

BOLTON BARBERSHOP HARMONY CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1099928

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-10-09

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF MUSIC IN THE BARBERSHOP STYLE OF UNACCOMPANIED FOUR PART CLOSE HARMONY, IN BOTH CHORUS AND QUARTET.2. FURTHER ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE RECOGNISED AS EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Activities: 1. Advance the education of members and the public in all aspects of music in the barbershop style of unaccompanied four part close harmony, in both chorus and quartet. 2. Further any other charitable purpose recognised as exclusively charitable in accordance with the law in England and Wales.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, BUT IN PRACTICE LANCASHIRE AND GREATER MANCHESTER
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£26,342	£41,192	-	-
2024-08-31	£30,568	£25,351	-	-
2023-08-31	£31,578	£27,857	-	-
2022-08-31	£17,971	£18,073	-	-
2021-08-31	£18,203	£10,686	-	-
2020-08-31	£22,747	£19,023	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN KELSEY	Chair	2013-04-01
GARY ROUSSAK		2013-04-01
John Hardman		2016-11-29
Johnathan King		2023-11-16

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Accounts for financial year ending 31/08/2025



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Financial Report

It was inevitable that the club would report a substantial deficit (£14850) this year. This was almost entirely due to the net £14000 expense of providing all members with new stage & walk-out clothing, a figure that was totally in line with the committee's plans and expectations.

It was hoped that we might offset some of this deficit from another good year of show fees but the final net figure was only £3000, down from the £5600 of last year.

On an encouraging note, as promised in last year's report, campaigns to increase membership are now evidenced in the accounts by the growth of subscription income from £15000 to £17000, and this is only part way through our long-term plan for swelling the ranks. This will also automatically yield a little extra income through Gift Aid when our claim for a tax rebate is made mid-2026.

The grant from BABS includes £500 for our championship win at convention, plus a further £400 towards the costs of growing membership.

Expenses were also bound to be higher because we were preparing to compete at convention. There was a net expense of about £2000 to pay for our Away Weekend and attendance at convention, £3000 for overseas coaching and associated travel, and £1500 for venue hire required by the extra rehearsal capacity. Earlier in the year we shut down our lapsed Zoom account in order to save money, and our finance agreement with Shire Leasing for the purchase of the defibrillator will reach its conclusion at the end of May 2026.

Gary Roussak, Club Treasurer, October 2025

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COTTONTOWN

Balance Sheet

Note	£	At 31 Aug 25	At 31 Aug 24
Fixed Assets		2,400.00	3,600.00
1 Apple iPad & case (held by MD)	0.00		
2 Original risers (held by club)	0.00		
2 Risers from Nov 2022 (held by club)	2,400.00		
Current Assets	30,481.05		44,288.56
Current Account	2,597.98		
General Reserve Account	8,500.00		
Riser Fund Account	10,034.37		
3 Forward Fund Deposit Account	8,548.70		
Gift Aid accrued to April 2026	800.00		
Current Liabilities		80.00	237.30
Independent Examiner's Fee	80.00		
Net Assets (surplus)	32,801.05		47,651.26
Total Reserves	32,801.05		47,651.26
Starting balance	47,651.26		
Deficit since 31 August 2024	14,850.21		
Represented by funds	32,801.05	47,651.26	
Unrestricted	14,217.98	25,454.07	
3 Designated (Riser Fund)	10,034.37	11,000.00	
Restricted (Forward Fund)	8,548.70	11,197.19	
Endowment	0.00	0.00	

Notes:

- 1 Original cost £430, now fully depreciated.
- 2 Original risers fully depreciated. 2022 riser purchase (originally £6000) depreciated on a straight-line basis over 5 years.
- 3 Sufficient for three new sets of risers (priced at October 2025, a new full set of risers including back rail retails for £3210, excluding VAT & delivery charge).

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Income & Expenditure Analysis

for the year ending 31 August 2025

Income & Endowments	£
Donations	1,346.16
Grants (BABS)	900.00
Tax reclaimed	3,361.49
Membership subscriptions	17,070.00
Appearance fees (net of costs)	2,992.50
General fund-raising	116.88
Bank Interest	542.84
Sundries	12.04
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS	26,341.91

Expenditure	£
Music costs	1,051.69
External coaching & education	2,062.84
Venue hire	5,388.78
BABS membership	3,305.00
Mileage claims	1,432.80
Public transport	1,158.61
Charitable donations	300.00
Advertising	660.96
Independent Examiner fee	80.00
Internet (Website & Zoom)	469.75
Chorus MD coaching	7,108.00
Domestic convention	772.75
Away Weekend	1,223.80
Wardrobe	14,160.09
Office supplies, printing & postage	160.17
Defibrillator (incl. insurance)	656.88
Riser depreciation	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	41,192.12

Total Income & Endowments	26,341.91
Less: Total Expenditure	<u>41,192.12</u>
Net deficit transferred to balance sheet	14,850.21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BOLTON BARBERSHOP HARMONY CLUB

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1099928

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

Date:

01/05/2026

Name:

JACK KILROY

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

AAT

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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Financial Report

I'm pleased to report that the accounts show a surplus of £5200 although a handful of atypical items perhaps skew this result.

On the income side, the sale of the trailer (which was lacking towing volunteers) realised £1500, £2500 Gift Aid was claimed on the original Forward Fund donation, and our bank paid us £300 compensation after the Financial Ombudsman upheld my complaint about Barclays threatening to close our accounts.

On the expense side, there were purchases of £2500 for walk-out clothing, media banners, and our new camera, which are obviously not recurring items.

Excluding the above, the surplus would have been nearer £3400 but this is still very welcome news. Picking through the rest of the financial statements, two figures need mentioning.

Firstly, appearance fees of £5600 (after costs) has outstripped anything the club has achieved during my eleven years as treasurer. This is down to the efforts of all chorus members to prepare for and attend sing-outs, plus the extra bookings gained through the newer 'Small Groups' concept. Apart from the experience and enjoyment these paid performances bring to singer and audience member alike, the extra source of income is an absolute godsend and allows the leadership to make ambitious but realistic plans for our future – let's not allow this momentum to fall by the wayside just because we had one good result this year.

Secondly, the initiative to grow membership is looking strong. This isn't yet evidenced by an upturn in subscriptions: we lost four or five existing members in the last 12 months, and there's been a lag effect as monthly payments are only now starting to build from a dozen new members attracted by our Come & Sing events and personal recommendations. The financial benefit of this should become obvious by the time the club reports next year's accounts.

Gary Roussak, Club Treasurer, October 2024

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Balance Sheet

Note	£	At 31 Aug 24	At 31 Aug 23
Fixed Assets			
		3,600.00	4,800.00
1	Apple iPad & case (held by MD)	0.00	
2	Original risers (held by club)	0.00	
2	Risers from Nov 2022 (held by club)	3,600.00	
Current Assets			
		44,288.56	37,861.94
	Current Account	1,939.77	
	Direct Access Deposit Account	18,500.00	
	10-Day Access Deposit Account	11,000.00	
3	Forward Fund Deposit Account	12,048.79	
	Gift Aid accrued to April 2025	800.00	
Current Liabilities			
		237.30	227.30
	Away Weekend members funds	157.30	
	Independent Examiner's Fee	80.00	
Net Assets (surplus)		47,651.26	42,434.64
Total Reserves		47,651.26	42,434.64
	Starting balance	42,434.64	
	Surplus since 31 August 2023	5,216.62	
Represented by funds		47,651.26	42,434.64
	Unrestricted	25,454.07	22,984.02
4	Designated (Riser Fund)	11,000.00	9,000.25
5	Restricted (Forward Fund)	11,197.19	10,450.37
	Endowment	0.00	0.00

Notes:

- 1 Original cost £430, now fully depreciated.
- 2 Original risers fully depreciated. 2022 riser purchase (originally £6000) depreciated on a straight-line basis over 5 years.
- 3/5 The balance in item 3 is currently £12048.79 but should match the £11197.19 of item 5 (the value of the Forward Fund based on relevant income & expenses during the year). The difference of £851.60 will be transferred to one of the club's other bank accounts which is designed to hold only unrestricted funds.
- 4 Sufficient for two new sets of risers plus most of a third set (as of October 2024, a new full set of risers including back rail retails for £3500, excluding VAT & delivery charge).

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Income & Expenditure Analysis

for the year ending 31 August 2024



Income & Endowments	£
Donations	648.07
Tax reclaimed	6,665.19
Membership subscriptions	14,920.50
Appearance fees (net of costs)	5,648.10
Sale of trailer	1,750.00
Bank Interest	496.08
Compensation from Barclays Bank	300.00
CD sales	105.00
Sundries	33.75
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS	30,567.69

Expenditure	£
Music costs	1,300.56
External coaching & education	182.00
Venue hire	4,317.00
BABS membership	3,430.00
Mileage claims	1,300.70
Awards & gifts	188.04
Advertising	984.19
Independent Examiner fee	90.00
Internet (Website & Zoom)	656.35
Chorus MD coaching	6,824.00
Domestic convention	435.00
Away Weekend	814.59
Wardrobe	2,584.00
Office supplies	272.01
Public transport	20.95
SumUp card reader	94.80
Defibrillator (incl. insurance)	656.88
Riser depreciation	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	25,351.07

Total Income & Endowments	30,567.69
Less: Total Expenditure	<u>25,351.07</u>
Net surplus transferred to balance sheet	5,216.62



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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On accounts for the year ended

31 AUGUST 2024

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Independent examiner's statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

05/05/2025

Name:

JAC KILROY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

AAT

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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Trustees' annual report

In 2022/23, Bolton Barbershop Harmony Club (BBHC) expanded its outreach to an Irish audience, while continuing to drive up performance standards in the UK, once again performing at and winning the British Association of Barbershop Singers open chorus contest.

October 2022 saw the club's main chorus, Cottontown, travel to Killarney for the Irish Association of Barbershop Singers convention, where they appeared as invited guests to showcase the best of British Barbershop.

April's retreat weekend for Cottontown included coaching from Joe Cerutti, Director of Outreach for the international Barbershop Harmony Society, and one of the foremost educators in his field. In addition to vocal and performance coaching, club management refreshed the club goals developed with Joe in 2019 (the delivery of which was postponed by covid). There is a clear desire to focus on audiences that are new to the barbershop genre, in order to increase engagement and participation.

Additional coaching and development in late 2022 was received from David Wright, internationally recognised arranger and barbershop historian.

In May 2023, the British Association of Barbershop Singers (BABS) annual convention in Bournemouth saw the Cottontown Chorus perform the final output of that coaching, with the chorus being crowned as UK champions for the 8th time.

In addition BBHC continues to support and promote UK arrangers and in house talent, with 3 new arrangements from UK arrangers performed by Cottontown for the first time.

Financial Report:

The year ending 31st August 2022 showed a negligible deficit of just over £100. However, the cashflow forecast at the time showed that the year ending 31st August 2023 would be more costly. In reality, 2022-23 saw a surplus of over £3,700 after the receipt of a £10,000 bequest dedicated to the advancement of the charity's objectives. This however cannot be used for general funding. This atypical income skewed the true picture of our everyday operations which otherwise showed a deficit of £6,300.

The deficit has arisen from a combination of lower than expected appearance income, combined with asset depreciation and payments for a defibrillator. Plans are in place to address this in 2023-24.

The portable defibrillator and associated training is an important new addition to the safety of the chorus, in which several members have had heart attacks, or have heart conditions which could require an urgent intervention.

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Analysis of Income & Expenditure

for the year ending 31 August 2023

Income & Endowments	£
Donations	11,024.00
Tax reclaimed	3,811.94
Membership subscriptions	15,267.00
Appearance fees	630.00
Bank Interest	143.02
Net contribution to Away Weekend	52.25
BABS championship award	500.00
Barclays compensation	150.00
TOTAL INCOME & ENDOWMENTS	31,578.21

Expenditure	£
Music costs	272.10
External coaching & education	2,846.90
Venue hire	4,743.32
BABS membership	3,386.87
Mileage claims	1,979.55
Awards & gifts	423.75
Hospitality	10.85
Postage	5.55
Carriage	140.00
Advertising	39.61
Professional fees	455.00
Internet (Website & Zoom)	609.23
Trailer upkeep & insurance	111.69
Chorus MD coaching	6,496.00
IABS	3,364.43
Domestic convention	750.00
Wardrobe	718.39
Defibrillator	303.38
Depreciation (risers)	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	27,856.62

Total Income & Endowments	31,578.21
Less: Total Expenditure	<u>27,856.62</u>
Net surplus transferred to balance sheet	3,721.59



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Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

23/05/2024

Name:

Jack Kiboy

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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