Llantrisant Male Choir Trustee's Annual Return 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report, together with the consolidated financial statements.

Charity status, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was gained on 15th December 2022 with the Charity No **1201350.**

10 initial trustees were elected, comprising of 7 organisation members and 3 non-chorister trustees. This year our trustee number remains at 11.

These people are responsible for the management of our organisation, in compliance with our Charity Governing document.

The choir would particularly like to thank the 3 non-chorister trustees, for giving their time and specialist skills to the choir in this respect.

Moving forward it is our objective to consolidate our charity status and to claim any financial assistance from said status.

To this end we have registered our Charity with His Majesties Revenue & Customs and we have been formally accepted for charity tax status.

Chair's Report

CHAIRMANS REPORT for Trustees Annual Report 2025

LLANTRISANT MALE CHOIR has had another highly successful year with progress on the Choir's structure and continuing growth in choristers' numbers. The Choir has appointed Sub Committees to take responsibilities for Events, Fund Raising, Recruitment and Tours and these changes will see progress moving forward as the Choir develops further.

Our membership has reached a new high of 70 with 6 new members so far in

2026 and another four going through the probationary process. Our Recruitment Programme is ongoing, showing tremendous success in the last three years with 34 new members.

Our three Music Team, led by our talented Music Director Matthew Nash BA, make and improve singing standards alongside our busy schedule of work.

We have completed 39 events during 25/26 broken down to -
7 Concerts, 7 Charitable Events, 12 Community Events, 10 Corporate Events

Highlights included a week tour in Zadar, Croatia, completing two formal concerts and 2 concerts with the prestigious Yale University Orchestra from the USA.

The Choir also hosted a recruitment drive held in Beddau RFC and attended Creigiau Primary School supporting Welsh culture to year six.
Many local weddings were undertaken with highlights at Calne, Wiltshire, Hensol Castle and the “Shed “ Cardiff.

Also of note is a week where the choir members did a make-over and drive construction for a local young man, suffering with MND, who could not access and park his vehicle. All this was funded by donations from our choir family.

Poems & Pints night brought out the choristers’ talent with many contributing to make it a great evening.

A recruitment/promotional video was also commissioned, capturing the choir’s talent against the backdrop of our historic town.

To summarise a very successful year with future plans already in hand for 2026.

Ted Tidman
Chair, Board of Trustees
Llantrisant Male Choir / Cor Meibion Llantrisant.

Our Purposes and Activities

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The objectives of the CIO are: -

> The study, practice and advancement of choral music, one of Wales’ leading forms of musical traditions, fostering a culture of musical appreciation throughout communities through public performances by choristers of the Llantrisant Male Choir.

The vision that shapes our annual activities remains the promotion, knowledge and appreciation of choral music, with emphasis on Welsh choral music. The charity also aims at contributing to the

quality of life of the people of Rhondda Cynon Taf community through the provision of entertaining public performances.
When compiling our performance calendar, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging. To this end we have considered the choir's accessibility to those on low incomes and have provided low-cost concerts and also several free concerts in our locality.
Many of these free concerts are our opportunity to support other local charities and to foster new community relationships.
Our organisations income relies on member's subscriptions, grants and fees from private and corporate events to cover our operating costs. No members of the organisation receive any renumeration apart from expenses incurred.

The strategies employed to achieve our charity's aims and objectives are to:

Present a diverse repertoire of choral music for the enjoyment and education of our local community;
Offer opportunities for members of our community to get involved in music and explore their own creativity.
Provide opportunities for amateur artists to develop and to provide a vehicle for young artists to showcase their talents alongside us.
To celebrate diversity of cultures, in our society, by performing to and with artists of different cultural backgrounds.
By taking our organisation out on tour, both home and abroad, to promote Welsh choral music to new audiences.

Putting these strategies into place we have three main areas of activity which are: concerts, charitable events, private functions.
Our programme of activities described below focus very much on delivering choral music to our local community and to encourage all within our community to engage with our activities be it in attendance or membership. We aim to provide music for the enjoyment of all ages, form primary school performances through to entertaining at local residential care homes.

Concerts

04/05/25	Pontyclun RFC	Joint concert with Eastwood Collieries MVC
26/05/25	Temple of Peace, Cardiff	Joint Concert with Yale University USA
27/05/25	Pontygwaith Cosmo Club	Joint Concert with Yale University USA
19/07/25	Savoy Theatre, Monmouth	Talking Pictures Concert
06/09/25	Nim Cathedral, Croatia	Concert
07/09/25	Conference Centre, Zadar	Concert with
04/10/25	Ogmore Community Centre	Joint Concert with Ogmore Community Choir

Charitable Events

01/03/25	Farmers Arms, Churchvillage	Community Sing-along for St David's Day
05/03/25	Interlink RCT, Pontypridd	Community Sing-along
02/04/25	Llantrisant Workmen's Club	Prostate Cancer Awareness Video Filming
05/04/25	Llanharan RFC	Community Sing-along for Rugby Club
11/04/25	Bush Inn, Llantwit Fadre	Motor Neurone Disease Charity Concert
12/06/25	Pontyclun Football Club	Motor Neurone Disease Charity Hog-Roast
13/06/25	Pontyclun Football Club	Motor Neurone Disease Charity Dinner

