

Heartbeat Chorus

**Report of the Trustees and
Annual Accounts**

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Legal and administrative details

Name	Heartbeat Chorus
Status	Unincorporated charity - registered November 2015
Charity number	1164575
Principal address	1 Beaminster Avenue Heaton Mersey Stockport Cheshire SK4 3HU
Charity trustees	Dulcie Williams (President/Chairperson) Michaelle Kelly (Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson) Mary Wilson (Secretary) Janet Moreton (Treasurer) Hilary Pinnock (Membership Secretary) Clare Kitchenham Isobel Currie Kate Stockton Hilary Orr
Accountants	Hatherlows The Studio Hatherlow House Romiley Stockport Cheshire SK6 3DY
Bankers	Santander 9 Nelson Street Bradford BD1 5AN

Heartbeat Chorus
Notes to the accounts

Year ended 30 September 2022

The trustees of Heartbeat Chorus submit the Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 30th September 2022.

The purposes of the charity are

To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of a capella singing in all aspects by any means the Trustees see fit, including the presentation of public concerts.

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.

Activities and review of the period

Description of main activities

The activities of the chorus have gradually returned to 'normal' following the pandemic of COVID-19. Indoor rehearsals started in September 2021 – socially distanced and wearing masks. In March 2022 chorus was able to have some coaching indoors and to use risers again. Unfortunately, an outbreak of COVID within the membership again set back our attempt to return to 'normal'.

Following hard work by all the members and the Musical Director, chorus was able to compete at the Region 31 Convention in May 2022 at Warwick University. Chorus won the Medium-sized Chorus element of the competition and placed second overall.

We were able to hold a Singing Day for the general public in September 2022. It was a great success and some of the participants have joined the chorus.

Chorus members have been involved in paid singouts during the year. A Christmas concert was organised and arranged for mid-December 2021. Unfortunately, the COVID infection rate increased dramatically due to the 'Omicron' variant and to keep everyone safe we had to cancel it at very short notice.

Member subscription rates were increased to the pre-COVID level from June 2022.

Music in Mind has not yet been able to return to music-making in local care homes.

Recruitment and appointment of management committee

The management committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Governance document

The charity's governing document is a constitution first adopted on 10 April 2014. The current version was adopted on 9 June 2016.

Public benefit

Membership is open to all members of the public.

A membership fee is charged on a monthly basis. There are reduced rates for associate members and for those members who are disadvantaged..

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Honorary officers

At the Annual general Meeting of the charity the members shall elect from amongst themselves a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Membership Secretary who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

Committee

The committee shall be no fewer than 3 and no more than 10 members.

Trustees benefit

The Trustees do not claim expenses. The Trustees pay monthly subscriptions to the chorus and out of this payments are made for registration for competitions, membership of the governing body and vocal coaching costs.

Risk management

The chorus has a child protection policy as it is open to individuals of all ages including minors. Children often attend events held in the local community. The chorus also has a vulnerable adults policy.

Financial risks policy

The chorus does not currently have a financial risks policy. The Trustees are aware that a policy needs to be implemented and are in the process of developing one.

Trustees responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of the incoming and application of resources during the year. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity and, at that time, to enable the trustees to ensure that any financial statement of account prepared by them complies with the regulations under s132 of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 24 Jan 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

 Trustee

 Trustee

Report to the trustees/ members of	Heartbeat Chorus		
On accounts for the year ended	30 September 2022	Charity no (if any)	1164575
Set out on pages	5-9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

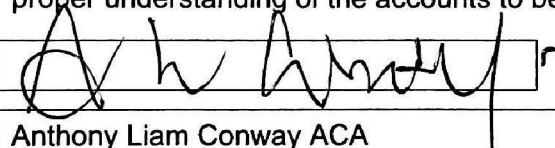
**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:



Date:

23-01-2022

Name:

Anthony Liam Conway ACA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

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Heartbeat Chorus
Receipts and payments account
Year ended 30 September 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last year
Voluntary receipts					
Donations	5,734	-	75	5,809	14,452
Fundraising	2,657	-	-	2,657	462
Lottery income	-	-	570	570	825
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	8,391	-	645	9,036	15,739
Charitable and other receipts					
Subscriptions	13,030	-	-	13,030	12,403
Concerts and competitions	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of costumes	-	-	-	-	300
Contributions re costumes	25	-	-	25	-
Contributions re competitions	10,696	-	-	10,696	-
Other income	131	-	-	131	98
Bank interest	16	-	-	16	59
	-	-	-	-	-
	23,898	-	-	23,898	12,860
Total receipts	32,289	-	645	32,934	28,599
Payments					
Room hire	4,301	-	-	4,301	235
Coaching	1,483	-	-	1,483	-
Small items of equipment	94	-	-	94	250
Concert and competition expenses	15,527	-	-	15,527	-
Fundraising expenses	138	-	-	138	20
Publicity	593	-	-	593	635
Membership fees	5,052	-	-	5,052	6,358
Education	60	-	-	60	-
Costumes	38	-	125	163	-
Sundry expenditure	1,888	-	-	1,888	1,023
Refund of prize money	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
Lottery prizes	-	-	275	275	225
Donations	-	-	250	250	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	29,174	1,500	650	31,324	8,746
Other payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,174	1,500	650	31,324	8,746
Surplus/(deficit) for period	3,115	- 1,500	- 5	1,610	19,853
Transfers between funds	15,279	- 12,004	- 3,275	-	-
Cash funds last year end	34,895	13,504	6,377	54,776	34,923
Cash funds this year end	53,289	-	3,097	56,386	54,776

Heartbeat Chorus
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 30 September 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds
B1 Cash funds			
Current account	24,738	-	-
Savings account	28,551	-	2,245
Kind Heart fund account	-		852
Total cash funds	53,289	-	3,097
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds

B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Risers		18,141	-
	Costumes		34,966	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2022) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Legal status of charity

The charity is an unincorporated entity registered in November 2015.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds of the charity restricted for specific purposes. They are held on trust until expended.

Details of designated and restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements

Income and expenditure recognition

Income is recognised when the charity receives funds.

Expenditure is recognised when the charity expends funds.

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the receipts and payments account.

Other assets

Other assets are stated at historical cost.

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3. Donations

Donations comprise of members donations (being contributions in excess of subscriptions payable), third party donations and gift aid refunds received from HM Revenue & Customs. A refund of £2,735, relating to the year ended 5 April 2021, was received during the year.

4. Fundraising events

Fundraising increased significantly this year following the COVID-19 vaccination programme and the relaxing of restrictions. From January 2022 a small lottery was established for members, family and friends. A stake of £15 entitles the individual to be entered into a prize draw each month. The monthly prize is a cash payment of £25. At the end of each calendar year the profit is to be split equally between chorus unrestricted funds and a local charity.

5. Staff costs and trustee remuneration

The charity does not employ any staff.

No trustees, or connected parties, received remuneration during the period.

6. Other assets

The charity owns other assets, as at 30 September 2022, as follows:

	2022	2021
Riser staging	18,141	18,141
Costumes	34,966	34,966

7. Funds

Restricted funds

	2022	2021
Kind Heart fund	852	777
Lotto fund	370	600
National Lottery grant	1,875	2,000
Sweet Adelines grant	-	3,000
	<u>3,097</u>	<u>6,377</u>

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7. Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

The purpose of the Kind Heart Fund is to provide financial assistance to members who are having difficulty in financing specific chorus activities. The fund is held in a separate bank account and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Details of the Lotto fund are shown in note 4 above.

The National Lottery grant was awarded as a contribution towards new costumes.

During the year the Trustees decided that funds previously recognised as "designated" should be released to "unrestricted". These funds represented money from fundraising and monetary competition prizes which, at one time, were designated to meet chorus expenses to be incurred in respect of International competition. However, since COVID prevented that competition from being held, the funds are now available for the general purposes of the chorus.

8. Related party transactions

No trustees, or connected parties, had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the period.