

Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
From		Period start date			To		Period end date	
		01	01	2023			31	12

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	London Welsh Rugby Club Choir		
Other names charity is known by	LWRCC		
Registered charity number (if any)	1160723		
Charity's principal address	Old Deer Park Sports Ground, Old Deer Park		
	187 Kew Road		
	Richmond, Surrey		
	Postcode	TW9 2AZ	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Martyn Jones	Chairman		
2	Harold Planche	Treasurer		
3	Philip Kevin Hughes	Concert Secretary		
4	Colin Robert Taylor	Secretary		
5	James Alexander Boyle			
6	Jonathon Peter Davies			
7	Stephen David McGrath			
8	William Barry Jones		22 nd January 2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Natwest Bank PLC	Moorgate Branch, PO Box 712, 94 Moorgate, London EC2M 6XT

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation of 45 members
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in April in accordance with the Constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

It is the policy of LWRCC to appoint Trustees who are mature individuals with considerable skills in management and marketing having qualifications and gained experience by holding responsible positions outside LWRCC.

LWRCC is a member of the National Federation of Music Societies (Making Music) who act as our Insurance Broker and also provide information and support regarding legal and artistic developments with regards to Music Societies.

LWRCC is associated with the London Welsh Rugby Club providing fund raising support to the Amateur section of that organisation and the London Welsh Trust by amongst other activities donating a prize to the runner up of the Young Welsh Singer of the Year and benefitting from the network of contacts provided by these two organisations.

The Trustees have monthly management meetings to consider prospective engagements and ensure that any risks are mitigated by obtaining deposits and ensuring that the costs associated with these engagements are matched with income derived from the engagements

Quarterly Accounts are prepared on an Accrual basis in order to monitor the financial condition of the Choir and are tabled and considered by the Management Committee and Trustees

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the LWRCC are:-

- 1)To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspect by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals with a focus on Welsh Choral Music;
- 2)To further such charitable purposes as the trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit but in particular through the making of grants and donations.

In planning our activities for the year, we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

The focus of our activities is to encourage the appreciation of Welsh Choral Music by giving regular concerts in support of many charitable causes and planning tours within the UK and Oversea to the same end.

We also provide Welsh Choral Music at formal ceremonies such as funerals, memorials and weddings of those who want such important ceremonies in the Welsh Idiom.

Through our contact in the Welsh Community being responsive to the needs of students of Welsh Music and other needful Welsh causes by making donations and supporting cultural events against strict criteria.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We performed at twelve engagements during the year, nine of these generated performance fees amounting to £12,050, which included our first self-promoted concert at Sherborne Abbey. Three were performed free of charge (Saturday Kitchen Live, Deer Park and Cardiff Cabaret). All these engagements incurred direct costs amounting to £9,196 which resulted in net concert Income of £2,854.

All of these activities promoted our objectives of developing and promoting public interest in Male Choral Music especially that in the Welsh Tradition and in the process raised funds for the many well deserving Charities which requested our services.

We visited Rome for the Italy/Wales Rugby 6 nations weekend in February performed on the pitch at the stadium before the game and also arranged a concert at the British Embassy in Rome – the week-end resulted in a deficit of £1,182.

We continued our monthly rehearsal schedule in the Welsh Presbytarian Church at Clapham Junction to polish up and extend our repertoire and we also had two recording sessions in order to produce a Video ,CD and MP3 for 2024 in order to improve our marketing and recruitment.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We currently hold cash at the bank of £36,505 all of which is in unrestricted funds. These funds are held in order to meet the costs of the 2024 tour of the Irish Tour to Cork and to invest in new audio and Video recordings which took place in November 23 but are not yet paid plus outstanding fees due to our Musical Director to be paid in early 2024. We also need to provide for running costs of the Choir, rehearsals, accompanists, hall hire and music costs and to finance the set-up costs for UK and future International Tours, to be able to make generous donations to selected worthy charities and to meet any unexpected costs which may occur in these uncertain financial times

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main sources of funds have been fees received our concert and social engagements activity in addition to these our members pay a membership subscription due in the calendar month of January

In addition the above we once more received a very generous donation from a friend of the Choir to encourage us in the pursuit of our traditional Choral activities Wales and South London.

Our Expenditure included a donation to support the Amateur Section of the London Welsh Rugby Club plus two donations to "Hidden Needs" and Sherborne Rotary from the proceeds generated from our self-promoted concert at Sherborne Abbey.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robert Martyn Jones	Harold Planche
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date		



Charity Name London Welsh Rugby Club Choir		No (if any) 1160723
Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	Period start date 1st January 2023	To Period end date 31st December 2023

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Concert Receipts	11,999	-	-	11,999	8,975
Membership Subscriptions	2,501	-	-	2,501	2,838
Donations Received	5,500	-	-	5,500	2,800
Interest Received	327	-	-	327	58
Receipts from Internet Downloads	-	-	-	-	86
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	20,327	-	-	20,327	14,757
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,327	-	-	20,327	14,757
A3 Payments					
Concert Fees paid to Professionals	1,370	-	-	1,370	2,068
UK Concerts Accommodation	840	-	-	840	46
UK Concerts: Travel Payments	3,070	-	-	3,070	319
UK Concerts: Presentations	-	-	-	-	153
UK Concerts: Hall Hire	755	-	-	755	-
UK Concerts: PRS Cost	200	-	-	200	-
UK Concerts: Other Costs	4	-	-	4	-
Overseas Tours:Hotels	6,847	-	-	6,847	10,945
Overseas Tours: Air Travel	156	-	-	156	4,183
Overseas Tours: Accomp Concert Fees	150	-	-	150	550
Overseas Tours: Local Travel etc	537	-	-	537	2,873
Overseas Tours: Choir Dinner	-	-	-	-	2,394
Overseas Tours: Match Tickets	-	-	-	-	2,561
Overseas Tours: Participants Contributions	- 7,411	-	-	- 7,411	- 19,133
Rehearsals: Accompanist Fees	1,245	-	-	1,245	1,440
Rehearsals: Hall Hire	1,170	-	-	1,170	1,440
Music Purchased	150	-	-	150	-
Choir Uniform: Payments less Contributions	467	-	-	467	1,194
Choir Uniform: Choir Ties	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Print and Stationery	542	-	-	542	528
Post Telephone & Internet System	600	-	-	600	278
Donation: London Welsh Rugby Club	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500
Recording Costs	790	-	-	790	337
Donation: London Welsh Minis Programme	150	-	-	150	-
Donation Sherborne Concert: Hidden Needs	700	-	-	700	-
Donation Sherborne Concert:S/Borne Rotary	700	-	-	700	-
Insurance Premium	200	-	-	200	190
Subscriptions	225	-	-	225	140
Other Costs	56	-	-	56	481
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,013	-	-	15,013	14,487
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,013	-	-	15,013	14,487
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,314	-	-	5,314	270
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,191	-	-	31,191	-
Cash funds this year end	36,505	-	-	36,505	270