

# THE MARCHES COMMUNITY CHOIR

England & Wales - Charity number 1099360

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2003-09-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Totterton Home Farm  
Lydbury North  
Shropshire  
SY7 8AN

**Phone** 01588680312

**Website** [www.marcheschoir.org.uk](http://www.marcheschoir.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN AND APPRECIATION OF THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIC, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, CHORAL IN ALL ASPECTS BY THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC CONCERTS AND WORKSHOPS, AND FOR SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE

**Activities:** Advancement of public appreciation and knowledge of music by active participation in public choral performances and related activities in the Marches areas of Shropshire. Support of other charities using funds generated by the main activity.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Shropshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£19,846	£17,207	-	-
2024-07-31	£15,018	£16,075	-	-
2023-07-31	£26,377	£21,548	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,883	£8,694	-	-
2021-03-31	£405	£415	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>HEATHER WILLIS</b>	Chair	
Carys Palmer		2022-04-01
<b>HAZEL ELIZABETH CRIBB</b>		
Holly Godman		2017-04-03
<b>PHILIPPA SUSAN WHITAKER</b>		
SARAH SCREEN		2011-12-13

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/22 Period start date

To 31/07/2023

Period end date

Charity name: The Marches Community Choir

Charity registration number: 1099360

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>Advancement of Public Appreciation &amp; Knowledge of music by active participation in public choral performances and related activities in the Marches area of Shropshire.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>In the fifteen-month period covered by this report, the choir has given five public concerts covering the following areas. Opera, oratorio, and other sacred music and led the public in singing carols at the Christmas Big Sing</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have observed Charity Commission public benefit guidance in all decisions and activities.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Works performed by the choir between 01/04/2022 - 31/07/23</b></p> <p><b>July 2022 - Opera Arias &amp; Choruses (Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Lehar, Sullivan)</b>  <b>Autumn 2022 – Handel's Messiah</b>  <b>Dec. 22 - Christmas Carols-The Big Sing</b>  <b>March 2023- Dvorak– Mass in D &amp; Te Deum and Shubert Mass in G</b>  <b>June 2023 - Coronation Concert</b></p> <p><b>These concerts have enabled the people of the Shropshire Marches to enjoy live classical music of a high standard, including the services of professional musicians, locally and at reasonable cost. Live music is also believed to enhance the mental health of both audience and participants</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Dev.Fund(Reserves) £5,180.91</b> <b>Choir (current) Acc. £9,055.99</b> <b>Cash (Float) £ 150.00</b> <b>TOTAL £14,386.90</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves are held as a contingency against future significant loss of income</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£ 5,180.91</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>None</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None at present</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>unincorporated association</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>election of officers &amp; trustees at annual general meeting</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Marches Community Choir
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1099360
Charity's principal address	Totterton Home Farm Lydbury North Shropshire SY7 8AN

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Heather Willis	Chair & Trustee		Members
2	Philippa Whitaker	Secretary & Trustee		Members
3	Carys Palmer	Treasurer & Trustee		Members
4	Holly Godman	Trustee		Members
5	Sarah Screen	Trustee	Until 31/03/23	Members
6	Hazel Cribb	Trustee		Members
7	Thomas Till	Trustee	From 01/04/23	Members
8	Katherine Taylor	Trustee	From 01/04/23	Members
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
<b>None</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
<b>None</b>		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carys Angharad Palmer	Holly Godman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	

**Marches Community Choir**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For The Period 01 April 2022 to 31 July 2023**

01/04/22 - 31/07/23

31/03/22

**Income:**

Subscriptions	8,716.25	4,327.50
Payments for Scores	215.60	188.50
Concert Income	11,748.31	2,622.00
Other Singing Income	515.00	90.00
	<u>21,195.16</u>	<u>7,228.00</u>

Donations	10.01	572.50
HMRC Gift Aid	3,069.00	-
Raffles & Fund Raising	1,132.00	81.90
Sundries	901.23	-
Bank Interest	69.62	0.86
	<u>5,181.86</u>	<u>655.26</u>

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**Expenditure:**

Rent	2,973.50	875.00
Conductor Fees/ Travel	5,030.00	1,995.50
Scores	683.63	372.68
Printing	1,652.23	621.06
Concert Artists	7,990.00	2,441.00
Concert Resources & Staging	1,411.82	1,434.90
Refreshments	163.35	210.50
Insurance	-	95.00
Misc	655.02	362.75
Bank Charges	124.70	96.00
Administration	863.72	189.99

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**Excess of Income over Expenditure/  
(Expenditure over Income)**

**£4,829.05**

**-£811.12**

**Summary**

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Dev Fund</u>	<u>Choir A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at 01 April 2022	-	5,127.29	4,430.56	9,557.85
Movement in the Year	150.00	53.62	4,625.43	4,829.05
<b>Balance at 31 July 2023</b>	<u><b>150.00</b></u>	<u><b>5,180.91</b></u>	<u><b>9,055.99</b></u>	<u><b>14,386.90</b></u>

**Auditors Certificate**

I confirm I have prepared the above account from the books and records of the Marches Community Choir and the Excess of Income over Expenditure is in accordance therewith.



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