Private/Corporate Functions

01/02/25	Celtic Manor	Corporate Event
09/05/25	Llantrisant Parish Church	Wedding
24/05/25	Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel	Wedding
20/06/25	Llantrisant Golf Club	Wedding
10/07/25	Celtic Manor Hotel	Price Forbes Corporate Event
02/08/25	Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel	Wedding
06/09/25	Coychurch Crematorium	Funeral
13/09/25	Llantrisant Parish Church	Wedding
05/12/25	Miskin Parish Church	Wedding
20/12/25	Hensol Castle	Wedding

Community Events

22/02/25	Beddau/Pontyclun areas	Litter-pick
17/05/25	Radio Cardiff	Community Radio Promotional Event
31/05/25	Llandaff North RFC	80th Birthday Party

14/08/25	Glyntaff Crematorium	Funeral
26/09/25	Carpenters Arms, Efail Isaf	NHS Organ Donation Event Fundraiser.
23/10/25	Creigiau Primary School	Coal History Education sing-a-long
09/11/25	Llantrisant Bullring	Remembrance Sunday Commemoration
06/12/25	Llantrisant Parish church	Community Carol Concert
11/12/25	Cross Inn Public House	Community Carol Concert
12/12/25	Bryncae Arms, Llanharan	Community Carol Concert
18/12/25	Farmers Arms, Churchvillage	Community Carol Concert
27/12/25	Llanharan RFC	80th Birthday Concert

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review

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Brief statement on the charity's policy on reserves:

Cash at bank at 30th December 2024 was £20,974.37 in unrestricted funds. A significant proportion or income and costs for 2024 were to support the choir's Croatia tour in 2025.

Funds are held to cover ongoing operational costs with reserve levels agreed at £4,460. If any surplus funds are identified, consideration is given to supporting organisations that seek our help or are identified as supporting our objectives.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: N/A

Balance Sheet 2025

Bank balance at 30/12/24	**£21,333.12**	**Bank balance at 31/12/25**	**£4,013.93**

INCOME	**2025**	**EXPENDITURE**	**2025**
Subscriptions (Charitable activities)	£14,046.00	Music Team (Practice Fees)	£12,817.30
Donations	£1,901.38	Clothing	£5,401.90
Grants & Gift Aid	£7,507.66	Club hire	£1,960.00
Event Income (Charitable activities)	£19,689.74	Event fees	£3,699.75
Miscellaneous (Charitable activities)	£3,990.07	Event costs	£10,411.42
		Equipment	£1,991.78
		Charitable donation	£2,599.00
		Miscellaneous	£2,794.58
Total (ex-tour)	**£47,134.85**	**Total (ex-tour)**	**£41,675.73**
(Profit)	**£5,459.12**		
Tour receipts	£16,000.00	Tour costs	£38,778.31
Total Income	**£63,134.85**	**Total Expenditure**	**£80,454.04**
Loss	-£17,319.19		

Mike Hughes

Treasurer

9th September 2026

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity No: 1201350

Charity Address: Llantrisant Workmen’s Club, 19 Swan St, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, RCT, CF72 8EB

Trustees

Mr E. Tidman (Chair) Mr. T. Nash (V. Chair)

Mr. M. Hughes (Treasurer)	Mr. D. Fairbairn (Secretary)
Mrs. C. Fairbairn	Mr. T.Jenkins
Ms M. Seaman	Mr. J.Price
Mr. G. Hughes	Mr. C Williams

Mr. D.Crabbe (Charity Commission Primary Contact)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Document is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which is registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales.

The board of Trustees, which can have a maximum of 12 in number, administers the charity.

The board meets quarterly plus an Annual General Meeting of all members.

There are sub-committees covering compliance, finance, recruitment, tours, social media which meet as required.

The trustees are led by officers, namely, Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

None of the trustees receive renumeration or benefit from their work with the charity.

There are no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

Policies and Risk Management

The Charity protects its trustees, members, organisational reputation, finances, patrons and audience using the following policies and procedures: -

CIO Governing Document (15th December 2022)

Code of Conduct and Organisational Rules (reviewed January 2025)

Health and Safety Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Finance Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Safeguarding Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Equal Opportunities Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Environmental Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Complaints Handling Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Conflicts of Interest Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Confidentiality Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Data Compliance Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Fundraising Policy (reviewed March 2025)

Information Security and Data Protection Compliance Policy (reviewed March

2025)

There is an annual review of all the charity's risks and policies, with the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate and minimise against any potential risks identified.

This work has identified that financial sustainability and reducing membership as the main risk to the charity, and both are being proactively addressed.

A key element in the management of financial risk is via a reviewed reserves policy as per Charity Commission guidelines with regard to the retention of sufficient working capital.

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustee's annual financial report and financial statements, in accordance with the Charity Commission of England and Wales Law. These accounts are overseen, prepared and submitted, by the Treasurer and audited by two other trustees.

Attention has also been given to non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety and the management of performing rights.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Llantrisant Male Choir

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity no (if any) 1201350

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 10 September 2026

Name: Stephen A Howell Limited

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ICAEW

Address: 11 Gelli'r Haidd, Tonyrefail, CF39 8AP

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.