

The Cotswold Male Voice Choir

REGISTERED CHARITY 1086232

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

The registered name of the Charity is The Cotswold Male Voice Choir.

The Registered Address is that of the Treasurer:

34 Desert Orchid Road, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 5FD

The Governing Document is the "Rules and Constitution" of the choir as amended in July 2010. The objectives of the Choir shall be "to practice, promote and study music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of music by means of public performance". The "Rules and Constitution" state that it shall be non-political and non-sectarian

The persons legally responsible during the financial year 2023 year were the Trustees, namely:

- Richard Bennett, Chairman, appointed 25th May 2022
- John McDonnell, Treasurer, appointed 10th March 2022
- Nicholas Roach, Secretary, appointed 10th March 2022 (resigned September 2023).

The Charity's main Agents are:

- Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 130 High Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 1EW

The operating income of the choir derives from membership subscriptions, donations to choir funds, the net proceeds from public performances, concerts or commercial bookings and other fund-raising activities as well as Gift Aid derived from donations and membership subscriptions. The gross income of the choir incorporates receipts from members for social activities such as an annual dinner or tour accommodation which are offset by balancing expenditure on those activities.

- In 2023 the total income received was £27,525.10.

The choir uses the income from its activities to fund its operational outgoings and to support other worthy causes.

- In 2023 the total expenditure was £28,231.36

The main operational costs for the choir were the employment of its professional music team, hire of its rehearsal venue and the purchase of music scores. Fees for the Music Team were £7,535.00 and venue hire was £2,133.18. In addition, it granted £1,550.00 to the MindSong charity and the Saturday Kitchen for the homeless. There were no outstanding debts or guarantees made by the choir as at 31/12/2023.

For 2023 the choir's Annual Income and Expenditure accounts show a deficit of £ -706.26.

That compares to an excess of £194.14 in 2022; £2,237.77 in 2021, £3,932.48 in 2020; £2,039.96 in 2019; and a deficit of - £1,560.64 in 2018.

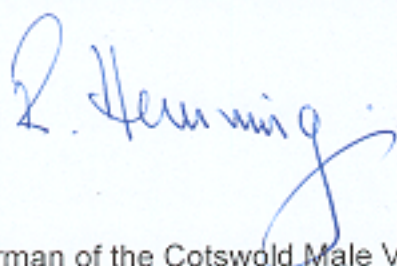
The total end of year funds held in the choir's bank accounts and petty cash was £15,198.57.

None of these funds are subject to any restrictions regarding their use and they are available for the general purposes of the choir.

During the period there were no related party transactions requiring disclosure.

The financial policy followed by the trustees is to retain sufficient funds in its bank accounts so as to ensure the continuance and operational viability of the choir. To that end it retains funds which will support up to a year's direct operational costs. It has minimal fixed costs: rehearsal venue hire is booked on a quarterly basis and its music team are paid by session delivered, monthly in arrears. Since the bulk of members' annual subscriptions are received in January and February of the financial year, it is cash positive for the bulk of the year.

Consequently, the trustees remain confident of the on-going financial viability of the charity.



Roy Hemming

Trustee and Chairman of the Cotswold Male Voice Choir

Date

29th May 2024.

Cotswold Male Voice Choir

Receipts & Payments Account - Year Ended 31st December 2023

FINAL ACCOUNTS

Prepared by :

John McDonnell

Treasurer

20th February 2024

Cotswold Male Voice Choir**Receipts & Payments Account - Year Ended 31st December 2023****INCOME**

	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£
Subscriptions	5021.00	3992.50	3380.00
Concerts & Public Events	5042.63	4844.11	2893.50
Weddings & Family Events	962.50		750.00
Advertising & Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Events	2431.20	2213.00	879.90
Donations	322.04	3529.41	230.00
Raffles	3601.89	3359.47	1171.07
Uniform	317.10	492.50	184.00
Bank Interest Received	123.80	6.79	0.99
CD Sales & Other Income	0.00	100.00	10.00
Sundry	14.24	3.00	145.81
Tour Income	7899.00	8460.00	0.00
Other Income /Gift Aid	1789.70	841.63	792.68
Total Income	27525.10	27842.41	10437.95

Explanatory Notes On Income

Subscriptions	55 members in 2023, up from 50 members in 2022 ; 42 in 2021 ; 38 in 2020 & 51 in 2019
Total from Concerts & Events	£6,004.86 in 2023; up from £4844 in 2022, £3643 in 2021; £0.00 in 2020 & £7544 in 2019.
Donations	£322.04 from retiring collections then passed to charities (payments)
Gift Aid	Derives from 2022 subscriptions & donations to choir funds
Raffles	Rehearsal Raffle tickets (attendance donation) Net income after costs £2,990.87

Receipts & Payments Account - Year Ended 31st December 2022**PAYMENTS**

	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£
Rent (PMH)	2133.18	1923.28	945.26
Music Director	4350.00	4140.00	3360.00
Accompanist	3185.00	3197.00	1575.00
Concert Expenses	925.10	850.07	837.52
Donations	1550.00	1286.30	131.90
Social Events	2988.23	1994.60	197.38
Sheet Music	44.40	555.57	0.00
Raffle Expenses	611.02	630.40	435.96
Website & Email	239.00	240.00	240.00
Stationery	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uniform	635.40	1358.88	55.00
Sundry Expenses	352.19	875.57	13.99
NAC & Insurance	147.08	142.60	71.84
Tour Costs	11049.00	10454.00	0.00
Other	21.76		336.33
Total Payments	28231.36	27648.27	8200.18

