

**LONDONDERRY MUSICAL SOCIETY**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 JUNE 2024**

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# **LONDONDERRY MUSICAL SOCIETY**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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The Board of Trustees presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

### **Reference and Administration Information**

Charity Name:	Londonderry Musical Society
Charity Reference Number:	NIC 100971
Public Address:	75 Ivy Mead Londonderry BT47 3WW
Trustees	Dr Judith O'Hare Mrs Christine Deane Mrs Geraldine Hickey Miss Dawn Stevenson Ms Rhonda Thompson Miss Suzanne Brown Mr Jim Thompson Mrs Christine Baggley Ms Ann Fallows Ms Sarah Caithness

### **Purposes of the charity**

The aims of the Society are to educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts, to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts, to assist and further such charitable institutions and charitable purposes as the Committee may from time to time determine.

### **How our charity activities deliver public benefit**

#### Activities

LMS had another very busy time for the season July 2023 to June 2024. The LMS annual concert was held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 which featured two other choirs from Foyle College and Ebrington Primary School and supported by local musicians. We sang at the Christmas Tree Festival in a Victorian Christmas (in costume) in December 2023. The annual musical theatre production was Oliver! and ran from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 with over 80 people on stage. Some committee members and the choreographer attended the AIMS award ceremony in Killarney on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 where LMS won the Best Technical Award (set, sound and lighting), Runner up for Best Programme and Runner up award for Best Visual (costumes, props, hair, make-up etc) for the production of Oliver! On 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June, we took part in the Legenderry Relay for Life charity event and our season ended with the annual Garden Party at Oak Gardens on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Through all our many events, we are proud to raise substantial money for many charities close to our hearts and continue to provide a platform for the old and new members to perform.

#### Public benefit

The public benefits which flow from our activities are as follows:

- The education of young and old from all parts of the community in the dramatic and operatic arts of acting, singing and dancing, through membership of the Society. Participation in our activities give young and old the confidence to perform, not only with the Society but in many other events in the area bringing the arts to a wide range of the local population.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 (CONTINUED)

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- The Society brings a very high standard of production to the general public in the local area and enables our audiences to enjoy and appreciate the arts of acting, singing and dancing through the medium of musical shows and concerts. Our audiences have the opportunity to enjoy musicals, concerts and plays which they might not otherwise see.
  - A large number of charities in the local area and beyond have benefitted from our annual Showstoppers Concerts, which have helped to raise considerable sums of money.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. Our aims, objectives and activities are reviewed, monitored and assessed through our ongoing programme of regular committee meetings.

#### **Financial review**

##### Financial position

The trustees report a financial position at the year end with available funds of £67,380. These funds are held to allow for the development of the Society and to meet preliminary costs of planned events for the incoming year.

#### **Structure, governance and management.**

##### Governing document

The governing document of the charity is its constitution which sets out the charity's purposes. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

##### Recruitment and appointment of management committee

The Society is administered by a committee who are trustees of the charity for the purposes of Charity Law. The trustees have the power to appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28/4/25 and signed on its behalf by:



**Christine Deane**  
Trustee



**Judith O'Hare**  
Trustee

## **LONDONDERRY MUSICAL SOCIETY**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF LONDONDERRY MUSICAL SOCIETY**

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I report on the accounts of Londonderry Musical Society for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

#### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act; and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Mr John Bradley  
For and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP  
21/23 Clarendon Street  
Derry-Londonderry  
BT48 7EP

Date: 28 April 2025

# LONDONDERRY MUSICAL SOCIETY

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Memberships and patrons	6,110	-	6,110	5,410
Gift Aid refunds	846	-	846	570
Donations	470	-	470	1,440
Grants	-	-	-	1,000
Ticket and programme sales	89,171	-	89,171	63,041
Advertising and sponsorship	10,170	-	10,170	8,980
Fundraising	4,134	-	4,134	5,987
Other income	1,568	-	1,568	1,304
Total income	<u>112,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,469</u>	<u>87,732</u>
<b>PAYMENTS:</b>				
Performance costs	87,680	-	87,680	73,004
Donations	2,340	-	2,340	5,883
General and administrative expenses	3,193	-	3,193	2,235
Bank fees	257	-	257	231
Total payments	<u>93,470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,470</u>	<u>81,353</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<u>18,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,999</u>	<u>6,379</u>
<b>Reconciliation 30 June 2024</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 30.06.23	48,381	-	48,381	42,002
Surplus/(deficit) this year	<u>18,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,999</u>	<u>6,379</u>
Cash at bank & in hand 30.06.24	<u>67,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,380</u>	<u>48,381</u>

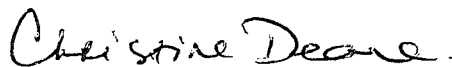
# LONDONDERRY MUSICAL SOCIETY

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Funds reconciliation (all unrestricted)</b>		
Cash at bank & in hand 30.06.23	48,381	42,002
Surplus/(deficit) this year	<u>18,999</u>	<u>6,379</u>
Cash at bank & in hand 30.06.24	67,380	48,381
<b>Other assets (unrestricted)</b>		
Amounts due	150	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use (unrestricted)</b>		
Piano (at cost)	-	1,840
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>67,530</u>	<u>50,221</u>
<b>Liabilities (unrestricted)</b>		
Creditors	<u>1,875</u>	<u>200</u>

Approved by the trustees on 28/04/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Christine Deane  
Trustee



Judith O'Hare  
Trustee