THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1000584

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1990-10-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF CHORAL MUSIC, IN PARTICULAR CHURCH MUSIC IN ORDER TO FOSTER THE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF SUCH MUSIC BY MEANS OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHOIR OF SOUTHWELL MINSTER

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People

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Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,309	£30,258	-	-
2024-03-31	£49,500	£73,223	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,558	£31,908	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,958	£24,533	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,980	£6,874	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIENNE PAULINE PATTERSON		2011-11-24
COLONEL DAVID RUPERT SNEATH		2022-10-30
ELIZABETH HELEN JOHNSON		2022-10-30
JONATHAN MICHAEL NICHOLAS ALLSOPP		2023-11-19
LAURENCE CLIFFORD CUNNINGTON		2023-11-19
MICHAEL NORMAN DAVIDSON		2023-11-19
PAUL ANTHONY PROVOST		2023-11-19
Rev RICHARD FRITH		2023-11-19

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

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Against this background, the Association still operates officially under the older Constitution document whilst acting as though the slightly revised Constitution had been accepted by the Charity Commission. There are no plans to resubmit the document to the Commission as none of the changes materially affect the objectives and activities of the charity.

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In planning their activities, the Trustees keep in mind at all times the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

1 **Concert tours**

- The cost of tours is substantial, and they require considerable time to organise. This means that, at most, they are arranged every two years. No tour was held during this financial year – the next is being planned for 2026.

2 **Concert programme during the year**

- A full programme of six concerts in the 'Music in the State Chamber' series was held.
- The Lay Clerks performed at the annual 'Carols in the State Chamber' concert.
- The Music Foundation, including the Minster Chorale, held its Summer Concert in July 2024, performing works by Bernstein, Britten, Stanford, and others.

3 **Involvement of the local community in musical performance**

- The annual Messiah concert was held in December 2024. Conducted by the Assistant Director of Music, Jonny Allsopp, the voices of the Minster Chorale and a singing group from the Minster School were augmented by professional soloists - including now-adult former choristers - and the concert was accompanied by the Musical & Amicable Society.
- A successful 'Come & Sing' presentation of Haydn's 'Nelson Mass' was held in February 2025.

4 **Educational and team-building events for the choristers**

- Together with the Lay Clerks, the choristers participated in the 2024 Four Choir Festival.
- The choristers enjoyed a ten-pin bowling trip in June 2024.
- Initially funded by a community grant of £6,200 received from the Co-op, the 'Melody Makers' group was launched towards the end of 2022. Children from school Years 1 and 2 are introduced to choral singing as a goal in itself but also successfully acting as a 'feeder' group to the main Minster choir. The group is led by one of the Lay Clerks, Lauren Osmond. who is also a primary school teacher.

5 **Financial support for the parents of choristers**

- Since its inception in 2011, the discretionary travel grant scheme has paid out over £27,000 to the parents/carers of choristers with a home address more than seven miles from the Minster
- The scheme, which is not means-tested, is a valuable recruitment and retention tool which has been greatly appreciated by the parents who have benefitted from it. Six chorister families made claims under the scheme during the financial year.

6 **Other related activities**

Quiz & Curry Night

- Making a profit of over £400, this social and fund-raising event was held in the State Chamber in November 2024. Retired Senior Lay Clerk and professional quiz-question setter, Guy Turner, hosted this enjoyable evening which is now an annual fixture in the Association's calendar.

30th Anniversary of the Minster Chorale

- A dinner was held to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Minster Chorale and to honour the place of the choir in the Music Foundation.

Celebrating the foundation of the Girls' Choir

- SMCA organised and funded and afternoon tea in March 2025 for former girl choristers, marking twenty years since the foundation of the Girls' Choir.

Wine-tasting evening

- Organised by Jonny Allsopp, Assistant Director of Music and wine connoisseur, this popular event made a profit of £572.

Honours board and prizes

- The honours board is maintained at the expense of the Choir Association.

- Six prizes of £50 each were awarded to three girl choristers and three boy choristers at the end of the academic year.

Choral Outreach Programme

- The Choral Outreach Programme – started in 2010 - is administered by SMCA and has been funded by the Chapter of Southwell Minster, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Pilling Trust, and an anonymous private donor. It was brought to a close during the year as the previous donors are no longer in a position to continue funding the programme.

- The remaining balance of this fund (£5.28) was transferred to the general funds of the charity in June 2025.

The Thiman Collection

- Funded by a member of the Thiman family, the objective of this project is to create a physical archive of every known piece of music by the prolific composer, Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975).

- After many years' work by Guy Turner, the project is all but complete and creates a national resource for further academic/doctoral research. The archive comprises more than 1300 pieces and is referenced in the composer's Wikipedia article.

Refreshments Team

- Led by Elizabeth Johnson, the volunteer refreshments team provided interval drinks and snacks at concerts throughout the year, including concerts staged by outside organisations. As well as refreshing the audiences, the team's work generated a profit of £3,617 for the Association.

Financial Review

- Total net assets as at 31st March 2025 were £33,439 compared to £30,722 as at 31st March 2023, an increase of £2,717.

- Expenditure during the year on charitable activities totalled £30,258 compared to £73,233 the previous year. Expenditure in the previous year was significantly higher due to the cost of the Sées Tour and two major orchestral concerts.

- Income during the year totalled £33,309 compared to £49,500 the previous year.

- It is the opinion of the Trustees that the charity remains in a sound financial position

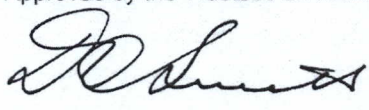
Acknowledgements and thanks

- The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Association for their subscriptions, regular donors, refreshments team volunteers, and the local community for their generous support of the charity's activities.

- Private thanks have been given to an anonymous donor who generously contributed £2,500 to support the education of the choristers.

- Gratitude is also expressed to the officers and members of the Committee and the staff of the Music Department of Southwell Minster for their work in supporting the activities of the Association.

