

## **AMCHOR AGM Number 94 : Monday 15th September 2025**

### **Officers' Reports : Chair's Remarks**

No report from the Chair would be complete without recording thanks to all those who have made the year possible and as enjoyable as it was; so my thanks go to Nick and Genny for their massive contribution towards our musical success and to the committee for all their hard work, often behind the scenes. Daryl-Ann Hardman and Jean Slater joined the committee during the year, Daryl-Ann to look after bookings everywhere and for everything and Jean as meetings secretary. Thanks also to John Dunn who keeps the website current and to Harriet Scott for maintaining membership records and putting us in our places for concerts (no pun intended!)

Last year I wrote that I was concerned about the longevity of the whole staging process so I was delighted that we were able to find a company that would supply and build staging, without any of us being involved, at a cost lower than that of using our own staging. This has now been donated to The Crown in Little Missenden and I'd like to thank Jan Jennings for her help in making this happen. The new staging is lower, less slippery and quieter, even if it has been a little cosy on occasion (although that helps our sound, see MD report) and enables us to leave the church more safely in an emergency. I'd like to record my thanks, here, to all those who have helped in the past with the old staging, heaving it all out, across the road, putting it together, taking it all down and heaving it all back across the road. It was no small task and I am grateful for all the assistance given over the years.

It has been my first *full* year as Chair and I'm delighted that we have finished in the black but it is clear that this would not have been the case without some fund raising so we have committed to two events in the coming season, another quiz night and a ceilidh in February. We are, however, in the very fortunate position of having received two legacies (Antoinette Ferraro and Rupert Salmon) which give us a cushion and have helped to put off the decision of whether to move from the Free Church (where rehearsing is ideal but expensive). A rehearsal was held in St Mary's and in St Michael's but, for various reasons, they were not popular with many members although we may have to revisit that decision in the future. To that end, it was decided and announced to members that the subscription for 2025-26 would be raised to £200 and this will be ratified at the AGM.

Many members took part in St Michael's *Choirs, Coffee and Cake* community event. Both Amchor members and audience enjoyed this immensely and an effort will be made to include it in our calendar in the future (first Saturday in December which is sadly not possible this year).

With a few comings and goings, membership numbers have remained fairly stable since last year but it remains the responsibility of all members to try to recruit new ones whenever possible.

Next year's calendar looks a little different and members are urged to put key dates in their diaries as soon as possible.

Jane Towers  
August 2025

Registered Charity No. 1057791

AMERSHAM AND CHESHAM BOIS CHORAL SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JUNE 2024 TO 31st JULY 2025



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BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	31st July 2025		31st May 2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Staging	2		0		1
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
HSBC Current Account		7,607		5,743	
Buckinghamshire Building Society Acco		8,060		7,824	
Skipton Building Society Account		38,250		30,000	
Stock of Recipe Books		130		165	
Debtors and prepayments		23		3,330	
		<u>54,070</u>		<u>47,062</u>	
<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>578</u>		<u>2,900</u>	
Net Current Assets			53,492		44,162
Net Assets			<u><u>53,492</u></u>		<u><u>44,163</u></u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Designated	6		1,250		20,480
Unrestricted			52,242		23,683
			<u><u>53,492</u></u>		<u><u>44,163</u></u>

Jane Towers, Chair  
For and on behalf of the Committee

Elizabeth Pooley, Honorary Treasurer

September 2025

AMERSHAM AND CHESHAM BOIS CHORAL SOCIETY  
Notes to the Accounts for the period to 31st July 2025

## 1 Accounting Policies

In preparing the accounts the following policies have been complied with:

- a) The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities SORP 2005 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) and with the Charities Act 2011 and they have been subjected to independent scrutiny as required by the Charity Commission.
- b) Income and expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis.

## 2. Fixed Assets - Staging

Cost brought forward	13,736
Depreciation	<u>13,735</u>
Net Book Value at 31st May 2024	1
Disposal of Staging on Freecycle	<u>0</u>
Loss on Disposal	<u>1</u>

## 3. Remuneration of Trustees and Independent Examiner

There were no fees or expenses paid to the Trustees or to the Independent Examiner this year or last year.

	31.07.2025	31.5.2024
4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accrued liabilities	550	50
Deferred income	<u>28</u>	<u>2,850</u>
	<u>578</u>	<u>2,900</u>

5. Income from Concerts	Period to 31st July 2025		Year to 31st May 2024	
Sale of tickets and programmes				
Summer Singing Concert 2024	1,051		680	
Summer Concert 2025	790		-	
November Concert (The Creation)	3,815		3,349	
Carol Concert	926		706	
February - Mini Concert	1,104		1,325	
May Concert (Rutter)	<u>3,561</u>	11,247	<u>4,771</u>	10,831
Grants				
Josephine Baker Trust	660		660	
Kushner Memorial Fund	-	660	1,600	2,260
	<u>11,907</u>		<u>13,091</u>	
Related costs		17,299		16,827

6. Designated Funds	Staging	Newhouse Bequest	Total
Opening Fund	19,230	1,250	20,480
Transfer of Funds to 'Unrestricted' on the			
Disposal of the Staging	-19,230		
Closing Fund (no transfers made)	Nil	1,250	1,250



## **Independent examiner's Report to the Trustees of Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025. I note that the accounting year end has been moved from 31<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> July to better reflect the Society's annual calendar of activities.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). Where a charity's annual income is over £25,000, the trustees must also arrange for an independent person or accountancy firm to carry out either an audit or an independent examination of their charity's accounts. This is also a requirement of the Society's constitution.

You have requested that I perform an independent examination of the Society's accounts. I confirm that I am independent and that I am not aware of any conflict of interest which might prevent me from giving an independent view.

For consistency with previous years, I have followed the all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and present my report in the appropriate format.

An examination includes a review of the account records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and the seeking of explanations from the Trustees concerning 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 these statements present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

I note that HMRC published updated guidance on internal financial controls for charities in November 2024 and I would recommend the Society review these guidelines against current practice if you have not already done so.



Laura Gibbs

15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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