KCM Chairperson's Report 2025-2026

This is a report for Kaleidoscope Community Music (KCM) for the period from April 2025 to March 2026. KCM manages Kaleidoscope Community Choir and Calidoscopio, a Brazilian drumming group.

This has been a challenging but successful year for Kaleidoscope Choir. After having made an unsuccessful appointment for a choir leader, we have developed a new way of working. We have established a core group of choir members who have been prepared to lead songs and warmups. These have included a wide variety of new songs as well as songs from our previous repertoire. we appreciate that it is not easy to stand in front of a group of people, even such a friendly and welcoming group. We are very grateful for all the people who have taught songs and have created a sense of community and enabled us to continue singing together. The group meets every two months to plan sessions.

We have also had support from experienced choir leaders on a monthly basis which has worked really well. Thanks go to them all. Deb has continued to run sessions throughout the year, Simon has led a couple of sessions, but Frances decided that she could not continue so finished in November last year.

We have advertised several times for a new choir leader but unfortunately have had no suitable applications. We will have a wider discussion about future plans under any other business at the AGM.

Calidoscopio drumming group has had a few new members but attendance at the monthly sessions does vary. The drummers have had a few performances over the year which has brought in enough income to help balance the books. Thanks to Ceri for his commitment and enthusiasm in leading the drummers over the last year.

Thank you to members of the committee and to our trustees who keep things going.

The overall aim of Kaleidoscope Community Music is to enable people to enjoy music and I feel we have certainly continued to do that this year.

Norman Smith

16th July 2026