

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1150219

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022  
FOR  
WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS**

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**WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. 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 rehearsals, singing days and competitions are the primary mechanisms of educating our young people 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 stability, we tendered for Warwickshire Sings! a county wide in-school singing programme run which we run for Warwickshire Music Education Hub. This programme has massively expanded the reach of high-quality singing across the county, allowing us to reach 40 schools in this its first year, offer CPD sessions for 40 teachers and trial additional area-based first access choirs in four areas of the county.

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.

Volunteers make a significant contribution in terms of supporting rehearsals, concerts, events and concert tours. Most of the volunteers are parents of the choir members. All volunteers are provided with a handbook and are DBS checked. We are grateful for all the support of the volunteers.

We are fortunate that we have formed a partnership with Warwick Schools Foundation to provide fantastic rehearsal and concerting space free of charge. We are extraordinarily grateful for this generous support.

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 which is part of a wider commitment to open-access.

The Charity would like to express its sincere thanks to Dr Benjamin Hamilton for spearheading our COVID recovery and tendering for the Warwickshire Sings! programme to diversify our organisation's income stream and future stability. Thanks also to Beth Thompson our Administrator and Jeremy Dibb for taking on the role to formally leading the Girl's Choir

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 continued support from Arts Council England.

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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 members of the music team, the fundraiser and the administrator.

The post pandemic situation continues to evolve and the Trustees continue to work with the Artistic Director to plan strategically for the uncertain future.

**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. We will continue our in-school work next year with even more schools and will work towards having more generated income from subscriptions as we work out of the pandemic.

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 Warwick Schools Foundation 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  
Director  
Southwell Associates Limited - a company registered in England and Wales, registered number 07082965. Higher  
Deerfold Farm  
Deerfold,  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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A Lole – Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS**

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**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 2022.

**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  
Director

Southwell Associates Limited  
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SY7 0EE

Date: .....

**WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS**

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

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	<b>2022 Total funds £</b>	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		<b>7,381</b>	<b>50,800</b>	<b>58,181</b>	31,468
Charitable activities	2	<u><b>7,717</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>7,717</b></u>	<u>7,728</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,098</b>	<b>50,800</b>	<b>65,898</b>	39,196
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		<b>820</b>	-	<b>820</b>	1,900
Charitable activities		<b>16,017</b>	<b>50,800</b>	<b>66,817</b>	39,329
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>16,837</b></u>	<u><b>50,800</b></u>	<u><b>67,637</b></u>	<u>41,229</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(1,739)</b>	-	<b>(1,739)</b>	(2,033)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<b>8,688</b>	-	<b>8,688</b>	10,721
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><b>6,949</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>6,949</b></u>	<u>8,688</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	<b>2022 Total funds £</b>	2021 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>18,674</b>	-	<b>18,674</b>	22,201
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	<b>(11,725)</b>	-	<b>(11,725)</b>	(13,513)
		<u>6,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,949</u>	<u>8,688</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>6,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,949</u>	<u>8,688</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>6,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,949</u>	<u>8,688</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>6,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,949</u>	<u>8,688</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	5				
Unrestricted funds				<b>6,949</b>	8,688
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>6,949</u>	<u>8,688</u>

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

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J Dibb - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



## WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS

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

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#### 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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Events and tours	<u>258</u>	<u>413</u>

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**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

**4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	<u>11,725</u>	<u>13,513</u>

**5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.21	Net movement in funds 31.8.22	At
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,688	(1,739)	6,949
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>8,688</u>	<u>(1,739)</u>	<u>6,949</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	15,098	(16,837)	(1,739)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	50,800	(50,800)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>65,898</u>	<u>(67,637)</u>	<u>(1,739)</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 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	10,721	(2,033)	8,688
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,721</u>	<u>(2,033)</u>	<u>8,688</u>

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

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

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

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	10,721	(3,772)	6,949
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,721</u>	<u>(3,772)</u>	<u>6,949</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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	50,294	(54,066)	(3,772)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	54,800	(54,800)	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>105,094</u>	<u>(108,866)</u>	<u>(3,772)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	58,181	31,468
Gift aid	-	-
Subscriptions	<u>7,423</u>	<u>7,728</u>
	<b>65,604</b>	39,196
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Events and tours	<u>294</u>	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>65,898</b>	39,196
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Other costs	-	-
Fundraising costs	<u>820</u>	<u>1,900</u>
	<b>820</b>	1,900
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Musician fees	53,905	28,770
Music costs	-	-
Training and CPD	295	-
Event costs	258	413
Tour costs	-	-
Administration	11,204	9,032
Postage and stationery	620	208
Sundries	-	-
Website costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>66,282</b>	38,353
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	93	84
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Governance costs	342	792
DBS Checks	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>442</u>	<u>892</u>
Total resources expended	<u>67,637</u>	<u>41,229</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u><b>(1,739)</b></u>	<u><b>(2,033)</b></u>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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