



Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2025

Registered Charity Number: 501721/ACL

Stafford Choral Society

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Trustees

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Mrs Beryl Whincup (Chair)
Mr Daniel Wills (Treasurer)
Mrs Jane Evans
Mr Mike Jones
Mrs Philomena Trainer
Mr David Law
Mrs Gwyneth Pierpoint
Mrs Pam Miles
Mr Gerry Trainer
Mrs Kathleen Squire
Mrs Sarah Matthews

Principal Address

19 Lawn Road
Rowley Park
Stafford
ST18 0RA

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Trustees' report

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.

The Trustees who manage Stafford Choral Society (“SCS” or “the Society”)

Mrs Beryl Whincup (Chair), Mr Daniel Wills (Treasurer), Mrs Jane Evans, Mr Mike Jones, Mrs Philomena Trainer, Mr David Law, Mrs Gwyneth Pierpoint, Mrs Pam Miles & Mr Gerry Trainer, Mrs Kathleen Squire, Mrs Sarah Matthews.

Structure and Governance

The governing document is the SCS Constitution which was adopted 15 May 1972 and amended on 17 September 2018. SCS is an unincorporated association. Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Activities and Achievements

Weekly rehearsals occurred between September 2024 and June 2025

The following concerts took place:

23 November 2024: Haydn's Creation, performed at Rising Brook Baptist Church, Stafford

16 December 2024: Handel's Messiah, performed at St Mary's Church, Stafford.

22 April 25: Puccini Messa di Gloria & Lauridsen Lux Aeterna, performed at Rising Brook Baptist Church, Stafford.

12 July 2025: A selection of Modern Madrigals by John Rutter, George Shearing and others performed at the White Eagle Club Stafford.

Financial activities and position

The cash held by the Society as at 31 July 2025 was £39,664.84 in unrestricted funds.

See attached accounts and notes.

Relationships with other bodies

The Society is affiliated to the following:

Stafford District Arts Council

National Federation of Music Societies.

The Society's principal address

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

Signed:



Name: Daniel Alfred Wills, Treasurer

Date: 27 August 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Stafford Choral Society Under The Charities Act 2011

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stafford Choral Society for the year ended 31 July 2025.

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: Edward Sandy, ACA

Address: Gillan, Moreton Barn Farm, Tolldish Lane, Stafford, ST18 0RA

Date: 27 August 2025

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Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 July 2025

	Notes	2025 General Fund £	2025 Concerts £	2025 200 Club £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income						
Subscriptions		16,735	40	-	16,775	17,380
Income Tax Repayment (Covs)		3,430	-	-	3,430	3,454
Bank Interest		1,078	-	-	1,078	1,033
Net Soc Committee Fundraising		3,106	-	-	3,106	3,187
Concert Income		-	11,737	-	11,737	11,131
200 Club Net Contribution	(ii)	-	-	(1,498)	(1,498)	928
SDAC Grant		-	500	-	500	1,000
Sundry Income		871	-	-	871	97
Total Income		25,220	12,277	(1,498)	35,998	38,210
Expenditure						
Concert Expenditure		-	16,641	-	16,641	16,519
Honoraria		14,655	-	-	14,655	14,875
Rehearsal Room Hire	(i)	4,461	-	-	4,461	1,200
Affiliation Fees		753	-	-	753	600
Sundry Expenditure		1,456	-	-	1,456	4,422
Total Expenditure		21,325	16,641	-	37,966	37,615
Net Income/(Expenditure)		3,895	(4,364)	(1,498)	(1,968)	594
Transfers Between Funds		(4,364)	4,364	-	-	-
Net Movement of Funds		(470)	-	(1,498)	(1,968)	594
Cash Funds b/f		35,979	-	5,654	41,633	41,038
Cash Funds c/f		35,509	-	4,156	39,665	41,633

Notes

(i) Rehearsal room hire costs for spring and summer 2024 of £1,680.00 were not invoiced or paid until after the year end 2024.

So these costs are missing from 2024 and consequently must be added to 2025 Accounts.

(ii) Net 200 Club Contribution is reduced by: 1) Purchase of Keyboard / Amp / Stool / Stand and Carry Bag £2,348.91, and 2) Gazebos for Garden Party Net £144.02.

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Statement of financial position At 31 July 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Current Account	10,555	12,962
COIF Account	23,786	22,708
200 Club Account	4,163	5,661
Cash in Hand	859	-
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	39,363	41,331
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-
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Net current assets	39,363	41,331
Total assets less current liabilities	<hr/>	<hr/>
	39,363	41,331
Net assets	<hr/>	<hr/>
	39,363	41,331
Capital and reserves		
General Fund	35,200	35,670
200 Club	4,163	5,661
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Total funds	39,363	41,331
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The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

They are signed on behalf of the Trustees by:



Daniel Alfred Wills, Treasurer

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 July 2025

General information and basis of accounting

Unless stated otherwise, is that fixed assets are written down in full in the year of acquisition.

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, to be dealt with within those accounts and portrays here simply closing bank balance minus opening bank balance.

SCS owns the following physical assets which have zero book value:

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
Handrails, trolleys, chair stops	Stafford Grammar School	2023	3,018.08
Keyboard, Amp, Stand, Stool	With MD	2024	2,348.91
Gazebos for Garden Party	19 Lawn Road	2025	144.02

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention using the receipts and payments basis of preparation.

There are no assets of the Society that are capable of revaluation. All assets and liabilities are therefore included at their historical costs.

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2. Concert and Subscription Breakdown

	November Concert 22 Nov 2024 £	Messiah 16 Dec 2024 £	April Concert 12 Apr 2025 £	July Concert 11 Jul 2025 £	Total £
Income					
Ticket Sales	2,485	3,303	2,631	1,090	9,509
Choir Music Income	658	-	400	400	1,458
SDAC Grant	-	-	500	-	500
Programme & Advert Sales	219	-	175	-	394
Donations/Sponsorships	66	-	161	-	226
Total Income	3,427	3,303	3,866	1,490	12,087
Expenditure					
Orchestra/Soloists/Equipment	2,097	1,870	5,648	400	10,015
Venue Hire	900	560	900	350	2,710
Music Costs	553	-	1,110	850	2,513
Printing/Publicity	119	280	312	45	756
Wine, Soft Drinks & Food	-	212	-	60	272
Flowers & Calligraphy	131	-	110	-	241
Staging & Transport	376	-	328	-	704
Total Expenditure	4,176	2,922	8,408	1,705	17,211
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(749)	381	(4,542)	(215)	(5,124)

Notes

Subscriptions	£
Vice Presidents & Friends	500
Ordinary Members	16,235
Total Subscriptions	16,735