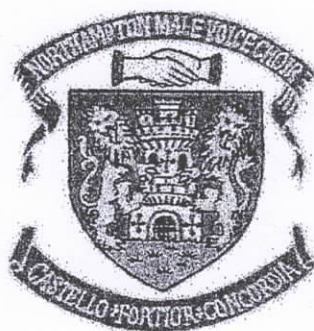


NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Constitution

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.

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

Principal Office

The address of the principal office is:

4 Gillsway
Northampton
NN2 8HU

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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 successful 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
NN1 5AL

Date: 11 June 2025

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

	Unrestricted Funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
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>
Payments		
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>
Surplus of receipts over payments for the year (2023 excess of payments over receipts)	<u>15,287.34</u>	<u>-4,980.03</u>
Donations account		
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1077.43</u>
Movement of funds		
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	<u>15,287.34</u>	<u>-4,980.03</u>
Balance carried forward to 2025	<u>28058.28</u>	<u>13848.37</u>
Represented by		
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)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>28,058.28</u>	<u>12,770.94</u>
Bucket collections not yet paid to charities (note6)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,077.43</u>
	<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.