

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 2025
FOR
THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF
GREAT BRITAIN**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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 2025. 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.

We worked further on our partnership with Future Talent. The first recipients of our joint bursary awards attended our courses and were able to benefit from both opportunities with both organisations. We were delighted to be invited to perform at Rise! Past Present and Future Talent, at the Roundhouse in London, to mark the 20th Anniversary of Future Talent. Some of our Senior Choir performed two pieces with a full orchestra.

We continued to build on our partnership with Soundabout. We collaborated to run a third joint workshop for Blue Choir and Soundabout participants during our Easter course. We have worked with Soundabout and an external consultant to further explore our joint inclusive work and will use the findings from this to inform our work going forward. Both organisations are fully committed to working towards offering inclusive music making opportunities on a national level.

We were honoured to be invited to perform in front of His Majesty The King, Her Majesty the Queen, the Prime Minister and veterans of WW2 at the National Commemoration to mark 80 years since VJ Day. The commemoration was broadcast live on BBC1 from the National Memorial Arboretum. The experience was a profoundly moving one for all the children and staff involved.

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 deficit for the year amounted to £6,496 (2024: £11,496 deficit) and the fund balance at the end of the year stands at £190,680 (2024: £197,176).

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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

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Registered Charity number

1093292

Registered office

Court House
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Trustees

A C Carter (resigned 21.9.24)
M A Weatherley MBE (resigned 21.9.24)
G Murphy
H D N Smith
E Clery
M R Sissons
T J Squires
D D'Souza (appointed 29.5.25)
R J J Nicholson (appointed 29.5.25)
A Fisher (appointed 29.5.25)
R H Topham (appointed 29.5.25)

Company Secretary

N L O'Donnell

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Xeinadin South Wales and West Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

G Murphy - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF
GREAT BRITAIN**

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 2025.

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.

Tania Cregg FCCA

Xeinadin South Wales and West Limited
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25 March 2026

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		4,944	33,183	38,127	5,659
Other trading activities	2	289,188	-	289,188	356,933
Investment income	3	5,994	-	5,994	7,180
Total		<u>300,126</u>	<u>33,183</u>	<u>333,309</u>	<u>369,772</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	339,727	-	339,727	381,208
Other		78	-	78	60
Total		<u>339,805</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>339,805</u>	<u>381,268</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(39,679)	33,183	(6,496)	(11,496)
Transfers between funds	12	4,998	(4,998)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(34,681)</u>	<u>28,185</u>	<u>(6,496)</u>	<u>(11,496)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		191,490	5,686	197,176	208,672
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>156,809</u></u>	<u><u>33,871</u></u>	<u><u>190,680</u></u>	<u><u>197,176</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	7,162	-	7,162	5,928
Cash at bank		165,127	33,871	198,998	199,366
		<u>172,289</u>	<u>33,871</u>	<u>206,160</u>	<u>205,294</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(15,480)	-	(15,480)	(8,118)
		<u>156,809</u>	<u>33,871</u>	<u>190,680</u>	<u>197,176</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>156,809</u>	<u>33,871</u>	<u>190,680</u>	<u>197,176</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>156,809</u>	<u>33,871</u>	<u>190,680</u>	<u>197,176</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>156,809</u>	<u>33,871</u>	<u>190,680</u>	<u>197,176</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				156,809	191,490
Restricted funds				33,871	5,686
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>190,680</u>	<u>197,176</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 AUGUST 2025**

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 25 March 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

G Murphy - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Course Fees	287,518	279,198
Auditions	342	3,003
Tour	-	73,663
Sundry sales	1,328	1,069
	<u>289,188</u>	<u>356,933</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>5,994</u>	<u>7,180</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Support costs	<u>73,545</u>	<u>50,410</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
	£	£	£
Raising donations and legacies	46,116	27,429	73,545

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

	2025	2024
	Raising	Total
	donations	activities
	and	£
	legacies	£
Wages	45,013	42,180
Pensions	1,103	1,060
Accountancy fees	3,584	3,376
Legal and professional fees	23,845	3,794
	73,545	50,410

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examination Fee	1,770	1,764
Independent Examiner other services	1,814	1,156

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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8. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	128,278	121,830
Social security costs	10,107	6,610
Other pension costs	1,103	1,060
	<u>139,488</u>	<u>129,500</u>

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

	2025	2024
Administration	1	1
Charitable activities	4	9
	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

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

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 £49,207 (2024:£42,616).

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	4,314	1,345	5,659
Other trading activities	356,933	-	356,933
Investment income	7,180	-	7,180
Total	<u>368,427</u>	<u>1,345</u>	<u>369,772</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	378,928	2,280	381,208
Other	60	-	60
Total	<u>378,988</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>381,268</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(10,561)	(935)	(11,496)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	202,051	6,621	208,672

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>191,490</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>197,176</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>7,162</u>	<u>5,928</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	<u>15,480</u>	<u>8,118</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	191,490	(39,679)	4,998	156,809
Restricted funds				
Bursaries	5,686	33,183	(4,998)	33,871
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>197,176</u>	<u>(6,496)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,680</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	300,126	(339,805)	(39,679)
Restricted funds			
Bursaries	33,183	-	33,183
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>333,309</u>	<u>(339,805)</u>	<u>(6,496)</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

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

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

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

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

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	202,051	(50,240)	4,998	156,809
Restricted funds				
Bursaries	6,621	32,248	(4,998)	33,871
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>208,672</u>	<u>(17,992)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,680</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	668,553	(718,793)	(50,240)
Restricted funds			
Bursaries	34,528	(2,280)	32,248
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>703,081</u>	<u>(721,073)</u>	<u>(17,992)</u>

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

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2025.

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