

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 515177

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2023
for
Hereford Police Male Voice Choir**

The Richards Sandy Partnership
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Hereford Police Male Voice Choir

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for the Year Ended 31st July 2023**

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Hereford Police Male Voice Choir

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st July 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are as follows:

- I) To advance the musical education of West Mercia Police and the British Police Services;
- II) To promote the efficiency of the force through greater contact with the public and to uphold the force's mission statement - serving, protecting, making the difference; and
- III) To benefit one or more charitable organisations, societies, institutions, their purpose or objects determined by the general committee of the choir.

Significant activities

Hereford Police Male Choir over six decades has built a reputation for quality singing and all-round good entertainment. That's why the Choir is in big demand across the region, singing in churches, village halls, garden parties and weddings. It is estimated the choir has, over the years, helped concert organisers raise £1m for charities.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Main Achievements

Benefiting charitable organisations, societies, institutions: The choir have donated a total of £1948.72 this financial year to the following causes:

1. Marches Family Network £506
2. Syria-Turkey Earthquake appeal £380
3. MS Society £1037.72

To advance musical education:

Young Musicians Bursary:

The award was established by the choir to foster a love of music amongst young people and to help them achieve their own musical ambitions. It is open to anyone, aged 14 to 21, living in Herefordshire or Worcestershire. 2022 winner was Joshua Graesser winning £1000 and runners up also receiving financial assistance.

Performing for local communities including:

1. St Michaels Hospice Christmas lights Dec 2022.
2. ABF concert in Hereford Cathedral (Army Benevolent fund) Dec 2022
3. Pop up event in Hereford city centre raising funds for Syria / Turkey earthquake. 2023
4. Concert at Earl Mortimer college community theatre. 2023
5. St Georges Day concert with guest choir. 2023
6. St Davids Day concert with guest choir. 2023
7. Annual concert with guest choir.
8. Numerous events within local care homes supporting residents living with dementia.
9. Bidding farewell via a 'pop up street concert' to a retiring chorister due to ill health.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

This financial year has been the first year since 2018/19 we have made a profit. No doubt this has been to the combined efforts of everyone ranging from our media & comms efforts, the ladies' section being reinvigorated and diversifying our performance venues.

We increased our member subscriptions in an effort to boost funds which has also played its part. We are still 'cheap' when comparing ourselves to other choirs locally and regionally, but we have been lucky to see our membership grow following the sad collapse of some other choirs due to Covid.

Whilst we have not generated the income we did over the previous financial year; we have reduced the expenditure significantly. Subs, chorister donations, ticket and CD sales saw an improvement on the last financial year and the Six Nations saw a total of £428 donated. Our patron donations saw a decrease from £210 to £165 this financial year so this is an area that needs review and improvement.

Expenditure decreased in areas of room hire, chorister expenses, printing & stationary, music and IT / website. As always, some fixed items remain such as bank charges & insurance.

Following the suggestion of investment opportunities and the meeting with a wealth management company, we have not progressed with any decision as to investing or remaining as we are. We have the ability to place some funds into a mid - long term investment for future financial health or we can continue to maintain our balance within the HSBC general account.

The next Gift Aid submissions to be completed will be for financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Reserves policy

The Charity continues to engage with a variety of musical festivals and events both locally and further afield. In 2022 the choir first participated in The Cornish Festival of Male Voice Choirs and is held every 2 years. This allows the choir to participate alongside other UK and international choirs either competitively or to gain experience.

These events incur considerable costs such as accommodation & travel alongside the usual music, equipment & uniform costs. The reserves policy allows the choir to subsidise some of these costs ensuring that as many members as possible have the opportunity to participate and continue to raise funds for their supported causes.

The strategy agreed by the Trustees is to maintain an unrestricted reserve fund equivalent to approximately 18 months' expenditure. The charity's general unrestricted reserves was £26,332 as at 31 July 2023 (2022: £17,274), representing approximately 16 months of unrestricted expenditure. The stated strategy has therefore been achieved this year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

515177

Principal address

Jennor
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Trustees

R Williams (Chairman)
D Coulson (Secretary)
M Davis


Independent Examiner

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st July 2023

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 07.11.23 and signed on its behalf by:



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R Williams - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Hereford Police Male Voice Choir**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hereford Police Male Voice Choir

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hereford Police Male Voice Choir (the Trust) for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Melissa Godwin ACA ACCA

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Date: 7.11.23

Hereford Police Male Voice Choir

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st July 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		16,982	6,465
Charitable activities			
Musical activities		2,718	5,325
Other trading activities	2	8,810	21,129
Total		<u>28,510</u>	<u>32,919</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		3,484	18,665
Charitable activities			
Musical activities		15,968	19,227
Total		<u>19,452</u>	<u>37,892</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		9,058	(4,973)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		17,274	22,247
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>26,332</u>	<u>17,274</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Hereford Police Male Voice Choir

Balance Sheet
31st July 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		26,332	17,274
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>26,332</u>	<u>17,274</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>26,332</u>	<u>17,274</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>26,332</u>	<u>17,274</u>
FUNDS	5		
Unrestricted funds		26,332	17,274
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>26,332</u>	<u>17,274</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

07.11.23



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R Williams - Trustee

Hereford Police Male Voice Choir

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st July 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charities Act 2011.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	6,860	19,182
Sponsorships	1,000	900
Social lotteries	950	1,047
	<u>8,810</u>	<u>21,129</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2023 nor for the year ended 31st July 2022.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustee's expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor the year ended 31 July 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
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Charitable activities	
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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,274	9,058	26,332
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>17,274</u>	<u>9,058</u>	<u>26,332</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,510	(19,452)	9,058
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>28,510</u>	<u>(19,452)</u>	<u>9,058</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,247	(4,973)	17,274
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,247</u>	<u>(4,973)</u>	<u>17,274</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,919	(37,892)	(4,973)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,919</u>	<u>(37,892)</u>	<u>(4,973)</u>

All reserves are held in the unrestricted General Fund. This unrestricted fund can be used for any charitable purposes within the charity's objects and approved by the Trustees.

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6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor the year ended 31 July 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,705	2,825
Gift aid	4,152	-
Member Subscriptions	6,125	3,640
	16,982	6,465
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	6,860	19,182
Sponsorships	1,000	900
Social lotteries	950	1,047
	8,810	21,129
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	2,718	5,325
Total incoming resources	28,510	32,919
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising events	3,484	18,665
Charitable activities		
Chorister expenses	3,296	1,607
Travel and hospitality	1,025	385
Artist fees	2,825	3,310
Uniform costs	915	-
Music	502	2,112
Room hire	2,723	4,350
Grants to institutions	1,949	510
Grants to individuals	-	2,000
	13,235	14,274
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	312	414
Postage and stationery	187	255
Internet and website	89	161
Honorarium	2,000	4,000
	2,588	4,830
Finance		
Bank charges	145	123
Total resources expended	19,452	37,892
Net income/(expenditure)	9,058	(4,973)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements