

## **Trustee Report for Ipswich Chamber Choir**

### **Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

Charity No 1074813

Registered Charity Address: 1 Morris Road, Wickham Market, IP13 0TF

### **Trustees who served during the year**

Carol Scotland (Chair)

Marian Stephens (Secretary)

Michael Cooper (Treasurer)

Glynis Buckmaster

Terence Gaussen

Jennifer Haxell

### **Management**

Ipswich Chamber Choir is managed by a Management Committee, comprising (at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024) the above Trustees. The Committee works with the Musical Director in selecting concert repertoire. Administrative and concert tasks are handled by the Committee and choir membership volunteers.

Trustees are selected by volunteers from the choir membership and then informal interview.

### **Activities and achievements in the year**

The year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 was another busy year for the Choir. There were three full concerts plus a light Christmas Crackers with the Raedwald Ensemble, a Quiz night and a summer garden party. We continued our Easter Bach Passion Cycle with the third (St Luke) Passion, leaving the final Passion, St Matthew, to be performed in Spring 2025.

### **Finance Report**

It was a very successful year financially.

Our total income was £29,271 and there was a surplus of Receipts over Payments of £6,349 against a budget of breakeven. This surplus was mainly due to a £6,000 grant received from the Belstead Ganzoni Charitable Trust – donated in anticipation of our St Matthew passion, to be performed in 2025. We received £8,080 in subscriptions from 47 members. From this and some of the donations we were able to claim Gift Aid of £2,322, a record amount. We were greatly helped by generous donations of £2,190 from Friends, Patrons and Bach Circle supporters and £352 from ad doc donations and the

sale of gloves, cards and red current jelly. All this plus a successful Quiz profit of £761, a net £258 from the summer garden party and £506 from parking, folder sales and bank interest gave us extra funds of £4,067 against a budget of £4,000.

Our non-concert costs were £10,367 against last year's £10,398.

### Concerts

The November Rheinberger concert had an audience of 82 and returned a profit of £582. The December Christmas Crackers had an audience of 58 with a profit of £339. In March we had 165 present for the St Luke Passion, performed again with The Geldart Ensemble and soloists from Amici Voices. This concert had a loss of £4,552 which was very close to budget. The June Jazz concert had an audience of 121 and made a £323 profit – again close to budget.

The overall surplus of £6,349 will be used to fund the 2025 Passion cost, which will be at Snape Maltings Concert Hall and is likely to return a significant loss. This should reduce our Accumulated Fund of £16,712 back to nearer our long-term level of c£15,000. This is deemed sufficient to fund at least six months of costs.

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## Statement of Financial Affairs

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Members and Supporters		
Members Subscription	8,080	7,830
Gift Aid	2,322	2,269
Friends, Patrons and Sponsorship	2,290	1,860
Grant received	6,000	1,500
Folder sales	40	30
Donations and sundry income	649	1,198
	<u>19,381</u>	<u>14,687</u>
Fundraising and Social		
Quiz evening	1,279	1,553
Garden Party	270	-
	<u>1,549</u>	<u>1,553</u>
Concerts and Singing days		
Ticket sales	6,895	7,865
Music score receipts	624	-
Brochure sales (net)	157	229
Donations for refreshments (net)	296	372
Raffle tickets	200	161
	<u>8,172</u>	<u>8,627</u>
Investment income		
Bank Interest	169	48
	<u>169</u>	<u>48</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>29,271</u></b>	<b><u>24,915</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Administration and Contracted Musicians		
Music Director and Assistant Music Director	9,005	8,882
Subscriptions, Insurance and Fees	750	608
Website, admin and sundry	612	228
Purchase of music folders		680
	<u>10,367</u>	<u>10,398</u>
Fundraising and Social		
Quiz evening	518	602
Garden Party	12	-
	<u>530</u>	<u>602</u>
Concerts and Singing days		
Musicians	7,295	8,123
Music	1,306	838
Instrument hire	250	450
Rehearsals	680	610
Venue hire	1,525	985
Piblicity and other	969	520
	<u>12,025</u>	<u>11,526</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>22,922</u></b>	<b><u>22,526</u></b>
<b>Surplus for year</b>	<b><u>6,349</u></b>	<b><u>2,389</u></b>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	31-Aug-24	31-Aug-23
	£	£
<b>Assets</b>		
Bank current account	589	708
Bank deposit account	15,628	9,160
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>16,217</b>	<b>9,868</b>
Debtors - payments in advance	845	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>17,062</b>	<b>9,868</b>
Less: Creditors - receipts in advance	(390)	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>16,672</b>	<b>9,868</b>

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<b>Movements in Accumulated Funds</b>		
Balance brought forward	9,868	7,479
Surplus of Receipts over Payments for the year	6,349	2,389
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>16,217</b>	<b>9,868</b>

Approved by the Management Committee 12th September 2024

Treasurer M D Cooper



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended (date) which are set out on pages 1 to 2

### **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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Gary Scarff ACA FCCA MAAT  
Walter Wright  
89 High Street  
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Dated: 3 October 2024

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