

The Sussex Harmonisers

Registered Charity 1146107

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2025

TRUSTEES

Trustees throughout the year:

Andrew Heap

Theresa Halsey

David Waterhouse

Trustee during the year:

Lynne Tremlett (resigned at the AGM on 22nd September 2025)

Appointed as a Trustee at the AGM on 22nd September 2025:

Jane Groves

ADDRESS for Administrative purposes:

40 Mackie Avenue, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8NN

Rehearsals are normally held in Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

- a) To advance, improve, develop and maintain the education of adults in barbershop and a cappella harmony in quartet and chorus form by such means as the Trustees deem fit;
- b) To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects in particular but not exclusively by the presentation of public concerts and recitals;
- c) To further such charitable purpose or purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit through making grants and donations.

MANAGEMENT

The ruling body of the Club is The Board of Directors and all authority for the business of the Club is vested in it. This authority may be delegated from time to time as the Board sees fit. The members of the Board are the elected Trustees of the Club.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The attached financial results for the year to 31st July 2025 were presented and approved at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd September 2025.

At that meeting, the Treasurer, David Waterhouse presented his report. The key points are shown below.

He confirmed that our finances were satisfactory and would be looking even better when some additional expected income was received.

In the year:

Income from Membership subscriptions increased to £15,415 from £14,790 in the previous year. We are not proposing to change subscription rates. We need to spend additional time, energy and money on recruitment activities to grow our membership.

We received a £5,000 grant from The Postcode Community Trust.

We claimed and received Gift Aid relating to 2020/21; the amount we received was £2,282 including £221 interest.

We were keen to encourage members of our male chorus, Sussex Kings of Harmony, to attend the annual Convention of the British Association of Barbershop Singers in Bournemouth in May 2025 and were able to pay the Weekend registration fees for those that attended from grant receipts.

The Concert in October 2024 generated a surplus of £848 (income of £1,951 less expenses of £1,103). Other Concerts – including our annual Sing with Us for Christmas December event and the joint concert with the local U3A choir in June – were more concerned with the public education and appreciation aspects of our charitable purposes than with generating funds for the club.

The “Auction of Promises” Fund raising event in June 2025 generated a surplus of £1,915.

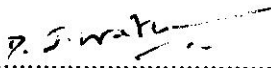
No sponsorship donations were received in 2024/25 or 2023/24.

Overall, Receipts exceeded Payments by £5,093 and we ended the year with £12,369 in the bank.

After the year-end, we submitted the claim for Gift Aid relating to 2021/22 – we received that cash (£2,921 including interest) in August – as we prepare our Accounts on a Cash basis, that amount is not included in the 24/25 figures. Further claims will be made to bring us up to date.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Following the AGM, the accounts have been independently reviewed by Robert McDowell, FCA (Retired) – his report is attached.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees  Date 20 May 2026
David Waterhouse FCMA (Retired)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024/25
Receipts and Payments

All in £	Year to 31 July 2025	Year to 31 July 2024
INCOME RECEIPTS		
Membership Fees/Subscriptions	15,415	14,790
Gift Aid Received	2,061	0
Fundraising Events	1,915	70
Grants and Sponsorship	5,000	0
Concert/Show Income	1,951	0
Performance Income	2,275	2,695
Other Income incl Easyfundraising & Interest	551	350
Total Income	29,168	17,905
DIRECT CHARITABLE PAYMENTS		
Rehearsal Space Hire	4,567	5,739
Concert/Show Expenses	1,103	0
Convention Expenses	2,925	0
Equipment & Uniforms	784	390
Insurance and Membership (BABS & Making Music)	2,450	2,536
Chorus Directors	9,242	10,245
Coaching, Music Copyright & Tracks	605	1,371
Marketing & Publicity	755	735
Other Expenditure	1,644	325
Total Expenditure	24,075	21,341
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) £	5,093	(3,436)

Cash Movement Summary

Balance at bank carried forward from previous year	7,276	10,712
Surplus/(Loss) for year	5,093	(3,436)
	12,369	7,276
Balance on Current Account at Bank	3,681	887
Balance on Deposit Account at Bank	8,542	6,389
DDs wrongly charged in July '25 (cash returned in August '25)	146	0
Total Funds £	12,369	7,276

Our Accounts are normally prepared on a Cash basis, using bank transaction dates.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Sussex Harmonisers

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1146107

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2025.

**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:

Robert E McDowell

Date:

20th May 2026

Name:

Robert E McDowell

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

FCA (Retired)

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