Approved by the Trustees on 30.09.25 and signed on their behalf by:



Colonel David Rupert Sneath
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Southwell Minster Choir Association for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 6 and 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees of the Southwell Mister Choir Association, 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 Southwell Mister Choir Association accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Southwell Minster Choir Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

Nick Bonnello FCA
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Date: 30/08/2025

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Donations		3,431	-	3,431	7,411
Fundraising		24,953	-	24,953	36,543
Tour Income		-	-	-	-
Annual subscriptions		2,430	-	2,430	2,050
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Other income		2,403	92	2,495	3,497
		33,217	92	33,309	49,500
Assets and investment sales					
Receipts from sale of investments		4,000	-	4,000	20,000
Total receipts		37,217	92	37,309	69,500
Payments					
Fundraising		21,534	-	21,534	36,719
Tour Activity		-	-	-	23,917
Choir Activity		2,084	-	2,084	1,686
Administration expenses		1,529	-	1,529	1,003
Miscellaneous expenses		3,613	1,498	5,111	9,898
		28,760	1,498	30,258	73,223
Assets and investment purchases					
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	-
Total payments		28,790	1,498	30,258	73,223
Net receipts (payments)		8,457	(1,406)	7,051	(3,723)
Transfers between funds		(202)	202	-	-
Cash funds as at 31 March 2024		2,371	1,433	3,804	7,527
Cash funds as at 31 March 2025		10,626	229	10,855	3,804

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2024 £
Cash Funds				
NatWest current account	10,587	230	10,817	3,766
Mansfield Building Society	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	38	-	38	38
	10,625	230	10,855	3,804
Investment assets held with CCLA	-	-	-	-
Market Value	23,089	-	23,089	27,392
Cost: £24,134	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	33,713	230	33,943	31,196
Liabilities Examiners fees	504	-	504	474
	504	-	504	474
Net Assets	33,209	230	33,439	30,722

	Balance at 01 April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Restricted Funds					
Choral Outreach Project	923	-	(847)	-	76
Eric Thiman Collection	356	92	(650)	202	-
Old Choristers' Association	154	-	-	-	154
	1,433	92	(1,497)	202	230

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 30.08.25

Colonel David Rupert Sneath
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
1	**Income from fundraising**				
	Christmas card sales	-	-	-	1,083
	Channel Swim 2022	-	-	-	-
	Other concerts	14,577	-	14,577	20,745
	Refreshments sales	5,960	-	5,960	3,845
	Music in the State Chamber	1,491	-	1,491	1,869
	Wine Tasting 2024	890	-	-	-
	Quiz & Curry Night	1,440	-	1,440	1,560
	Sées Tour 2023	-	-	-	7,442
	Chorale 30th Dinner	595	-	595	-
		24,953	-	24,063	36,543
2	**Other income**				
	Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	-	-	-
	Eric Thiman Collection	-	92	92	577
	Melody Makers	820	-	820	1,269
	Gift Aid	1,570	-	1,570	1,651
	Miscellaneous Income	13	-	13	-
		2,403	92	2,494	3,497
3	**Expenditure on fundraising**				
	Christmas cards	-	-	-	1,237
	Refreshment expenses	2,344	-	2,344	1,713
	Other concerts and expenses	1,881	-	1,881	14,439
	Four Choirs Festival 2024	1,089	-	1,089	-
	Music in the State Chamber	377	-	377	503
	Quiz & Curry Night	1,031	-	1,031	984
	Summer Concert 2024	1,024	-	1,024	-
	Messiah 2024	8,126	-	8,126	8,370
	Publicity General	387	-	387	1,038
	St John Passion 2024	4,956	-	4,956	8,214
	Wine Tasting 2024	319	-	319	221
		21,534	-	21,534	36,719
4	**Tour Activity**				
	Choral tour 2024	-	-	-	4,226
	Sées Tour 2024	-	-	-	19,691
		-	-	-	23,917

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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5	**Choir Activities**				
	BBQ	1,170	-	1,170	1,120
	Outing	383	-	383	350
	Bowling	531	-	531	216
	Workshop	-	-	-	-
		2,084	-	2,084	1,686
6	**Miscellaneous expenses**				
	Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	847	847	4,519
	Eric Thiman Collection	-	650	650	515
	Honours Board	120	-	120	110
	Minster Chorale	-	-	-	-
	Travel Grants	2,035	-	2,035	1,787
	Prizes	200	-	200	350
	Music Commissions	-	-	-	-
	Music Folders	-	-	-	-
	Insurance	245	-	245	212
	Melody Makers Expenses	968	-	968	1,214
	Other	46	-	46	1,191
		3,614	1,498	5,111	9,898

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Achievements and performance

1 Concert tours

- A concert tour of Normandy by the girls' and boys' choirs; the daily and auxiliary lay clerks; the Rector Chori; and Assistant Director of Music was undertaken from 19th-24th July 2023, performing at well-attended concerts at Abbaye aux Hommes in Caen, Sées Cathedral, and L'Eglise de Mortagne-au-Perche. In addition, the choirs accompanied Sunday Mass at Sées Cathedral. This was the first time that girls and boys have participated in the same tour.

- The tour group took part in educational visits to the Bayeux Tapestry, the Canadian Second World War Museum at Juno Beach, and Mont St Michel.

- Penny Turner, the Deputy Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, worked with the Rector Chori and the music department in the planning of the tour to ensure the highest standards of safeguarding practice were adhered to throughout. Along with several other choir parent chaperones, Penny also came on tour to act as a chaperone and to provide safeguarding oversight.

- Expenditure relating to the tour is spread across two financial years, so it is not possible to identify its net cost in one set of annual accounts. The total net cost of the Sées tour was £11,872.

- The Association also contributed £4,225 to the cost of the Minster Chorale's tour to Hereford.

2 Concert programme during the year

- A full programme of six concerts in the 'Music in the State Chamber' series was held.

- The girls' choir performed at the annual 'Carols in the State Chamber' concert.

- In March 2024, a major concert was staged performing J.S. Bach's 'St John Passion'. This gave the choir the opportunity to perform with the Musical & Amicable Society, a professional, full, period orchestra.

