



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023

Charity name: **Chess Valley Barbershop Singers**

Charity registration number: **1134927**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the Charity are to further the education and practice of singing in an cappella style in four-part harmony. As members of the British Association of Barbershop Singers, the choir/chorus sings and performs in the Barbershop Harmony style.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The choir rehearses and sings in the local community, including schools, care homes and other areas with public access.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Charity, through education and practice of singing, continues to meet its charitable objectives. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have a due regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The chorus will from time-to-time offer grants or bursars in support of membership and for attending BABS' Harmony College for education purposes.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The chorus holds open days and time-to-harmonise educational courses. These serve to allow members of the public access to observe and take part in chorus rehearsal activities, learning and improving skills in the process.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The organisation is entirely volunteer run, with support from a range of skill-sets and experience across the chorus.

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>At this year's BABS Convention, Chess Valley won the Small Chorus Award, Jim Carter trophy - placing 6th in the overall contest and achieving our highest ever score of 70.9% throughout our 40+ year history.</p> <p>The chorus entertains the public via singouts and shows which it attends throughout the year. This year's sellout show included a joint venture with 3 other choirs from the local area.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The chorus continues to improve its fiscal position, restoring a healthier reserve in comparison with pre-covid and covid years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The chorus aims to hold in reserve sufficient funds equivalent to 1 year of turnover.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£16,762
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Primary sources of income include membership subscriptions (paid by monthly standing order), grants from supporting local authorities and from BABS as well as fundraising from singouts, shows and donations from past and present membership.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The executive committee continue to focus on restoration of a sound financial footing and increasing subscription membership.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Whilst an auditioned chorus, we aim to reduce barriers to access and support diversity and breadth of appeal to new recruits. Potential loss of membership is the principal risk factor faced by the charity today.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity has a constitution and guidelines for its executive leadership team.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The charity executive leadership team are non-beneficiary trustees in post for up to 5 consecutive years.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chess Valley Barbershop Singers
Other name the charity uses	Knights of Harmony
Registered charity number	1134927
Charity's principal address	c/o 71 Vicarage Road Marsworth TRING Hertfordshire HP23 4LU 07771376567 chairman@knightsofharmony.org.uk www.knightsofharmony.org.uk

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	William Homer	Chairperson		
2	Neil Kennedy	Treasurer		
3	Trevor Pearce	Music Director		
4	Peter Hawes	Vice Chair		
5	Jeremy Elphick	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

The charity is volunteer run and has no employees

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


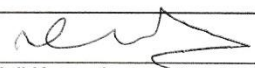
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	William Homer	Neil Kennedy
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	20/04/2023	

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Date

CVBS Balance Sheet at	31 Jul 2023		31 Jul 2022		31 Jul 2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
4th Step Risers	1494		1743		1992	
Risers	134		156		178	
Back Rail	149		174		199	
Side Rail	474		554		633	
Container	542		633		723	
Net book value		2793		3259		3725
Bank current account - CAF	16762		10218		9748	
Barclays Premium	n/a		n/a		0	
NatWest Current	n/a		n/a		0	
NatWest Reserve	n/a		n/a		0	
Total at Bank		16762		10218		9748
Creditors		0		0		0
Total net assets		19556		13477		13473
Accumulated surplus fund						
Balance at start of year (General)	12107		12103		8704	
Excess of Income over expenditure	6079		5		3398	
Balance at End of Year		18186		12107		12103
Round Table Fund						
Balance at start of year	1370		1370		1370	
Excess of Income over expenditure	0		0		0	
Balance at End of Year		1370		1370		1370
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TREASURER YEAR AUG 2022 - JUL 2023

CVBS Income & Expenditure for the period Aug 2022 to Jul 2023**General Income & Expenditure**

	Actual Year 22/23 £	Actual Year 21/22 £	Variance £
Income			
Membership Dues	12435	11685	750
Grants	1100	1800	-700
SaturdayKnightsDonations	40	710	-670
Donations	1998	1281	717
DonationsWhiskey	255	185	70
Singout Fees	475	250	225
Annual Show	4007	0	4007
Annual Dinner	2092	587	1505
AllDayRehearsals	1995	965	1030
Retreat	0	0	0
Gift Aid	5915	0	5915
Uniform	180	0	180
Click online	47	16	31
Riser Hire Fees	200	0	200
Sundries	0	0	0
Bank Interest	27	1	26
Grand Draw	0	0	0
Football Draw	1323	1537	-214
Teas	245	376	-132
BBQ	0	0	0
Total Income	32334	19394	12940

Expenditure			
Hall Storage	142	138	4
Hall/Venue Hire	2822	3157	-335
WeekendHallHire	0	143	-143
Admin/Charges	60	96	-36
Music	797	225	572
BABS Membership dues	2170	1637	534
Chorus Director	8085	7533	552
Annual Show	4396	12	4384
Annual Dinner	2056	1110	946
Convention&CompetitionCosts	2500	2617	-117
AllDayRehearsals	586	577	9
Retreat	0	0	0
Coaching	0	0	0
Uniform/Clothing	1150	746	403
PR & Advertising	262	730	-468
WebMMP	103	128	-25
Donations	0	0	0
BBQ	0	0	0
Sundries	181	75	106
Draw Costs	0	0	0
Depreciation	466	466	0
Maintenance	480	0	480
Total Expenditure	26255	19389	6866
 Net Income	 6079	 5	 6074



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Chess Valley Barbershop Singers

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1134927

Set out on pages

3 to 5

(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 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 20 May 2024

Name:

Peter Golby MENG ACA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountant - ICAEW

Address:

21 Loudhams Road

Amersham, Bucks

HP7 9NY

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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