

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04293391 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1093292**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024  
FOR  
THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF  
GREAT BRITAIN**

Graham Paul Limited  
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Bridgend  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The company is a charitable company and exists to advance the musical education of children and young persons in the United Kingdom through promotion of, and liaison with, regional choirs and provisions of facilities and equipment for members of such choirs. It also exists to advance the study and practice of choral music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performance. The founder's vision was that talented young singers from throughout the United Kingdom would have the opportunity to work together and enjoy making music under the guidance of inspired teachers.

**Significant activities**

We ran two successful residential courses at Bromsgrove School, culminating in a sold-out public concert at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Our youngest choristers performed with some of our Seniors, and our Blue and Green Choirs also performed together. This was something that came about directly from the feedback from choristers, who expressed that they would like more opportunities to work together with other choirs.

We have developed a new partnership with Future Talent, a charity that supports talented young musicians from low-income backgrounds. We are working on a joint bursary scheme to enable three choristers from low-income households to benefit from fully funded places at NCCGB for a year. Both organisations are committed to growing the number of bursaries that we can offer. During this year we were also delighted to be invited to sing on Future Talent's 20th anniversary album, and some of our Seniors recorded their parts during our summer course.

We continued to build on our partnership with Soundabout. We collaborated to run a second joint workshop for Blue Choir and Soundabout participants during our Easter course. We are committed to further exploring our inclusive work with Soundabout, and as part of this have participated in further discussions about the possibility of developing this on a national basis.

We were delighted to be asked to record two pieces for Britten Pears, as part of their Friday Afternoons project, which provides resources to school music teachers. Yellow Choir spent part of our summer course learning and then recording these pieces.

In August, we took 61 of our older choristers on tour to Berlin and Dresden, our first international tour following the Covid pandemic. The choir performed in four public concerts, the final one of which was a joint concert with the Philharmonic Dresden Children's Choir. This was reciprocal, following us performing with them at the Elgar Concert Hall at the University of Birmingham during their UK tour in September. The tour was an invaluable experience for our choristers, and we are now planning to tour every two years.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

The trustees recognise that the charity needs to maintain sufficient reserves to support the successful continuance of its activities. The trustees are seeking to increase the charity's income from donations and fundraising. This is in order to put the charity on a firmer financial footing, by increasing attendance at our courses. It is also to develop opportunities for all children to access our choral training through free auditions with a wider geographical spread, choral workshops, and wider awareness of the work of the charity.

The net outflow of funds for the year amounted to £11,496 (2023: £8,874 inflow) and the fund balance at the end of the year stands at £197,176 (2023: £208,672).

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 25th September 2001 and registered as a charity on the 6th August 2002. It constitutes a limited company, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those Articles, the members of the board are elected to serve for a period of 3 years, subject to ratification at each AGM.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are sought and appointed from amongst those who have a particular interest in advancing the musical education of the young and who bring appropriate attributes and experience to the Board of Trustees.

**Organisational structure**

The charity is administered by the Board of Trustees. The day to day operations of the charity are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, Nicole O'Donnell.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. During the year the trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission on public benefit.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

04293391 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1093292

**Registered office**

Court House  
Court Road  
Bridgend  
CF31 1BE

**Principal address**

20 Chacombe Road  
Middleton Cheney  
Banbury  
Oxfordshire  
OX17 2QS

**Trustees**

Ms E Bonnon (resigned 11.11.23)  
Ms A C Carter (resigned 21.9.24)  
Ms J F Kemp (resigned 6.9.23)  
Ms M A Weatherley MBE (resigned 21.9.24)  
Ms G Murphy  
H D N Smith  
Ms E Clery  
Mrs M R Sissons  
T J Squires (appointed 6.9.23)

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Company Secretary**

Ms N L O'Donnell

**Independent Examiner**

Graham Paul Limited

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms G Murphy - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The National Children's Choir of Great Britain ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

