



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/8/23

Period start date To 31/7/24

Period end date

Charity name: Keswick Choral Society

Charity registration number: 1161762

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the Trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals. To further such charitable purpose or purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit but in particular through the making of grants and donations.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities of the Charity are the performance of at least 2 public concerts a year plus participation in local church services and participation in community events.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have considered the guidance on public benefit in the operation of the Charity and its' activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Choral Society resumed rehearsals in September 2023 and performed 2 concerts in local venues – one at Christmas and one in April 2024. The choir also sang a dedication service at Grasmere church in October 23 and an Evensong service at Kendal Parish Church in May 24 as part of our ongoing programme to support the performance of church music in local parish churches in Cumbria.</p> <p>As part of our community engagement activities the choir took part in carol singing for the residents of a local charity and participated in the annual Keswick Christmas Tree Festival; and had a stall at the annual summer fete at St John's Keswick. 50% of the proceeds from the stall donated to St John's church. The retiring collection at the Christmas Concert raised £640 which was donated to 2 local food banks.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity started the year with a bank balance of £4,965. Overall, the Society made a loss for the year of £(513) . The loss was due to investment in goods which will be used in fund raising in 2024-25. The concerts made a profit overall which was a good result reflecting the increased efforts by members of the choir in selling concert tickets and raising £281 in sponsorship for the Spring Concert. The closing bank balance was £4,280.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not hold ring-fenced reserves. The only reserve is the cash in the bank account. The net assets at the end of the year were £5509 of which the main elements were cash; Gift Aid debtor of circa £701; and other debtors £642
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,280
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no issues in relation to going concern

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including	Para 1.47	The principal sources of funds are subscriptions paid by members and income raised from public concerts. The Society also received donations of
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any fundraising)		£652 during the year from choir members or patrons; a grant from Keswick town council of £883 and Gift Aid income of £701
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The main risks to the Charity in the future are:</p> <p>i) Sustaining choir numbers in all voice parts to continue to allow the choir to perform its' traditional repertoire.</p> <p>ii) Concert events generating a loss due to reduced audience numbers reflecting a general decline in public interest in traditional choral singing.</p> <p>The Trustees continue to review the risks and have put in place initiatives and actions to mitigate these risks to the viability and financial sustainability of the Choral Society.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution – available to view on Society website Keswick Choral Society - Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are drawn from members of the choir; and they are elected at the AGM by a vote of choir members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Keswick Choral Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1161762
Charity's principal address	From May 2022 Lamplugh Lodge, Lamplugh, Workington CA14 4TY

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	Helen Ball	Chair		
2	Joyce Berry	Secretary		
3	Alex Farrell	Treasurer		
4	Mary Cooke			
5	Janice Eldridge			
6	David Brown			
7	Anna Blackburn			
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

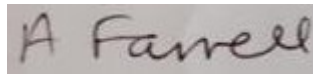
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Alexandra Mary Farrell

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

23 May 2025

KESWICK CHORAL SOCIETY

Reg Charity no 1161762

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2024

BALANCE SHEET	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets		0		0
Current Assets				
Debtors - Gift Aid	700.95		798.35	
Other Debtors	236.20		40.00	
Prepayments	406.72		358.24	
Cash in Bank	4,279.97		4,964.85	
Total Current Assets		5,623.84		6,161.44
Less Creditors				
Creditors	(114.99)		(100.00)	
Deferred Income	0.00		(40.00)	
Total Current Liabilities		(114.99)		(140.00)
Net Assets		5,508.85		6,021.44
Represented by				
Reserves Brought Forward		6,021.44		5,567.49
Movement in the year	(512.59)		453.95	
Total Charity Funds		5,508.85		6,021.44

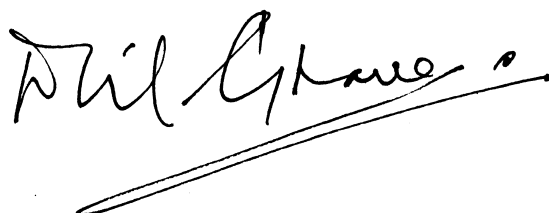
Notes to the Accounts

- The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis for the year from 2021-22 onwards. Previous to this the accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
- As the charity is a CIO with a turnover of less than £25,000 there is no requirement for an Independent Examination of the accounts. The Trustees, however, have arranged for an examination and report to provide assurance to members and be consistent with previous years.
- There were no related party transactions in 2020-21 or 2021-22.

Independent Review

I have examined the above accounts for the Keswick Choral Society and found them to be in agreement with the banks statements, records and invoices supplied to me,

DM Grave
Hon Auditor



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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2024

Statement of Financial Activities		2024	2024	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Subscriptions			3,680.00		3,380.00
Donations			2,257.27		1,827.50
Concert Receipts	Christmas	2,753.00		1,998.00	
	Spring	1,397.00		1,470.60	
	Evensong	45.00			
			<u>4,195.00</u>		<u>3,468.60</u>
Fundraising					
Gift Aid			700.95		800.56
Other			1,482.52		1,077.77
TOTAL INCOME			<u>12,315.74</u>		<u>10,554.43</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Concert Expenses	Christmas	2,561.49		1,929.12	
	Spring	1,872.36		1,650.60	
	Evensong	234.00		309.00	
		<u></u>	4,667.85		<u>3,888.72</u>
Musical Director Fees			3,770.00		3,200.00
Rehearsal Room Hire			1,374.00		894.00
Subscriptions			155.00		140.00
Insurance			49.00		46.00
Printing and Advertising			130.40		140.00
Music Hire and Performing Rites fees					590.92
Donations			82.50		0.00
Admin & other			2,599.58		1,200.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			<u>12,828.33</u>		<u>10,100.48</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			(512.59)		453.95