CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2025 **To** 31st July 2026

Charity name: Walton Voices

Charity registration number: 277148

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the society shall be to promote, improve and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of choral music in all its aspects through weekly rehearsals open to all and by presentation of public choral concerts and by such other ways as the Society through its committee shall determine from time to time.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The society holds rehearsals to learn music and performs that music in termly concerts. It also takes part in other musical events in the local community and hosts choral and vocal technique workshops open to the public.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and concluded that, through teaching and presenting choral music, not requiring auditions for members, having a policy of equal opportunities, and making its performances and choral and vocal technique workshops available to the public, the charity provides a public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In preparing for and performing four major concerts in the last year, the society has encouraged its members to learn a challenging and exciting variety of music and given those members exceptional opportunities to develop their singing technique. In the autumn and spring term we hosted our first two vocal technique workshops, helping both choir members and members of the public to develop their singing technique and improve their understanding of how to get the most out of their voice. And in the summer term we invited the local composer of the piece we were performing to a rehearsal along with another local choir, so we could get his insight into how the piece should be performed. Walton Voices always supports other charities by way of a collection at each concert, but we are now regularly supporting our local Walton Charity to help support their new food bank initiative and at Christmas we collected new toys from members to be distributed via Santa Stork to needy families in our community. All our concerts offer an incredible opportunity for members to work with a wide range of professional musicians, uplifting their performance and providing musical inspiration. But we also provide our members with the opportunity to learn about and support others in the local community and within the choir through our choice of charities.

		With matching, this year we raised £7,769! In order to be accessible to its members, Walton Voices does not require auditions and, as well as keeping its standard membership subscriptions at a level lower than those of many similar choirs, offers a reduced rate for couples from the same household, students and those on low incomes.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	On 31 July 2026, the charity had cash of £17,055.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has a reserves policy of holding at least 33% of budgeted costs. This provides a buffer, giving the trustees time to address unexpected events or financial difficulties, or to arrange an orderly closure if necessary.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	On 31 July 2026, the charity had cash of £17,055 being approximately £6700 above the minimum reserve policy
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees do not presently consider that there is any uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity is governed by its constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is an unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to	Para 1.25	Under the charity's constitution; (1) The Society in a general meeting shall elect the trustees and may elect the officers. (2) The trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee. They may also appoint trustees to act

appoint one or more trustees		as officers. (3) At each annual general meeting a third of committee members shall retire and be eligible for re-election up to a fixed number of three-year terms as set out in the Society's rules and regulations. (4) In case of a vacancy arising on the committee, the committee may co-opt a new trustee who shall then stand for election by members at the next annual general meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Walton Voices
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	277148
Charity's principal address	Bell Farm Primary School, Hersham Road, Walton-on-Thames KT12 5NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Heard	Chair		
2	Katherine Simpson	Secretary (joint)		
3	Stephanie Madden	Secretary (joint)		
4	John Bowden	Treasurer		
5	Tim Willetts			
6	Carol Robbins			
7	Pamela Pitcher			

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Emma Heard	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	14/08/2026