

Alcester Male Voice Choir

(Charity Number 514970)

Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ending

31st July 2024

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2024

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a particular purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by charity for particular purposes.

(c) Income

Income is recorded in these financial statements when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income is recognised on a receipts basis.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services or time donated by volunteers.

(d) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a payment basis. Expenditure includes attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.

2. Related party transactions

No trustee has been paid expenses (other than reimbursement for items purchased during the year on behalf of the choir) nor received remuneration.

3. Ultimate controlling party

There is no ultimate controlling party.

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 July 2024

Structure, governance and management, including objectives and activities:

The choir was founded in 1974 and operates under an amended constitution adopted on 22 July 1998 – and subsequently amended on July 9th 2003. The choir's objectives are to learn music and songs for male voices, with a view to singing in concerts, to educate the community as to the beauty of music, and to raise monies for other good causes.

The trust's significant activities for achieving its objectives for the public benefit are holding weekly rehearsals enabling the choir to perform in concerts.

Reference and administrative details of the charity and its trustees:

The trustees during the period were:

<i>Chairman:</i>	Mr M Speirs
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mr J Alderson
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mr P Alabaster
<i>Committee:</i>	Mr P Adams
	Mr A Wood
	Mr A Robinson
	Mr J Page
	Mr P Tullett
	Mr D Tilley
	Mr D Chiles
	Mr H Leeson
<i>Founder & Musical Director</i>	Mrs J Land

Contact Treasurer's address: 12 Eclipse Road
Alcester
Warwickshire
B49 5EH

Charity registered number: 514970

New trustees are elected at general meetings. Prospective trustees are nominated by members before being voted on by choir members in attendance at the AGM. Each of the trustees shall retire with effect from the conclusion of the AGM next after his or her appointment but shall be eligible for re-election at that AGM. Trustees are inducted and trained by the other trustees and committee members.

Achievements and performance:

Following the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak the choir has seen a reduction in the number of choristers. However the choir was successful in raising funds for numerous charities.

Following a Thanksgiving Service in Alcester, the 50th Annual Concert was held at Ragley Hall, Alcester, with two performances over one weekend. As this was a concert celebrating 50 years of the choir together with its founder and musical director, it was never intended that this would be a profit-making event, and some of the funds which had been accumulated over previous years were used to offset the shortfall incurred. The concerts were however very successful and raised the profile of the choir even more in the local area.

In May the choir participated in the Cornwall International Male Voice Choir Festival, performing in numerous concerts throughout Cornwall over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend.

Other concerts in which we participated were reasonably local, held in Stratford-upon-Avon, Henley-in-Arden and Alcester.

The year culminated in the choir giving a recital in Chester Cathedral.

Supporting Alcester is a prime function of the choir and during the last year we supported the Alcester High Bailiff's function/services/concerts and participated in carols at Christmas.

The choir is very much self-supporting and continued to raise funds to fulfil its charitable objectives by collecting subscriptions from members, and through internal fund-raising activities eg raffles, producing Christmas cards, photographs of the choir etc.

Financial review

The lower number of choristers obviously had some impact in the choir accounts.

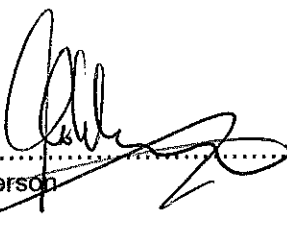
The Deposit Account holds funds primarily as Reserves to be used for one off expenditure and to support future Annual Concerts. At the end of the financial year 2023/4, the balance stood at £37,536.71, having been reduced by a net amount of £8496.68 during the year largely due to the shortfall on the celebratory 50th Annual Concert. From the remaining balance at 31/7/24, £17610 is ring-fenced for Annual Concerts and £18587 for Reserves.

All choir income and expenditure is processed through the main account, and this shows a deficit of £1713.05 on the general running of the choir during the 2023/4 financial year, largely due to the fact that the majority of any miscellaneous income, grants and donations received was used to reduce the shortfall on the Annual Concert as much as possible prior to using accumulated funds held in the Deposit Account. This deficit was slightly reduced by a small excess made on the Cornwall weekend, resulting in an overall deficit on the general account of £1374.22. As previously stated, this was a one-off celebratory year and it is anticipated that the choir will return to a break-even/profit situation during 2024/5.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

This report was approved by the trustees and was signed on their behalf by:


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John C Alderson
Treasurer

4/3/25
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Date

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHIOR

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alcester Male Voice Choir Year ended 31 July 2024

I report on the financial statements of the choir for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the choir and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting recordshave 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.



Stuart Ellis

Date: 5/11/2024

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

100 CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY 2024

INCOME

BALANCE B/FORWARD	6,811.10
MONTHLY DEPOSITS 2023/4	1,931.00
MEMBER REFUND (CORNWALL)	180.00
CHESTER PAYMENT ERROR	44.00

TOTAL 8,966.10

EXPENDITURE

TRANSFERS OUT	£	3,960.00
EXPENDITURE	£	68.16
CHESTER PAYMENT ERROR	£	44.00
BALANCE C/ FORWARD	£	4,893.94

TOTAL £ 8,966.10

Independent Examiner's report

I have examined the Accounts, receipts, bank statements and vouchers and have received all information requested from the Treasurer and other associated officers of the choir.

I can confirm that in my opinion these accounts have been properly prepared and show a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Choir for the period ended 31st July 2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.


J. C Alderson (Treasurer)


S Ellis (Independent Examiner)

DEPOSIT

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

DEPOSIT BANK ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY 2024

INCOME

BALANCE B/ FORWARD 46,033.39
TFR FROM MAIN A/C -49th concert 3,850.00
INTEREST 893.32

TOTAL **50,776.71**

EXPENDITURE

TFR TO MAIN A/C -res (website) 600.00
TFR TO MAIN A/C -res (50th concert) 12,640.00
BALANCE C/FORWARD 37,536.71

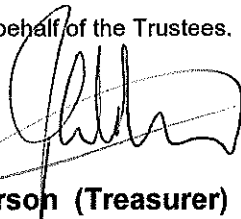
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GENERAL

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GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST JULY 2024

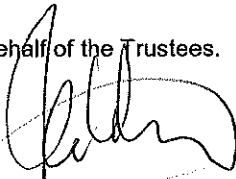
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
BALANCE B/FORWARD	£ 14,141.36	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2023/4	£ 68,364.86
TOTAL INCOME 2023/4	£ 66,990.64	BALANCE C/FORWARD	£ 12,767.14
TOTAL	<u>£ 81,132.00</u>	TOTAL	<u>£ 81,132.00</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

MAIN ACCOUNT

<u>INCOME</u>	£	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	9,369.00	
FRIENDS SUBSCRIPTIONS	348.00	
GIFT AID	2,201.75	
INSURANCE REFUND	47.66	
EASY FUNDRAISING	47.25	
SWEATERS, JACKETS, SHIRTS	1,020.00	
STREET MARKET	408.25	
CONCERT FEES	910.00	
50th DINNER INCOME	3889.00	
CHESTER CONCERT	1,276.00	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	319.01	
TRANSFERS IN (Website)	600.00	
	<u>20,435.92</u>	20,435.92
50TH CONCERT TICKETS	7,300.00	
50TH CONCERT ADVERTS	800.00	
50TH CONCERT DONATIONS	4,987.00	
50TH CONCERT COLLECTION	537.72	
TRANSFER IN FROM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (concert)	12,640.00	
	<u>26,264.72</u>	26,264.72
CORNWALL INCOME	15,775.00	
CORNWALL CONCERT TICKETS	490.00	
CORNWALL PARKING	65.00	
CORNWALL 100 CLUB TRANSFER	3,960.00	
	<u>20,290.00</u>	20,290.00
		<u>66,990.64</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£	
ACCOMPANISTS	4,485.00	
HALL RENTAL	2,620.00	
MUSIC	626.29	
ADMINISTRATION	1,134.28	
PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER	467.20	
REFRESHMENTS	119.00	
FLOWERS, WREATHS & GIFTS	44.00	
INSURANCE	1,027.32	
SERVICE AWARDS	306.90	
SUBSCRIPTION	40.00	
BANK CHARGES	131.28	
CONCERT PAYMENTS (ACCOMP)	900.00	
50TH DINNER COSTS	4,262.00	
WEBSITE	679.05	
SUITS/TUXEDOS/SHIRTS*	55.80	
CHESTER CONCERT COSTS	1,301.85	
STREET MARKET	100.00	
TRANSFERS OUT	3,860.00	
	<u>22,148.97</u>	22,148.97
50TH SERVICE COSTS	527.65	
50TH CONCERT PRINTING	1,279.50	
50TH CONCERT ARTISTES	3,900.00	
50TH CONCERT VENUE	18,384.00	
50TH CONCERT BAR HIRE COSTS	350.00	
50TH CONCERT VIP DRINKS	274.00	
50TH CONCERT FLOWERS/GIFTS	197.43	
50TH CONCERT SOUND/LIGHTING/FILMING	550.00	
50TH CONCERT COLLECTION	537.72	
50TH CONCERT MISCELLANEOUS	261.89	
	<u>26,262.19</u>	26,262.19
CORNWALL ACCOMODATION	14,888.00	
CORNWALL REGISTRATION FEE	160.00	
CORNWALL COACH	4,155.00	
CORNWALL CONCERT TICKETS	470.00	
CORNWALL PARKING	65.00	
CORNWALL MISCELLANEOUS	215.70	
	<u>19,953.70</u>	19,953.70
		<u>68,364.86</u>

RECEIPTS LESS EXPENDITURE **- 1,374.22**

CONCERT EXCESS	2.53
CORNWALL EXCESS	336.30
GENERAL DEFICIT	- 1,713.05
OVERALL LOSS ON ACCOUNT	- 1,374.22

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JULY 2024.

LIABILITIES

TOTAL BALANCES AT C/F 1st August
 Add Accruals from previous year
 PROFIT/LOSS ON MAIN ACCOUNT
 INCREASE IN DEPOSIT A/C BALANCE

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
TOTAL BALANCES AT C/F 1 st August	60174.75	55,886.86
Add Accruals from previous year	0.00	0.00
PROFIT/LOSS ON MAIN ACCOUNT	-1374.22	3,864.56
INCREASE IN DEPOSIT A/C BALANCE	-8496.68	423.33
	0.00	0.00
	50,303.85	60,174.75

CREDITORS

ASSETS

CASH IN HAND
 HSBC BANK GENERAL A/C
 HSBC DEPOSIT A/C
 Less ACCRUALS
 Add ACCRUED INCOME

	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
CASH IN HAND	0.00	0.00
HSBC BANK GENERAL A/C	12,767.14	14141.36
HSBC DEPOSIT A/C	37,536.71	46033.39
Less ACCRUALS	0.00	0.00
Add ACCRUED INCOME	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
	50303.85	60,174.75

DEBTORS

These financial statements have been approved by the trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.


 J. C. ALDERSON (TREASURER)


 S ELLIS (Independent Examiner)