Explanatory Notes On Expenditure

Donations	Donations to Mindsong £1,350.00 from ticket sales and Saturday Kitchen from retiring collection
Uniform	Uniform includes 10 new choir jackets as sizing samples
Sundry Expenses	Sundry Expenses includes Defib battery at £232.19
Tour Costs	Tour costs include coach travel and Music Team from choir central funds.
	Other costs offset by tour party payments

Choir Income v Expenditure**Income v Expenditure**

	2023	2022	2021
	£	£	£
<i>(Deficit)/ Excess</i>	-706.26	194.14	2237.77

Bank Balancing Statements

		2023		2022		2021
Bank balances as per statement	31/12/2022	15873.35	31/12/2021	15660.12	31/12/2020	13429.90
Bank balances as per statement	31/12/2023	15160.24	31/12/2022	15873.35	31/12/2021	15660.12
Bank balance change		-713.11		213.23		2230.22
Petty Cash balance B/fwd	31/12/2022	31.48	31/12/2021	50.57	31/12/2020	43.02
Petty Cash balance C/fwd	31/12/2023	38.33	31/12/2022	31.48	31/12/2021	50.57
Net Petty Cash balance change		6.85		-19.09		7.55
Total Bank + Petty Cash Change		-706.26		194.14		2237.77

Total Bank & Petty Cash balances		15198.57		15904.83		15710.69
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Subscriptions

	2023 £	Members	2022 £	Members	2021 £	Members
	5021.00	55	3992.50	50	3380.00	42

55 members in 2023; 50 in 2022, 42 in 2021, 38 in 2020 for all or part of the year and 51 in 2019.

43 in 2018, 41 in 2017 , 43 in 2016 and 37 in 2015.

CMVC - Donations

	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable donations	1550.00	1286.30	131.90

Public Performances

	2023	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021
Concert & Performance Income	6004.86		4844.11		3643.50	
Concert Costs (venue hire & media)		1000.57		850.07		837.52
Music Team Fees		2075.00		2060.00		1005.00
Net Performance Income	2929.29		1934.04		1800.98	

Cotswold Male Voice Choir Registered Charity No. 1086232

The declared objects of the charity are:

"TO PRACTICE, PROMOTE AND STUDY MUSIC IN ORDER TO FOSTER KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF MUSIC BY MEANS OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCE"

Cotswold MVC Events 2020

All events	0
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Cotswold MVC Events 2021

All events	11
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Cotswold MVC Events 2022

All events	24
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Cotswold MVC Events 2023

All events	22
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CMVC Event Register		2023
Cotswold MVC Events 2023		Event Date TYPE
CONFIRMED EVENTS		
Choir Annual Dinner at Cotswold CSSC	28/01/23	CMVC Social
Cornwall Tour to Looe - Concert with Polperro FMC for RNLI	22/03/23	CMVC Tour
St. Andrew's Concert with GoVocal. Choirs in Harmony	25/03/23	CMVC Concert
Uglos Shanty Recording The Park Campus	29/04/23	Private Event
Funeral 3rd May for Lilian Greenman, St Stephen's Church Cinderford	03/05/23	Funeral
St Peter & St James with Cirencester MVC	13/05/23	Public Concert
Wedding of Peter & Claire, St. Gregory's Cheltenham	27/05/23	Wedding
Tewkesbury Abbey, Concert for Cancer Research	07/06/23	Private Concert
Midsummer Concert Gupshill Manor	10/06/23	CMVC Concert
Concert for TIC at The Pavilion Cheltenham	01/07/23	Public Concert
Concert for NHS 75th at Wotton Lawn Gloucester	05/07/23	Private Concert
Summer Social & Skittles, CCSSC	08/07/23	CMVC Social
Concert for Marina Court, Tewkesbury	15/07/23	Public Concert
Friends of Montpellier Bandstand	20/08/23	Public Concert
The Springs Holiday Park	01/10/23	Private Concert
Rotary Concert, Leonardo Hotel Cheltenham	13/10/23	Private Concert
Worcester Cathedral with Worcester MVC & Hereford Police Choir	14/10/23	Public Concert
Autumn Concert, St Matthew's Cheltenham	21/10/23	CMVC Concert
Choir Quiz at The Feathered Fish	13/11/23	CMVC Social
Emmanuel Church with NNPS	09/12/23	CMVC Concert
The Bear, Tewkesbury	17/12/23	Public Concert
Kingsholm Stadium, Gloucester	23/12/23	Public Concert

CMVC Concert = organised and promoted by CMVC

Public Concert = organised and promoted by 3rd party

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE COTSWOLD MALE VOICE CHOIR

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1086232

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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. [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [named body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

AM Walker

Date:

23.05.24

Name:

A M WALKER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

Address:

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CHERTENHAM

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.(E.g. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with s132 of the Charities' Act 2011 and those accounts do not comply with the requirements of the 2008 Regulations setting out the form and content of charity accounts; any material expenditure or action which appears not to be in accordance with the trusts of the charity; any failure to be provided with information and explanations by any past or present trustee, officer or employee; and any material consistency between the accounts and the trustees' annual report.)

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

