

# NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

England & Wales - Charity number 1116437

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2006-10-19

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1 PROMOTING HIGH QUALITY MALE VOICE CHORAL SINGING;2 FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF CHORAL SINGING THROUGH INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC PERFORMANCE;3 EDUCATION SIGNERS TO PERFORMANCE STANDARDS;4 SUPPORTING VOLUNTARY AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS BY PERFORMING CONCERTS.SUCH OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT FURTHER THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

**Activities:** The study and practice of choral music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performance. Also to assist and support such charitable institutions or purposes as the committee shall from time to time determine.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
- Buckinghamshire
- Leicestershire
- Northamptonshire
- Somerset

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £76,119 | £60,832     | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £45,517 | £50,497     | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £47,640 | £47,970     | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £47,637 | £50,811     | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £23,385 | £21,724     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                 | Role  | Appointed  |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Mark York            | Chair | 2021-06-08 |
| JOHN MARK WALLER FCA |       |            |
| Marc Bentley         |       | 2022-06-07 |

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# Accounts

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**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**



**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Constitution**

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**Vice Presidents**

J Hames

J Allison

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of our Vice President, John Hames. John had been a member of the choir for 37 years and was Chairman for 12 of those years, his contribution to the choir was considerable and he will be greatly missed.

**Officers**

The Officers of the Choir are elected annually from the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Officers who served during the year are:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Chairman  | Mark York    |
| Secretary | Marc Bentley |
| Treasurer | John Waller  |

**Bankers**

The Choir's bankers are:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| CAF Bank Ltd<br>25 Kings Hill<br>West Malling<br>Kent<br>ME19 4JQ | Barclays Bank PLC<br>Leicester<br>LE87 2BB |
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**Principal Office**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

During the year the Choir continued to work to achieve its objects which are:

1.The study and practice of choral music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of performance.

2.To assist and support such charitable institutions or purposes as the committee shall from time to time determine.

2024 was another busy and successful year:

We continued to run two choirs, Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) and NMVC Lite. Both choirs rehearsed regularly during the year and both choirs performed in concerts and in festivals.

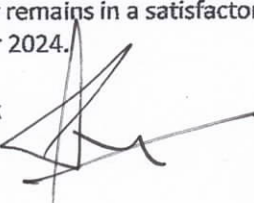
We carried out a major recruitment campaign in the first half of the year by challenging the men of Northamptonshire to join us to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. We had a fantastic response. After an intensive 10 week period of rehearsals ,the volunteers sang in two concerts one with NMVC and another, in Nottingham, with NMVC and 4 other choirs who were also recruiting in the same way. The 5 choirs between them raised over £90,000 for Prostate Cancer UK. Our succesful recruitment resulted in 28 new members for the choir.

We performed at 31 events during the year. A number of the concerts were performed to help local charities and good causes raise funds. Money raised by those organisations from our performances is estimated at £8000.

For our tour we enjoyed 3 days performing at the LLangollen International Eisteddfod and on the way there we performed in Chester Cathedral.

The Choir remains in a satisfactory financial position with free funds of £28,058 at 31 December 2024.

Mark York  
Chairman



W/06/25.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 5

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2001 ('the Act')

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 10 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



Cottons Accountants LLP  
1 Billing Road  
Northampton  
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Date: 11 June 2025

**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

|   | Unrestricted Funds |                  |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
|   | 2024               | 2023             |
|   | £                  | £                |
| <b>Receipts</b>   |                    |                  |
| Subscriptions   | 11,215.00          | 7,248.00         |
| Gift Aid  | 1,612.28           | 1,767.84         |
| Donations   | 16,601.17          | 550.00           |
| Sponsorship   | 5,000.00           | 5,000.00         |
| Lottery   | 1,577.00           | 1,597.00         |
| Profit on redemption of Charifund investment (note 4)   | 1,800.56           | 0.00             |
| Receipts from concerts  | 15,283.68          | 15,913.60        |
| Receipts re Choir trips   | 19,480.00          | 12,330.00        |
| Sale of clothing  | 2,719.90           | 393.15           |
| Tea money   | 486.00             | 179.00           |
| Interest  | 73.69              | 463.24           |
| Sundry  | 270.00             | 75.00            |
|   | <u>76,119.28</u>   | <u>45,516.83</u> |
| <b>Payments</b>   |                    |                  |
| Concert expenses  | 4,111.86           | 4,121.40         |
| Expenses of Choir trips   | 18,488.95          | 11,829.00        |
| Purchase of clothing  | 4,410.63           | 673.55           |
| Donations   | 1,000.00           | 1,743.65         |
| Donation to NMPAT for Mike Davis award  | 450.00             | 0.00             |
| Music team  | 23,150.00          | 22,535.00        |
| Music   | 1,040.00           | 758.26           |
| Festivals   | 181.00             | 200.00           |
| Room hire   | 3,157.40           | 2,975.45         |
| Insurance   | 251.78             | 236.10           |
| Recruitment   | 3,210.05           | 3,295.99         |
| Accountancy   | 450.00             | 420.00           |
| Printing postage and stationery   | 0.00               | 159.98           |
| Sundry expenses (note 5)  | 930.27             | 1,329.48         |
| Sundry equipment  | 0.00               | 219.00           |
|   | <u>60,831.94</u>   | <u>50,496.86</u> |
| <b>Surplus of receipts over payments for the year<br/>(2023 excess of payments over receipts)</b> | <u>15,287.34</u>   | <u>-4,980.03</u> |
| <b>Donations account</b>  |                    |                  |
| Bucket collections brought forward  | 1077.43            | 1256.35          |
| Donations and bucket collections during 2024  | 2672.57            | 1077.43          |
| Donation from choir funds   | 1000.00            | 1743.65          |
| Paid to Prostate Cancer UK (note 6)   | -4750.00           | -3000.00         |
| Donation funds carried forward  | 0.00               | 1077.43          |
| <b>Movement of funds</b>  |                    |                  |
| Balance brought forward at 1 January  | 13,848.37          | 19007.32         |
| Bucket collections from previous year paid to charity   | -1077.43           | -1256.35         |
| Bucket collections not paid over at year end  | 0                  | 1077.43          |
| Surplus of receipts over payments   | 15,287.34          | -4,980.03        |
| Balance carried forward to 2025   | <u>28058.28</u>    | <u>13848.37</u>  |
| <b>Represented by</b>   |                    |                  |
| Barclays Community Current Account  | 2,950.65           | 6,387.63         |
| CAF Bank - Current Account  | 107.63             | 1,383.31         |
| CAF Bank - Deposit Account  | 25,000.00          | 0.00             |
| M&G Charifund Inits at cost - (note 4)  | 0.00               | 5,000.00         |
|   | <u>28,058.28</u>   | <u>12,770.94</u> |
| Bucket collections not yet paid to charities (note6)  | 0.00               | 1,077.43         |
|   | <u>28,058.28</u>   | <u>13,848.37</u> |

**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDE 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1. Accounting policies**

The accounts are prepared as a receipts and payments account. Receipts and payments are accounted for as they are received and paid respectively.

**2. Assets**

The Choir owns an extensive library of sheet music that has not been valued

**3. Taxation**

The Choir is exempt from tax under the provisions of S505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 applying to charities.

**4. Charifund units**

The Choir owned 486.595 units in The Equities Investment Trust for charities (Charifund). The cost of the investment was £5000. During the year this invested was redeemed achieving a profit of £1,800.56.

