



## ACCOUNTS

For The Year Ended 31st July 2023

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Stafford Choral Society  
Trustees' Report  
Year Ended 31st July 2023

1 Objective

To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

2 The Trustees who manage Stafford Choral Society ("SCS" or "the Society")

Mrs Beryl Whincup (Chair), Mr Daniel Wills (Treasurer), Mrs Anne Thatcher, Mrs Jane Evans, Mr Mike Jones, Mrs Philomena Trainer, Mr David Law, Mrs Gwyneth Pierpoint and Mr Peter Davies, Mrs Pam Miles.

3 Structure and governance

The governing document is the SCS Constitution which was adopted 15<sup>th</sup> May 1972 and amended on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

SCS is an unincorporated association. Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting on a rotational basis.

4 Activities and Achievements

Weekly rehearsals occurred between September 2022 and June 2023.

The following concerts took place:

- 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022: Faure Requiem, performed at Rising Brook Baptist Church, Stafford.
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022: Handel's Messiah, performed at St Augustine's Church, Rugeley
- 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Haydn's Creation, performed at Rising Brook Baptist Church, Stafford.
- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023: Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo by Michael Flanders & On Becoming Spring by Ethan Mitchell performed as our Summer Concert at White Eagle Club Stafford.

5 Financial activities and position

The cash held by the Society as at 31 July 2023 was £41,038.10 in unrestricted funds.  
See attached accounts and notes.

6 Relationships with other bodies

The Society is affiliated to the following

- (a) Stafford District Arts Council
- (b) National Federation of Music Societies.

7 The Society's principal address

SCS's principal address is 19, Lawn Road, Rowley Park, Stafford, ST17 9AJ

Signed:



Daniel Alfred Wills, Treasurer

Date:

30th August 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report Under The Charities Act 2011**  
**To The Trustees Of**  
**The Stafford Choral Society**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stafford Choral Society**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stafford Choral Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 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.

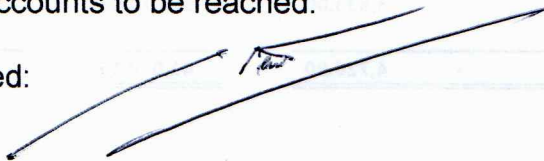
**Independent examiner's statement**

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 Trust 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.

Signed:



Name: Mr Brett Phillips

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: ACA

Address: 22A, Crescent Road, Stafford ST17 9AL

Date: 30th August 2023

# Stafford Choral Society

## Receipts & Payments for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

	Notes	2023 General Fund £	2023 Concerts £	2023 200 Club £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Subscriptions		17,420.00			17,420.00	16,565.00
Income Tax Repayment (Covs)		4,699.05			4,699.05	1,129.84
Bank Interest		636.80			636.80	38.55
Net Soc Committee Fundraising		3,950.97			3,950.97	2,581.25
Concert Income			10,730.35		10,730.35	11,164.50
200 Club Net Contribution				893.00	893.00	800.00
SDAC Grant			1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Sponsorship			-		-	6,837.50
Sundry Income		860.37			860.37	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>27,567.19</b>	<b>11,730.35</b>	<b>893.00</b>	<b>40,190.54</b>	<b>40,116.64</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Concert Expenditure			16,502.08		16,502.08	23,673.37
Pre paid hire costs for November 2023 concert	(i)	760.81			760.81	
Honoraria		12,875.00			12,875.00	10,835.00
Rehearsal Room Hire		2,786.00			2,786.00	2,460.00
Affiliation Fees		440.00			440.00	183.00
Sundry Expenditure	(ii)	3,812.60			3,812.60	115.88
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>20,674.41</b>	<b>16,502.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,176.49</b>	<b>37,267.25</b>
<b>Net Receipts and Payments</b>		<b>6,892.78</b>	<b>(4,771.73)</b>	<b>893.00</b>	<b>3,014.05</b>	<b>2,849.39</b>
Transfers Between Funds		(4,771.73)	4,771.73		-	
<b>Net Movement of Funds</b>		<b>2,121.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>893.00</b>	<b>3,014.05</b>	<b>2,849.39</b>
Funds b/f		34,191.05		3,833.00	38,024.05	35,174.66
<b>Funds c/f</b>		<b>36,312.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,726.00</b>	<b>41,038.10</b>	<b>38,024.05</b>

### Notes

(i) Music hire costs prepaid for the November 2023 concert.

(ii) Sundry expenditure includes £2,319.30 paid for staging at Stafford Grammar School as per note (i) on page 5.

**Stafford Choral Society**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st July 2023**

<b>Assets (note (i))</b>	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Bank Accounts: Current Account	14,637.41	13,153.16
Investment Account: COIF Account	21,674.69	21,037.89
200 Club Account (note(ii))	4,726.00	3,833.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>41,038.10</b></u>	<u><b>38,024.05</b></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Worth</b>	<u><b>41,038.10</b></u>	<u><b>38,024.05</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>		
General Fund	36,312.10	34,191.05
200 Club	4,726.00	3,833.00
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><b>41,038.10</b></u>	<u><b>38,024.05</b></u>

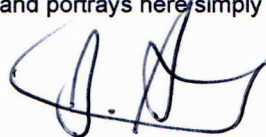
**Notes to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

(i) Policy, unless stated otherwise, is that fixed assets are written down in full in the year of acquisition. SCS owns the following physical assets which have zero book value but which are insured:

Item & Location	Year Acquired	Cost £
Staging, Stafford Grammar School	2008	650.95
Staging, Stafford Grammar School	2014	3,630.00
Hot Water Urn, Entrust	2017	72.00
Staging Stafford Grammar School	2022	2,319.30

(ii) For simplicity, and to reduce unnecessary work, all elements of the 200 Club finances, apart from the net change in worth have now been extracted from the main accounts. Consequently, all that will be shown - in income - is 200 Club Contribution. The treasurer relies upon any peculiarities in 200 Club - such as accruals/deferrals - uncashed cheques etc - to be dealt with within those accounts and portrays here simply closing bank balance minus opening bank balance.

Signed on behalf of all the trustees:



Dan Wills  
Trustee

Date: 30 August 2023

**Stafford Choral Society**  
**Notes To The Accounts Year Ended 31st July 2023**

1 Accounting Policies

- (a) The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention using the receipts and payments basis of preparation.
- (b) There are no assets of the Society that are capable of revaluation. All assets and liabilities are therefore included at their historical costs.

2 Concert & Subscription Breakdown

CONCERTS	Nov Concert	Messiah (Dec)	May Concert	July Concert	All Concerts
	19th Nov 2022	19th Dec 2022	11th May 2023	9th July 2023	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Ticket Sales	1,996.00	1,855.00	3,055.00	730.00	7,636.00
Choir Music Income	680.00		700.00	690.00	2,070.00
SDAC Grant			1,000.00		1,000.00
Program & Advert Sales	404.50		200.00		604.50
Tea/Wine/Mince Pies etc	51.05		128.80		179.85
Donations/Sponsorships			240.00		240.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,131.55</b>	<b>1,855.00</b>	<b>5,323.80</b>	<b>1,420.00</b>	<b>11,730.35</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Orchestra/Soloists/Equipment	1,797.00	1,450.00	6,781.35	380.00	10,408.35
Venue Hire	825.00	300.00	900.00	350.00	2,375.00
Music Costs	713.79		933.53	882.32	2,529.64
Printing/Publicity	208.84	100.00	200.00	45.00	553.84
Wine & Soft Drinks & Food		126.28			126.28
Flowers & Calligraphy	49.82		24.00		73.82
Staging, Transport	180.00		255.15		435.15
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3,774.45</b>	<b>1,976.28</b>	<b>9,094.03</b>	<b>1,657.32</b>	<b>16,502.08</b>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>(642.90)</b>	<b>(121.28)</b>	<b>(3,770.23)</b>	<b>(237.32)</b>	<b>(4,771.73)</b>
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>					
	£				
Vice Presidents & Friends	530.00				
Ordinary Members	16,890.00				
<b>Total Subscriptions</b>	<b>17,420.00</b>				