

ACS Chairman Report – 7 September 2022

Firstly, welcome to our AGM and I would like to say a big thank you for all of your loyal support to the choir over the past few trying years.

Since our full return in September 2021, we had a triumphant concert, Handel's Messiah on 4 December 2021, where we also movingly remembered two of our late members, Maureen and Penny. At that stage people were very worried about the new wave of covid making its presence known, which also had an impact on the carol singing afternoon for the Andover Old People's Forum. We were however warmly received by their chairman, Mollie Antrobus, despite the lack of members attending.

This was followed by a resumption of our rehearsals for St Paul. It was hard work for just us few causing Peter headaches with scoring for a diminishing choir and orchestra. At one stage I think we had 3 1st sopranos in one quite difficult chorus. Sadly, we were not supported particularly well by the public and I believe we are still suffering from the public wariness of attending events like concerts, but they missed a real musical treat.

Since then we continued with a short summer term ending with a "Come and Sing" of Haydn Nelson Mass in the Upper Guildhall which although very hot, was good fun. The Come and Sing was mainly possible due to Frank Barber's amazing legacy.

This year has been trying in so many ways. We really need to recruit new members to enjoy the fantastic choral music available and also recruit new committee members. Our costs will inevitably increase and I expect we will probably have to pay more rent for the rehearsal venue here at Rookwood and the concert venue at St Mary's. So I'm afraid we will be proposing an increase in our subs to cover this. That way, I'm hoping we can subsidise special projects from the Barber Legacy rather than spend it on running costs. Compare us with other choirs and membership of Andover Choral Society is incredibly good value for money.

I would love to see more workshops, come & Sing, co-operation with schools and colleges, and Social events, and I really think this would start to encourage new members to join and existing ones to stay.

The choir does not run itself and it does take a committee to organise bookings and concerts. Mercifully, Peter and Julie sort out the orchestra and soloists but we still need to have the support of members and friends to manage and publicise the events. Sue, our Secretary, and I, as your chairman are now starting our final year in our committee

positions. So in order for this choir to continue, we will be looking for new volunteers this year.

Thankfully, as a choir we have come through the pandemic relatively unscathed and thank you to all of you for your backing especially keeping everyone safe during rehearsals. Believe me I did not want to be responsible for passing on the virus during a rehearsal or concert.

Finally, my thanks to your hardworking committee, for their continued advice and help, and to Peter and Julie for their knowledge, talent and encouragement this year. Let's look upwards and onwards for the coming year.

Andover Choral Society

Charity registration number: 1104982

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year 01.07.2021 to 30.06.2022

AGM 07.09.2022

1. Our funds at the beginning of the period were £14,940.19
2. Our income during the financial year was £48,926.57. £40,000 of this was a bequest received from our late patron, Mr Frank Barber, to support our concert costs
3. Our expenditure during the financial year was £15,235.42.
4. At the close of our financial year, our accounts held £48,631.36
5. Reserves: we are holding sufficient reserves to meet our liabilities in the long-term savings account with CCLA. This balance will be increased by the transfer of some of the bequest funds.

Signed

L A P Horsnell, Treasurer

Date:.....

Signed.....

F Lynn, Chairperson

Date:.....

Notes to the Report:

HMRC are experiencing delays in processing gift aid, this will be reflected in this year's accounts.

We will be moving some of the bequest into the long-term savings account with CCLA – this has been delayed due to CCLA no longer accepting paper-based funds transfers.

Lloyds Bank are still working on setting up online banking with 2-person authentication. As soon as this has been actioned, we will be moving away from paper-based transactions to online direct payments.

Without the bequest the Society would be in a very difficult financial position, and due to the drop in membership, we will need to review our outgoings.

I would encourage every member to use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon: for every qualifying purchase, Amazon make a donation to the Society. It does not cost the Society anything to be a part of this. I am also investigating whether we can join the Postcode Lottery as one of their partners.

I tender the accounts to the membership for approval.

Andover Choral Society
Financial Statement for the period 1.7.2021 to 30.6.2022
Charity registration number: 1104982

Receipts

2020/21	
£	
2,025.00	Subscriptions
1,541.36	Gift Aid
1,450.00	Patrons
410.00	Donations
0.00	100 Club
0.00	Social evening
0.00	Raffle
330.00	Workshop
2.32	Interest on deposit a/c
0.00	Fundraising
0.00	Christmas Concert
0.00	Spring Concert
0.00	Christmas Concert 2020// 2021
0.00	Spring Concert 2021 // 2022
1,200.00	Choir sundries - scarves

2021/22

2020/21

Payments

2021/22		2020/21	
£		£	
4,215.00	Christmas Concert	0.00	Christmas Concert
0.00	Spring Concert	0.00	Spring Concert
41,500.00	Conductors	2,485.00	Conductors
162.00	Accompanist	14.39	Accompanist
250.00	100 Club	0.00	100 Club
0.00	Social evening	0.00	Social evening
0.00	Rookwood School hall	0.00	Rookwood School hall
178.00	Workshop	400.00	Workshop
10.96	Gifts/Donations	60.00	Gifts/Donations
5.00	Making Music	231.00	Making Music
1,478.85	Officers' expenses	0.00	Officers' expenses
1,016.76	Website	14.39	Website
0.00	Fundraising & information literature	0.00	Fundraising & information literature
0.00	Christmas Concert 2020// 2021	0.00	Christmas Concert 2020// 2021
0.00	Library membership	0.00	Library membership
0.00	PRS fees	0.00	PRS fees
597.07	Spring Concert 2023	597.07	Spring Concert 2023
0.00	Choir sundries - scarves	0.00	Choir sundries - scarves

6,958.68
0.00
<u>£6,958.68</u>

48,926.57
0.00
<u>£48,926.57</u>

3,801.85
3,156.83
<u>£6,958.68</u>

Excess of receipts over payments

15,235.42
33,691.15
<u>£48,926.57</u>

Statement of Funds

1.7.2020	£11,783.36
	3156.83
30.6.2021	<u>£14,940.19</u>

Funds at 1.7.2021	14,940.21
Excess of receipts over payments	33,691.15
Funds at 30.6.2022	<u>£48,631.36</u>

2020/21	2021/22
8,970.16	42,650.35
5,970.05	5,981.01
<u>£14,940.21</u>	<u>£48,631.36</u>

Current Account
Deposit Account

2021/22
42,650.35
5,981.01
<u>£48,631.36</u>

We the undersigned hereby certify that the above accounts of Andover Choral Society for the year to 30 June 2021 are correct and complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

L A P Horsnell, Treasurer

L A P Horsnell

C A Stone, Independent Examiner

C A Stone

Date 14/09/22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Andover Choral Society

On accounts for the year
ended

30/06/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1104982

Set out on pages

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(remember: to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/06/2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity's accounts.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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:

Caroline A. Stone

Date:

04/09/2022

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Caroline A Stone

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

Bequest received for £40,000 paid by Bank Transfer from the Trust set up in the deceased's name.