

THE CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR
ACCOUNTS
31 JULY 2024

Charity Number 511629

THE CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

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>	Sarah Hewlett
<i>Secretary</i>	David Frith
<i>Treasurer</i>	Adrian Fuller
	Christopher Davies
	Anna Burr
	Richard Benson
	Richard Parkinson (Appointed November 2023)

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 2023/24 season was Will Todd's "Requiem", on 21st October in which the choir was joined by The Fairhaven Singers who commissioned the work in 2008.

On 4th November the Choir travelled to Hexham Abbey where they gave a lunchtime concert "Sing to the Moon" and then sang the morning Eucharist the following day at the Abbey.

The Choir was joined by the Youth Choir in the Nave of York Minster on 19th December in our annual "Carols by Candlelight".

On 9th March 2024 the Choir gave concert of Marian music spanning the ages entitled "Queen of Heaven".

The Choir's summer term was taken by Charlie Gower-Smith, the director of the Youth Choir, during Ben Morris' paternity leave.

The first summer concert was a performance of Mozart's "Requiem" and other works by Bruckner on 9th June in Selby Abbey in a joint concert with the York Railway Institute Band.

The Choir's 2023/24 season ended with a concert given jointly with the Youth Choir at St Olave's Church York on 29th June entitled "Through the Night" – a musical evocation of the journey from dusk to dawn given without break.

In addition to our concerts, the Choir sang Compline in York Minster on 23rd January and Epiphany Evensong on 5th January.

The Youth Choir started the season with work on core repertoire, learning music to develop key choral skills. In the autumn term they sang in the Gabrielli Consort's ROAR concert in York Minster and later as a backing choir to Jethro Tull. In the spring term the Choir gave a concert in reunion with their alumni which focussed on Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music. They have also performed with the Chapter House Choir through the year as noted above.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a small deficit this year of £253 (a surplus of £8,230 last year).

The main contributors to this during the year were the surplus of £8,441 on the sold-out Carol concert in the Minster in December, and the loss of £5,653 on the Will Todd "Requiem" in October.

The costs and income from other concerts were smaller.

The cost of rehearsals was met in part from the subscription income, with the balance largely funded from concert surplus.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Choir's 2024/25 season started on 10th September when they sang Compline in York Minster.

Their autumn concert "Celestial Songs" will be held on 16th November at St Olave's Church York.

This year's "Carols by Candlelight" will be held in the Nave of York Minster on 20th December.

The Choir will, once again, sing Epiphany Evensong in York Minster on 6th January.

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 5th April 2024.

The programme for the summer is yet to be finalised.

In 2024/25 the Youth Choir are once more planning to sing in the Gabrielli Consort's ROAR concert. They are looking forward to their concert of songs and poems at Remembrance on 10th November at Holy Trinity Church, Ripon where they will be joined by opera soloist Nicholas Watts and the Poet Laureate Simon Armitage.

The Youth Choir will then sing with the Chapter House Choir in their "Carols by Candlelight" on 20th December. Although plans for the rest of the season into 2025 have yet to be finalised they are looking to do a joint performance with the choirs of Pendleton Sixth Form College in the summer term.

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

8th October 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 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

8th October 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Voluntary income	2	12,610	13,959
Investment income	3	366	88
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	29,737	27,453
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>42,713</u>	<u>41,500</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable expenditure	5	(42,966)	(33,270)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>(42,966)</u>	<u>(33,270)</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	6	(253)	8,230
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>40,213</u>	<u>31,983</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>39,960</u></u>	<u><u>40,213</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	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	8		13,439	14,146
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9	-		-
Cash at bank and in hand		26,541		26,067
		<u>26,541</u>		<u>26,067</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(20)</u>		<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			39,960	40,213
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>39,960</u>	<u>40,213</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>39,960</u>	<u>40,213</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted income funds	11		<u>39,960</u>	<u>40,213</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>39,960</u>	<u>40,213</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 8th October 2024

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations & Grants		
General donations	-	-
Grant to Youth Choir	100	2,500
Subscriptions from members	5,536	4,875
Subscriptions from Patrons	1,310	1,546
Gift Aid claims	2,013	1,781
Music Hire	60	50
Subscriptions from youth choir	3,591	3,207
	12,610	13,959

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	366	88

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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
CD Sales	-	40
Royalties	-	-
Income from concerts	28,791	27,063
Income from Youth Choir concerts	946	350
Sundry income	-	-
	<u>29,737</u>	<u>27,453</u>

5. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Concert expenses	22,489	13,265
Rehearsal venue hire	2,820	2,292
Music	2,186	2,716
Music Director's fees	7,857	5,649
Music Director's fees Youth Choir	4,583	4,968
Rehearsal pianist	112	-
Subscriptions & insurance	675	544
Sundry expenses	124	102
Choral Bursaries	-	250
Computer & website costs	41	152
Depreciation	707	745
Performing Rights	118	86
Net charity donations	-	115
Sundry expenses Youth Choir	1254	2,386
	<u>42,966</u>	<u>33,270</u>

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

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	<u>707</u>	<u>745</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 2023	
&	
At 31 July 2024	<u>26,058</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2023	11,912
Charge for the year	707
At 31 July 2024	<u>12,619</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2024	<u>13,439</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>14,146</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Payments in advance	-	-
York Minster	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

10. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts in advance & Creditors	20	-
Accrued expenses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 August 2023	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 July 2024
	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>40,213</u>	<u>(253)</u>	<u>39,960</u>