3 Involvement of the local community in musical performance

- The annual Messiah concert was held in December 2023. Conducted by the Assistant Director of Music, Jonny Allsopp, the voices of the Minster Chorale and a singing group from the Minster School were augmented by professional soloists and the concert was accompanied by the Musical & Amicable Society.

- A successful 'Come & Sing' presentation of Haydn's 'The Creation' was held in October 2023, also working with the period orchestra.

4 Educational and team-building events for the choristers

- The girls' choir accompanied the lay clerks to an event at Lincoln Cathedral in April 2023.

- Initially funded by a community grant of £6,200 received from the Co-op, the 'Melody Makers' group was launched towards the end of 2022. Children from school Years 1 and 2 are introduced to choral singing as a goal in itself but also with the potential to act as a 'feeder' group to the main Minster choirs. The group is led by Lauren Osmond, one of the Lay Clerks, with piano accompanist Stephen Frith, and staged a delightful concert in the State Chamber.

5 Financial support for the parents of choristers

- Since its inception in 2011, the discretionary travel grant scheme has paid out over £25,000 to the parents/carers of choristers with a home address more than seven miles from the Minster

- The scheme, which is not means-tested, is a valuable recruitment and retention tool which has been greatly appreciated by the parents who have benefitted from it. Five chorister families made claims under the scheme during the financial year.

6 Other related activities

Quiz & Curry Night

- Making a profit of almost £600, this social and fund-raising event was held in the State Chamber in November 2023. Senior lay clerk and professional quiz-question setter, Guy Turner, hosted this enjoyable evening which is now an annual fixture in the Association's calendar.

Christmas cards

- Newark artist Sarah Heelis was commissioned to paint the 2023 SMCA Christmas card, which sold over 2000 copies, depicting a Christmas tree next to the Minster font.

Honours board and prizes

- The honours board was brought up-to-date with gilt lettering at a cost of £110.
- Six prizes of £50 each were awarded to three girl choristers and three boy choristers at the end of the academic year.

Choral Outreach Programme

- The Choral Outreach Programme, which has been running since 2010, is administered by SMCA and has been funded by the Chapter of Southwell Minster, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Pilling Trust, and an anonymous private donor. Outreach worked continued throughout the financial year.
- As at June 2024, this restricted fund stands at just over £900. The previous donors are no longer in a position to continue funding this programme which will be brought to a close after the final outreach event in July 2024. Special thanks must go to Elizabeth Johnson who has administered the programme for many years.

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Financial Review

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- Income during the year totalled £49,500 compared to £27,558 the previous year.
- It is the opinion of the Trustees that the charity remains in a sound financial position. Mindful of the additional planned expenditure during the past year on the Sées tour and on three concerts with full

orchestra (resulting in a 40% reduction in total assets) they are aware of the need to scale back expenditure and increase fund-raising activity in the coming year.

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- The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Association for their subscriptions, regular donors, refreshments' team volunteers, and the local community for their generous support of the charity's activities.

- Particular thanks are given to Paul Provost, Jonny Allsopp, Becky Joyner, and George Balfour for their sponsored cycle ride, totalling 1142 miles, which raised £2,367.81 towards the cost of the Sées tour.

- Gratitude is also expressed to the officers and members of the Committee and the staff of the Music Department of Southwell Minster for their work in supporting the activities of the Association.

Approved by the Trustees on 17th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Colonel David Rupert Sneath
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

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Date: 19th November 2024

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Receipts					
Donations		7,411	-	7,411	3,303
Fundraising		36,542	-	36,542	19,669
Tour Income		-	-	-	-
Annual subscriptions		2,050	-	2,050	1,680
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Other income		2,920	577	3,497	2,906
		48,923	577	49,500	27,558
Assets and investment sales					
Receipts from sale of investments		20,000	-	20,000	-
Total receipts		68,923	577	69,500	27,558
Payments					
Fundraising		36,719	-	36,719	17,545
Tour Activity		23,917	-	23,917	1,507
Choir Activity		1,686	-	1,686	3,240
Administration expenses		1,003	-	1,003	562
Website expenses		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses		4,701	5,197	9,898	9,054
		68,026	5,197	73,223	31,908
Assets and investment purchases					
Purchase of investments			-	-	-
Total payments		68,026	5,197	73,223	31,908
Net receipts (payments)		897	- 4,620	- 3,723	- 4,350
Transfers between funds					
Cash funds as at 31 March 2023		1,474	6,053	7,527	11,877
Cash funds as at 31 March 2024		2,371	1,433	3,804	7,527

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Cash Funds				
NatWest current account	2,323	1,443	3,766	7,527
Mansfield Building Society	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	38	-	38	-
	2,361	1,443	3,804	7,527
Investment assets held with CCLA				
Market Value Cost: £24,721	27,392		27,392	43,920
Total Assets	29,753	1,443	31,196	51,447
Liabilities Examiners fees	474	-	474	462
	474	-	474	462
Net Assets	29,279	1,443	30,722	50,985

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Restricted Funds				
Choral Outreach Project	5,442	-	(4,519)	923
Eric Thiman Collection	294	577	(515)	356
Old Choristers' Association	317	-	(163)	154
	6,053	577	(5,197)	1,433

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 17th November 2024.

