

THREE SPIRES SINGERS Charity No 900017
ANNUAL REPORT for Charity Commission
1st AUGUST 2022 to 31st JULY 2023

1. OBJECTS

The objects of Three Spires Singers are to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects, by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the committee shall determine.

2. TRUSTEES (elected at AGM 5th September 2022)

Chair	Lora Wicks
Treasurer	Simon Price
Secretary	Sally Williams
Other members	Camilla Comeau
	Sally Hind
	David Smith
	Janet Harvey
	Sarah Williams
	Nicola Taylor

3. MUSICAL DIRECTOR

At the 2022 AGM, the trustees confirmed the continuing appointment of Christopher Gray as musical director.

In April 2023 Mr Gray moved to another appointment; for the rest of the season the post was held temporarily by Patrick Bailey.

James Anderson-Besant was appointed Musical Director starting in September 2023.

4. MEMBERSHIP

There were approximately 130 singing members and 105 subscribing Patrons and Friends.

5. MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

(numbers in brackets are approximate audience numbers)

19th Nov 2022

Vaughan Williams – *A Sea Symphony* (465)

10th Dec 2022

Handel – *Messiah* (577)

1st April 2023

Verdi – *Requiem* (598)

8th July 2023

Mozart – *Clarinet Concerto*

Scarlatti – *St Cecilia Mass*

J.S.Bach – Ein Feste Burg (215)

6. OTHER ACTIVITIES

None.

7. PRESENT COMMITTEE (re-elected at AGM 11th September 2023)

Chair	Lora Wicks *
Treasurer	Simon Price *
Secretary	Sally Williams *
Other members	Camilla Comeau *
	Sally Hind *
	Janet Harvey
	Maureen Metcalfe
	Sarah Williams
	Nicola Taylor

* *Trustees*

Simon Price
Honorary Treasurer
22/12/2023

THREE SPIRES SINGERS Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 July 2023 Registered Charity Number 900017

	2022 LAST YEAR			2023 THIS YEAR	
	£			£	
RECEIPTS					
Members subscriptions	18,682.00			22,808.00	
Patrons subscriptions	3,450.00			3,425.00	
Friends subscriptions	1,428.00			1,703.00	
Tax refunds	2,092.83			4,793.23	
		25,652.83			32,729.23
Bank interest gross		1.67			46.46
Concert tickets, progs & ads		24,254.81	Note 1	36,131.86	Note 1 4 concerts this year, not 3.
Sponsorship and Donations (Incl. £6.5k Fitkin project grants)		10,420.00		2,931.00	
Hire/Sale of music		-		104.00	
Fund raising		81.86		298.13	
Other income		59.25		2,586.47	Note 2
Float back in				200.00	
Total receipts		60,470.42		75,027.15	
PAYMENTS					
Rehearsals Fees	6,088.00			5,963.00	
Venue	1,194.00			2,392.50	
		7,282.00			8,355.50
Concerts					
Conductor	2,325.00			3,800.00	
Orchestra, music scores and instruments	26,528.41			29,502.01	
Soloists	10,906.00			13,500.00	
Venues & PRS	9,326.22			11,180.32	
Advertising	53.07			40.00	
Printing	2,773.24			3,829.38	
Equipment costs (staging+transport)	740.00			837.00	
Music purchase	230.00			-	
Music hiring	602.00			758.35	
		53,483.94			63,447.06
Fund Raising costs	-			50.00	
Administration etc	328.02			1,137.66	
Other expenditure	2,883.37			2,797.75	Note 2
Float out				200.00	
Commissions	17,000.00 (Fitkin)			-	
		20,211.39			4,185.41
Total payments		80,977.33		75,987.97	
Balance of receipts over payments		- 20,506.91		- 960.82	
Note 1	Box Office and Card Reader charges included in net figure (£1,556.33)			Note 1	Box Office and Card Reader charges included in net figure (£1,665.72)
				Note 2	Includes C.Gray leaving gift account and tea-towels project : over £2k in and same figure out.

Accumulated fund/Cash funds

	2022	2023
Accumulated fund brought forward	66,273.08	45,766.17
Excess of receipts over payments for year	- 20,506.91	- 960.82
Cash funds carried forward	<u>45,766.17</u>	<u>44,805.35</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 July

Cash funds				
Current account		45,766.17		44,805.35
Other monetary assets				
Assets retained for choir's own use				
Music (nominal)		1,444.00		1,444.00
Concert music stand (cost)		300.00		300.00
Rehearsal music stand (cost)		30.00		30.00
		<u>1,774.00</u>		<u>1,774.00</u>
Liabilities				
	None		Hire of cathedral July concert	1,779.00
			<i>Note</i> Deposit Nov 2023concert paid	824.10

BANK ACCOUNT AND RECONCILIATION

	31/07/2022	31/07/23
Balance brought forward	66,273.08	45,766.17
Income for year	60,470.42	75,027.15
Expenditure for year	80,977.33	- 75,987.97
Balance carried forward	<u>45,766.17</u>	<u>44,805.35</u>

Barclays Bank	Owed to Tywardreath Player	-130
	Owed by Spiers	157.5
Balance per bank statements at Jul 31st		
	Community account	34,670.36
	Business reserve account	11,068.31
GRAND TOTAL		<u>45,766.17</u>

Balance per bank statements at Jul 31st		
	Community account	33,690.58
	Business reserve account	11,114.77
GRAND TOTAL		<u>44,805.35</u>

Simon Price
Hon. Treasurer



30th August 2023

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THREE SPICES SINGAPORE

On accounts for the year ended

JULY 31 st 2023	Charity no (if any)	900017
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Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

N. C. Argworthy

Date:

31-09-23

Name:

N. C. ARGWORTHY.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

A.A.T

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.