



Atherstone Choral Society CIO

(Registered Charity No 1163109)

Annual Report and Financial Statement

1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for Year Ending 31st July 2023

The Committee presents this report and the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31st July 2023 in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Aims and Objectives

Atherstone Choral Society CIO is established as a registered Charity No 1163109 .

It is governed by a Constitution which was adopted in July 2015 and is reviewed periodically. Its objectives are to “educate the public in the arts and sciences and particularly the arts and science of music”.

Structure, governance and management

Trustees of Atherstone Choral Society CIO

Jacqueline Albrighton	Chair	Section representatives:-	
Peter Raftery	Treasurer	Soprano	Susan Mustin
Elizabeth Powell	Concert Secretary	Alto	Kate Deeming
David Smith	Librarian	Tenor	Ruth Taylor
Rosemary Nicholls	Membership Secretary	Bass	Michael Enscolt
Clare Abbott	Fundraising and Sponsorship		

Membership is open to all sectors of the community with no previous experience other than a love of singing. The Society has maintained its membership with a regular attendance of 60 - 70 members each week.

The Society has welcomed audiences in all four of the concerts it performed in the last year, however the numbers have reduced since the Covid pandemic. The concert programme has been varied, the aim being to provide an eclectic range of music, both familiar and less well known to appeal to a wide audience.

The Society is keen to encourage the participation of all ages particularly young people, this was achieved by the involvement of soloists who participated in our concerts. Children under the age of 12 attending a concert with an adult are admitted free of charge.

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The Society is also a member of Making Music through which it arranges its insurance and pays its PRS fees.

Atherstone Choral Society CIO members meet weekly on Monday evenings during term time at Racemeadow Academy, Atherstone.

Review of developments, activities and achievement

The first Concert of the Financial year was held on 12th November 2022 at St Pauls Church Stockingford, Nuneaton. The choir performed Requiem, Ave Verum and Laudate Dominum by Mozart. We were accompanied by Stephen Hargreaves Organist and we were delighted to welcome soloists who included Alexandra Wynne Soprano, Charlotte Woodhead Alto, Dale Harris Tenor and Andrew Randall Bass.

The Society's Christmas Concert held on 11th December at Holy Trinity Church Hartshill was shared with Bedworth Brass Band. The programme consisted of well known and loved Carols which the audience were delighted to join in and Christmas themed music played and sung by the Band and Choir who were accompanied by our Accompanist Robert Ramskill.

The Choir were invited to participate the following evening at Astley Book Farm who held a week long Christmas Fayre and so some members accompanied by Robert Ramskill entertained the customers outside on a bitterly cold night, singing Carols and Christmas Music. We received a donation from the owners of the Book Farm.

The Choir had also been invited by the Atherstone Partnership to sing in Atherstone market square on 17th December. It was another cold and very damp evening and the members who arrived to sing faced empty stalls and square with just a few members of the public waiting. It was a disappointment but we sang some Carols to the small audience.

The Spring Concert was held on 1st April 2023 at St Paul's Church Stockingford and we were delighted to welcome familiar soloists, Alexandra Wynne Soprano, Rebecca Barry Alto (who replaced Charlotte Woodhead who was sadly ill), Dale Harris Tenor and Andrew Randall Bass. We were accompanied by David Rice Organist and performed Stabat Mater by Dvorak which was planned for 2020 and cancelled due to the Covid pandemic.

Our final Concert of the Financial Year was held on 1st July at Holy Trinity Church, Hartshill Nuneaton. The programme chosen was American Music, because the date was close to 4th July American Independence Day, an acknowledgement to the late Burt Bacharach and again to use the music arrangements planned for 2020.

Plans for the forthcoming year 2023 -2024 include an Autumn Concert in November at St Paul's Church, Stockingford Nuneaton. This concert will include music by John Rutter, Will Todd and Eric Whitacre.

