

THE ANGMERING CHORALE

Registered Charity Number 1000048

CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

41 The Beach Residences, 125 Marine Parade, Worthing BN11 3FN

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st July 2024

TRUSTEES

John Bawler (Chairman)

Katrina O'Neill (Hon Secretary)

Michael Steele (Hon Treasurer)

Wendy Baker

Susan Bawler

Elizabeth Martin

Oliver Martin

Margaret Saywell

Lita Woodward

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is set up under a constitution dated 24th September 2009 and is managed by the trustees in accordance with that constitution. Trustees are Committee members elected annually at the AGM.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Charity are to promote, improve, maintain and develop public education in an appreciation of music, by the presentation of concerts and other activities.

A number of public performances are put on during the year and a number of local schools provide singers for at least one of these. The Chorale normally aids other local charities by providing a choir and by aiding with various fund-raising activities. It has also financially supported the music departments of two local schools.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our three major concerts this year were well attended and well received and of our usual high artistic standard. Once again we were pleased that a number of pupils from a local primary school sang with us in our Summer concert and it was a pleasure to introduce them to classical music. They all enjoyed and benefited from this participation which was greatly appreciated by them and their parents, our general audience and our choir members. We were pleased to raise a significant amount of money for the school's Music Department.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Audiences for classical music are contracting across the country and costs in putting on events have inevitably risen. The numbers of potential classical choral singers are also reduced which affects subscription income. The Chorale ended the year with a small deficit which was easily covered by reserves and the Trustees consider this to be acceptable.

The Trustees regularly review the major operational risks in putting on major public performances and the financial results against annual budgets. The Trustees consider that the current balance of funds held in reserve is at an appropriate level against potential future issues.

THE FUTURE OF THE CHOIR

Unfortunately the choir's numbers have not recovered since Covid. It is not possible to perform major works without a balance of voices and so with the greatest of regrets it has been decided to disband the choir after our concert in November 2024 and to wind up the charity on 31st December. This is especially sad as the choir has been so successful over its 45 years' existence. Not only have we been able to encourage local primary school children into an appreciation of classical music but we have performed locally to great acclaim over the years. We have given notable performances at notable venues across the world and regularly in the London Brandenburg Choral Festival. We participated in the re-opening concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London, in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. We sang in Carnegie Hall in New York at the Martin Luther King Memorial Concert and at the New York Lincoln Centre. We have performed in many major cathedrals across Europe including the opening concert in Bayeux Cathedral of the international 70th anniversary commemoration of the D Day Normandy landings when we sang with three other choirs – German, French and Belgian.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above and have authorised Michael Douglas Steele as Hon Treasurer of the Charity to sign on behalf of the Trustees.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY 2024

	2,024	2023
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions/members' donations (inc £75 for 24/25)	13,395	12,375
Friends	250	325
Gift Aid refunds	2,159	2,154
Fund raising	518	631
Interest	633	434
Staging hire	213	200
Concerts income (inc. £355 from 22/23 and 23/24)	8,395	11,777
Sundry Income	0	96
Surplus on social activities	177	147
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>25,740</u>	<u>28,137</u>
PAYMENTS		
Rent	1,995	2,189
Fees - Musical Director for rehearsals	2,505	2,340
Fees - Accompanists for rehearsals	3,230	1,807
Administration	52	219
NFMS/Insurance	510	476
Charitable donations/Schools' concert support	0	600
Bank charges	67	76
Sundry expenses	180	48
Concerts expenditure (inc.£309 for 24/25)	19,803	23,245
Double payment for concert venue to be refunded	328	0
Deficit on social activities	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>28,669</u>	<u>31,001</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>-2,930</u>	<u>-2,864</u>
FUNDS AT THE START OF THE YEAR	12,789	<u>15,653</u>
FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u>9,859</u>	<u>12,789</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st JULY 2024

		31.07.24	31.07.23
	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS			
Cash at bank		9,320	11,887
Deposit account			
Current Account		539	902
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		<u>9,859</u>	<u>12,789</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS			
Debtors			
Cash refund due	328	<u>328</u>	
Paid in advance			
Music Nov 24	32		
Printing Nov 24	156	<u>189</u>	<u>545</u>
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE			
Keyboard		<u>0</u>	<u>1,300</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors			
PRS		<u>120</u>	<u>249</u>
Received in advance			
Advertising	215		
Music	40		
Subscriptions 24/25	75	<u>330</u>	<u>399</u>

The Accounts on pages 3 to 4 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: J W K Bawler Chairman Date 5th September 2024

Signed: M D Steele Treasurer Date 5th September 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF

THE ANGMERING CHORALE, CHARITY NUMBER 1000048

ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024 SET OUT ON PAGES 3 and 4

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To 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 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 the 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 Charities Act, and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed

Sarah McCurrach IAgSA

Date 5th September 2024

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