**5. Sundry expenses**

An analysis of sundry expenses is given below:

|                                | 2024          | 2023            |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                                | £             | £               |
| National Association of Choirs | 53.00         | 10.00           |
| Website                        | 90.00         | 90.00           |
| Lottery license                | 20.00         | 20.00           |
| Name badges                    | 186.06        | 0.00            |
| Presentations                  | 244.90        | 752.28          |
| Bank fees                      | 60.00         | 60.00           |
| Barclaycard fees               | 238.13        | 0.00            |
| First Aid                      | 68.18         | 157.80          |
| Software license               | 30.00         | 30.00           |
| Other                          | -60.00        | 209.40          |
|                                | <u>930.27</u> | <u>1,329.48</u> |

**6. Donations to Prostate Cancer UK**

The Choir's nominated charity is Prostate Cancer UK. Funds were raised through bucket collections held at concerts and donations were received specifically for onward payment to the charity. The choir also contributed £1,000 from its own funds. The total collected, including £1077 collected in 2023, enabled a payment of £4750 to Prostate Cancer UK.

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**President and Vice Presidents**

President: David Laing CBE

Vice presidents : J Hames  
J Allison

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of our President, David Laing CBE. David was an enthusiastic supporter and friend of the choir and will be greatly missed.

We also have to report the sad loss of two of our Vice Presidents during 2023. Mike Davis was a leading member of the choir for 66 years and Richard Christopher previously served as Musical Director. Both made significant contributions to the success of the choir.

**Officers**

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|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Chairman  | Mark York    |
| Secretary | Marc Bentley |
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The Choir's bankers are:

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|---------------|-------------------|
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| 25 Kings Hill | Leicester         |
| West Malling  | LE87 2BB          |
| Kent          |                   |
| ME19 4JQ      |                   |

**Principal Office**

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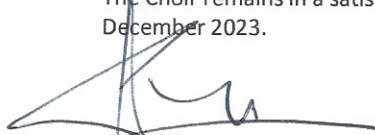
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We performed at 32 events during the year including our Christmas concert and two concerts with visiting Male Voice Choirs. A number of the concerts were performed to help local charities and good causes raise funds. Money raised by those organisations from our performances is estimated at £8000.

During the year we donated £1000 to Prostate Cancer UK, £500 to Parkinsons UK and £1500 to the Northampton Health Charity Daisy Appeal.

Our annual tour was to Durham. We performed in Ripon Cathedral on the way and with choirs from Sunderland and Durham raising money for their local causes.

The Choir remains in a satisfactory financial position with free funds of £13848.37 at 31 December 2023.

  
Mark York  
Chairman

04/06/24

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS TO THE TRUSTEES OF NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

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### Independent examiner's statement

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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.



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Date: 5 June 2024

**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

|  | Unrestricted Funds |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
|  | 2023               | 2022             |
|  | £                  | £                |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                      |                    |                  |
| Subscriptions  | 7,248.00           | 8,374.00         |
| Gift Aid   | 1,767.84           | 2,070.77         |
| Donations  | 550.00             | 1,556.00         |
| Sponsorship  | 5,000.00           | 5,100.00         |
| Lottery  | 1,597.00           | 1,960.00         |
| Grants received                                      | -                  | 1,000.00         |
| Receipts from concerts                               | 15,913.60          | 13,653.21        |
| Receipts re Choir trips                              | 12,330.00          | 12,225.00        |
| Sale of clothing                                     | 393.15             | 552.50           |
| Sale of practice music and CDs                       | -                  | 220.00           |
| Tea money  | 179.00             | 491.51           |
| Interest   | 463.24             | 409.55           |
| Sundry   | 75.00              | 28.00            |
|  | <u>45,516.83</u>   | <u>47,640.54</u> |
| <b>Payments</b>                                      |                    |                  |
| Concert expenses                                     | 4,121.40           | 6,517.38         |
| Expenses of Choir trips                              | 11,829.00          | 11,979.00        |
| Purchase of clothing                                 | 673.55             | 1,307.29         |
| Donations  | 1,743.65           | -                |
| Music team   | 22,535.00          | 21,600.92        |
| Music  | 758.26             | 613.49           |
| Festivals  | 200.00             | 175.50           |
| ACE Project  | 710.91             | -                |
| Room hire  | 2,975.45           | 2,724.20         |
| Insurance  | 236.10             | 226.24           |
| Recruitment  | 2,585.08           | 719.15           |
| Accountancy  | 420.00             | 360.00           |
| Printing postage and stationery                      | 159.98             | -                |
| Sundry expenses (note 5)                             | 1,329.48           | 570.33           |
| Sundry equipment                                     | 219.00             | 1,176.45         |
|  | <u>50,496.86</u>   | <u>47,969.95</u> |
| <b>Excess of payments over receipts</b>              | <u>(4,980.03)</u>  | <u>(329.41)</u>  |
| Bucket collections from 2022 paid to charities       | (1,256.35)         | -                |
| Bucket collections not yet paid to charities (note6) | 1,077.43           | 1,256.35         |
| Opening balances - 1 January 2023                    | 19,007.32          | 18,080.38        |
|  | <u>13,848.37</u>   | <u>19,007.32</u> |
| <b>Represented by</b>                                |                    |                  |
| Barclays Community Current Account                   | 6,387.63           | 10,340.80        |
| CAF Bank - Current Account                           | 1,383.31           | 2,408.49         |
| CAF Bank - Deposit Account                           | -                  | 1.68             |
| M&G Charifund Units at cost - (note 4)               | 5,000.00           | 5,000.00         |
|  | <u>12,770.94</u>   | <u>17,750.97</u> |
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**5. Sundry expenses**

