



Annual Report 2022-2023

Membership:

Membership numbers have risen slightly since the low point following the Covid 19 pandemic. Some former members have returned, and we have been joined by several new ones. We currently (November 2023) have just over 60 active members.

Concerts:

In December 2022 we presented a concert of music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, contributing to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of his birth. Works included *Dona Nobis Pacem*, *Five Mystical Songs*, *Let us now Praise Famous Men*, and *O be Joyful*.

In June 2023 our concert was of American choral music. Including Jazz, Spirituals and works by Morten Lauridsen (*Nocturnes*), Florence Price, and others.

Both concerts were well-attended and critically well-received.

Activities:

Social and fundraising events have included a quiz, and an evening of Christmas music, including audience participation, at Ludlow Brewery, when we also bade farewell to our accompanist and Assistant Music Director of 25 years, Steve Dunachie. We visited several local care homes to sing carols in the run up to Christmas. In May we took a market stall selling plants and produce and we held a summer afternoon tea in a member's garden. Our Ludlow New Voices fund supported various singing activities in local primary schools.

Highlights and low points:

In January 2023 we were delighted to welcome Marion Bettsworth as our new accompanist and Assistant Music Director. Marion plays both the piano and the organ and is a talented and sensitive musician.

During the year we received a very significant legacy from a former member of the Society which will make a considerable difference to our finances. We are extremely grateful for this, as it will enable us to support the presentation of high-quality concerts for several years to come.

We were saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of our former Treasurer, but heartened by the fact that a relatively new member has stepped willingly and efficiently into that role.

Supporters:

The Society is grateful for the support it receives from volunteers, audience members, and many others. We are also indebted to our Music Director and Assistant Music Director, who work closely together to ensure that we achieve our best for members and our audiences.

Margaret Appleton,
Secretary, November 2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name LUDLOW CHORAL SOCIETY		
On accounts for the year ended	31 ST JULY 2023	Charity no (if any)	511414
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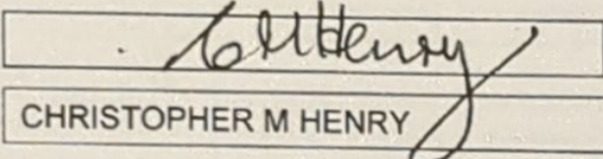
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Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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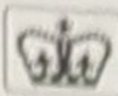
Signed:  **Date:** 24th October 2023

Name: CHRISTOPHER M HENRY

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

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Section B Disclosure



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
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Receipts and payments accounts

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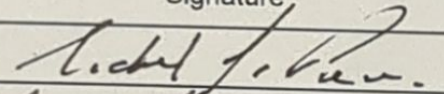
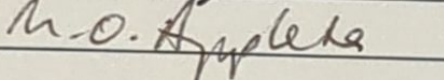
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Concert Ticket Sales	3,606	-	-	3,606	2,665
Subscriptions	9,300	-	-	9,300	8,958
Grants Donations Gift Aid	6,347	-	-	6,347	4,192
Interest	371	121	-	492	15
Fundraising	1,315	-	-	1,315	793
Hire Income	44	-	-	44	150
Other Income	-	-	-	-	47
Legacies	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70,983	121	-	71,104	16,621
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,983	121	-	71,104	16,621
A3 Payments					
Concert Costs	15,384	-	-	15,384	13,582
Hire Costs	3,424	-	-	3,424	2,511
Publicity and Programmes	1,030	-	-	1,030	893
Music Purchase and Printing	2,386	-	-	2,386	2,401
Insurance	99	-	-	99	95
Sundry Expenses	1,314	-	-	1,314	286
Grants	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,638	2,500	-	26,138	19,769
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,638	2,500	-	26,138	19,769
Net of receipts/(payments)	47,345	(2,379)	-	44,966	3,148
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,502	7,363	-	18,865	22,013
Cash funds this year end	58,847	4,984	-	63,831	18,865

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Fund	58,847	-	-
	Ludlow New Voices Fund	-	4,984	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,847	4,984	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
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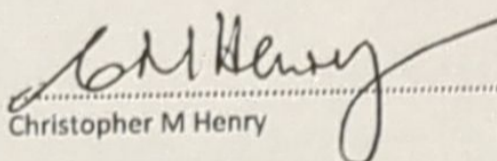
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MICHAEL J PENN	10th October 2023
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Ludlow Choral Society: Balance Sheet at 31 July 2023

	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£	£
Opening Balances at 1 August 2022		
General Fund	502.47	2,659.79
Capital Fund	11,000.00	12,000.00
LNV Fund	7,362.82	7,353.03
Total Brought Forward	£18,865.29	£22,012.82
Movements in the year		
General Fund	8,344.66	(2,157.32)
Capital Fund	(11,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Legacy Fund	50,000.00	
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Represented by		
NatWest Account- Current	100.00	100.00
NatWest Account- Deposit	46,425.74	1,074.41
NatWest Direct Reserve Account	9,952.83	9,874.61
Add items not credited	2,368.56	453.45
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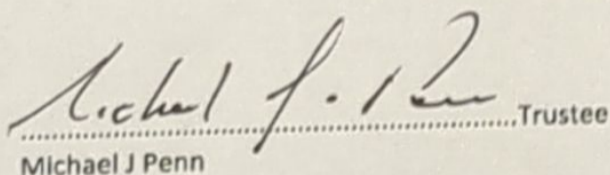
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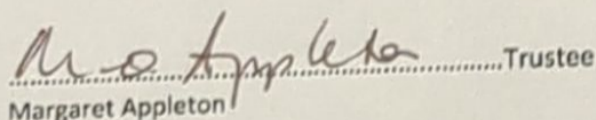

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Date 24th October 2023

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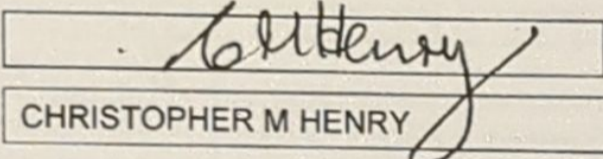
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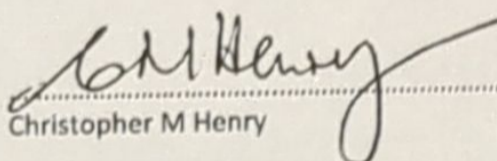
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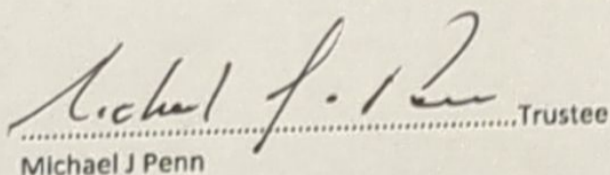
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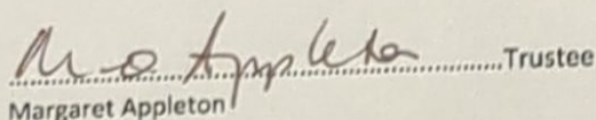

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