

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	3	July	2019	<b>To</b>	31	March	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

NONSUCH DULCIMER CLUB

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1184249

**Charity's principal address**

Flat 10 Holmwood House  
 6 Purshall Close  
 Redditch  
**Postcode** B97 4PD

**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	SALLY ELIZABETH WHYTEHEAD	CHAIR		
2	CHRISTOPHER JOHN SHAW			
3	HILARY JANE DAVIES			
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 20/10/2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Members

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>The charity is run on a day to day basis by a committee consisting of the trustees and other volunteers.</p> <p>The charity is a member of the NCVO and the Cimbalom World Association and an affiliate member of EFDSS.</p>
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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art, heritage and science of music in all its aspects, and in particular as they relate to the hammered, plucked and mountain dulcimer families of musical instruments (including international variants), primarily but not exclusively within the British Isles and by any means the trustees see fit; including through the presentation of public concerts, recitals, workshops, lectures, festivals, conferences, exhibitions and the provision of grants in support of these aims.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

A workshop event was held from 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 at Denstone College, Staffordshire with workshops at three levels for both hammered and mountain dulcimers, as well as concerts and music sessions.

A workshop weekend was also planned for 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 but this had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our members organised meetings to share music and information in Scotland, the North of England, Central England, the South West of England and the South of England. These events were open to the public.

We published a quarterly newsletter 'Nonsuch News'. This provides information about events, educational material and items of interest to those interested in dulcimers. This is sent out to all members, and additional copies are given out for free at events our members attend.

We supplied instruments for use by our members to provide public beginner workshops at a number of folk festivals over the summer of 2019.

We loaned hammered dulcimers to 4 new players, and continued loan to 2 existing players.

We launched a new website in November 2019. The website provides resource and event information primarily aimed at UK players.

The charity trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and have followed this in planning and undertaking our activities.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We had 35 volunteers helping us with various aspects of organisation over the period (not including trustees).

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We had a very successful extended weekend at Denstone College.

We successfully transitioned Nonsuch Dulcimer Club to Charity Status.

We successfully moved to a new website which will increase our flexibility and responsiveness in the future.

We purchased an additional hammered dulcimer as loan instrument, and ran a successful loan program.

We published (4) newsletters for members, and a membership directory.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Nonsuch Dulcimer Club ensures it has sufficient cash reserves at any time to cover all its outstanding commitments.

For the reporting period we did not have a written reserves policy, however we now have one in place to cover the period 2020/21. This policy sets a reserve of £10,000 for 2020/21, based on potential commitments over the year, as well as cash flow for general expenses.

Maintaining these reserves will not impact our ability to implement club programs.

We also note that in 2020 we are managing around uncertainty as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, and have erred on the side of caution in holding a reserve.

The Trustees will review the amount of reserves that are required at least annually to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

At the end of the period we had 236 members. The membership fees (£10 per annum for UK members) cover our basic operating costs.

Additional variable income is usually generated by organising our main workshop events throughout the year, which support our key objectives. These are designed generally to break even, but as they are popular we often make a small surplus which is used to further the aims of the charity.

In the accounts 'A6 Cash Funds last year end' the figure of £28,096 was money held by Nonsuch Dulcimer Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> July when the CIO was formed, of which £1,146 were restricted. The unrestricted portion of £26,950 included £15,018 advance bookings for Denstone 2019. Also, at that date £2,173 had already been expended on this event. Taking these figures into account the overall surplus on the event was £1,633.

As we cancelled the Spring Fling event in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we asked for donations from our attendees to cover the £910 loss we would have made once tutors had been paid. These donations are expected to cover the loss once gift aid contributions are taken into account. Some of the transactions will be in the 2020/21 accounts.

We made a grant of £47 to support Dalbeattie Dulcimer Day, a Nonsuch-sponsored event organised in Scotland.

## Section F

## Other optional information

**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>S. E. Whytehead</i>	<i>Hilary Davies</i>
Full name(s)	SALLY ELIZABETH WHYTEHEAD	HILARY JANE DAVIES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	