

NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



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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 the 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.

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

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	Barclays Bank PLC
25 Kings Hill	Leicester
West Malling	LE87 2BB
Kent	
ME19 4JQ	

Principal Office

The address of the principal office is:

4 Gillsway
Northampton
NN2 8HU

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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.

2023 was a busy and successful year:

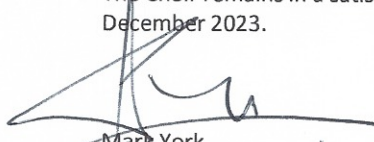
We continued to run two choirs, Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) and NMVC Lite. Both choirs rehearsed regularly during the year and both choirs performed in concerts and in festivals.

We 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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 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
NN1 5AL

Date: 5 June 2024

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

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
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>
Payments		
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>
Excess of payments over receipts	<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	<u>19,007.32</u>	<u>18,080.38</u>
	<u>13,848.37</u>	<u>19,007.32</u>
Represented by		
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)	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>12,770.94</u>	<u>17,750.97</u>
Bucket collections not yet paid to charities (note6)	<u>1,077.43</u>	<u>1,256.35</u>
	<u>13,848.37</u>	<u>19,007.32</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDE 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 the investment was £5000. At 31 December 2023 the value of the units was £6,982 (31 December 2022 - £7,151).

5. Sundry expenses

An analysis of sundry expenses is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
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.