

**Lisburn Community Choirs**  
**Annual Report**  
**For Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024**



LISBURN  
COMMUNITY  
CHOIR

*Registered Charity Number NIC 108427*

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SIGNED: Gaven Webb      DATE: 22/3/25      (chair)

SIGNED: P. Rozes      DATE: 22.3.25      (Sec)

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## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### **Trustees**

**Mrs K Webb  
Mrs Carol Johnston  
Mrs L Cunningham  
Mrs P Knowles  
Mr Robert Wilson  
Ms Marian Mateer  
Mr Des Henry**

### **Chair**

**Mrs K Webb**

### **Secretary**

**Mrs L Cunningham**

### **Treasurer**

**Mr R Wilson**

### **Choir Administrator**

**Mr Tim Webb**

### **Finance Administrator**

**Mr R Wilson**

### **Musical Director**

**Mr Tim Reynolds**

### **Deputy Musical Director**

**Mrs Sharon Hodgins**

### **Independent Examiner**

**Mrs V Thompson**

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

For year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

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### Introduction:

This Annual Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 begins with our new Musical Director, Tim Reynolds gathering us all together in September for a year of amazing singing, and opportunities. We were delighted to welcome both old and new members and the term got off to a great start with our first 'Super' Saturday on 14<sup>th</sup> October in Emmanuel Church, Portadown. This gave us the opportunity to practise our songs, and to have a bit of social time together.

December was a busy month for the choirs. We started off with our concert in Lisburn Cathedral on 2<sup>nd</sup> December entitled 'Tis the Season. It was a great success with a packed Cathedral, a lovely way to start the Christmas season. We then had the privilege of singing again at the Cathedral, with the Lisburn Community Orchestra on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Great fun was had by those who made it to the Ulster Radio live in Lisburn's Lagan Island. Thanks to Caroline Stewart for arranging our guest appearance. We were very ready for our Christmas break!

In January, we were back to prepare for our big Ulster Hall concert in April. Another 'Super' Saturday was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February in Bangor this time – and didn't we have a lovely time! We held up the Bangor station with our flash mob singing. It wasn't long until our concert on 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Ulster Hall – 'Chart Toppers'. It was a huge success, and we were delighted to welcome Laura Kerr as our MC.

### **Charities:**

At the beginning of this choir year, we had nominated 2 charities to support through our Concert, Pretty'n'Pink and Angel Wishes. We were delighted to raise awareness and money for such worthy causes. One of our choir members, Samantha Connor, organised the charity collections for both, and her company, John Thompson & Sons Ltd. Match funded up to £2000. We were able to give both charities £2000 each.

### **Socials:**

We finished off our choir year with Breakfast at Café Vic Ryn. But we were not quite finished yet – on 23<sup>rd</sup> June some of the choir members went to the new garden space at the Musgrave Park Hospital to sing. It was a scorching hot day, and it was well received by all who were there.

### Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees, work tirelessly in the background. Not only do each of them bring their own unique gifts and skills, but they also sing, learn words and in Dessie's case, also do the PPT at the Ulster Hall!

I would like to thank all of them, they are what makes this choir work smoothly, including my husband, Tim, who has taken the minutes for us since Jane Dawson left. I know I am leaving it all in very good and capable hands. Carol Johnston is also stepping down this year, and we want to thank her for her commitment to the children's choir especially.

I can't mention the Trustees without mentioning our dear friend, Liz Cunningham. Liz had been involved since the beginning of Lisburn Community Choirs, and it was such a privilege to sing at her funeral. I think for all of us, the most poignant moment was the softly sung 'Fix You' as the coffin was taken out of the Cathedral. The whole service was a real tribute to Liz, who she was, as a friend, mum, nana and choir member. Liz had planned to step down from the Board of the choir this AGM. She leaves a big hole in our lives, we will miss her, but know she is singing with the angels, and her beloved husband.

Thanks and final remarks

Finally, thanks to our musical director, Tim Reynolds and his accompanist, Sharon Hodgins. Without you both, and your gifts and skills, we would be a bunch of people croaking out notes randomly! You get the best out of us all, and we thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm.

*Laven Webb*

(Chair of LCC)