Colonel David Rupert Sneath
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
1	**Income from fundraising**				
	Christmas card sales	1,082	-	1,082	-
	Channel Swim 2022	-	-	-	1,568
	Other concerts	20,744	-	20,744	11,620
	Refreshments sales	3,845	-	3,845	2,841
	Music in the State Chamber	1,869	-	1,869	1,218
	Quiz & Curry Night	1,560	-	1,560	1,372
	Sées Tour 2023	7,442	-	7,442	1,050
		36,542	-	36,542	19,669
2	**Other income**				
	Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	-	-	50
	Eric Thiman Collection	-	577	577	833
	Melody Makers	1,269	-	1,269	270
	Gift Aid	1,651	-	1,651	1,503
	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	250	250
		2,920	577	3,497	2,906
3	**Expenditure on fundraising**				
	Christmas cards	1,237	-	1,237	764
	Refreshment expenses	1,713	-	1,713	1,349
	Easter 2022	-	-	-	3,500
	Other concerts and expenses	14,439	-	14,439	1,047
	Four Choirs Festival 2023	-	-	-	1,220
	Music in the State Chamber	503	-	503	713
	Quiz & Curry Night	984	-	984	864
	Summer Concert	-	-	-	556
	Messiah 2023	8,370	-	8,370	7,532
	Publicity General	1,038	-	1,038	-
	St John Passion 2024	8,214	-	8,214	-
	Wine Tasting 2023	221	-	221	-
		36,719	-	36,719	17,545
4	**Tour Activity**				
	Choral tour 2023	4,226	-	4,226	1,507
	Sées Tour 2023	19,691		19,691	-
		23,917	-	23,917	1,507

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5	**Choir Activities**				
	BBQ	1,120	-	1,120	1,140
	Outing	350	-	350	1,200
	Bowling	216	-	216	380
	Workshop	-	-	-	600
		1,686	-	1,686	3,320
6	**Miscellaneous expenses**				
	Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	4,519	4,519	3,463
	Eric Thiman Collection	-	515	515	900
	Honours Board	110	-	110	150
	Minster Chorale	-	-	-	27
	Travel Grants	1,787	-	1,787	1,951
	Prizes	350	-	350	300
	Music Commissions	-	-	-	192
	Music Folders	-	-	-	-
	Insurance	212	-	212	765
	Melody Makers Expenses	1,214	-	1,214	500
	Other	1,028	163	1,028	806
		4,701	5,197	9,898	9,054

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THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their report for year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown on page 1, the trustees whose names are shown on page 1 served throughout the year unless otherwise noted.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust was created by Constitution, adopted 21st July 1989.

The Trustees have examined the principal areas of the Trust's operations and considered the major risks faced. In the opinion of the Trustees, the Trust has established systems to mitigate those risks to an acceptable level.

A review of the Constitution has been undertaken by the Chair, working with a small sub-committee. Consideration was initially given to changing the status of the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) but, after seeking advice from the Association's accountants, it was decided that the benefits of a CIO could be acquired equally, and more simply, by revising the wording of the Constitution, increasing the number of trustees, and by taking out trustee liability insurance.

In addition to revising the governance of the Trust, the opportunity was also taken to remove outdated language relating to the gender of choristers and to include formally the Minster Chorale (and any future similar choirs) within the scope of the Trust's activities.

As required by the existing Constitution, the revised Constitution will be put before Southwell Cathedral Chapter for ratification in advance of the AGM of the Choir Association.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are the study and practice of choral music, in particular church music in order to foster the public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performance and to promote the development of the choir of Southwell Minster.

The principal activities of the Trust are:

1. Concert tours by the lay clerks, choristers, and the Minster Chorale
2. A programme of concerts throughout the year
3. Involvement of the local community in musical performance
4. Educational and team-building events for the choristers
5. Financial support for the parents of choristers
6. Other related activities, both educational and social, to develop the choirs of Southwell Minster

In planning their activities, the Trustees keep in mind at all times the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

1 Concert tours

- Initial planning and expenditure took place in respect of a concert tour to the Sées, Normandy region of France from 19th-24th July 2023.

- This tour will be reported upon fully in the trustees' report in the 2024 annual accounts but, in summary, the tour was a great success and was the first time the members of the girls' and boys' choirs toured together.

2 Concert programme during the year

- A full programme of six concerts in the 'Music in the State Chamber' series was held.

- The girls' choir performed at the annual 'Carols in the State Chamber' concert.

- The choir sang Mozart's Coronation Anthem at the 2022 Easter Sunday service accompanied by the Central England Camerata orchestra under the baton of Paul Provost, Rector Chori. Paul's mother, Mrs Fran Provost raised over £3,500 doing a sponsored walk and this exceptional donation covered the cost of the orchestra.

- An end-of-term concert was held in July 2022 at which the choir performed, amongst other repertoire, Roxanna Panufnik's 'Heaven' anthem, a piece commissioned by the Association and premiered in May.

- The Choir Association hosted the Four Choirs Festival in February 2022 with participation by the choirs of Southwell Minster and Derby, Lincoln, and Coventry Cathedrals.

3 Involvement of the local community in musical performance

- The annual Messiah concert was held in December 2022, conducted by the Assistant Director Music, Jonny Allsopp, The voices of the Minster Chorale and students from the Minster School were augmented by four professional soloists and the concert was accompanied by a period instrument orchestra.

- A successful Come & Sing event was held in February 2023 conducted by guest conductor Geraint Bowen, Director of Music at Hereford Cathedral, and with local professional soloists Harriet Astbury, Ruth Massey, Mark Wilde, and Nic Beemster.

4 Educational and team-building events for the choristers

- Four team-building events were organised for the choristers: an outing to the Woodland Adventure Zone (with the choristers of Bath Abbey), archery, skating, and ten-pin bowling.

- Initially funded by a community grant of £6,200 received from the Co-op at the height of the pandemic in 2020, the 'Melody Makers' group was launched towards the end of 2022. Children from school Years 1 and 2 are introduced to choral singing as a goal in itself but also with the potential to act as a 'feeder' group to the main Minster choirs. The group is led by Lauren Osmond, one of the Lay Clerks, and Paul Provost, the Rector Chori.

5 Financial support for the parents of choristers

- Since its inception in 2011, the discretionary travel grant scheme has paid out over £24,000 to the parents/carers of choristers with a home address more than seven miles from the Minster

- The scheme, which is not means-tested, is a valuable recruitment and retention tool which has been greatly appreciated by the parents who have benefitted from it. Eight chorister families made claims under the scheme during the financial year.

6 Other related activities

Quiz & Curry Night

- Making a profit of over £500, this social and fund-raising event was held in the State Chamber in November 2022. Senior Lay Clerk and professional quiz-question setter, Guy Turner, hosted this enjoyable evening.

Christmas cards

- Lincoln artist Fiona Beemster was commissioned to paint a winter scene of the Minster for the 2022 SMCA Christmas card which sold over 2000 copies.

Honours board and prizes

- The honours board was brought up-to-date with gilt lettering at a cost of £150.
- Six prizes of £50 each were awarded to three girl choristers and three boy choristers at the end of the academic year.

Choral Outreach Programme

- The Choral Outreach Programme, which has been running since 2010, is administered by SMCA and has been funded by the Chapter of Southwell Minster, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Pilling Trust, and an anonymous private donor. Outreach worked continued throughout the financial year.
- As at September 2023, this restricted fund stands at just under £2,000. The previous donors are no longer in a position to continue funding this programme which will be brought to a close during 2024.

The Thiman Collection

- Funded by a member of the Thiman family, the objective of this project is to create a physical archive of every known piece of music by the prolific composer, Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975).
- After many years' work by Guy Turner (one of the Lay Clerks), the project is all but complete and creates a national resource for further academic/doctoral research. The archive comprises in excess of 1300 pieces and is referenced in the composer's Wikipedia article.

Financial Review

- Total net assets as at 31st March 2023 were £56,364 compared to £44,932 as at 31st March 2022.
- Expenditure during the year on charitable activities totalled £31,908 compared to £69,533 the previous year. This decrease reflects the fund raising activities carried out in last year.
- Income during the year totalled £27,558 compared to £26,958 the previous year.
- It is the opinion of the Trustees that the charity remains in a robust financial condition.

Acknowledgements and thanks

- The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Association for their subscriptions, regular donors, refreshments' team volunteers, and the local community for their generous support of the charity's activities.
- Gratitude is also expressed to the officers and members of the Committee and the staff of the Music Department of Southwell Minster for their work in supporting the activities of the Association.

Approved by the Trustees on 19th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Colonel David Rupert Sneath
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Southwell Minster Choir Association for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 7 and 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees of the Southwell Mister Choir Association, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

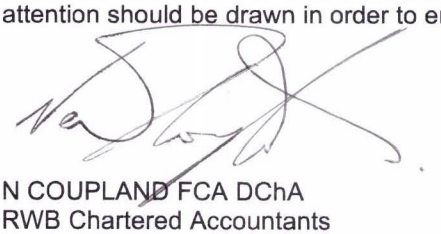
I report in respect of my examination of the Southwell Mister Choir Association accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Southwell Minster Choir Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 £
Receipts					
Donations		3,303	-	3,303	11,760
Fundraising	1	19,669	-	19,669	9,690
Annual subscriptions		1,680	-	1,680	1,655
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Other income	2	2,023	883	2,906	3,853
		26,675	883	27,558	26,958
Assets and investment sales					
Receipts from sale of investments		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		26,675	883	27,558	26,958
Payments					
Fundraising	3	17,545	-	17,545	8,818
Tour Activity	4	1,507	-	1,507	-
Choir Activity	5	3,240	-	3,240	3,239
Administration expenses		562	-	562	907
Website expenses		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	6	4,691	4,363	9,054	11,569
		27,545	4,363	31,908	24,533
Assets and investment purchases					
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	45,000
Total payments		27,545	4,363	31,908	69,533
Net receipts (payments)		(870)	(3,480)	(4,350)	(42,575)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash funds as at 31 March 2022		2,344	9,533	11,877	54,452
Cash funds as at 31 March 2023		1,474	6,053	7,527	11,877

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 £
Cash Funds				
NatWest current account	1,474	6,053	7,527	11,877
Mansfield Building Society	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
	1,474	6,053	7,527	11,877
Investment assets held with CCLA				
Market Value Cost: £45,015	43,920	-	43,920	44,931
Total Assets	45,394	6,053	51,447	56,808
Liabilities Examiners fees	462	-	462	444
	462	-	462	444
Net Assets	44,932	6,053	50,985	56,364

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Restricted Funds				
Choral Outreach Project	8,855	50	(3,463)	5,442
Eric Thiman Collection	361	833	(900)	294
Old Choristers' Association	317	-	-	317
	9,533	883	(4,363)	6,053

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 19th November 2023.

Colonel David Rupert Sneath
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		2023			
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022
		£	£	£	£
1	**Income from fundraising**				
	Christmas card sales	-	-	-	1,354
	Channel Swim 2022	1,568	-	1,568	2,853
	Other concerts	11,620	-	11,620	5,376
	Refreshments sales	2,841	-	2,841	107
	Music in the State Chamber	1,218	-	1,218	-
	Refreshments sales	1,372	-	1,372	-
	Sées Tour 2023	1,050	-	1,050	-
		19,669	-	19,669	9,690
2	**Other income**				
	Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	50	50	-
	Eric Thiman Collection	-	833	833	981
	Melody Makers	270	-	270	-
	Gift Aid	1,503	-	1,503	2,598
	Miscellaneous Income	250	-	250	274
		2,023	883	2,906	3,853
3	**Expenditure on fundraising**				
	Christmas cards	764	-	764	750
	Refreshment expenses	1,349	-	1,349	322
	Easter 2022	3,500	-	3,500	-
	Other concerts and expenses	1,047	-	1,047	554
	Four Choirs Festival 2023	1,220	-	1,220	-
	Music in the State Chamber	713	-	713	-
	Quiz & Curry Night	864	-	864	-
	Summer Concert 2022	556	-	556	-
	Messiah 2022	7,532	-	7,532	7,192
		17,545	-	17,545	8,818
4	**Tour Activity**				
	Choral tour 2023	1,507	-	1,507	-
		1,507	-	1,507	-
5	**Choir Activities**				
	BBQ	1,140	-	1,140	1,371
	Workshops	1,120	-	1,200	1,200
	Bowling	380	-	380	668
	Workshop	600	-	600	-
		3,240	-	3,240	3,239

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 £
6 Miscellaneous expenses				
Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	3,463	3,463	1,335
Eric Thiman Collection	-	900	900	1,228
Honours Board	150	-	150	180
Minster Chorale	27	-	27	106
Travel Grants	1,951	-	1,951	1,096
Prizes	300	-	300	300
Music Commissions	192	-	192	4,500
Music Folders	-	-	-	1,550
Insurance	765	-	765	-
Melody Makers Expenses	500	-	500	-
Other	806	-	806	1,274
	4,691	4,363	9,054	11,569

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Achievements and performance

1 Concert tours

- It was not possible for a tour to take place due to the ongoing restrictions caused by the COVID pandemic. It is planned that a tour including the lay clerks, girl choristers, and boy choristers will be arranged for 2023.

2 Concert programme during the year

- The 'Music in the State Chamber' concert series and the usual summer concert were cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

3 Involvement of the local community in musical performance

- The annual Messiah concert was held in December 2021. Conducted by the Assistant Director Music, Jonny Allsopp, a period instrument orchestra was employed for the first time. The voices of the Minster Chorale and students from the Minster School were augmented by four professional soloists.

- A successful Come & Sing event was held in February 2022 conducted by guest conductor Peter Nardone and with local professional soloists Harriet Astbury, Matthew Farrell, Tristan Moore, and Steven Cooper.

- Martin Baker, a freelance musician and formerly the Director of Music at Westminster Cathedral, ran a singing workshop with the boy choristers and with the Minster Chorale.

4 Educational and team-building events for the choristers

- The number of events was significantly curtailed by the pandemic. The choristers were taken on a 10-pin bowling trip in September.

- Katherine Dienes-Williams, Director of Music at Guildford Cathedral, ran a singing workshop for the girl choristers.

5 Financial support for the parents of choristers

- Since its inception in 2011, the discretionary travel grant scheme has paid out over £22,000 to the parents/carers of choristers with a home address more than seven miles from the Minster.

- The scheme, which is not means-tested, is a valuable recruitment and retention tool which has been greatly appreciated by the parents who have benefitted from it. Five chorister families made claims under the scheme during the financial year.

6 Other related activities

Commission

- Internationally renowned composer Roxana Panufnik was commissioned, at a cost of £4,500, to compose an anthem for double choir and organ based on the poem 'Heaven' by the 17th century composer George Herbert. The world premiere was performed to great acclaim in May 2022 (after the end of the financial year).

Choir folders

- A complete set of 102 choir folders was purchased at a cost of £1,550.

Christmas cards

- Local artist Emma Frith was commissioned to produce an image for the SMCA Christmas card. A delightful hyper-realistic coloured-pencil drawing of the Minster was produced, overlaid with design elements from the Chapter foliate carvings and tracery from the Chapter House ceiling.

- All 2500 copies of the card were sold at a profit of £604.

Honours board and prizes

- The honours board was brought up-to-date with gilt lettering at a cost of £180.

- Six prizes of £50 each were awarded to three girl choristers and three boy choristers at the end of the academic year.

Choral Outreach Programme

- The Choral Outreach Programme, which has been running since 2010, is administered by SMCA and has been funded by the Chapter of Southwell Minster, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Pilling Trust, and an anonymous private donor.

- Outreach work was able to recommence in October 2021 and continued for the remainder of the financial year.

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Re-branding of the charity

- The existing leaflet and web presence of the charity had become outdated in content and somewhat old-fashioned in appearance.

- New logos for both the main charity and 'Music in the State Chamber' have been professionally designed and new leaflets are now in use for both SMCA and MISC.

Financial Review

- Total net assets as at 31st March 2022 were £56,364 compared to £54,035 as at 31st March 2021.

- Expenditure during the year on charitable activities totalled £24,533 compared to £6,874 the previous year. This increase reflects the re-starting of the charity's activity following the pandemic.

- In January 2022, the trustees decided to transfer the funds held in a Mansfield Building Society account in order to purchase £45,000 worth of shares in the Church of England Investment Fund.

- Following receipt of formal advice from a specialist charity accountant, the trustees decided to instruct RWB Accountants of Nottingham to change the legal status of the charity from simply a registered charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This change will remove any personal financial risk from the trustees. Implementation of the decision has commenced and will be completed in the next financial year.

- It is the opinion of the Trustees that the charity remains in a robust financial condition.

Acknowledgements

- The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Association for their subscriptions, regular donors, refreshments volunteers, and the local community for their generous support of the charity's activities.

- The Chair of the Charity, The Ven. Robin Turner, retired from his role after giving many years' valued service to the Association. His wisdom, leadership, and humour will be missed: the trustees and members extend their grateful thanks to him.

- Colonel David Sneath, formerly High Sherriff of Nottingham and a Regional Employment Judge, has been appointed the new Chair of the charity. David brings a passionate commitment to cathedral music to the role. In addition, he has already raised almost £600 for the Association on a sponsored cycle run!

- Thank you to Jeremy Pemberton, Jonny Allsopp, Harriet Astbury, Becky Burrows, and Matt Farrell for raising over £4,400 on a sponsored swim covering the equivalent of a Channel crossing in a swimming pool.

- Thank you to the Dean of Southwell and her husband for opening their beautiful garden to host the annual BBQ for choristers, their families, and the staff of the Music Department.

- A legacy of £2,000 was received from the estate of Joyce Mullis.

- Special thanks are given to Alison and Edmund Salter who donated £6,000 in memory of their son, Daniel.

- An anonymous donation of £2,000 was received for which the trustees have expressed their thanks privately.

- Gratitude is also expressed to the officers and members of the Committee and the staff of the Music Department of Southwell Minster for their work in supporting the activities of the Association.

Approved by the Trustees on 30th October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

The Venerable Peter Robin Turner CB AKC BC Mth FRSA DL
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Southwell Minster Choir Association for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 7 and 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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").

