

Farinham Youth Choir

Annual Report and Accounts (Financial Year ended 31st August 2023) Registered charity no. 1145358

1. Aims and Objectives

Farinham Youth Choir (FYC) is committed to promoting, improving and developing the musical education of young people in the Farinham area. This is pursued through the creation and maintenance of a youth choir of the highest musical standards. FYC's activities include the presentation of public concerts, tours both in the UK and abroad, the production of recordings and participation in choral competitions.

The public benefits of the organisation are three-fold:

- Young people in the Farinham area can participate in choral activities to a musical standard which may not be available to them within mainstream education. The ethos of FYC throughout its existence has been to ensure that no child is barred from accessing this opportunity purely on the grounds of affordability.
- As a community-based choir, a significant proportion of FYC's public concerts are centred on the Farinham area, thus ensuring that the local population can benefit from attending youth choral concerts of the highest international standard.
- Both FYC members and the local community benefit from the fact that FYC makes Farinham a destination of choice for other leading youth choirs from around the world.

2. Financial Position

The FYC annual accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023 are presented on pages 5 to 6 of this report. A deficit of receipts over payments of £17,462 is reported compared to an excess of £6,586 in the previous year. The balance sheet shows total assets less current liabilities of £61,527 (down from £59,039) with £57,627 (down from £55,139) in the bank account as at 31st August 2023.

The 2022-23 financial year has been challenging with a reduction in subscriptions, donations and fundraising set against increasing operating costs. In September 2023 we implemented an increase in subscription levels across all three choirs to reflect these higher operating costs and we are continuing to work hard to boost recruitment across all three choirs. Despite this, we continue to rely on the generosity of our patrons and other donors to fund our regular activities.

We continued our tradition of community engagement by performing at the Christmas tree lights ceremony under demanding staging circumstances and singing at the Saint Andrews

for Carmina Burana was an early highlight, and it marked an excellent start to our year. Our Senior Choir had an eventful year, including a successful residential weekend in Brae-

heavening to see all three choirs come together for this project, strengthening our bonds and The launch of our History Express songs on Spotify was a significant achievement, and it was

tion, showcasing our commitment to fostering a love for music in our community. reached new heights this year, with a larger turnout than ever before. It is a cause for celeb- numbers are lower but their singing is even more beautiful. Our annual Singing 2pre- valuable addition to the team, contributing to the Training Choir's success. Junior Choir Training Choir are also lucky to work with our volunteer Mary, their pianist, who has been a success of our outreach workshops in local schools and the staff team leading on all this. Our Training Choir continues to thrive with steadily increasing numbers, a testament to the

tion has yielded wonderful results. achievement for Farham Youth Choir. Our young voices have flourished, and their dedica- I am delighted to report that the past year has been a remarkable journey of growth and

3. Activities Report from Patrick Barrett

8. A schools workshop fund, to enable members of the FYC music team to offer work- shops to local Farham schools; current value £933.

£7,822; and

7. A tour fund which allows us to manage cash flow issues associated with large budget tours and also to provide an overall subsidy for tours where required; current value

6. An alumni fund to fund potential future alumni activities; current value £266;

disadvantage; current value £10,442;

5. The bursary fund which funds singers across all three choirs who are facing financial

4. A vocal coach fund; current value £4,076;

3. The Friends of FYC fund to support FYC tours; current value £8,822;

2. a fundraising and marketing fund to develop FYC's fundraising and marketing

1. a general fund for the day-to-day operation of the choir; current value £19,420;

FYC currently has eight separate funds:

the year and wish our Seniors 'good luck' for their exciting summer tour. and will be a wonderful way to bring all our singers and their families together to celebrate Our 2023-24 season will culminate in a concert at St Andrew's Garrison Church in Aldershot

choirs and celebrate everyone involved with FYC. Over the past four decades and also to the many volunteers who have worked to turn those ambitions into reality for our singers. Next March's celebration concert will showcase our and testament to the dedicated musicians who have been ambitious for our young people Holy Trinity Square to celebrate 40 years of FYC. This is a remarkable achievement Looking ahead to 2024, we are excited to be taking all three choirs, plus our alumni voices to

As well as our usual programme of Christmas concerts our choir will be out in the community this festive season and appearing at a number of local events as we strive to raise awareness of FYC and work more closely with local charitable organisations.

anniversary.
upcoming 2023-24 season continues this trend as we look forward to celebrating our 2022-23 saw FYC's calendar of performances and events fill up again post pandemic and the

Thank you for your unwavering support.

