

THE CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR
ACCOUNTS
31 JULY 2023

Charity Number 511629

THE CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name The Chapter House Choir

Charity registration number 511629

Principal office c/o Adrian Fuller
CHC Treasurer
19 Bilsdale Close
York
YO30 5TT

The trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

<i>Chairperson</i>	Richard Long (Resigned October 2022) Sarah Hewlett (Chairperson from December 2022)
<i>Secretary</i>	David Frith
<i>Treasurer</i>	Adrian Fuller Christopher Davies Anna Burr Richard Benson (Appointed October 2022)

Independent examiner Stephen Douglas, *LL.B.(Hons), M.Phil.(Cantab), F.C.A.*
Old Joiners Cottage, Marton, York, YO62 6RD

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity's object is to promote, develop and maintain public education and appreciation of music - particularly choral and *a capella* works - by the presentation of concerts, recitals, etc. The Charity is administered by a Committee, the members of which during the financial year are as shown above.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The first concert in the 2022/23 season “Music from the Chapel Royal” was performed with the Chelys Consort of Viols in St Chad’s York on 5th November 2022 and included works by Tallis, Byrd and Purcell. The Choir was joined by the Youth Choir in the Nave of York Minster on 17th December 2022 in our annual “Carols by Candlelight”. The Choir have also regularly sung Compline in York Minster during the year.

On 18th March 2023 the Choir gave an atmospheric performance in their Spring concert “Passiontide – by Candlelight” which featured works by Tompkins, Byrd, Whitacre, Lotti, McDowall and Allegri. The Choir’s 2022-23 season ended with a concert at St Olave’s Church York on 10th June entitled “Byrdland” – and featured works by, and inspired by, William Byrd and also works about birds by other composers. This Concert was largely repeated in Bolton Abbey on 24th June 2023 a venue which had originally been planned for Summer 2020.

The Youth Choir was involved in a project exploring the impact of Covid-19 pandemic through song and spoken word by co-creating a new song with composer Michael Betteridge and spoken word artist SAF. The results were screened as part of the COVID watch Party on 28th January 2023. They also sang with the Gabrieli consort and other youth choirs in “In Dulce Jubilo: Praetorius and Schutz” in York Minster on 3rd December. Later that month and again in York Minster they joined with the senior choir in our “Carols by Candlelight” concert on 17th December.

The Youth Choir gave a summer concert at St Chad’s Church York on 24th June and on the next day they travelled to Durham Cathedral where they joined with the Durham Cathedral Young Singers Chamber and Training Choir to perform a programme including “The Lost Words” by James Burton.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a surplus this year of £8,230 (a deficit of £2,569 last year). The main contributor to the surplus during the year was the Carol Concert in the Nave of York Minster in December 2022, where we sang to a full audience, and made a surplus in excess of £13,000 after covering all costs. This surplus enables us to perform more ambitious programmes at other times of the year, including working with the Chelys Consort in November 2022, and our plans to work with the Fairhaven singers in October 2023.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Choir's 2023-24 season starts on 21st October with a performance of Will Todd's "Requiem" in which they will be joined by The Fairhaven Singers who commissioned the work in 2008. On 4th November the Choir travel to Hexham Abbey where they will give a lunchtime concert and the following day will sing in the morning service at the Abbey. The Choir will sing Compline in York Minster on 21st November. This year's "Carols by Candlelight" will be held in the Nave of York Minster on 19th December.

The programme for later in the season has yet to be finalised but the spring concert will provide a welcome return to the Chapter House on 9th March 2024. The Choir's summer concert will be on 9th June in Selby Abbey in a joint concert with the York Railway Institute Band. The season will end with a concert probably in St Olave's Church York later in June or early July.

The Youth Choir is looking forward to a vocal masterclass given by Sarah Rhodes of the Royal Northern College of Music in September. They will then join with the Chapter House Choir in their "Carols by Candlelight" on 16th December and will sing with Jethro Tull, again in York Minster, on 18th December. Plans for the rest of the season into 2024 have yet to be finalised.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Stephen Douglas has been re-appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

7th November 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2022 which are set out below.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner
Old Joiners Cottage, Marton, York, YO62 6RD

7th November 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Note	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Voluntary income	2	13,959	11,124
Investment income	3	88	2
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	<u>27,453</u>	<u>20,966</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>41,500</u>	<u>32,092</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable expenditure	5	<u>(33,270)</u>	<u>(34,661)</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(33,270)</u>	<u>(34,661)</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	6	8,230	(2,569)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>31,983</u>	<u>34,552</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>40,213</u></u>	<u><u>31,983</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	14,146	14,891
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	-	746
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>26,067</u>	<u>16,627</u>
		26,067	17,373
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>-</u>	<u>(281)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		40,213	17,092
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>40,213</u>	<u>31,983</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>40,213</u>	<u>31,983</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted income funds	11	<u>40,213</u>	<u>31,983</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>40,213</u>	<u>31,983</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved and signed by the member of the committee and authorised for issue on 7th November 2023.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Fixed assets comprise the choir's stock of music, instruments and equipment.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset at 5% per annum.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations & Grants		
General donations	-	38
Grant to Youth Choir	2,500	1,007
Subscriptions from members	4,875	4,824
Subscriptions from Patrons	1,546	1,778
Gift Aid claims	1,781	1,482
Music Hire	50	-
Subscriptions from youth choir	3,207	1,995
	<u>13,959</u>	<u>11,124</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	88	2

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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
CD Sales	40	105
Royalties	-	-
Income from concerts	27,063	20,803
Income from Youth Choir concerts	350	58
Sundry income	-	-
	<u>27,453</u>	<u>20,966</u>

5. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Concert & rehearsal expenses	13,265	17,867
Rehearsal venue hire	2,292	1,875
Music	2,716	980
Music Director's fees	5,649	5,800
Music Director's fees Youth Choir	4,968	4,035
Subscriptions & insurance	544	532
Sundry expenses	102	35
Choral Bursaries	250	500
Computer & website costs	152	72
Depreciation	745	784
Performing Rights	86	-
Net charity donations	115	9
Sundry expenses Youth Choir	2,386	2,172
	<u>33,270</u>	<u>34,661</u>

6. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	<u>745</u>	<u>784</u>

7. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the member of the committee, during the year.

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
COST	
At 1 August 2022	
&	
At 31 July 2023	<u>26,058</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2022	11,167
Charge for the year	<u>745</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>11,912</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2023	<u>14,146</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>14,891</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Payments in advance	-	-
York Minster	<u>-</u>	<u>746</u>

10. CREDITORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts in advance & Creditors	-	-
Accrued expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>(281)</u>

11. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 August 2022	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 July 2023
	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>31,983</u>	<u>8,230</u>	<u>40,213</u>