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	278	371
Investments	13	<u>26,538</u>	<u>30,974</u>
		26,816	31,345
Current assets			
Debtors	14	2,150	2,782
Cash at bank		<u>12,747</u>	<u>19,663</u>
		14,897	22,445
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,091)	(8,500)
		—————	—————
Net current assets		<u>11,806</u>	<u>13,945</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		38,622	45,290
		—————	—————
NET ASSETS		<u>38,622</u>	<u>45,290</u>
Funds	16		
Unrestricted funds		<u>38,622</u>	<u>45,290</u>
Total funds		<u>38,622</u>	<u>45,290</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 August 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr Matthew Rice - Chairman

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Music in Country Churches

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2022

	Notes	31.10.22 £	31.10.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(7,343)</u>	<u>(5,580)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(7,343)</u>	<u>(5,580)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(139)	(29,587)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	45
Sale of fixed asset investments		-	30,515
Interest received		3	-
Dividends received		<u>563</u>	<u>220</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>427</u>	<u>1,193</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		(6,916)	(4,387)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		<u>19,663</u>	<u>24,050</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		<u>12,747</u>	<u>19,663</u>

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Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2022

1. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities	31.10.22	31.10.21	
	£	£	
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(6,668)	(6,501)	
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges	93	123	
Losses/(gain) on investments	4,575	(5,339)	
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(28)	
Interest received	(3)	-	
Dividends received	(563)	(220)	
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	632	(664)	
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(5,409)</u>	<u>7,049</u>	
Net cash used in operations	<u><u>(7,343)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,580)</u></u>	
2. Analysis of changes in net funds			
	At 1.11.21	Cash flow	At 31.10.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>19,663</u>	<u>(6,916)</u>	<u>12,747</u>
Total	<u><u>19,663</u></u>	<u><u>(6,916)</u></u>	<u><u>12,747</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Music in Country Churches

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2022

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the Charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

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. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computer equipment - 25% p.a. reducing balance

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. There are no restricted funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2022

1. Accounting policies - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. Donations and legacies

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Donations and gift aid	<u>48,476</u>	<u>23,262</u>

3. Other trading activities

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Concert income	<u>24,687</u>	<u>16,136</u>

4. Investment income

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Income from listed investments	563	220
Deposit account interest	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>566</u>	<u>220</u>

5. Raising funds

Investment management costs

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>-</u>	<u>857</u>

6. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Concert expenses	53,041	-	-	53,041
Grants payable	-	6,500	-	6,500
Support costs	-	-	13,821	13,821
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>
	<u>53,041</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>16,281</u>	<u>75,822</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2022

7. Grants payable

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Grants payable	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year were as follows:

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Grants to Churches	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>

8. Support costs

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Support costs	13,678	143	-	13,821
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>
	<u>13,678</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>16,281</u>

9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2022 nor for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2022 nor for the year ended 31 October 2021.

10. Staff costs

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	10,800	8,400
Pension costs	<u>137</u>	<u>71</u>
	<u>10,937</u>	<u>8,471</u>

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

	31.10.22	31.10.21
Staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2022

11. 2021 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £
Income and endowments from	
Donations and legacies	23,262
Other trading activities	16,136
Investment income	<u>220</u>
Total	<u>39,618</u>
Expenditure on	
Raising funds	857
Charitable activities	
Concert expenses	28,466
Grants payable	6,000
Support costs	12,799
Governance costs	<u>3,336</u>
Total	<u>51,458</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>5,339</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(6,501)
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	<u>51,791</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>45,290</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2022

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 November 2021 and 31 October 2022	<u>6,335</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 November 2021	5,964
Charge for year	<u>93</u>
At 31 October 2022	<u>6,057</u>
Net book value	
At 31 October 2022	<u>278</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>371</u>

13. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
Market value			
At 1 November 2021	30,974	-	30,974
Additions	-	139	139
Fair value movement	<u>(4,575)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,575)</u>
At 31 October 2022	<u>26,399</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>26,538</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2022	<u>26,399</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>26,538</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>30,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,974</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Valuation at 31 October 2022 is represented by:

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
27,410.84 Units in ETFS Ltd IW&I Balanced A Income Fund	<u>26,399</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>26,538</u>

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14. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Other debtors	2,025	2,683
Prepayments	<u>125</u>	<u>99</u>
	<u>2,150</u>	<u>2,782</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Taxation and social security	233	1,000
Other creditors	<u>2,858</u>	<u>7,500</u>
	<u>3,091</u>	<u>8,500</u>

16. Movement in funds

	At 1.11.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,290	(6,668)	38,622
	<u>45,290</u>	<u>(6,668)</u>	<u>38,622</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,290</u>	<u>(6,668)</u>	<u>38,622</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	73,729	(75,822)	(4,575)	(6,668)
	<u>73,729</u>	<u>(75,822)</u>	<u>(4,575)</u>	<u>(6,668)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,729</u>	<u>(75,822)</u>	<u>(4,575)</u>	<u>(6,668)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2022

16. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,791	(6,501)	45,290
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,791</u>	<u>(6,501)</u>	<u>45,290</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	39,618	(51,458)	5,339	(6,501)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,618</u>	<u>(51,458)</u>	<u>5,339</u>	<u>(6,501)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.11.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,791	(13,169)	38,622
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,791</u>	<u>(13,169)</u>	<u>38,622</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2022

16. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	113,347	(127,280)	764	(13,169)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>113,347</u>	<u>(127,280)</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>(13,169)</u>

17. Related party disclosures

Mr Nigel Savory is a trustee of The Lady Hind Trust from which the Charity received a donation of £5,000 (2021 : £5,000) during the year.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2022

	31.10.22 £	31.10.21 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gift aid	48,476	23,262
Other trading activities		
Concert income	24,687	16,136
Investment income		
Income from listed investments	563	220
Deposit account interest	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>566</u>	<u>220</u>
Total incoming resources	73,729	39,618
Expenditure		
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	-	857
Charitable activities		
Concert expenses	53,041	28,466
Grants to institutions	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	59,541	34,466
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	10,800	8,400
Pensions	137	71
Insurance	188	71
Stationery and postage	1,978	2,595
Other office costs	415	667
Travelling	67	-
Computer equipment	93	123
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(28)</u>
	13,678	11,899
Finance		
Bank charges	143	900

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2022

	31.10.22	31.10.21
	£	£
Finance		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	1,800	1,650
Legal and professional fees	<u>660</u>	<u>1,686</u>
	<u>2,460</u>	<u>3,336</u>
Total resources expended	<u>75,822</u>	<u>51,458</u>
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(2,093)	(11,840)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	<u>(4,575)</u>	<u>5,339</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(6,668)</u></u>	<u><u>(6,501)</u></u>

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MUSIC IN COUNTRY CHURCHES

England & Wales - Charity number 801073

Accounts

**Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2021
for
Music in Country Churches**

Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited
22-26 King Street
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Music in Country Churches

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 October 2021

Patron	His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
Trustees	Mr Matthew Rice (Chairman) Mr Robert Abel Smith Mr Nigel Savory Sir John Parsons KCVO Dr Benedict Wilkinson (resigned 2.11.2020) Lady Solti (deceased 31.3.2021)
Principal address	PO Box 1645 Oxford OX4 9PE
Website	musicincountrychurches.org.uk
Registered charity number	801073
Independent auditors	Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited 22-26 King Street King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 1HJ
Solicitors	Farrer & Co LLP 65-66 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LH
Investment managers	Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd The Plaza 100 Old Hall Street Liverpool L3 9AB

Music in Country Churches

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2021

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2021. 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).

Objectives and activities

Music in Country Churches was established on 14 February 1989 as a Charitable Trust in order to educate the public in music, predominantly by holding concerts in country churches. By raising monies from these concerts and through the support of many individuals and trusts, the Charity is able to make donations to all the churches in which concerts are held.

Achievement and performance

The Charity held concerts at churches in Bibury (Gloucestershire) and Dersingham (Norfolk) during the year. Donations totalling £6,000 were made to the churches where the concerts were held.

The Trustees have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

The Charity's investment portfolio is administered by Investec Wealth & Investment Ltd. In April 2021 the account ceased to be managed on a discretionary basis and was transferred to the IWI Fund Service, which offers a fully diversified, actively managed and cost-effective investment solution. The Charity's holding is currently invested in the IWI Balanced A Income Fund. This is a medium risk unit trust for those who seek a return in the form of both capital appreciation and income.

The Trustees have carried out risk assessments and are satisfied with the results of their work. Major risks are always discussed at Trustees' meetings and Trustees examine the systems in place to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy

The Trustees define the Charity's reserves as the value of assets over and above those which are required to meet its current commitments and planned expenditure. Trustees aim to have sufficient reserves to enable the Charity to meet its financial objectives for one year.