An analysis of sundry expenses is given below:

|                                | <b>2023</b>     | <b>2022</b>   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                                | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>      |
| National Association of Choirs | 10.00           | 103.00        |
| Website                        | 90.00           | 195.00        |
| Lottery license                | 20.00           | 20.00         |
| Name badges                    | -               | 16.56         |
| Presentations                  | 752.28          | 77.00         |
| Bank fees                      | 60.00           | 81.00         |
| First Aid                      | 157.80          | -             |
| Software license               | 30.00           | -             |
| Other                          | 209.40          | 77.77         |
|                                | <u>1,329.48</u> | <u>570.33</u> |

**6. Bucket collections not yet paid to charities**

The choir arranged bucket collections at some concerts. At the year end £1077.43 raised by these collections was held in our Barclays bank account that will be donated to charities in April 2024.

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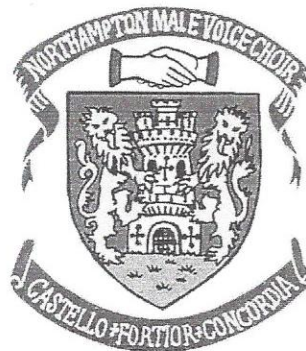
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**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



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The Choir was granted registration as a charity on 19 October 2006 with the registered number: 1116437.

**President and Vice Presidents**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| President:       | David Laing  |
| Vice Presidents: | R Spendlove M.B.E.<br>R Christopher<br>M Davis<br>J Hames<br>J Allison |

**Officers**

The Officers of the Choir are elected annually from the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Officers who served during the year are:

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Chairman  | Mark York  |
| Secretary | Marc Bentley (appointed June 2022)<br>Philip Stiles (resigned June 2022) |
| Treasurer | John Waller  |

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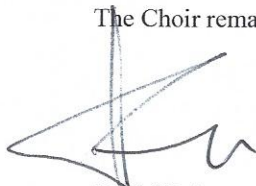
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2022 was a busy and successful year:

- We run two choirs Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) and NMVC Lite. Both choirs rehearsed regularly during the year and both choirs performed in concerts and in festivals.
- We entered 4 festivals and had great success winning 8 first prizes in the classes we entered.
- We performed in 23 concerts including our first Christmas concert and a Last Night of the proms concert with guests the GUS Band and soprano, Emily Haig. A number of the concerts were performed at cost to help local charities and good causes raise money. Money raised by those organisations is estimated at £6000.
- At the major concerts we organized bucket collections for charity. This enabled us to pay £1000 to Prostate Cancer UK and £833 to The Parkinson's Society. £1500 of this was paid in January 2023.
- We went on tour in the West Country performing with local choirs, raising money for local good causes.

