CROWBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

CHARITY NUMBER 1164460

CROWBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026

Registered Charity Number: 1164460

Address: 53 Bridger Way, Crowborough TN6 2XD

Names of Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Date acted if not for a whole year
Linda Harcourt	Chair	
Lindsay Cole	Secretary	
Andrew Fermor	Treasurer	
Rowland Hughes		
Lucy Knott		
Philip Marriott		
Franziska Therese Mayall		

The Trustees are appointed by Members Vote at the AGM.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Document is the Constitution dated 21st October 2015.

The Society is constituted as a CIO.

Trustees' selection is by members vote at the AGM.

Objectives and Activities

To promote and advance public education in choral music.

To foster the participation in and the enjoyment of a high standard of choral music amongst the general public in such ways as the trustees from time to time think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the objectives above.

The Society has undertaken four public performances during the year.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Public Engagement Programme

As part of its charitable commitment, in 2018 the Society launched a Public Engagement Programme, establishing a bursary scheme and a singing tuition scheme. The bursary scheme, in particular, enables successful applicants to join the choir and engage in singing tuition, to develop their skills and enjoyment in singing. Singing tuition is also available to choir members to enhance and develop their singing skills.

Achievements and Performance

Three concerts were presented during the year, all at Crowborough Community Centre: in November 2025 the Mozart Mass in C Minor; in March 2026 Handel's Coronation Anthems and Rutter's Gloria; and in June 2026 "Sounds of the Sea", a lighthearted presentation of words and song with a maritime theme. At this last concert a number of the members of the Society took on solo and ensemble roles.

The Society sang a service of "Nine Lessons and Carols" for the congregation of High Hurstwood Church in December 2025. The Society also performed at United Church Crowborough to support their fundraising initiative.

Transactions with Trustees

The following reimbursements were made to Trustees who made payments on behalf of the society during the financial year:

Andrew Fermor £2,329; Linda Harcourt £651; Lindsay Cole £894.

Financial Review

The Charity's policy on reserves is to retain sufficient funds to cover forward commitments, such as venues, soloists, musicians etc. made by the Trustees on behalf of the Society.

None of the funds of the Society are in deficit.

Reserves Policy

The Society's expenditure commitments relate almost entirely to the Society's public performances. It has hitherto been the Trustees' policy to maintain a reserve sufficient to meet the typical outgoings anticipated at any given time for performances planned for the next twelve months. The level of reserve dictated by that policy and by other relevant considerations is presently £7,000.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Society's Trustees

Full Name:	Linda Harcourt	Full Name:	Lindsay Cole
Position:	Chair	Position:	Secretary
Date:	01/10/2026	Date:	01/10/2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

CROWBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 July 2026, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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.

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 CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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.

Jenny Dinnage
Chartered Accountant

Date: 02/10/2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

Charity no: 1164460

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	2026 Total funds	2025 Total funds
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Concert receipts					
Programme advertising	1,138	-	-	1,138	942
Refreshment sales	997	-	-	997	1,080
Sale/hire of concert music	1,241	-	-	1,241	820
Sale of scarves	78	-	-	78	54
Ticket sales	8,290	-	-	8,290	5,591
	11,744	-	-	11,744	8,487
Fundraising income					
100 Club	1,050	-	-	1,050	940
Weekly members raffle	530	-	-	530	443
Quiz night	1,601	-	-	1,601	1,663
Grant received	90			90	77
Miscellaneous	120	-	-	120	448
	3,391	-	-	3,391	3,571
Gift Aid received	1,418	-	-	1,418	1,503
Singing subscription	8,775	-	-	8,775	7,367
Friends subscription	335	-	-	335	310
Sponsorship	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Donations	1,153	-	-	1,153	556
Interest	13	-	-	13	-
Total receipts	**28,029**	**-**	**-**	**28,029**	**22,994**
Payments					
Concert payments					
Orchestral, soloist & conductor fees	8,588	-	-	8,588	3,820
Hire of concert hall & lighting	2,435	-	-	2,435	1,275
Music costs	1,741	-	-	1,741	858
Publicity	524	-	-	524	222
Refreshments	301	-	-	301	199
Hire of organ/harpsichord	820	-	-	820	1,260
Other costs	511	-	-	511	754
	14,920	-	-	14,920	8,388
Rehearsal costs					
Hire of hall	2,434	-	-	2,434	2,041
Conductor & accompanist	8,980	-	-	8,980	7,532
	11,414	-	-	11,414	9,573
Public Engagement Programme					
Singing tuition	-	878	-	878	604
Membership subscription grant	-		-	-	130
	-	878	-	878	734
Fundraising					
100 Club prizes	525	-	-	525	463
Quiz night	894	-	-	894	1,097
	1,419	-	-	1,419	1,560

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	2026 Total funds	2025 Total funds
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments (continued)					
Other					
Website and promotion	478	-	-	478	403
Accountancy	533	-	-	533	421
Independent Examiner's Fee	300	-	-	300	300
NFMS subscription & insurance	480	-	-	480	468
Contribution to Rellingen travel costs	200	-	-	200	-
Purchase of equipment	36	-	-	36	-
General admin		-	-	-	30
	2,027	-	-	2,027	1,622
Total payments	**29,780**	**878**	**-**	**30,658**	**21,877**
Net receipts/(payments) for year	**(1,751)**	**(878)**	**-**	**(2,629)**	**1,117**
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	20,709	3,234	-	23,943	22,826
Cash funds carried forward	18,958	2,356	-	21,314	23,943

* Designated fund – Public Engagement Programme

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 JULY 2026

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
Cash funds	£	£
Bank Current Account	21,314	-
	21,314	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Conductor's rostrum - at transfer value	502	
Stock of music - at transfer value	-	
Liabilities		
	-	

There are no guarantees given or debts outstanding secured by any charge on the assets.
No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year.
There are no restricted or endowment funds.

Approved by the Trustees on 01/10/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Fermor