

CROWBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1164460

Address: May House, The Warren, Mayfield TN20 6UB

Names of Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

<u>Trustee Name</u>	<u>Office (if any)</u>	<u>Date acted if not for a whole year</u>
Peter Driscoll	Chair and Secretary	
Andrew Fermor	Treasurer	
Alan Crook		
Linda Harcourt		
Rowland Hughes		
Philip Marriott		

The Trustees are appointed by Members Vote at the AGM.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Document is the Constitution dated 21st October 2015.

The Charity is constituted as a CIO.

Trustees' selection is by members vote at the AGM.

Objectives and Activities

To promote and advance public education in choral music.

To foster the participation in and the enjoyment of a high standard of choral music amongst the general public in such ways as the trustees from time to time think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the objectives above.

The Society has undertaken three public performances during the year.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Public Engagement Programme

As part of its charitable commitment, in 2018 the Society launched a Public Engagement Programme, establishing a bursary scheme and a singing tuition scheme. The bursary scheme, in particular, enables successful applicants to join the choir and engage in singing tuition, to develop their skills and enjoyment in singing. Singing tuition is also available to choir members to enhance and develop their singing skills.

Achievements and Performance

Three concerts were presented during this financial year: in November 2022 Mozart's Requiem was performed at All Saints, Crowborough to a large and appreciative audience. In March 2023 Brahms' German Requiem was performed at the Crowborough Community Centre and in June a lighter offering of "An Evening in Vienna". At this last concert a number of the members of the Society took on solo roles.

Sadly the Society's usual participation at the High Hurstwood carol service did not take place, the service having to be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather.

The Trustees were very pleased and grateful to receive a grant of £2,000 from Gatwick Airport Community Trust. They thank the Trust for their welcome support. The grant will be applied towards the costs of the November 2023 concert.

Transactions with Trustees

The following expense reimbursements were made to Trustees during the financial year:

Andrew Fermor £479

Financial Review

The Charity's policy on reserves is to retain sufficient funds to cover forward commitments, such as venues, soloists, musicians etc. made by the Trustees on behalf of the CIO.

None of the funds of the Society are in deficit.

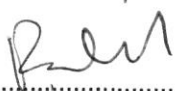
Reserves Policy

The Trust's expenditure commitments relate almost entirely to the Society's public performances. It has hitherto been the Trustees' policy to maintain a reserve sufficient to meet the typical outgoings anticipated for performances planned for a period of twelve months. The level of reserve dictated by that policy and by other relevant considerations is presently £7,000.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

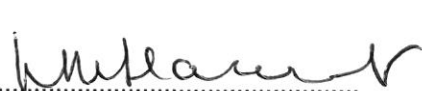
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


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Full Name: Peter E Driscoll

Position: Chair

Date: 2nd October 2023


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Full Name: Linda Harcourt

Position: Trustee

Date: 2nd October 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CROWBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 July 2023, which are set out on pages 4 and 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

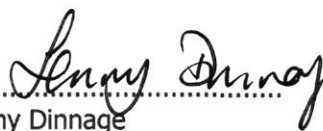
I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Jenny Dinnage
Chartered Accountant

Date: 4th October 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

Charity no: 1164460	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Designated		Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Concert receipts					
Programme sales	215	-	-	215	60
Refreshment sales	1,128	-	-	1,128	275
Sale/hire of concert music	767	-	-	767	464
Sale of scarves	52	-	-	52	75
Ticket sales	6,676	-	-	6,676	5,165
	<u>8,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,838</u>	<u>6,039</u>
Fundraising income					
100 Club	515	-	-	515	-
Rehearsal refreshment sales		-	-	-	20
Weekly members raffle	605	-	-	605	320
Miscellaneous	6	-	-	6	-
	<u>1,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,126</u>	<u>340</u>
Gift Aid received	1,165	-	-	1,165	955
Singing subscription	7,015	-	-	7,015	5,865
Friends subscription	210	-	-	210	285
Sponsorship	1,200	-	-	1,200	2,550
Grant received	-	-	2,000	2,000	-
Donations	968	-	-	968	863
Fellowship lunch receipts	1,050	-	-	1,050	
Interest	1	-	-	1	-
Total receipts	21,573	-	2,000	23,573	16,897
Payments					
Concert payments					
Orchestral, soloist & conductor fees	7,720	-	-	7,720	6,115
Hire of concert hall & lighting	2,012	-	-	2,012	1,598
Music costs	826	-	-	826	673
Publicity	248	-	-	248	509
Refreshments	190	-	-	190	123
Hire of organ/harpsichord	1,070	-	-	1,070	640
Other costs	666	-	-	666	483
	<u>12,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,732</u>	<u>10,141</u>
Rehearsal costs					
Hire of hall	1,761	-	-	1,761	1,663
Conductor & accompanist	5,640	-	-	5,640	5,490
	<u>7,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,401</u>	<u>7,153</u>
Public Engagement Programme					
Singing tuition	-	520	-	520	240
Membership subscription grant	-	250	-	250	230
Other PEP costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>470</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Designated		Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising					
100 Club prizes	240	-	-	240	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
	240	-	-	240	-
Other					
Website and promotion	347	-	-	347	347
Accountancy	349	-	-	349	340
Independent Examiner's Fee	300	-	-	300	300
Insurance	-	-	-	-	95
NFMS subscription	299	-	-	299	140
Fellowship lunch	1,100	-	-	1,100	-
Purchase of equipment	155	-	-	155	-
General admin	4	-	-	4	16
	2,554	-	-	2,554	1,238
Total payments	22,927	770	-	23,697	19,002
Net receipts/(payments) for year	(1,354)	(770)	2,000	(124)	(2,105)
Transfer between funds	(75)	75	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	16,055	5,419	-	21,474	23,579
Cash funds carried forward	14,626	4,724	2,000	21,350	21,474

* Designated fund – Public Engagement Programme

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

Cash funds	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Bank Current Account	18,993	2000
100 Club Current Account	318	0
Petty cash	39	0
	19,350	2,000

**Assets retained for the charity's
own use**

Conductor's rostrum - at transfer value	502
Stock of music - at transfer value	-

Liabilities

There are no guarantees given or debts outstanding secured by any charge on the assets.
No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year.
There are no restricted or endowment funds at present.

Approved by the Trustees on 2nd October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Fermor 