The Choir remains in a strong financial position with free funds of £19,007 at 31 December 2022.



Mark York  
Chairman

04/07/23.

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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



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Date: 4 July 2023

**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

|   | Unrestricted funds |                  |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
|   | 2022               | 2021             |
|   | £                  | £                |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                       |                    |                  |
| Subscriptions   | 8,374.00           | 9,408.00         |
| Gift Aid - Tax Reclaimed                              | 2,070.77           | 2,200.29         |
| Donations and bequests                                | 1,556.00           | 1010.00          |
| Sponsorship   | 5,100.00           | 5000.00          |
| 200 Club  | 1,960.00           | 1858.00          |
| Grant received  | 1,000.00           | 1,000.00         |
| Receipts from concerts                                | 13,653.21          | 8,322.72         |
| Receipts re choir trips                               | 12,225.00          | 17517.00         |
| Sale of clothing                                      | 552.50             | 754.00           |
| Sale of practice music, CDs and DVDs                  | 220.00             | 192.00           |
| Tea money   | 491.51             | 0.00             |
| Interest  | 409.55             | 360.09           |
| Sundry  | 28.00              | 15.00            |
|   | <u>47,640.54</u>   | <u>47,637.10</u> |
| <b>Payments</b>                                       |                    |                  |
| Concert Expenses                                      | 6,517.38           | 4,652.03         |
| Expenses choir trips                                  | 11,979.00          | 18,772.25        |
| Purchase of clothing                                  | 1,307.29           | 825.97           |
| Donation  | 0.00               | 1,500.00         |
| Music team  | 21,600.92          | 19,055.29        |
| Voice coaching  | 0.00               | 200.00           |
| Website   | 195.00             | 0.00             |
| Room hire   | 2,724.20           | 2,041.10         |
| Insurance   | 226.24             | 257.39           |
| Music   | 613.49             | 120.00           |
| Photography   | 0.00               | 435.00           |
| Subscriptions   | 93.00              | 467.00           |
| Recruitment   | 719.15             | 0.00             |
| Accountancy   | 360.00             | 360.00           |
| Printing postage and stationery (Note 5)              | 0.00               | 46.69            |
| Sundry expenses (Note 6)                              | 457.83             | 775.48           |
| Sundry equipment                                      | 1,176.45           | 1,302.96         |
|   | <u>47,969.95</u>   | <u>50,811.16</u> |
| <b>Excess of payments over receipts</b>               | (329.41)           | (3,174.06)       |
| Bucket collections for charities less donations made  | 1,256.35           | 0.00             |
| Opening balances - 1 January 2022                     | 18,080.38          | 21,254.44        |
|   | <u>19,007.32</u>   | <u>18,080.38</u> |
| <b>Represented by:</b>                                |                    |                  |
| Barclays - Community Current Account                  | 10,340.80          | 11,694.31        |
| CAF Bank - Current account                            | 2,408.49           | 385.77           |
| CAF Bank - Deposit account                            | 1.68               | 1000.30          |
| M&G Charifund units at cost - (note 4)                | 5,000.00           | 5000.00          |
|   | <u>18,750.97</u>   | <u>18,080.38</u> |
| Bucket collections not yet paid to charities (note 7) | 1,256.35           | 0.00             |
|   | <u>19,007.32</u>   | <u>18080.38</u>  |

## NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 1. Accounting policies

The accounts are prepared as a receipts and payments account. Receipts and payments are accounted for as they are received and paid respectively.

### 2. Assets

The Choir owns an extensive library of sheet music that has not been valued.

### 3. Taxation

The Choir is exempt from tax under the provisions of S505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 applying to charities.

