



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1.7.2022** Period start date To: **31.6.2023** Period end date

Charity name: **Ember Choral**

Charity registration number: **1162685**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the charity is to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of choral music in all its aspects by the presentation of public choral concerts and for such other purposes as shall be exclusively charitable as the Committee may from time to time decide.
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	<p>Provision of subsidised concerts of traditional choral music to the general public, usually, but not always, performed with a small professional orchestra and soloists.</p> <p>Provision of the opportunity to join a non-audition choir for anyone who wishes to come and enjoy choral singing, regardless of their ability.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have discussed, and understand, the principles of public benefit and how it applies to our charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have no paid staff so rely on volunteers to run our choir as Trustees and Committee members, and other members to perform important roles such as Librarian.
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>September 2022 saw a return to normal rehearsals and concerts. We had a very successful Xmas concert in December 2022 with a larger than expected audience</p> <p>We also invited members to a foodbank collection and this was very successful.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against	Para 1.41	
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objectives set		
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	<p>The choir remains financially stable and managed to make a very small (£98) surplus.</p> <p>Reserves remain at a good level and are monitored carefully by the Treasurer and Committee.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to hold a minimum of 6 months operating costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£17,131
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Two major factors influence our going concern status. One is the number of members and the annual fee they pay, the second is the financial cost of concerts determined by the amount of professional musicians involved and the size of the audience and the ticket price. This is all regularly reviewed and actions taken to mitigate any major risks.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Membership subscriptions</p> <p>Ticket sales</p>
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>Declining membership</p> <p>Declining audiences</p> <p>Increasing costs of orchestra and soloists</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Not applicable
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum & Articles of Association
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	This is all set out in our Mem & Arts. New officials are elected by the members at each AGM.

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	Ember Choral Society
Other name the charity uses	Ember Choral
Registered charity number	1162685
Charity's principal address	35 Leigh Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2LF

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	Linda Bridges			
2	Valerie Thompson	Treasurer		
3	Robert Cotterill			
4	Angela Springett		From 14.2.22	
5	John Alpass	Chairman	From 7.9.22	
6	Pat Price	Secretary	From 14.2.22	
7	Lesley Mitchell		From 14.2.22	
8	Jackie Allen			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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)

Valerie Thompson

Full name(s)

Valerie Thompson

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

3.2.24

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

2021/22

2022/23

£	INCOME	£
6,930	Membership subscriptions	6,760
187	Fundraising income	777
55	Donations	58
1,212	Recovery of Gift Aid	1,142
3,807	Concert Income	6,448
0	Interest (net of bank charges)	181
692	Music hire to choir	919
<u>12,883</u>		<u>16,285</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
5,955	Honoraria	5,900
1,089	Rehearsal hall	1,152
-14	Fundraising costs	56
7,558	Concert expenditure	7,297
183	MM, subs & insurance	186
677	Hire music costs	924
492	Administration and misc. exp	673
<u>15,940</u>		<u>16,187</u>
<u>-3,057</u>	Surplus for year	<u>98</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

20,091	Accumulated Fund as at 1 July 2022	17,033
-3,058	Surplus/(Deficit) for year	98
0	Creditors paid in advance	
0	Adjustment from previous year	
<u>17,033</u>	Accumulated Fund as at 30 June 2022	<u>17,131</u>

Represented by:

1	Investment	1
0	Gift Aid Recoverable	0
50	Debtors & advance payments	50
13,000	Savings Account	13,000
3,982	Bank current account	4,080
<u>17,033</u>		<u>17,131</u>

Liabilities

0	Creditors & prepayments	0
<u>17,033</u>		<u>17,131</u>

STATEMENT A - CONCERTS 2022/23

	December	March	June	Totals
	£		£	£
INCOME				
Tickets	2,320	1,236	1,810	5,366
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Interval drinks	276	0	173	449
Sponsor/grant	500	0	0	500
Programmes	73	0	60	133
Total	3,169	1,236	2,043	6,448
EXPENDITURE				
Professional Fees	3,870	700	1,470	6,040
Premises, staging etc.	331	100	450	881
Hire of scores	76	0	0	76
PRS	111	0	0	111
Bar/catering	21	35	0	56
Printing & Publicity	81	0	51	133
Total	4,491	835	1,971	7,297
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)				
As stated in the Income and Expenditure Account	-1,322	401	72	-849

VALERIE THOMPSON

Hon Treasurer

21 July 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

In my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and the supporting information in Statement A give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Ember Choral Society at 30 June 2023 and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Terry Price

Hon Independent Examiner