

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020
FOR
WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objects ('the objects') are

- (1) For the public benefit to promote the education (including singing, music and social training) of boys and young men centred in Warwickshire in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by working with Warwickshire Music, schools and community organisations to ensure open access to all boys and young men who aspire to choral singing.
- (2) To promote public appreciation of choral singing by its study and practice by boys and young men in Warwickshire and by its public

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Singing together enables the boys to work together as a team, supporting and relying on one another. A sense of community and belonging is created. The act of singing supports cognitive functions such as language, maths and problem solving and encourages better memorisation, self-control and emotional regulation. Participating in weekly rehearsals, singing days and competitions are the primary mechanisms of offering these benefits to the boys and young men

Public benefit is also achieved through the promotion of public appreciation of choral singing through concerts and concert tours. It shaped our annual planning of a cycle of concerts, singing competitions, concert tours and other events during the year until interruption by the pandemic in March 2020.

A singing day to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Leamington Town with Samur in France at Leamington Town Hall was held in the first few weeks of term with The Choristers performing, partly in French, for amassed dignitaries from both sides of the Channel.

The Choristers and Male Voices were invited to sing in a recording at English National Opera of a Christmas Number 1 attempt to raise money and awareness for the homeless charity Shelter. The recording was of "A place to call home" a new song by Wolfe and was sung by Lesley Garret, Bryn Terfel and Alice Coote and accompanied by the English National Opera Orchestra. Immediately afterwards, the Choristers had their annual day camp at Rough Close Scout Camp where they recorded their entry for the BBC Choir of the Year - as well as orienteering, cavediving and rock climbing.

At Christmas, the choirs sang in the new Warwick Hall, Warwick School as part of Warwickshire Music's Winter Wonderland. We are always grateful to our partners Warwickshire Music for their supportive partnership. The Choristers held their own carols by candlelight concert, an event at which they were accompanied for the first time by an orchestra.

In the Spring Term, a singing activity day was held to ready the Choristers for their Music for Youth Primary Prom performances. Despite reaching the National Music for Youth final in all bar one of the past 13 seasons, this was the first time the Choristers had been invited to perform at this event. The boys were to perform a set of pieces on the theme of "A Seachange for Boys' Singing" in two concerts on the stage of Birmingham's world-famous Symphony Hall - to over 5000 school children from across the region.

By late March, looking forward to our Music for Youth and BBC Choir of the Year competition performances and preparing for a first collaborative concert with the National Youth Choir in Warwick Arts Centre's Butterworth Hall, the Pandemic prevented that term's rehearsals. The Trust took action very quickly, cancelling rehearsals a week before the national lockdown commenced on March 23rd and preparing for an implementing online rehearsal using Zoom from that first day of the national lockdown. A new online safeguarding policy was adopted to ensure the safety of the boys.

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Across the year the music team ran a variety of online rehearsals, adapting to the changing needs of the boys. They started as traditional sessions and developed over the year from traditional rehearsals - with a warm-up, new music, musicianship and a favourite. As a thank you to our boys, and to meet their needs, we ran small-group sessions during the school holidays and into the summer holidays. To adapt to the rapidly changing situation, a traffic light system was implemented (red, online-only; orange, hybrid online with restrictions; yellow, hybrid online without restrictions; green, traditional rehearsals) to ensure that sessions were quickly optimised and the boys maintain as many benefits as possible.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Matters

The principal source of funds is subscriptions, donations at concerts, funds from raffles and individual donations. We also receive financial support from the Arts Council through Warwickshire Music. We have made some grant funding applications using the services of a professional fundraiser.

Primary expenditure has been on service contracts for the musicians and administrator, tour expenses, a fundraiser, bursaries, concert venues and music. These are central aspects of both the education of the boys and young men involved in the choirs and also enable public appreciation of the choral music that is produced.

The charity has service contracts with three members of the music team, the fundraiser and the administrator.

When the Pandemic hit in March, Trustees agreed to replace our usual annual subscription with a Pay What You Can When You Can scheme to ensure that all the boys and young men could continue to benefit from the charity. An emergency budget was implemented, prioritising maintaining our adapted online delivery for our members whilst honouring our contractual obligation to our freelancers. Other support was received via a COVID emergency grant from Arts Council England.