### 4. Charifund units

The Choir owns 486,595 units in The Equities Investment Trust for Charities (Charifund). The cost of this investment was £5,000. At 31 December 2022 the value of the units was £7,151 (31 December 2021 £7,572).

### 5. Printing, postage and stationery

An analysis of expenses is given below:

|                                | 2022 | 2021  |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|
|                                | £    | £     |
| Committee Official Consumables | 0.00 | 46.69 |

### 6. Sundry expenses

An analysis of expenses is given below:

|                                | 2022          | 2021          |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                | £             | £             |
| National Association of Choirs | 10.00         | 0.00          |
| Festival fees                  | 175.50        | 65.00         |
| Lottery license                |               |               |
| Name badges                    | 16.56         | 58.32         |
| Presentations                  | 77.00         | 454.96        |
| Bank Fees                      | 81.00         | 96.50         |
| First Aid                      | 0.00          | 5.70          |
| Software license               | 0.00          | 30.00         |
| Electrical testing             | 0.00          | 45.00         |
| Other                          | 77.77         | 0.00          |
|                                | <u>457.83</u> | <u>775.48</u> |

### 7. Bucket collections not yet paid to charities

The choir arranged bucket collections at some concerts. At the year end £1,256.35 was held in our Barclays Bank account that had been collected and not paid to charities. It was paid over in January 2023 when £1,000 was paid to Prostate Cancer UK and £500 paid to The Parkinsons Society.

**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR**

England & Wales - Charity number 1116437

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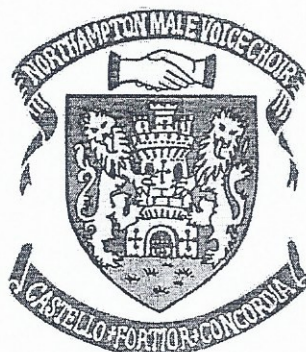
# Accounts

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**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**



**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Constitution**

Northampton Male Voice Choir is established under a constitution dated 2 August 2006 as amended on 19 September 2006 for the purpose of promoting the study and practice of choral music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performance. Also, to assist and support such charitable institutions or purposes as the committee shall from time to time determine.

The Choir was granted registration as a charity on 19 October 2006 with the registered number: 1116437.

**President and Vice Presidents**

President: David Laing (appointed June 2021)

Vice Presidents: R Spendlove M.B.E.  
R Christopher  
M Davis  
J Hames  
J Allison

**Officers**

The Officers of the Choir are elected annually from the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Officers who served during the year are:

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Chairman  | Mark York (appointed June 2021)<br>John Waller (retired June 2021)  |
| Secretary | Philip Stiles   |
| Treasurer | John Waller (appointed June 2021)<br>Ian Reidie (retired June 2021) |

**Bankers**

The Choir's bankers are:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| CAF Bank Ltd<br>25 Kings Hill<br>West Malling<br>Kent<br>ME19 4JQ | Barclays Bank PLC<br>Leicester<br>LE87 2BB |
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**Principal Office**

The address of the principal office is:

9 Wagtail Close  
Moulton  
Northampton  
NN3 7EY

**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

**ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

During the year the Choir continued to work to achieve its objects, but activities were severely curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

- We continued to rehearse throughout the year; on zoom, outside when weather and Government Guidelines permitted and later in the year at our normal rehearsal venue.
- We held a major Proms Concert with the GUS Band and soprano, Emily Haig. This together with related activities raised £8500 for Prostate Cancer UK.
- We were able to take part in 3 further concerts all held covid-securely towards the end of the year.
- We also managed a short tour to Tenby in Wales where we sang in outdoor venues.

We are delighted to welcome David Laing as our President. David is a former Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and is involved in many local organisations as Chairman or President, including the Northampton Community Foundation, The Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, the Enterprise Partnership and Adenaline Alley, the largest skate park in Europe.

