

**SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT CHORAL
SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2025**

CHARITY NUMBER 504393

SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the Year Ended 31 MAY 2025****REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****Charity name**

The full name of the charity is Scunthorpe & District Choral Society.

Trustees

The charity trustees at the date of signing report:

Mr J Hollingworth

Mr S Caldwell

Mrs S Simpkin

Miss A Barnard

Rev M Bareham Burton

Mrs M Wroblewska

Mrs C Hannabuss

Mr A Godfrey

Mrs J Lee

Mr B Heywood (resigned 3 October 2024)

Mrs N J Torr (resigned 3 October 2024)

Mrs C Lloyd

Ms S Robson (appointed 3 October 2024)

Ms H E Singleton (appointed 3 October 2024)

Charity registration number

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SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the Year Ended 31 MAY 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted on the 14 June 1973.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Objectives and activities

The objectives as set out in the charity's constitution are to educate the public by the study and practice of choral music and the concert performance of choral works.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity continued to educate the public through its study and performance of choral music. Once again, we held a Come and Sing evening at the start of the season and delivered a programme of three concerts, one of which was a Gala performance of Verdi's Requiem at the Baths Hall to celebrate the Society's 80th Anniversary. We were joined in this venture by Gainsborough Choral Society, and performed with an Orchestra of over 60 players, a professional conductor and soloists. The event was outside the normal scope of the Society and made possible by a significant private donation recorded in the 2023-24 accounts. It attracted an audience of nearly 600 people. Preparation included a workshop for singers delivered by an expert in the work.

The overall deficit for the period reflects the significant cost of staging the Verdi Requiem concert, and a further investment in staging made possible by the previously noted donation. However, the number of paying members and guests increased again, with Subscription income and receipts from Ticket Sales above previous levels. Members participated in the North Lincs Rotary Swimathon which increased Fund Raising income, and the Society continued to benefit from corporate sponsorship towards the cost of our Christmas Concert.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A deficit of £5,085.55 (surplus 2024 – £20,569.36) arose during the year, leaving funds at 31 May 2025 of £36,549.26 (2024 - £41,634.81).

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the Year Ended 31 MAY 2025 (continued)

Reserves Policy

The Society believes a policy is needed so that it can be confident that the level of financial reserves matches the needs of the Society.

In assessing the amount of reserve, the Committee will take the following points into account: -

- Its forecasts for levels of income in future years, taking into account the reliability of each source of income and the prospects for opening up new sources
- Its forecasts for expenditure in future years on the basis of planned activity
- Its analysis of any future needs, opportunities, contingencies or risk – the effects of which are not likely to be able to be met out of income if and when they arise; and
- Its assessment, on the best evidence reasonably available, of the likelihood of each of those needs etc. arising and the potential consequences for the Society of not being able to meet them.

The committee will review the levels of funds to be held in reserve and this policy every two years.

The trustees are satisfied that the trust assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 19 August 2025

Mr S Caldwell
Treasurer

SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

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 charity'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 examiners' 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 charity 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.

John Heeney BA (Hons) FCA
RNS Chartered Accountants
50-54 Oswald Road
Scunthorpe
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4 September 2025

SCUNTHORPE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Ticket Sales	15,929.85	6,969.12
Programme Sales	740.89	503.90
Sponsored Ads	660.00	350.00
Sponsor Donations	2,000.00	2,300.00
Subscriptions	9,267.47	7,822.06
Friends	237.50	439.66
Gift Aid	1,341.66	4,879.85
Fund Raising	2,618.52	1,456.46
Donations	223.50	15,886.00
Medley	372.00	288.00
Raffle	918.70	888.83
Other Income	469.92	172.75
Bank Interest	711.39	407.71
	<u>35,491.40</u>	<u>42,364.34</u>
<u>Payments</u>		
Printing & Publicity	1,048.71	674.98
Chorus Master	2,686.50	2,425.00
Pianist	2,479.00	2,112.00
Score Hire	1,279.05	1,414.51
Room Hire	2,080.00	1,890.00
Concert Performers	22,154.34	8,980.49
Concert Room Hire/Equipment	5,738.73	2,968.57
Fund Raising Expenses	576.00	387.50
Medley Payments	127.50	114.50
Subs, Insurance, etc.	825.77	519.99
Admin	5.95	-
Other	1,575.40	307.44
	<u>40,576.95</u>	<u>21,794.98</u>
 (Deficit) / Surplus for the year	 <u>£ (5,085.55)</u>	 <u>£20,569.36</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Cash funds</u>		
Current account	1,223.00	21,019.94
Deposit account	20,326.26	5,614.87
Term deposit	15,000.00	15,000.00
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	£36,549.26	£41,634.81
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 <u>General fund</u>		
Opening balance	41,634.81	21,065.45
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	(5,085.55)	20,569.36
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	£36,549.26	£41,634.81
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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared and independently reviewed in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and SORP.

2. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts are prepared under a receipts and payments basis.