

Sheffield Bach Society

(Registered charity number 511146)

Financial statements

Season 2022/2023

Year to 31 July 2023

Sheffield Bach Society, Season 2022/2023

Annual Report

The Society is a charity which is governed by its Constitution; it is not also a company.

The Society's Bankers are the Co-operative Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The Society opened a Co-operative Bank Community Direct Plus Account in September 2019, and a Business Select Instant Access Account in March 2020. The Society still has funds in an Instant Save Account in the Royal Bank of Scotland but will close and transfer to the Co-operative Bank as soon as is practical. The Society also had a COIF Charity Funds account with CCLA Investment Management Ltd, in which a sum has been deposited for use as a Reserve Fund. The new banking arrangements mean that payments can now be made by bank transfer online, with all transactions authorised by two signatories. The Honorary Independent Examiner is Mr. Jonathan Andrew Brice, BA, ACA, ACT, of 44 Stumperlowe Park Road, Sheffield, S10 3QP.

The Society does not have a Solicitor; if such were required, it would be entitled, as members, to the free use of the services of the National Federation of Music Societies honorary solicitors.

Sheffield Bach Society, by virtue of its Constitution, aims to educate the public in the arts and sciences and in particular the art and science of music by encouraging the study and performance of the works of J S Bach and such other composers as are deemed appropriate, by promoting concerts and recitals devoted to their music and by maintaining a choir for this purpose, and by such other activities as the Society may from time to time think fit. At present this means that, generally, four concerts per year are given, in Sheffield Cathedral or a similar venue, plus occasional smaller concerts (probably not the whole choir and perhaps without orchestra); in addition various small fund-raising events are held to help to pay for the professional soloists and professional orchestra that are employed for these concerts.

The Society is run by a Committee, elected by the general membership of the Society, and its members (who are the Trustees) during the 2022-2023 Season were as follows:

Chairman	Mr Christopher Walker
Secretary	Mrs Elizabeth Buxton
Treasurer	Miss Catherine Ross
Choir Secretary	Vacant
Social Secretary	Mrs Anne Adams
Publicity Manager	Mrs Victoria Highet
Ordinary Members:	Dr Neil Dummigan, Mrs Elizabeth Paice, Mr St-John Wright

Also attending Committee meetings but not a Trustee: *stand-in conductor Professor George Nicholson, and Concert Manager, Mr John Morton*

Apart from the Trustees, the Society has other elected officers, namely:

Hon Conductor	Vacant
President	Professor George Nicholson
Box Office Manager	Mr Michael Buxton
Concert Manager	Mr John Morton

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Statement of committee's responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue its activities.
- It is the society's policy to maintain a reserve of £20,000 to cover commitments for one season plus emergency payments and contingencies. We clearly meet the aim of this policy.

The committee is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the society and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The committee has general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to it to safeguard the assets of the society and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

	General fund	
	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£	£
Income and Expenditure		
Incoming Resources		
Admission receipts including programme sales	10,336	9,211
Subscriptions	5,725	6,555
Patrons' donations	100	125
Donations and fund raising	2,566	2,352
Friends	281	420
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	2,258	2,258
Bank interest	176	5
Sponsors	750	5,000
Music	225	-
Special Collections - Archer Project	1,158	1,101
Written off cheques	57	84
Total Incoming Resources	23,632	27,111

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

	General fund	
	2022/2023	2021/2022
Income and Expenditure <i>continued</i>	£	£
Resources Expended		
Professional Expenses	18,820	21,200
Hire & purchase of music	549	760
Hall, church and piano hire	4,674	4,263
Printing and design	868	1037
Administration expenses	119	223
Advertising	49	81
Subscriptions - <i>Making Music</i> (National Federation of Music Societies) (<i>Note</i>)	634	622
Classical Sheffield subscription	82	74
Tribute to Simon Lindley	100	
Special Collections - Archer Project	1,158	1,101
Total Resources Expended	27,053	29,361
Net Movement in Funds - surplus/(deficit)	(3,421)	(2,250)
Fund balance brought forward at 1 August 2022	32,470	34,720
Fund balance carried forward at 31st July 2023	29,049	32,470

(*Note*) Insurance of music and harpsichord effected through Making Music and included in subscription fees.

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Balance Sheet at 31 July 2023

	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank:		
Current Account (Co-op)	2,561	2,980
Interest accounts	27,128	29,450
Cash in hand	272	251
Hall hire deposits paid for 2023/24 season	465	-
Debtors (gift aid claim)	-	-
	30,426	32,681
LESS LIABILITIES		
Sponsorship paid in advance for 2023/24 season	1,000	
Design for 2022/23 season paid in 2023/24	315	
Membership subscription paid in advance for 2022/3 season		125
Un-cleared cheques	62	86
Net Assets	29,049	32,470

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1 No account has been made for opening and closing stocks of refreshments.
- 2 Grants and subsidies have been credited to income in the season to which they relate.
- 3 All the society's funds are of an unrestricted nature.
- 4 The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2023

C J Ross

Honorary Treasurer

C H Walker

Chairman

Independent Examiner's report to the Committee of Sheffield Bach Society

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st July 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of Committee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
 - the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Signed:

Date:

Name: Jonathan Andrew Brice, BA, ACA, ACT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Association of Corporate Treasurers

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Concerts given during the year:

Saturday 19 November 2022, St Mark's Church, Broomhill – Music for Brass and Voices, with Fine Arts Brass

Monday 5th December 2022, Sheffield Cathedral – Handel's Messiah

Saturday 18th March 2023, St Mark's Church, Broomhill – Bach's Mass in B Minor

Saturday 17th June 2023, St Mark's Church, Broomhill – "Royal Music for a Summer Evening"

The net financial result of these concerts has been detailed in the foregoing accounts.