CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

31 JULY 2026

Charity Number 511629

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

The trustees present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2026.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	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:

Chairperson	Sarah Hewlett
Secretary	John Cooper (appointed November 2025) Richard Parkinson (resigned November 2025)
Treasurer	Adrian Fuller Christopher Davies Richard Benson Fran Reid Faye Robinson (appointed November 2025) Charlotte Phillips (appointed November 2025) David Frith (resigned November 2025) Anna Burr (resigned November 2025) Rosie Knighton (resigned November 2025)
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 objects are to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music and in particular choral music and *a capella* works by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other means as the society through its Committee shall from time to time determine. The Charity is administered by a Committee, the members of which during the financial year are as shown above. The Musical Director attends meetings of the Committee.

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 Choir's 2025/26 season marked its 60th Anniversary and the season started on 9th September when they sang Compline in York Minster. Their autumn concert, "Everyone suddenly burst out singing", was held on 25th October at Jack Lyons Hall in the University of York. It was a celebration of 60 years of music-making and the Choir was joined by the Youth Choir and the Jervaulx Singers.

The Choir was joined by the Youth Choir in the Nave of York Minster on 19th December in our annual "Carols by Candlelight" and after Christmas the Choir once again sang Epiphany Evensong in York Minster on 6th January.

Over 4 days at the end of January at St Chad's Church in York the Choir made a professional recording of Christmas music largely based on the programme used for the "Carols by Candlelight" and this is due for release later in 2026.

The Choir then travelled to Ely Cathedral on 7th March where they joined the Fairhaven Singers in a performance of Britten's "War Requiem". On 18th April the Choir made a welcome return to the Chapter House to give a concert entitled "God's own country" which featured two new commissions by Nicola LeFanu and David McGregor and the concert also marked a tribute to the Choir's founder, Andrew Carter, who sadly passed away on 5th January 2026.

On 27th June the Choir celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a Gala Concert at St Olave's Church to which former Choir members were invited, a number of them joining with the Choir in the second half of the programme. The concert was followed by a reception in the adjacent Hospitium in Museum gardens.

The Youth Choir gave a range of performances in the 2025-6 season, starting with joining the Chapter House Choir and Jervaulx Singers in the Jack Lyons Hall for the Remembrance concert and again performed with the Chapter House Choir in their 'Carols by Candlelight' in York Minster in December. In Spring 2026 term they performed a service of Evensong at York Minster with Jervaulx Singers and Repton School Chapel Choir. They then did a co-creation project with composer Michael Betteridge and librettist Laura Attridge to co-compose a new choral work, which was premiered at their end of term concert. The summer term was more laid back, with varied repertoire across the term to allow for singers to miss more rehearsals than usual for exams and revision.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show a deficit this year of £13,491 (a surplus of £7,276 last year).

The main contributors to this during the year were the expenses to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Choir. These costs amounted to £17,322 in total, made up of new commissions for the Choir and Youth Choir of £7,679, recording costs of £5,946 and the anniversary reception of £3,696. These costs were to some extent offset by a good surplus of £7,571 on the sold-out Carol concert in the Minster in December but this also helped to support the rest of the year's programme.

Once again, the cost of rehearsals was largely met from the subscription income, with the balance funded from concert surplus. The Youth Choir made a small loss during the year of some £425 which figure is included in the overall deficit recorded above.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The 2026-27 season starts on 14th November when they will give a Remembrance-themed concert at St Olave's Church in York.

This year's "Carols by Candlelight" will be held in the Nave of York Minster on Saturday19th December.

The Choir will sing Evensong in York Minster at Epiphany on 6th January and again on Ash Wednesday on 10th February.

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 24th April 2027. To conclude their season the Choir will perform a concert at St Olave's Church in York on 12th June perhaps repeating this at a venue outside of York.

Plans for the Youth Choir in 2026-27 include joining the performance with the Chapter House Choir in "Carols by Candlelight" on 19th December and the Gabrieli Consort's 'Roar' project at Selby Abbey.

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

13th October 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2026 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

13th October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

	Note	**Total Funds 2026** £	Total Funds 2025 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generating funds:			
Voluntary income	**2**	**16,477**	13,712
Investment income	**3**	**551**	524
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**4**	**28,133**	28,081
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**45,161**	42,317
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable expenditure	**5**	**(58,652)**	(25,041)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		**(58,652)**	(35,041)
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	**6**	**(13,491)**	7,276
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		**47,236**	39,960
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**33,745**	47,236

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

31 JULY 2026

	Note	2026 £	£	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	8		**12,129**	12,767
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9	**-**		2,330
Cash at bank and in hand		**25,812**		34,217
		25,812		36,547
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(4,196)**		(2,078)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**21,616**	34,469
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**33,745**	47,236
NET ASSETS			**33,745**	47,236
FUNDS				
Unrestricted income funds	11		**33,745**	47,236
TOTAL FUNDS			**33,745**	47,236

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 13th October 2026.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2026

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 2026	Total Funds 2025
	£	£
Donations & Grants		
General donations	**-**	4
Sale of staging	**250**	-
Subscriptions from members	**7,053**	6,444
Subscriptions from Patrons	**1,320**	1,342
Gift Aid claims	**2,505**	2,139
Music Hire	**489**	30
Subscriptions from youth choir	**4,860**	3,753
	16,477	13,712

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Total Funds 2026	Total Funds 2025
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	**551**	524

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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
CD Sales	**-**	-
Royalties	**-**	-
Income from concerts	**27,233**	26,575
Youth Choir share of concert income	**900**	900
Income from Youth Choir concerts	**0**	606
Sundry income	**-**	-
	28,133	28,081

5. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Concert expenses	**19,268**	15,537
Rehearsal venue hire	**2,897**	2,590
Music	**1,081**	1,967
Music Director's fees	**7,933**	6,806
Music Director's fees Youth Choir	**6,152**	5,200
Anniversary expenses	**17,322**	-
Subscriptions & insurance	**716**	700
Sundry expenses	**146**	122
Choral Bursaries	**450**	250
Computer & website costs	**417**	309
Performing Rights	**110**	67
Folders & book-lights	**625**	-
Sundry expenses Youth Choir	**897**	821
Depreciation	**638**	672
	58,652	35,041

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

This is stated after charging:

	2026 £	2025 £
Depreciation	**638**	672

7. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the members of the committee, during the year.
The music directors of the Choir and Youth Choir are both self-employed

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
COST	
At 1 August 2025 & At 31 July 2026	**26,058**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2025	**13,291**
Charge for the year	**638**
At 31 July 2026	**13,929**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2026	**12,129**
At 31 July 2025	12,767

9. DEBTORS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Debtors and Prepayments	**-**	2,330

10. CREDITORS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Receipts in advance & Creditors	**4,196**	2,078

11. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

	Balance at 1 August 2025	**Incoming or (outgoing) resources**	**Balance at 31 July 2026**
	£	**£**	**£**
General Funds	**47,236**	**(13,491)**	**33,745**