

Trustees Report

FY April 24- March 25

After the excitement of recruiting 12 new members last year, this year has been one of consolidation and a new recruitment drive.

Our new Musical Director has provided new music and energy to the choir. Our new accompanist is a glorious find and works well with the MD. We are now in a much stronger position in providing music which is appreciated by our supporters. Comments by our supporters show that our musical standards have markedly improved. Another innovation by our MD, audience participation, has also proved popular. Several new members are delighting us with their singing by undertaking solo spots in our concerts.

The year's recruitment campaign "Pizza and Pint" at the Hogs Back Brewery attracted 33 participants, of which 12 came along to rehearsals. 10 of these stayed to swell our membership still further to 55 members.

Our informal "sing-outs", where a group of us, twenty or so, regale the local populace for a short period, has been successful in drawing in more new members. Thus from a low start of 30 or so singers in 2023, we now boast 58 singers, and improving this number monthly.

Next year, we will not have a recruitment event but will continue to have "sing-outs".

Our charity fund raising concerts are well established with Summer 24 raising £800 for Camberley Care. The Winter concert raised £1200 for Parity for the Disabled. Other monies amounting to £1500 showed that our ethos of many years "fellowship of men who love to sing and raise money for charity whilst doing it." is attractive. Our concert schedule remains busy.

We sang at the Knellwood Care Home in November, our normal yearly visit. We support the local authority by providing singers for Men's Mental Health.

Next year we plan to partake in the Cornish Male Voice Festival, which will be a challenge. Next year will also see a new chairman as Peter Viveash will step down after 14 years.

Peter Viveash

On Behalf of the Trustees.



Hampshire and Surrey Hills Men's Choir
Accounts for Year to 31-March-2025



<u>Income:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Concerts Income	6975.26	6545.30
Donations to ODDs	1539.00	150.00
Rushmoor Lottery	127.50	98.50
Gift Aid	1409.22	1057.51
Transfers from Funds (Recruitment)	0.00	1000.00
Pride in Place Grant	3757.00	0.00
Other	-183.93	366.51
Stock Sales	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	8471.00	4755.00
Uniform Sales	381.78	20.00
Weekly Draw	923.20	722.70
HRTT award (Music Education)	2000.00	1000.00

Deficit	1174.99	2632.19
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Total Income	26575.02	18347.71
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Balance sheet as at 31-March-2025

Balance bfwd from previous year	8786.29	11418.48
Deficit for current year	-1174.99	-2632.19

Total	7611.30	8786.29
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<u>Expenditure:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Accompanist	2880.00	0
Concert Costs	6278.02	6491.95
Cost of Stocks Sold	0.00	0.00
Depreciation	153.70	153.70
Fees	3805.00	4856.96
Marketing	32.39	0.00
Memberships	475.98	373.48
Music Training	500.00	310.00
Music	3003.64	2236.73
Other Expenses	677.62	321.95
Printing / Stationery	0.00	0.00
Recruitment	6058.36	1033.67
Room Hire	1912.75	1922.00
Uniform Costs	635.00	136.50
Web Site	162.56	510.77

Total Expenditure	26575.02	18347.71
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Bank - Lloyds	10916.60	9651.15
Cash	0.00	50.00
Fixed Assets	239.00	392.70
Stocks	0.00	635.00
Debtors / Deposit a/c	0.00	365.00
Prepayments	0.00	0.00
Creditors	-1817.30	-917.56
Patron Fund	-1640.00	-1240.00
Sponsor Fund	-100.00	0.00
Cash not banked	13.00	-150.00

Total	7611.30	8786.29
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Honorary Treasurer.....

Checked By.....



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Hampshire and Surrey Hills Men's choir

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1106232

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

Dr Barnes

Date:

2 Jan 2026

Name:

DAVID BARNES

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(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).

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