



Bournemouth Bach Choir

Trustee Report

August 2024 to July 2025

Summary

This season we committed to staging two wonderful pieces. Both the St John Passion and Haydn's The Creation require a large orchestra. Although magnificent works, the concerts are rarely well attended. Our performances were truly splendid, uplifting and very much appreciated by small audiences. So no profit this year, but we managed to just about break even.

Concerts

Faure's Requiem in the setting of Christchurch Priory was coupled with a first for the choir, performing the Durufle Requiem with organ accompaniment. A delightful evening.

We took The Messiah to Wimborne Minster for a performance on December 21st. The excellent performance was much enjoyed so close to Christmas.

Once again our beloved Bach was the focus for March and the emotional journey of the St John Passion in Christchurch Priory. The wonderful soloists, amazing setting, and large orchestra will be remembered by all who were there, performers and a small but discerning audience.

We returned to Romsey Abbey in June to sing Haydn's The Creation. It had been over thirty years since our last performance. The choir, orchestra and fantastic soloists were again on top form and the small but delighted audience agreed it was a magnificent evening.

Financial Position and Outlook

With two pricey concerts to promote we expected it might be necessary to dip into our reserves. However another year with good fund raising, and more members than ever, helped to ensure that we instead managed to break even, with a loss of only £159.

The choir benefited from the generous sponsorship of the Foresters Friendly Society and from Tappers Funeral Service, and most helpful performance grants from Choralis Fiscus and the Belacqua Trust. We continue to be extremely grateful for the donations from our Friends scheme and Choir members - all boosted by HMRC Gift Aid.

We have managed to maintain our reserves which remain at over £25,000. Subscription payments have not increased since 2022 and will rise next season, when we will again challenge ourselves in an exciting year of music making.

Fun and Fundraising

The Choir raised funds and very much enjoyed a Cake and Produce sale before Christmas, and an Easter Egg draw. Jenny and David Way kindly opened their lovely garden to host an end of season Cream Tea. Our thanks to them and to Jane for an entertaining kitchen utensil challenge. Together these raised nearly £1000.

The choir is indebted to everyone supporting us, be it in volunteering to help, making donations or contributing to fund-raising through sale of refreshments, home produce, music folders, scores etc. Thank you.

Committee (trustees)

Anne Pullman
Janet Spratt

Carolyn Butterworth
Jenny Way

David Way
Nigel Spratt

Jane Aspinall
Rosemary Rees

BOURNEMOUTH BACH CHOIR Year Ending 31 July 25

Registered Charity No 1067743

INCOME & EXPENDITURE**2025****2024****INCOME**

Subscription Payments	£ 9,014.00	£ 8,514.00
Gift Aid Rebate from HMRC	£ 2,395.92	£ 2,367.91
Income from Donations	£ 3,477.90	£ 3,192.00
Fund Raising Income	£ 2,064.11	£ 1,547.87
Other (incl overstated accruals)	£ 289.78	£ 100.00
Appreciation and Interest	£ 215.42	£ 584.37
Concert Income	£ 18,215.69	£ 22,619.47
	£ 35,672.82	£ 38,925.62

EXPENDITURE

Rehearsal Costs	£ (6,710.44)	£ (6,849.95)
Making Music (Insurance)	£ (700.00)	£ (675.00)
Publicity and web site	£ (352.66)	£ (236.78)
Other Expenses	£ (298.20)	£ (635.73)
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Concert Expenses	£ (27,769.76)	£ (26,079.00)

Results for individual Concerts:

<i>Faure/Durufle Requiem</i>	£ (1,212.37)		
<i>Messiah Wimborne</i>	£ (730.87)		
<i>St John - Priory</i>	£ (2,737.72)		
<i>The Creation - Romsey</i>	£ (4,873.11)		
<i>Total SUBSIDY</i>	£ (9,554.07)	<i>2024 Subsidy</i>	
	£ (35,831.61)	£ (3,463.00)	£ (34,508.13)

Excess of Income Over Expenditure**£ (158.79)****£ 4,417.49****BALANCE SHEET at 31 July****2025****2024****ASSETS**

Debtors (amount owed to us)	£ 101.26	£ 4,860.50
Value of Investments	£ 11,824.27	£ 7,608.85
Cash at hand and in Bank	£ 14,719.20	£ 16,931.57
	£ 26,644.73	£ 29,400.92

LIABILITIES

Creditors (Invoices awaited/Uncleared cheques)	£ (1,205.49)	£ (3,802.90)
Deferred Income (Grants)		

TOTAL NET ASSETS**£ 25,439.24****£ 25,598.03**

Balance at previous 1st August:

£ 25,598.03**£ 21,180.54**

(Deficit)/Surplus for Year:

£ (158.79)**£ 4,417.49****£ 25,439.24****£ 25,598.03***Treasurer:*

Jane Aspinall

*Date:*

30-10-25

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st July 2025 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, without carrying out an audit, and have found them to be in accordance with the books and records supplied to me.

Inspector:

Olga Crist

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30/10/2025