J E Payne ACA

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14 January 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		4,314	1,345	5,659	3,690
Other trading activities	2	356,933	-	356,933	277,041
Investment income	3	7,180	-	7,180	2,492
<b>Total</b>		<u>368,427</u>	<u>1,345</u>	<u>369,772</u>	<u>283,223</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	4	378,928	2,280	381,208	274,289
Other		60	-	60	60
<b>Total</b>		<u>378,988</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>381,268</u>	<u>274,349</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(10,561)	(935)	(11,496)	8,874
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		202,051	6,621	208,672	199,798
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>191,490</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>197,176</u>	<u>208,672</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	5,928	-	5,928	1,375
Cash at bank		193,680	5,686	199,366	290,345
		<u>199,608</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>205,294</u>	<u>291,720</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(8,118)	-	(8,118)	(83,048)
		<u>191,490</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>197,176</u>	<u>208,672</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>191,490</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>197,176</u>	<u>208,672</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>191,490</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>197,176</u>	<u>208,672</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>191,490</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>197,176</u>	<u>208,672</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12				
Unrestricted funds				191,490	202,051
Restricted funds				5,686	6,621
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>197,176</u>	<u>208,672</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

G Murphy - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Support costs**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include governance costs consisting of management wages, accountancy, legal and professional fees. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of less than one year.

### **Financial instruments**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Course Fees	279,198	273,654
Auditions	3,003	2,806
Tour	73,663	-
Sundry sales	1,069	581
	<u>356,933</u>	<u>277,041</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>7,180</u>	<u>2,492</u>

**4. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Support costs	<u>50,410</u>	<u>49,382</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
	£	£	£
Raising donations and legacies	<u>43,240</u>	<u>7,170</u>	<u>50,410</u>

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**5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024 Raising donations and legacies £	2023  Total activities £
Wages	42,180	43,792
Pensions	1,060	1,084
Accountancy fees	3,376	2,891
Legal and professional fees	3,794	1,615
	<u>50,410</u>	<u>49,382</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examination Fee	1,764	1,638
Independent Examiner other services	<u>1,156</u>	<u>1,193</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	121,830	103,025
Social security costs	6,610	4,531
Other pension costs	1,060	1,084
	<u>129,500</u>	<u>108,640</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Administration	1	1
Charitable activities	9	9
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**8. STAFF COSTS - continued**

Key management personnel includes the Chief Executive Officer. The total employee benefits (including salary, employers national insurance, pension and benefits in kind) of the key management personnel of the charity were £42,616 (2023:£44,874).

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	3,680	10	3,690
Other trading activities	277,041	-	277,041
Investment income	2,492	-	2,492
<b>Total</b>	<b>283,213</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>283,223</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	271,931	2,358	274,289
Other	60	-	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>271,991</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>274,349</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>11,222</b>	<b>(2,348)</b>	<b>8,874</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	190,829	8,969	199,798
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>202,051</b>	<b>6,621</b>	<b>208,672</b>

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	5,928	1,375

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**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	8,118	83,048

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	202,051	(10,561)	191,490
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursaries	6,621	(935)	5,686
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>208,672</u>	<u>(11,496)</u>	<u>197,176</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	368,427	(378,988)	(10,561)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursaries	1,345	(2,280)	(935)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>369,772</u>	<u>(381,268)</u>	<u>(11,496)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	190,829	11,222	202,051
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursaries	8,969	(2,348)	6,621
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,798</u>	<u>8,874</u>	<u>208,672</u>

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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	283,213	(271,991)	11,222
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursaries	10	(2,358)	(2,348)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>283,223</u>	<u>(274,349)</u>	<u>8,874</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	190,829	661	191,490
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursaries	8,969	(3,283)	5,686
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>199,798</u>	<u>(2,622)</u>	<u>197,176</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	651,640	(650,979)	661
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Bursaries	1,355	(4,638)	(3,283)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>652,995</u>	<u>(655,617)</u>	<u>(2,622)</u>

The restricted fund 'Bursaries' represents donations made to the charity for the intended purpose of covering the costs of course fees for beneficiaries.

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**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.