Future plans

Further concerts took place during 2022 at Minchinhampton (Gloucestershire) in May, Brecon (Wales) in July, Fotheringhay (Northamptonshire) in July and Cley-next-the-Sea (Norfolk) in July.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is run by a Committee of Trustees who meet at least twice each year, but usually more often, to discuss not only matters of policy and direction, but also to make decisions about the way the Charity is run and to keep a close eye on budgetary matters. The Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees. Training and induction of new Trustees is undertaken on an informal and continual basis through discussions with existing Trustees and attendance at board meetings.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland).

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 October 2021

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities - continued

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the 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 Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 31 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr Matthew Rice - Chairman

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Music in Country Churches (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 October 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 October 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
 - Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as going concern.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Music in Country Churches

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair representation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stephenson Smart (East Anglia) Limited
22-26 King Street
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Date: 31 August 2022

Music in Country Churches

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2021

		31.10.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.10.20 Total funds £
Income and endowments from	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	23,262	19,778
Other trading activities	3	16,136	420
Investment income	4	<u>220</u>	<u>697</u>
Total		39,618	20,895
Expenditure on			
Raising funds	5	857	1,321
Charitable activities	6		
Concert expenses		28,466	3,220
Grants payable		6,000	1,000
Support costs		12,799	17,951
Governance costs		<u>3,336</u>	<u>1,920</u>
Total		51,458	25,412
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>5,339</u>	<u>(3,177)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE		(6,501)	(7,694)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>51,791</u>	<u>59,485</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>45,290</u></u>	<u><u>51,791</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Music in Country Churches

Statement of Financial Position 31 October 2021

		31.10.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.10.20 Total funds £
Fixed assets	Notes		
Tangible assets	12	371	511
Investments	13	<u>30,974</u>	<u>26,563</u>
		31,345	27,074
Current assets			
Debtors	14	2,782	2,118
Cash at bank		<u>19,663</u>	<u>24,050</u>
		22,445	26,168
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(8,500)	(1,451)
		<u>13,945</u>	<u>24,717</u>
Net current assets			
		45,290	51,791
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>45,290</u>	<u>51,791</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,290</u>	<u>51,791</u>
Funds	16		
Unrestricted funds		<u>45,290</u>	<u>51,791</u>
Total funds		<u>45,290</u>	<u>51,791</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr Matthew Rice - Chairman

The notes form part of these financial statements

Music in Country Churches

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2021

	Notes	31.10.21 £	31.10.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(5,580)</u>	<u>(4,037)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(5,580)</u>	<u>(4,037)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(601)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(29,587)	(4,051)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		45	-
Sale of fixed asset investments		30,515	25,408
Dividends received		<u>220</u>	<u>697</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>1,193</u>	<u>21,453</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		(4,387)	17,416
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		<u>24,050</u>	<u>6,634</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		<u>19,663</u>	<u>24,050</u>

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Music in Country Churches

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 October 2021

1. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(6,501)	(7,694)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	123	120
(Gain)/losses on investments	(5,339)	3,177
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(28)	-
Dividends received	(220)	(697)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(664)	1,008
Increase in creditors	<u>7,049</u>	<u>49</u>
Net cash used in operations	<u><u>(5,580)</u></u>	<u><u>(4,037)</u></u>

2. Analysis of changes in net funds	At 1.11.20	Cash flow	At 31.10.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>24,050</u>	<u>(4,387)</u>	<u>19,663</u>
	<u>24,050</u>	<u>(4,387)</u>	<u>19,663</u>
Total	<u><u>24,050</u></u>	<u><u>(4,387)</u></u>	<u><u>19,663</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Music in Country Churches

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the Charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

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. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computer equipment - 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. There are no restricted funds.

Music in Country Churches

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2021

1. Accounting policies - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the Charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. Donations and legacies

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Donations and gift aid	<u>23,262</u>	<u>19,778</u>

3. Other trading activities

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Concert income	<u>16,136</u>	<u>420</u>

4. Investment income

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Income from listed investments	<u>220</u>	<u>697</u>

5. Raising funds

Investment management costs

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>857</u>	<u>1,321</u>

6. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Concert expenses	28,466	-	-	28,466
Grants payable	-	6,000	-	6,000
Support costs	-	-	12,799	12,799
Governance costs	-	-	<u>3,336</u>	<u>3,336</u>
	<u>28,466</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>16,135</u>	<u>50,601</u>

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7. Grants payable

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Grants payable	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year were as follows:

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Grants to Churches	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

8. Support costs

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Support costs	11,899	900	-	12,799
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,336</u>	<u>3,336</u>
	<u>11,899</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>3,336</u>	<u>16,135</u>

9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2021 nor for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2021 nor for the year ended 31 October 2020.