Mark York  
Chairman

22 May 2022

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR**

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of the committee and examiner**

The charity's committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as the committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF  
NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR (continued)**

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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22 May 2022

**NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

|  | Unrestricted     |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2021             | 2020             |
|  | £                | £                |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                    |                  |                  |
| Subscriptions                                      | 9,408.00         | 10,907.22        |
| Gift Aid - Tax Reclaimed                           | 2,200.29         | 1,979.56         |
| Donations and bequests                             | 1010.00          | 518.10           |
| Sponsorship  | 5000.00          | 4,000.00         |
| 200 Club   | 1858.00          | 2,492.00         |
| Grant received                                     | 1,000.00         | 1,000.00         |
| Receipts from concerts                             | 8,322.72         | 1,770.00         |
| Receipts re choir trips                            | 17517.00         | 0.00             |
| Sale of clothing                                   | 754.00           | 93.00            |
| Sale of practice music, CDs and DVDs               | 192.00           | 89.00            |
| Tea money  | 0.00             | 205.00           |
| Interest   | 360.09           | 326.01           |
| Sundry   | 15.00            | 5.00             |
|  | <u>47,637.10</u> | <u>23,384.89</u> |
| <b>Payments</b>                                    |                  |                  |
| Concert Expenses                                   | 4,652.03         | 829.99           |
| Expenses choir trips                               | 18,772.25        | 0.00             |
| Purchase of clothing                               | 825.97           | 0.00             |
| Donation   | 1,500.00         | 0.00             |
| Music team   | 19,055.29        | 12,349.10        |
| Voice coaching                                     | 200.00           | 600.00           |
| Website  | 0.00             | 380.00           |
| Room hire  | 2,041.10         | 1,285.00         |
| Insurance  | 257.39           | 591.40           |
| Music  | 120.00           | 2,071.81         |
| Photography  | 435.00           | 0.00             |
| Subscriptions                                      | 467.00           | 390.00           |
| License fees                                       | 0.00             | 895.80           |
| Accountancy  | 360.00           | 360.00           |
| Printing postage and stationery (Note 5)           | 46.69            | 150.00           |
| Sundry expenses (Note 6)                           | 775.48           | 306.90           |
| Recording equipment                                | 1,302.96         | 1,514.17         |
|  | <u>50,811.16</u> | <u>21,724.17</u> |
| <b>Excess of payments over receipts</b>            | - 3,174.06       | 1,660.72         |
| Deposits for Choir tour                            | 0.00             | 1,385.00         |
| Opening balances - 1 January 2021                  | 21,254.44        | 18,208.72        |
|  | <u>18,080.38</u> | <u>21,254.44</u> |
| <b>Represented by:</b>                             |                  |                  |
| Barclays - Community Current Account               | 11,694.31        | 12,191.75        |
| CAF Bank - Current account                         | 385.77           | 2,677.39         |
| CAF Bank - Deposit account                         | 1000.30          | 0.30             |
| M&G Charifund units at cost - (note 4)             | 5000.00          | 5,000.00         |
|  | <u>18,080.38</u> | <u>19,869.44</u> |
| Barclays - Tour deposits held on behalf of members | 0.00             | 1,385.00         |
|  | <u>18080.38</u>  | <u>21,254.44</u> |

NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR  
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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5. Printing, postage and stationery

An analysis of expenses is given below:

|                                | 2021  | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|
|                                | £     | £    |
| Committee Official Consumables | 46.69 | 0.00 |

6. Sundry expenses

An analysis of expenses is given below:

|                    | 2021          | 2020          |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                    | £             | £             |
| Festival fees      | 65.00         | 0.00          |
| Lottery license    | 20.00         | 0.00          |
| Name badges        | 58.32         | 0.00          |
| Presentations      | 454.96        | 210.90        |
| Bank Fees          | 96.50         | 66.00         |
| First Aid          | 5.70          | 0.00          |
| Software license   | 30.00         | 30.00         |
| Electrical testing | 45.00         | 0.00          |
|                    | <u>775.48</u> | <u>306.90</u> |