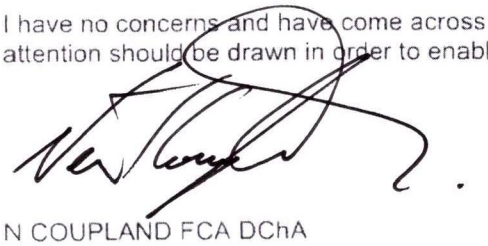
I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Southwell Minster Choir Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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



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Date: 30th October 2022

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 £
Receipts					
Donations		11,760	-	11,760	10,969
Fundraising	1	9,690	-	9,690	-
Tour Income	2	-	-	-	-
Annual subscriptions		1,655	-	1,655	1,810
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Other income	3	2,872	981	3,853	16,201
		25,977	981	26,958	28,980
Assets and investment sales					
Receipts from sale of investments		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		25,977	981	26,958	28,980
Payments					
Fundraising	4	8,818	-	8,818	850
Tour Activity	5	-	-	-	-
Choir Activity	6	3,239	-	3,239	178
Administration expenses		907	-	907	478
Website expenses		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	7	9,006	2,563	11,569	5,368
		21,970	2,563	24,533	6,874
Assets and investment purchases					
Purchase of investments		45,000	-	45,000	-
Total payments		66,970	2,563	69,533	6,874
Net receipts (payments)		(40,993)	(1,582)	(42,575)	22,106
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash funds as at 31 March 2021		43,337	11,115	54,452	32,346
Cash funds as at 31 March 2022		2,344	9,533	11,877	54,452

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 £
Cash Funds				
NatWest current account	2,344	9,533	11,877	14,452
Mansfield Building Society	-	-	-	40,000
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
	2,344	9,533	11,877	54,452
Investment assets held with CCLA				
Market Value Cost: £45,015 (2021: £15)	44,931	-	44,931	15
Total Assets	47,275	9,533	56,808	54,467
Liabilities Examiners fees	444	-	444	432
	444	-	444	432
Net Assets	46,831	9,533	56,364	54,035

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Restricted Funds				
Choral Outreach Project	10,190	-	(1,335)	8,855
Eric Thiman Collection	608	981	(1,228)	361
Old Choristers' Association	317	-	-	317
	11,115	981	(2,563)	9,533

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 30th October 2022.

The Venerable Peter Robin Turner CB AKC BC Mth FRSA DL
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 £
1	**Income from fundraising**				
	Christmas card sales	1,354	-	1,354	-
	Channel Swim 2022	2,853	-	2,853	-
	Other concerts	5,376	-	5,376	-
	Refreshments sales	107	-	107	-
		9,690	-	9,690	-
2	**Tour income**				
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
3	**Other income**				
	Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	-	-	5,500
	Eric Thiman Collection	-	981	981	950
	Minster Chorale	-	-	-	8,035
	Gift Aid	2,598	-	2,598	1,712
	Miscellaneous Income	274	-	274	4
		2,872	981	3,853	16,201
4	**Expenditure on fundraising**				
	Christmas cards	750	-	750	-
	Refreshment expenses	322	-	322	-
	Music in the Great Hall	-	-	-	30
	Other concerts and expenses	554	-	554	820
	Messiah 2021	7,192	-	7,192	-
		8,818	-	8,818	850
5	**Tour Activity**				
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
6	**Choir Activities**				
	BBQ	1,371	-	1,371	164
	Workshops	1,200	-	1,200	-
	Bowling	668	-	668	14
		3,239	-	3,239	178

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 £
7 Miscellaneous expenses				
Sheet Music	-	-	-	586
Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	1,335	1,335	1,227
Eric Thiman Collection	-	1,228	1,228	1,039
Honours Board	180	-	180	-
Minster Chorale	106	-	106	1,617
Travel grants	1,096	-	1,096	211
Prizes	300	-	300	-
Music Commissions	4,500	-	4,500	-
Music Folders	1,550	-	1,550	-
Screens	-	-	-	420
Other	1,274	-	1,274	268
	9,006	2,563	11,569	5,368

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

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THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2021

Charity registration number 1000584

RWB CA Limited
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THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name	The Southwell Minster Choir Association
Charity registration number	1000584
Principal Address	47 Easthorpe Southwell NG25 0HY
Clerk to the Trustees	Mr Laurence Cunnington 47 Easthorpe Southwell NG25 0HY
Trustees	The Venerable Peter Robin Turner CB AKC BA Mth FRSA DL The Reverend Jeremy Charles Baring Pemberton Mrs Adrienne Pauline Patterson
Independent Examiner	Neil Coupland FCA RWB Chartered Accountants Northgate House North Gate New Basford Nottingham NG7 7BQ

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their report for year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown on page 1, the trustees whose names are shown on page 1 served throughout the year unless otherwise noted.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust was created by Constitution, adopted 21st July 1989.

The Trustees have examined the principal areas of the Trust's operations and considered the major risks faced. In the opinion of the Trustees, the Trust has established systems to mitigate those risks to an acceptable level.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are the study and practice of choral music, in particular church music in order to foster the public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performance and to promote the development of the choir of Southwell Minster.

The principal activities of the Trust are normally:

1. Concert tours by the lay clerks, choristers, and the Minster Chorale
2. A programme of concerts throughout the year
3. Involvement of the local community in musical performance
4. Educational and team-building events for the choristers
5. Financial support for the parents of choristers
6. Other related activities, both educational and social, to develop the choirs of Southwell Minster

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the consequent lockdowns and social distancing restrictions, it was not possible for the charity to undertake any activities under headings 1. to 4. during this financial year. All planned events were cancelled.

In planning their activities, the Trustees keep in mind at all times the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

1 Financial support for parents/carers of choristers

- Three chorister families are currently registered with the discretionary travel grants scheme.

2 Other related activities

Choral Outreach Programme

- The Choral Outreach Programme, which has been running since 2010 (initially known as 'Sing Up'), is administered by SMCA and has been funded by the Chapter of Southwell Minster, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Pilling Trust, and an anonymous private donor.
- Expenditure under this heading was limited this year to invoices relating to work undertaken prior to the pandemic, and the annual honorarium paid to the programme's administrator.