Future plans

The future is uncertain, but the Warwickshire Choristers family is strong and intends to continue its mission of providing national open-access musical education in a nurturing and friendly environment to lay the foundation of a lifelong passion for singing, music and the arts. A major development is planned to begin a choir for girls to offer benefits to other pupils in the area and to enrich the work of the boys' choirs.

Through the Pandemic, children have been missing essential elements of learning and living. The work of Choristers going forward will help with the lifting of spirits and the creation of positive relationships. We look forward to happier times.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charity works in partnership with Warwickshire Music and is a participant in the Warwickshire Music Hub.

There is a child protection policy in place. Disclosure Barring Service checks are carried out on all trustees, members of the music team and volunteers who have contact with members of the choirs supported by the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefit.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1150219

Principal address

133 Cubbington Road
Leamington Spa
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Trustees

C Edwards (resigned 1.9.19)
J Dibb
N Hodges
Mrs S Chettle-Gibrat
Ms H Somerfield
Ms A Lole Trustee (appointed 18.3.20)
Ms L Adams Trustee (appointed 28.6.20)
Ms V Hill Trustee (appointed 28.6.20)
A Chandler Trustee (appointed 1.12.19) (resigned 12.1.21)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

jeremy dibb

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J Dibb - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Warwickshire Choristers

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Warwickshire Choristers (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Adrian Borg
Adrian Borg (May 11, 2021 14:32 GMT+1)

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		26,434	14,140	40,574	36,235
Charitable activities	2	3,170	-	3,170	13,609
Total		29,604	14,140	43,744	49,844
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		4,644	-	4,644	3,682
Charitable activities		24,631	17,020	41,651	43,840
Total		29,275	17,020	46,295	47,522
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		329	(2,880)	(2,551)	2,322
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		10,392	2,880	13,272	10,950
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,721	-	10,721	13,272

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		24,234	3,000	27,234	25,647
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(13,513)	(3,000)	(16,513)	(12,375)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>10,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,721</u>	<u>13,272</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>10,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,721</u>	<u>13,272</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>10,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,721</u>	<u>13,272</u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				10,721	10,392
Restricted funds				-	2,880
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>10,721</u>	<u>13,272</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

jeremy dabb
jeremy dabb (May 11, 2021 14:17 GMT+1)

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J Dabb - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Events and tours	<u>3,170</u>	<u>13,609</u>

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>16,513</u>	<u>12,375</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,392	329	10,721
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	2,880	(2,880)	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,272</u>	<u>(2,551)</u>	<u>10,721</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	29,604	(29,275)	329
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	14,140	(17,020)	(2,880)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,744</u>	<u>(46,295)</u>	<u>(2,551)</u>

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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,980	4,412	10,392
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	4,970	(2,090)	2,880
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,950</u>	<u>2,322</u>	<u>13,272</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,964	(42,552)	4,412
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	2,880	(4,970)	(2,090)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,844</u>	<u>(47,522)</u>	<u>2,322</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,980	4,741	10,721
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	4,970	(4,970)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,950</u>	<u>(229)</u>	<u>10,721</u>

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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	76,568	(71,827)	4,741
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	17,020	(21,990)	(4,970)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>93,588</u>	<u>(93,817)</u>	<u>(229)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2020.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	32,056	17,914
Gift aid	-	6,197
Subscriptions	8,518	12,124
	40,574	36,235
Charitable activities		
Events and tours	3,170	13,609
Total incoming resources	43,744	49,844
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Other costs	46	349
Fundraising costs	4,598	3,333
	4,644	3,682
Charitable activities		
Musician fees	28,770	26,270
Music costs	370	188
Training and CPD	-	500
Event costs	644	2,004
Tour costs	1,078	7,311
Administration	9,707	4,680
Postage and stationery	124	142
Sundries	204	496
Website costs	-	140
	40,897	41,731
Finance		
Bank charges	304	319
Governance costs		
Governance costs	450	1,440
DBS Checks	-	350
	450	1,790
Total resources expended	46,295	47,522
Net (expenditure)/income	(2,551)	2,322

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements