

Bolton Barbershop Harmony Club

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.

Bolton Barbershop Harmony Club

Registered Charity Number 1099928



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



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

BOLTON BARBERSHOP HARMONY CLUB

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1099928

Set out on pages

(Indicate or include the page numbers of any final sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 AUGUST 2023.

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:

23/05/2024

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(if any):

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