our community. Youth Choirs continue to grow, nurturing young talent and fostering a love for music within five parents, volunteers and committed trustees for making this year so special. Farrahnam In conclusion, I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated members, staff team, support-

As we look ahead, the coming year promises to be even more exciting, with our focus on celebrating our 40th anniversary in London and embarking on an epic trip to New Zealand.

form in such a magnificent space and witness our young talents thrive. The annual Yehudi Menuhin Hall concert was a breathtaking experience, allowing us to per-

and this was recognised by the panels with us achieving first place and gold medals at both performances in both Hull and Provence. Our choir truly shone, performing exceptionally well. The Senior Choir's crowning achievement this year was our triumphant competition performance.

made it work and our Xmas concert there was lovely.

ing hard, to build on the successes of last year's competitions. The experiences and memories our singers will bring home from this tour will stay with them forever.

As well as our choirs, activities, we will be continuing our programme of schools workshops during this coming academic year. Funding permitting, our music team will visit local primary schools to work across different year groups offering workshops. We have also successfully trialled a CPD session for local primary school music leads as part of our ambition to support music education in our local schools. We are also planning our third singing spree, now a regular fixture in the summer for Farinham's primary schools; a joyous and music-filled morning of singing and movement for year 2 school children.

FYC is a family of choirs, and our singers, musicians, staff, volunteers and their families remain part of that family for the rest of their lives. We look forward to a year where we celebrate those bonds and the joy of the music that brought us together and keeps us together.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

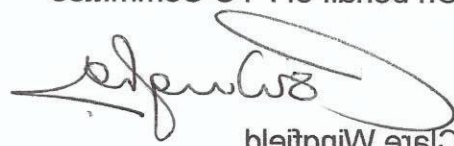
FYC is a registered charity and all activities are planned and implemented under the control of a Management Committee. This includes all arrangements for rehearsals, concerts, tours, recordings and control of finance and expenditure. The Committee usually meets twice every term. It comprises a Chair, Treasurer and other trustees, supported by a paid Operations Manager. The trustees are joined by Management Officers who are appointed to specific roles and provide support and feedback to the trustees.

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Statement of receipts and payments - year ended 31 August 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £ 2022\23	Total £ 2021\22
Receipts				
Subscriptions	29,412	3,462	32,874	32,182
Gift Aid Receipts	-	-	-	1,321
Fundraising	129	4,269	4,398	1,883
Donations	234	8,291	8,525	12,493
Sponsorship	-	-	-	1,200
Patrons	2,860	-	2,860	2,122
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
	32,632	16,022	48,654	63,260
Payments				
Fees (Directors and Accompanists)	23,222	2,320	25,542	22,828
Concerts (net)	1,892	-	1,892	(2,289)
Singing Space & workshops	-	2,918	2,918	1,926
Rent	3,392	-	3,392	2,289
Uniforms, net of receipts	(222)	-	(222)	822
Bank charges	290	-	290	1,221
Administration	12,182	4,114	16,296	12,242
Music & Commissions	1,126	-	1,126	3,306
Marketing	-	829	829	2,429
Tours (net)	2,632	2,222	4,854	3,823
Equipment	-	-	-	13
Miscellaneous	309	-	309	268
	20,636	12,486	33,122	26,924
Net receipts \ (payments)	(18,001)	239	(17,762)	6,286
Transfers to \ (from) funds	-	-	-	-
Surplus \ (deficit) for the year	(18,001)	239	(17,762)	6,286

Co-Chair of Trustees
Clare Wingfield



On behalf of FYC Committee

Statement of assets & liabilities - year ended 31 August 2023				
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	Total £
Funds reconciliation				
Cash at bank 31.8.22	40,658	12,049	22,927	22,927
Surplus \ (deficit) for the year	(18,001)	239	(12,462)	6,286
Cash at bank 1.9.22	28,659	10,210	22,927	68,223
Current assets				
Equipment			1,900	1,900
Music library			5,000	5,000
Cash at bank			22,927	22,927
			61,227	28,039
Unrestricted funds				
General fund			19,420	32,547
Restricted funds				
Marketing fund			9,627	8,298
Friends of FYC fund			8,822	14,100
Vocal coach fund			4,076	5,446
Bursary fund (Big Give & others)			10,442	10,398
CPS bursary fund			-	5,265
Alumni fund			566	-
Tour fund			2,822	4,084
Schools workshops fund			933	1,404
			61,227	28,039

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Farham Youth Choir

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Farham Youth Choir ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 August 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(d) 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 any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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Date: 24 November 2023