

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021
FOR
WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. 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 all young people, 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 performance.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and this has shaped our annual planning of a cycle of concerts, singing competitions, concert tours and other events.

Participating in weekly rehearsals, singing days and competitions are the primary mechanisms of educating boys and young men in singing, music and social training. The promotion of public appreciation of choral singing is delivered through concerts and concert tours. This has been challenged by COVID but we were quick to respond in implementing a traffic-light approach to rehearsals and decisions as to whether performances would go ahead.

To improve equality, we introduced a Junior Girls Choir to join our three choirs (the Warwickshire County Boys Choir, Warwickshire Choristers and County Male Voices) supported by the Charity performed both online and in-person throughout the year.

We continue to recruit children from schools across Warwickshire and Coventry, and the choirs include children aged from 7 to 21 who regularly participate in rehearsals, concerts and competitions.

This year the Choristers competed in the digital regional heats of Music for Youth competition and received an excellent response.

Volunteers make a significant contribution in terms of supporting rehearsals, concerts, events and concert tours. Most of the volunteers are parents of boys in the choir. All volunteers are provided with a handbook and are DBS checked. We are grateful for all the support of the volunteers. The Trustees would like, especially, to acknowledge and celebrate the time and energy of Jeremy Dibb who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help our charity continue during these changing times.

We are fortunate that rehearsal space is provided free of charge by The Emscote School in Warwick.

The Charity has the policy to support the costs of membership, participating in competitions and concert tours for those families who are unable to find the necessary finances for the costs of these events.

We are extremely grateful for the support of the trusts and foundations who have been generous in their flexibility around grant criteria at this difficult time and we were exceptionally pleased to receive support from Arts Council England through their Emergency and Cultural Recovery Fund responses to COVID.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Charity continues in its special relationship with a local community organisation - Emscote School - that engages primarily with 8-13-year-olds hard to reach young people who are on the margins of getting involved in anti-social behaviour or are at risk of becoming excluded from school. The Emscote School kindly provides space for rehearsals and storage and members of the Charity provide a range of support for the school. Our particular achievements during the past year was our speedy adaptation to the changing COVID lockdown, our embracing of digital, hybrid and in-person rehearsals when possible via our traffic light scheme and keeping singing alive in Warwickshire.

We have also secured a tender from Warwickshire Music Education Hub for the delivery of singing workshops for the whole of Warwickshire - Warwickshire Sings! – a creative project which aims to kick-start singing across the County in which we operate as well as moving things forward into the following years. The programme sees us reaching over 1400 children in the school year via fortnightly workshops and will culminate in a concert at Warwick Arts Centre's Butterworth Hall.

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 young people 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 2020, Trustees agreed to continue 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, prioritizing maintaining our adapted online delivery for our members whilst honoring 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 continue to expand our new choir for girls to Senior girls in order 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
Warwickshire
CV32 7AP

Trustees

J Dibb
N Hodges
Mrs S Chettle-Gibrat
Ms H Somerfield
Ms A Lole Trustee
Ms L Adams Trustee
Ms V Hill Trustee

Independent Examiner

Lisa Southwell FCCA
Director
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29/6/22

Approved by order of the board of trustees onand 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 2021.

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.



Lisa Southwell FCCA
Director

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Date: 29/6/2022

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		27,468	4,000	31,468	40,574
Charitable activities	2	<u>7,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,728</u>	<u>3,170</u>
Total		35,196	4,000	39,196	43,744
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		1,900	-	1,900	4,644
Charitable activities		35,329	4,000	39,329	41,651
Total		<u>37,229</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>41,229</u>	46,295
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,033)	-	(2,033)	(2,551)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		10,721	-	10,721	13,272
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>8,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,688</u>	<u>10,721</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		12,201	10,000	22,201	27,234
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(3,513)	(10,000)	(13,513)	(16,513)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>8,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,688</u>	<u>10,721</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>8,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,688</u>	<u>10,721</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>8,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,688</u>	<u>10,721</u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				8,688	10,721
Restricted funds				-	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>8,688</u>	<u>10,721</u>

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

.....
J Dibb - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Events and tours	<u>-</u>	<u>3,170</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	<u>13,513</u>	<u>16,513</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.21
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£
General fund	10,721	(2,033)	8,668
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,721</u>	<u>(2,033)</u>	<u>8,688</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,196	(37,229)	(2,033)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	4,000	(4,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,196</u>	<u>(41,229)</u>	<u>(2,033)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,392	329	10,721
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	2,880	(2,880)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,272</u>	<u>(2,551)</u>	<u>10,721</u>

Comparative 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)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,744</u>	<u>(46,295)</u>	<u>(2,551)</u>

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

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,392	(1,704)	8,668
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	2,880	(2,880)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,272</u>	<u>(4,584)</u>	<u>8,668</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	64,800	(66,504)	(1,704)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	18,140	(21,020)	(2,880)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>82,940</u>	<u>(87,524)</u>	<u>(4,584)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	31,468	32,056
Gift aid	-	-
Subscriptions	<u>7,728</u>	<u>8,518</u>
	39,196	40,574
Charitable activities		
Events and tours	<u>-</u>	<u>3,170</u>
Total incoming resources	39,196	43,744
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Other costs	-	46
Fundraising costs	<u>1,900</u>	<u>4,598</u>
	1,900	4,644
Charitable activities		
Musician fees	28,700	28,770
Music costs	-	370
Training and CPD	-	-
Event costs	413	644
Tour costs	-	1,078
Administration	9,032	9,707
Postage and stationery	208	124
Sundries	-	204
Website costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	38,353	40,897
Finance		
Bank charges	84	304
Governance costs		
Governance costs	792	450
DBS Checks	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>892</u>	<u>450</u>
Total resources expended	<u>41,229</u>	<u>46,295</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(2,033)</u>	<u>(2,551)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements