

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	
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	
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	11213	-10721	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FUNDRAISING

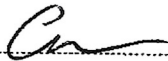
Bonus Ball	400
Games Nights	628
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Carol-Sale of Items from Summer Fayre	72
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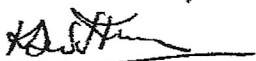
Coaching	226
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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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


.....Georgina Gascoigne - Treasurer

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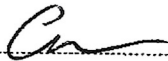
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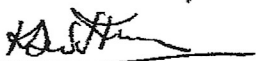
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