The Society's Christmas Concert at St Nicolas Church Nuneaton will again be shared with Bedworth Brass Band. The following evening the choir will sing carols and a selection of Christmas music at St Mary's Church Atherstone.

The Spring Concert in 2024 will be held at St Paul's Church Stockingford Nuneaton in March, this will include The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins.

www.atherstonechoralsociety.uk

[Our website has a dedicated members' area which is a means of communication and information for members.](#)

There is also a plan to have a WhatsApp group which members can join if they wish. The website is also used to promote activities, advertise concerts and for the sale of concert tickets to the general public.

Financial Review

The good news is that the bank balances for the choir have increased by £2,126.98. This is mainly due to an increase in membership and an increase in fundraising. The total accumulated surplus on the 31st July 2023 is £11,420.60.

The Society's income from the concerts was £ 6,506,61. We are very grateful for sponsorship from LDJ Solicitors and ACSAP Building specialists. The expenditure amounted to £7,376.82. Breakdown for concert income and expenditure can be found on the Analysis worksheet.

The main source of revenue is from Members' subscriptions collected each term, each one of which is Gift Aided if the member is eligible. Members are encouraged to pay by bank transfer into our bank account.

In addition the Society's other means of fundraising are by the 100 Club, a book stall, weekly raffle, a "Mile of Bronze" where members donate their spare coppers, Easy Fundraising (a percentage return from online shopping), sales of greeting cards, rehearsal CDs and produce and weekly refreshments. A Quiz at a local hotel was held in the Summer and a further one is planned for the Autumn. The Fundraising Secretary also organises raffles at each concert.

Atherstone Choral Society CIO plan to have a stall at a local Garden Centre's Autumn Fayre to sell donated items of bric a brac, toys, books etc to raise funds and to promote the choir and our concerts.

The Fundraising and Sponsorship Secretary has a group of members who are keen to assist her in advertising and promoting the choir through the media and to look for sponsorship from local businesses.

Atherstone Choral Society CIO is conscious of safety for the members and the general public. Risk Management is carried out by the Stage Manager prior to each concert.

The Society has a GDPR policy in place in accordance with the latest legislation.

Reserves Policy

The aim of Atherstone Choral Society CIO is to maintain enough funds to ensure the Society is able to cover any concert abandonment which is held in the Business Money Maker account at HSBC.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

J Albrighton (Chair)

ATHERSTONE CHORAL SOCIETY CIO

The independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Atherstone Choral Society CIO

I report on the Receipts and Payment Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Trust for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993) and that an independent examination is sufficient.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43 (a) of the 1993 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act) ;and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act, and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L F Houghton MAAT



Dated: 7th September 2023

121 Edinburgh Road, Nuneaton, CV10 9FP

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Statement of Accounts for The Financial Year Ended 31st July 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Earmarked</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022/23</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2021/22</u>
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Member Subscriptions		8390.00		8390.00	7353.00
Friends membership		70.00		70.00	90.00
Concert income	1	6367.11		6367.11	4657.37
Sponsorship for concerts	1 & 4	350.00		350.00	375.00
Fundraising income	2	3671.02		3671.02	2497.52
Wardrobe, Pins & Pendants		120.50		120.50	269.50
Gift Aid	4	1191.02		1191.02	964.63
Donations	4	452.50		452.50	326.92
Theatre Trip		1909.00		1909.00	0.00
Workshop	3	0.00		0.00	0.00
Covid Grant from NWBC	4	0.00		0.00	750.00
Christmas money for Kevin & Bob	4	286.00		286.00	284.60
Administration	5	190.00		190.00	85.00
Bank Interest Received (savings a/c)	7	93.46		93.46	0.00
Total receipts 2022/23		23090.61		23090.61	17653.54
PAYMENTS					
Concert expenditure	1	5148.30		5148.30	5764.36
Musical Director	1	6710.02		6710.02	5882.80
Accompanist		3770.00		3770.00	4160.00
Rehearsal venue		1440.00		1440.00	1485.00
Fundraising	2	486.35		486.35	480.68
Wardrobe		330.00		330.00	175.30
Theatre Trip		1905.00		1905.00	0.00
Workshop		0.00		0.00	0.00
Gifts for auditor	4	13.90		13.90	45.50
Christmas Money for Kevin & Bob	4	286.00		286.00	290.00
Administration	5 & 6	874.06		874.06	939.56
Total payments		20963.63		20963.63	19223.20
Surplus (Deficit)for 2022/23		2,126.98		2,126.98	(1,569.66)
Brought fwd from 2021/22		9293.62		9293.62	10863.28
Carry fwd to 2023/24		11420.60		11420.60	9293.62

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Balance sheet
at 31st July 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Earmarked</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2022/2023</u>
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	6			
CURRENT ASSETS				
Current account (A/C 62051206)	7	897.98		897.98
Business Money Maker account (A/C 22119838)includes £93.46 of interest)	7	10498.38		10498.38
Cash in hand		24.24		24.24
Total current assets		11420.60	0.00	11420.60
Less cheques issued but not yet cashed				
Total net assets		11420.60	0.00	11420.60
Accumulated surplus 01/08/2022		9293.62		9293.62
Surplus 2022/2023		2126.98		2126.98
Accumulated surplus 31/07/2023		11420.60	0.00	11420.60

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2023

1. Summary of Concert Activities

Receipts

	November 22 Stockingford	Christmas 22 Hartshill	April 23 Stockingford	June 23 Hartshill	Total 22/23
Ticket sales	1312.00	1432.00	1026.00	1072.00	4842.00
Ticket sales via PayPal	187.48	363.77	46.72	93.64	691.61
Total Ticket Sales	1499.48	1795.77	1072.72	1165.64	5533.61
Programme sales	54.00	75.00	56.00	54.00	239.00
Refreshments	26.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.00
Music hire/printing to members	89.50	162.50	94.50	86.50	433.00
Sponsorship **	50.00	50.00	50.00	125.00	275.00
Total receipts	1718.98	2083.27	1273.22	1431.14	6506.61

Payments

	November 22 Stockingford	Christmas 22 Hartshill	April 23 Stockingford	June 23 Hartshill	Total 22/23
MD	429.50	429.50	429.50	429.50	1718.00
Accompanist	0.00	250.00	0.00	450.00	700.00
Venue hire	210.00	190.00	125.00	190.00	715.00
Printing / Music hire for members	86.00	217.73	80.00	45.00	428.73
Soloists/Musicians/Brass Band	1000.00	450.00	1300.00	250.00	3000.00
Gifts and Refreshments	34.48	11.96	41.80	29.25	117.49
Printing publicity and programmes	169.60	204.40	146.00	177.60	697.60
Total payments	1,929.58	1,753.59	2,122.30	1,571.35	7,376.82
Surplus (deficit) per Concert & overall	(210.60)	329.68	(849.08)	(140.21)	(870.21)

* The Rehearsal fees and Concert Fees for the MD and accompanist are shown separately, here and in the Expenditure Account

** Sponsorship is shown as Concert Income

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2. Fundraising

	<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
	£	£	£	£
Weekly raffle, books & garden produce	783.74		682.03	
100 Club	898.50	450.00	548.50	300.00
Refreshments at Racemeadow	344.05	36.35	120.86	
Mile of Bronze	227.70		100.00	
Christmas Hamper Raffle			355.00	89.88
Summer Hamper Raffle			355.00	90.80
3 Concert Raffles	775.80			
EasyFundraising/Amazon Smile	316.53		139.13	
Rehearsal CD sales	97.70		54.00	
Bring & buy	0.00		0.00	
Sale of Cards	52.00		43.00	
Michael's Quiz	175.00			
Concert recordings / CD Sales	0.00		100.00	
Totals	3671.02	486.35	2497.52	480.68
Surplus (deficit)	3184.67		2016.84	

3. Workshop

No workshops were held during 2022/2023

4. Donations, Gifts, sponsorship, Gift Aid

* Donations were received with grateful thanks

* Sponsorship of £275 is included in Concert Income and another £75 will be put towards the Christmas Concert.

* We received Gift Aid of £1,191.02

* We collected £286 for Kevin & Bob at Christmas - £143 each

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5. Administration

	<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
	£	£	£	£
Making Music - subscription, insurance, PRS		299.00		193.00
Postage, stationary, raffle tickets		16.00		26.40
ZOOM		0.00		229.43
PAT testing		0.00		0.00
Website costs		68.32		53.93
Small Asset purchases*		171.67		0.00
Music purchases and sales		0.00		0.00
Planning Meeting		28.92		0.00
Lottery License		0.00		20.00
Paper & Ink cartridges		90.08		51.97
Social Event - 8th July 2022 **				
- Hire of Manchetter Hall				45.00
- Refreshments				205.00
Hand Sanitation and Wipes		0.00		97.60
Bank Charges ***	150.00	122.27	85.00	67.23
Return of float	40.00			
Events - Sum-Up machine, Stall at Planters		74.80		
Audit gift for 2021/22 accounts		13.90		
	190.00	884.96	85.00	989.56
		694.96		904.56

* 2 flash lights, keyboard cover & keyboard PSU & 2 vac flasks

** The Social Event on 8th July 2022 was funded from a donation from a past member

*** £150 was received by the Treasurer for 2 further complaints made to HSBC

**** We collected £286 for Kevin & Bob at Christmas - £143 each, totaling £286

6. Tangible assets

- * The Society owns a keyboard, keyboard stand, keyboard stool, conductor rostrum and stand, all of which are used for rehearsal purposes and stored at Racemeadow School. A small cupboard is used for general storage at the school.
 - * The Society has a 4 drawer filing cabinet for the storage of music etc at Racemeadow School.
 - * Two microphones and lights are stored at the home of a committee member, plus bottle lights purchased this year.
 - * The Society owns a laser printer/photocopier. A new noticeboard was purchased last year.
 - * The Society owns two 'dollies' (flatbed trollies) for the movement of heavy items.
 - * The music library is currently in the process of being computerised by a member and now linked to the website.
- For accounting purposes, we do not need to provide a value on any of these assets.

7. Interest Received on the Business Money Maker (HSBC Savings Account)

- * During this financial year, ACS has received £93.46 in gross interest.

Download of Business Money Manager (HSBC Savings Account)

A/C no. 22119838

Date	Type	Description	Amount	Balance
20-Jul-23	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19JUL2023	13.44	10498.38
20-Jun-23	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19JUN2023	12.98	10484.94
20-May-23	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19MAY2023	12.07	10471.96
20-Apr-23	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19APR2023	11.99	10459.89
03-Apr-23	TFR	402818 62051206 FUNDS TRANSFER	-1000	10447.90 transferr to current a/c
20-Mar-23	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19MAR2023	10.23	11447.90
20-Feb-23	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19FEB2023	10.19	11437.67
20-Jan-23	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19JAN2023	8.37	11427.48
20-Dec-22	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19DEC2022	7.06	11419.11
09-Dec-22	TFR	402818 62051206 INTERNET TRANSFER	-2000	11412.05 transferr to current a/c
20-Nov-22	TFR	402818 62051206 INTERNET TRANSFER	3000	13412.05 transferr from current a/c
20-Nov-22	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19NOV2022	3.81	10412.05
01-Nov-22	TFR	402818 62051206 INTERNET TRANSFER	5000	10408.24 transferr from current a/c
20-Oct-22	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19OCT2022	1.56	5408.24
20-Sep-22	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19SEP2022	1.07	5406.68
20-Aug-22	INT	GROSS INTEREST TO 19AUG2022	0.69	5405.61

This is a print screen to show the balances on both HSBC accounts at 6th August 2023 - there were no transactions between the 31st July and the 6th August.

