

GEM CONNECTION LADIES BARBERSHOP HARMONY CHORUS

England & Wales · Charity number 1152040

Details

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| Other names | GEM CONNECTION |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | Other |
| Registered | 2013-05-15 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ("THE OBJECTS") ARE TO ADVANCE, IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN AND APPRECIATION OF THE ART AND SCIENCE OF BARBERSHOP SINGING IN ALL ITS ASPECTS BY THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC BARBERSHOP CONCERTS AND THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Activities: To preserve the style and to encourage the singing of barbershop harmony, both in chorus and quartet. To promote friendship through harmony. To advance, improve and maintain public education in an appreciation of the art and science of barbershop singing in all its aspects by the presentation of public barbershop concerts and the provision of educational workshops for members of the public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire
- Leicestershire
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-09-30 | £26,578 | £15,365 | - | - |
| 2023-09-30 | £22,056 | £32,777 | - | - |
| 2022-09-30 | £22,459 | £24,546 | - | - |
| 2021-09-30 | £6,236 | £6,791 | - | - |
| 2020-09-30 | £24,819 | £15,625 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------|-------|------------|
| Paula Wright | Chair | 2022-12-15 |
| Catharine Warner | | 2022-12-15 |
| Deborah Bottomley | | 2020-12-17 |
| Debra Merry- Brentnall | | 2024-11-28 |
| Delyth Knight | | 2023-12-14 |
| Eve Blunt | | 2024-11-28 |
| Georgina Gascoigne | | 2020-12-17 |
| HELEN MARGARET GASKELL | | 2018-11-29 |
| Julia Burns | | 2024-11-28 |
| Sarah Streater | | 2023-12-14 |

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Accounts

GEM Annual Report

This report is for the financial year 2023-4

Charitable Aims and Objectives of GEM Connection:

The aims of the Club are to preserve the style and to encourage the singing of barbershop harmony, both in chorus and quartet; and to promote friendship through harmony.

The objectives of the charity are to advance, improve and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of barbershop singing in all its aspects by the presentation of public barbershop concerts and the provision of educational workshops for members of the public.

How we have achieved this:-

The year 2023-4 has been a busy one for GEM Connection.

We spent the year focusing on continuing to improve the quality of music, singing, and performance in line with the Barbershop style, focused in a weekend retreat, where we invited a national Barbershop coach to work with us on all these aspects.

We consolidated our membership, and worked at promoting friendship through harmony by consulting the membership on how we could work together better, which resulted in the generation of new ideas and a GEM charter.

We performed at several venues, including the Manchester Annual Choral Competition in March, as well as other local venues.

We organised and held a 'Come and Sing' course for the local community to highlight the special characteristics of Barbershop singing, as well as holding various Open rehearsals.

We have also formed a special Recruitment sub group whose role is to promote the art and science of barbershop to the general public.



Paula Wright

Chairperson on behalf of the trustees

March 2025

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

| INCOME | 2024 | 2023 | |
|--|--------------|---------------|------|
| Membership Fees | 11224 | 12193 | 969 |
| Fundraising | 3505 | 6139 | |
| Gift Aid | 7548 | | |
| Singouts | 781 | 490 | |
| LABBS Grants | 260 | 100 | |
| Retreat 2024 | 1511 | | |
| Members Savings | 1135 | 2205 | |
| Convention 2023 | 389 | | |
| Donation (Diamond Cut) | | 815 | |
| Meals | 58 | | |
| Love To Sing Course | 110 | | |
| Bank Interest & Complaint | 57 | 114 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 26578 | 22056 | |
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| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Music Team Expenditure | 1190 | 8689 | 7499 |
| Hall Hire | 4260 | 5526 | |
| LABBS Membership Fees | 1836 | 2175 | |
| Riser/Van Hire & Storage | 1099 | 1080 | |
| Miscellaneous Costs | 924 | 478 | |
| Convention 2022 | | 2929 | |
| Convention 2023 | 257 | 6161 | |
| Convention 2025 | 1788 | | |
| Computer & Website Expenses | 510 | 406 | |
| Gifts | 459 | 632 | |
| Stationery | 89 | | |
| Advertising | 68 | 30 | |
| Risk Assessment Costs | | 6 | |
| Dress Committee Costs | 2220 | 4336 | |
| Members Savings | 665 | | |
| Meals | | 329 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 15365 | 32777 | |
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| EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME | 11213 | -10721 | |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FUNDRAISING

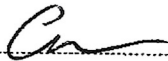
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| Bonus Ball | 400 |
| Games Nights | 628 |
| Tea/Coffee | 538 |
| Raffles | 324 |
| Easy Fundraising | 106 |
| Carol-Sale of Items from Summer Fayre | 72 |
| Sale of Purple Dresses | 89 |
| Sale of Silver Shoes | 50 |
| Sale of Purses | 20 |
| Codnor Fete Tombola | 167 |
| Auction | 834 |
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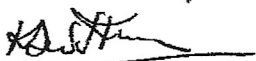
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| Coaching | 226 |
| Music Arranging Fees, Copyright & Permissions | 633 |
| Teach Tracks | 331 |
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| TOTAL | 1190 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| BANK AND CASH BALANCES | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Barclays Community Account | 13294 | 3395 |
| Barclays Business Premium Account | 1432 | 50 |
| Cash In Hand | 44 | 93 |
| | 14770 | 3538 |
| Note Gem Savings Fund holds | 1178 | 1287 |


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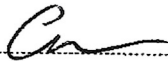
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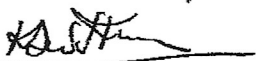
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