



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.05.24 Period start date To 30.04.25 Period end date

Charity name: MORPETH MUSIC SOCIETY

Charity registration number: 1048490

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	'The object of the Society shall be to improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such ways as the Society through its committee shall determine from time to time.'
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Delivering an annual series of six public concerts by professional musicians as well as masterclasses for local schools.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have appropriately considered the guidance on public benefit in planning MMS activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is entirely member (volunteer) -run.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>MMS provided a series of professional chamber music concerts in Morpeth – allowing access to world class musicians without needing to travel into Newcastle / Gateshead.</p> <p>MMS offers free tickets for 18 and under and local music teachers as well as an annual scholarship for a local young musician.</p> <p>A school masterclass was provided for the November 2024 concert by the Tim Kliphuis Trio. More than 60 pupils from local primary and secondary schools thoroughly enjoyed it.</p> <p>Concerts delivered 2024-25 season 17.10.24 Gould Piano Trio 15.11.24 Tim Kliphuis Trio 05.12.24 Armand Djikoloum & Iyad Sughayer, oboe & piano 16.01.25 Emma Abbate & Julian Perkins, piano duet 13.03.25 Bradley Creswick & Margaret Fingerhut, violin & piano 10.04.25 Red Priest, baroque ensemble</p> <p>Average attendance for this season was 123 people per concert.</p> <p>MMS website link</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See MMS accounts to 30.04.25 linked here
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	MMS aims to hold as a reserve a minimum of the total planned expenditure for the next season.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,126
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution linked here
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	See section 4. of the constitution linked above. Officers are elected for a 3-year term, other committee members are elected at the AGM for the following year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>MMS is a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community partner Associate Member of the Greater Morpeth Development Trust • group member of Making Music • member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Morpeth Music Society
Other name the charity uses	MMS
Registered charity number	1048490
Charity's principal address	c/o 1 de Merley Road, Morpeth, NE61 1HZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Locks	Chair		
2	Stephen Mark Locks	Treasurer & programme secretary		
3	Kath Smith	Membership secretary		
4	Louise Freeman	Vice chair		
	Rachael Cabey			
5	Allan Colver			
6	Colin Mathews			
8	Kathy Smith			

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Louise Jennet Freeman	Stephen Mark Locks
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice chair	Treasurer
Date	16.02.26	