The Thiman Collection

- Funded by a member of the Thiman family, the objective of this project is to create a physical archive of every known piece of music by the prolific composer, Eric Harding Thiman (1900-1975).
- After six years' work by Guy Turner (one of the Lay Clerks), the project is nearing completion and creates a national resource for further academic/doctoral research. Additional rare items, including recordings, have been acquired during the year. The archive will comprise in excess of 1300 pieces and is referenced in the composer's Wikipedia article.

Re-branding of the charity

- The existing leaflet and web presence of the charity had become outdated in content and somewhat old-fashioned in appearance.
- New logos for both the main charity and 'Music in the State Chamber' have been professionally designed, a revised leaflet is in the course of preparation, and a new visual 'house style' for all communications will be launched later in 2021.

Screens

- Bespoke oak and perspex screens were purchased by the charity for use in the Nave in order to meet COVID-19 regulations.

Financial Review

- Total net assets as at 31st March 2021 were £54,035 compared to £31,941 as at 31st March 2020.
- Expenditure during the year on charitable activities totalled £6,874 compared to £42,323 the previous year. This reduction reflects the lack of activity caused by the pandemic.
- In March 2021, the trustees decided to transfer £40,000 of the charity's funds from its NatWest current account to a new account with Mansfield Building Society where the balance will earn 0.5% interest p.a.
- The funds held in the Minster Chorale's separate Nat West bank account, together with £2,220.67 held in a restricted fund by Southwell Cathedral Chapter, have been transferred to the SMCA account. This decision underlines the importance of the Chorale's contribution to the musical life of the Minster and will enable its activities to be more integrated with those of the Choir Association.
- It is the opinion of the Trustees that the charity remains in a robust financial condition.

Acknowledgements

- The Trustees would like to thank the members of the Association for their subscriptions, regular donors, and the local community for their generous support of the charity's activities.
- Particular thanks are given to Fran Provost for her extraordinary effort in raising £3,225 by a sponsored walk in her garden.
- Thank you to Sarah Benedek and Michael Davison for their work in securing a grant of £6,218.80 from the Co-op supermarket. These funds will, in part, be used to launch a Junior Choir in September 2021.
- Gratitude is also expressed to the officers and members of the Committee and the staff of the Music Department of Southwell Minster for their continuing support during this most challenging year.

Approved by the Trustees on 06th NOVEMBER 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

The Venerable Peter Robin Turner CB AKC BC Mth FRSA DL
Chair

P R Turner

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

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Date: 6/4/2021

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 £
Receipts					
Donations		10,969	-	10,969	13,040
Fundraising	1	-	-	-	11,653
Tour Income	2	-	-	-	4,793
Annual subscriptions		1,810	-	1,810	1,900
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Other income	3	9,751	6,450	16,201	7,083
		22,530	6,450	28,980	38,469
Assets and investment sales					
Receipts from sale of investments		-	-	-	33,637
Total receipts		22,530	6,450	28,980	72,106
Payments					
Fundraising	4	850	-	850	7,973
Tour Activity	5	-	-	-	16,810
Choir Activity	6	178	-	178	2,143
Administration expenses		478	-	478	681
Website expenses		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	7	3,102	2,266	5,368	14,716
		4,608	2,266	6,874	42,323
Assets and investment purchases					
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	15,000
Total payments		4,608	2,266	6,874	57,323
Net receipts (payments)		17,922	4,184	22,106	14,783
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Cash funds as at 31 March 2020		25,415	6,931	32,346	17,563
Cash funds as at 31 March 2021		43,337	11,115	54,452	32,346

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 £
Cash Funds				
NatWest current account	3,337	11,115	14,452	32,346
Mansfield Building Society	40,000	-	40,000	-
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
	43,337	11,115	54,452	32,346
Investment assets held with CCLA				
Market Value Cost: £15 (2020: £15)	15	-	15	15
Total Assets	43,352	11,115	54,467	32,361
Liabilities Examiners fees	432	-	432	420
	432	-	432	420
Net Assets	42,920	11,115	54,035	31,941

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Restricted Funds				
Choral Outreach Project	5,917	5,500	(1,227)	10,190
Eric Thiman Collection	697	950	(1,039)	608
Old Choristers' Association	317	-	-	317
	6,931	6,450	(2,266)	11,115

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 06 NOVEMBER 2021

The Venerable Peter Robin Turner CB AKC BC Mth FRSA DL
Chair

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 £
1	**Income from fundraising**				
	Christmas card sales	-	-	-	-
	Music in the Great Hall	-	-	-	1,307
	Other concerts	-	-	-	6,016
	Refreshments sales	-	-	-	3,181
	St. Cecilia concert	-	-	-	1,149
		-	-	-	11,653
2	**Tour income**				
	Sees tour 2019	-	-	-	4,793
		-	-	-	4,793
3	**Other income**				
	Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	5,500	5,500	5,010
	Eric Thiman Collection	-	950	950	998
	Minster Chorale	8,035	-	8,035	-
	Gift Aid	1,712	-	1,712	1,075
	Miscellaneous Income	4	-	4	-
		9,751	6,450	16,201	7,083
4	**Expenditure on fundraising**				
	Christmas cards	-	-	-	-
	Refreshment expenses	-	-	-	1,896
	Music in the Great Hall	30	-	30	227
	Other concerts and expenses	820	-	820	5,326
	St. Cecilia concert	-	-	-	524
		850	-	850	7,793
5	**Tour Activity**				
	Sees tour	-	-	-	16,810
		-	-	-	16,810
6	**Choir Activities**				
	BBQ	164	-	164	831
	Outings	-	-	-	1,169
	Bowling	14	-	14	143
		178	-	178	2,143

THE SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 £
7 Miscellaneous expenses				
Sheet Music	586	-	586	-
Choral Outreach Project (Sing Up)	-	1,227	1,227	4,656
Eric Thiman Collection	-	1,039	1,039	505
Robes	-	-	-	5,000
Minster Chorale	1,617	-	1,617	2,831
Travel grants	211	-	211	1,019
Prizes	-	-	-	250
Old Choristers Association	-	-	-	455
Screens	420	-	420	-
Other	268	-	268	-
	3,102	2,266	5,368	14,716