10. Staff costs

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	8,400	9,764
Pension costs	<u>71</u>	<u>81</u>
	<u>8,471</u>	<u>9,845</u>

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

31.10.21	31.10.20
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

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11. 2020 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £
Income and endowments from	
Donations and legacies	19,778
Other trading activities	420
Investment income	<u>697</u>
Total	20,895
Expenditure on	
Raising funds	1,321
Charitable activities	
Concert expenses	3,220
Grants payable	1,000
Support costs	17,951
Governance costs	1,920
	<u> </u>
Total	25,412
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(3,177)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE	(7,694)
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	59,485
	<u> </u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>51,791</u></u>

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost	
At 1 November 2020	7,998
Disposals	<u>(1,663)</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>6,335</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 November 2020	7,487
Charge for year	123
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(1,646)</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>5,964</u>
Net book value	
At 31 October 2021	<u>371</u>
At 31 October 2020	<u>511</u>

13. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash and cash equivalents £	Totals £
Market value			
At 1 November 2020	23,463	3,100	26,563
Additions	29,587	-	29,587
Disposals	(26,411)	(3,100)	(29,511)
Fair value movement	<u>4,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,335</u>
At 31 October 2021	<u>30,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,974</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2021	<u>30,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,974</u>
At 31 October 2020	<u>23,463</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>26,563</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Valuation at 31 October 2021 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
27,410.84 Units in ETFS Ltd IW&I Balanced A Income Fund	<u>30,974</u>

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14. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Other debtors	2,683	2,118
Prepayments	<u>99</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,782</u>	<u>2,118</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	1
Taxation and social security	1,000	100
Other creditors	<u>7,500</u>	<u>1,350</u>
	<u>8,500</u>	<u>1,451</u>

16. Movement in funds

	At 1.11.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,791	(6,501)	45,290
	<u>51,791</u>	<u>(6,501)</u>	<u>45,290</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,791</u>	<u>(6,501)</u>	<u>45,290</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	39,618	(51,458)	5,339	(6,501)
	<u>39,618</u>	<u>(51,458)</u>	<u>5,339</u>	<u>(6,501)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,618</u>	<u>(51,458)</u>	<u>5,339</u>	<u>(6,501)</u>

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16. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,485	(7,694)	51,791
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,485</u>	<u>(7,694)</u>	<u>51,791</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	20,895	(25,412)	(3,177)	(7,694)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,895</u>	<u>(25,412)</u>	<u>(3,177)</u>	<u>(7,694)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.11.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,485	(14,195)	45,290
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,485</u>	<u>(14,195)</u>	<u>45,290</u>

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16. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	60,513	(76,870)	2,162	(14,195)
	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,513</u>	<u>(76,870)</u>	<u>2,162</u>	<u>(14,195)</u>

17. Related party disclosures

Mr Nigel Savory is a trustee of The Lady Hind Trust from which the Charity received a donation of £5,000 (2020 : £5,000) during the year.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 October 2021

	31.10.21 £	31.10.20 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gift aid	23,262	19,778
Other trading activities		
Concert income	16,136	420
Investment income		
Income from listed investments	<u>220</u>	<u>697</u>
Total incoming resources	39,618	20,895
Expenditure		
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	857	1,321
Charitable activities		
Concert expenses	28,466	3,220
Grants to institutions	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	34,466	4,220
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	8,400	9,764
Pensions	71	81
Insurance	71	857
Telephone	-	63
Stationery and postage	2,595	3,781
Other office costs	667	1,990
Sundries	-	80
Travelling	-	180
Computer equipment	123	120
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>(28)</u>	<u>-</u>
	11,899	16,916
Finance		
Bank charges	900	1,035
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	1,650	1,350
Carried forward	1,650	1,350

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	31.10.21	31.10.20
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	1,650	1,350
Legal and professional fees	<u>1,686</u>	<u>570</u>
	<u>3,336</u>	<u>1,920</u>
Total resources expended	<u>51,458</u>	<u>25,412</u>
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(11,840)	(4,517)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Gains/(losses) on other investment assets	<u>5,339</u>	<u>(3,177)</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(6,501)</u></u>	<u><u>(7,694)</u></u>

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