THE ORPHEUS SINGERS

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

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Trustees	Ms D Humphreys Mrs L Martin Mrs M Orchard Mrs K Curtis Ms P Allen Ms L Crane
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2026.

This financial year has been an interesting year with a large expense incurred in order to increase our membership.

Last Spring we sought to gain funding from a local supermarket's foundation which supports charities making a positive difference in local communities. Despite spending a lot of time putting together and submitting a request for funding we were declined. However, we scaled back the costs and went ahead with the Sing for Havens Plan.

The Sing for Havens Project involved advertising in the community, for '50 women to come and sing with us' and raise money for a specific local charity - Havens Hospices. The new cohort attended rehearsals and were coached and mentored through the process working towards a Christmas concert where the money raised would go to the chosen charity.

Even though our advertising asked for 50 women to come and sing with us, we had over 150 enquiries which resulted in 90+ joining us for our first rehearsal. We also asked the Sing for Havens ladies to contribute towards the project by paying £20 and this helped to offset some of the costs, although the project did go slightly over budget.

With so many additional ladies it meant that we had to arrange matinee and evening Christmas Concerts. The other performers taking part in the concert, the venue and our professionals were all very generous and waived their fees/charges for the additional concert which added to the amount raised for the charity. The two concerts combined raised over £4,000 for the designated charity, which was an excellent outcome.

Following the Christmas concerts, the Sing for Havens ladies were encouraged to join the choir in the New Year as members and over half decided to do so.

As the numbers attending our concerts still seem to be fluctuating, the Trustees decided to keep the ticket price of £10 for this year with no concessions. While we realise this does not help our finances, it is hoped that with the increased membership this will help to increase both our choir funds and our overall audience numbers.

Although we incurred a small loss at one of our concerts at the start of this financial year, the rest of the concerts have provided a surplus which has either been passed on to the charity the concert was supporting or has been paid as an appearance fee.

For this year our general running costs have plateaued and with the additional members joining the choir, this has helped restore some of our depleted funds. Despite this we are pleased to report that the total raised for local charities in this financial year was over £5,000.

Reference and Administrative Information

The trust is governed in accordance with the constitution document dated 11 March 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs L Martin
Mrs M Orchard
Mrs K Curtis
Ms P Allen
Ms D Humphreys
Ms L Crane

Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The object of the Choir is the study and practice of choral music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performance.

The Choir may also assist and support such charitable institutions or purposes as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

Achievements during the year
The charity generated income of £31,992 in the year and £33,923 was spent on charitable activity.

On behalf of the trustees

27th August 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHEUS SINGERS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Orpheus Singers ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2026 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Date: 9 September 2026

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

	2026		2025	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		9,066		10,457
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Uniform deposits	(2,130)		(1,590)	
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Net current assets		6,936		8,867
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds		6,936		8,867

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on ..... 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

D Humphreys
Trustee

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

	2026	2025
Receipts		
Bank interest – Savings a/c	50.75	98.16
Donations	3,452.26	2,255.08
Concert Programmes	58.00	-
Concert Appearance Fees	-	125.00
Fundraising	684.64	-
Subscriptions	17,470.00	15,000.00
Ticket Sales	8,491.80	6,788.31
Tour Account Income	205.00	7,405.00
Payment for Uniform/Pendants	-	78.00
Music/Folders	-	18.00
Recruitment – Sing for Havens	1,380.00	
Petty Cash – Income	200.00	-
	31,992.45	**31,767.55**
Payments		
Accompanist Fees	3,450.00	3,515.00
Advertising	159.00	189.00
Assistant Musical Director Fees	750.00	880.00
Bank Charges	71.49	97.94
Concert Appearance Fees	250.00	452.00
Committee Expenses	627.00	647.50
Concert Settlement	283.67	22.88
Concert Venue	2,300.00	3,135.00
Donations	5,211.27	3,078.00
Fundraising	397.27	-
Gratuities	133.83	263.16
Hadleigh Methodist Church Hire	2,827.00	3,055.50
Insurance, Membership and fees	1,413.96	1,359.38
Miscellaneous Concert Expenses	110.00	134.95
Miscellaneous Expenses	512.00	213.87
Mobile	69.57	-
Music	453.14	772.65
Musical Director Fees	4,770.00	5,291.00
Petty cash – expenditure	87.36	37.88
Printing and miscellaneous (for concerts)	1,520.00	928.00
Printing and Stationery	-	248.00
Programme Expenditure	181.00	-
Recruitment – Sing for Havens	1524.29	830.00
Refreshments	-	-
Subscription	50.00	170.00
Tour Account Expenditure	4,773.35	2,883.36
Website Hosting Expenses	1,315.33	1,050.55
Workshop	682.00	662.00
Total	**33,922.53**	**29,917.62**
Excess of (Expenditure over income)/Income over expenditure	**£(1,930.08)**	**£1,849.93**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

1.Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under the historic cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as updated by bulletin 1 and 2 and the Charities Act 2011.