

STRANRAER MUSIC FOR ALL

Scottish Charity Number SC001636

Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

Stranraer Music for All is a charitable unincorporated association. The prime object of the association is to promote and encourage the study, practice and knowledge of the art of music in the Rhins of Galloway.

The Association's Trustees are appointed by members at the Annual General Meeting which is held in May or June each year.

The Trustees of the Association were as follows: -

Mr Peter Armitage

Mr Steve Flower

Mrs Nikki Hillman (Secretary)

Mr Tom Stevenson (Treasurer)

Mr John Still (Chairman)

Mr Forbes Ure

Mr Gordon Wemyss (Concert Secretary)

During the financial year to 31 March 2026 we held four concerts, two in the St John's Church and two in the Millennium Centre. Advertisements are placed in the local press and posters are displayed in various locations in the area. In addition details of concerts are mailed to 81 individuals on our mailing list. Despite this the average number of tickets sold was 40 which is disappointing with the trend continuing downwards with the average for last two performances of the financial year being only 33.

Another concert in St John's Church was held on 24 April when only 22 tickets were sold. In addition a concert which was scheduled to take place in November was postponed due to illness but was held on 7 June in St John's Church. This proved to be a very successful event with an audience of 52 which was the best attendance for some time.

The association was delighted that a very successful workshop for primary school children took place in the afternoon before the March concert when there were 274 excited primary school children in the Ryan Centre Theatre. With accompanying adults the theatre was filled to capacity.

A grant amounting to £2000 (2024/2025 - £2000) was received from Chamber Music Scotland (CMS) during the year. The association relied heavily on the grant income from (CMS) in the past and without this it would not have been possible to provide concerts with talented performers.

While at the year-end there was a small deficit of £383 there was an outstanding commitment of £2400 relating to the costs of the April and June concerts.

The reserves as of 31 March 2026 amounted to £6184. However, it was with regret that the Trustees recently decided that the organisation should be wound up. The reasons being dwindling attendances at the concerts, reduction in grant income from CMS and difficulties in recruiting committee members and office bearers.

The accounts which form part of this report are attached.