

Heartbeat Chorus

Report of the Trustees and
Annual Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2023

Heartbeat Chorus

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	Claire Makinson (President) Viv Worsley (Vice-President) Mary Wilson (Secretary) Janet Moreton (Treasurer) Cathy Ellis (Membership Secretary) Isobel Currie (Wardrobe Mistress) Clare Kitchenham (Logistics) Kate Stockton (Public Relations) Vanessa Baggott (Chorus Representative)
Accountants	Hatherlows The Studio Hatherlow House Romiley Stockport Cheshire SK6 3DY
Bankers	Santander 9 Nelson Street Bradford BD1 5AN

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The trustees of Heartbeat Chorus submit the Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 30th September 2023.

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 chorus works hard to improve in all aspects of a capella singing. We receive coaching from some of the best in the art of barbershop singing, sharing with us their knowledge and experience. We enter competitions to give a focus for our improvement work which in turn means that we are in a better position to present the best of a capella singing to the public through our concerts.

In November 2022 we put on a concert for the benefit of Windlehurst Methodist Church, High Lane. All proceeds were for the benefit of the Church, a registered charity. In December 2022 we put on a Christmas concert at Marple Methodist Church, which was very well attended. In January 2023 we ran a public 6-week singing course - 'Heartbeat Academy' - for anyone interested learning our craft. This was extremely well attended and the participants learned a song at the same time as chorus members. In February 2023, we put on a show at Romiley Forum and the Academy participants joined us on stage to sing 'their' song. Most of the participants have since become full members of the chorus.

In April 2023, chorus took part in the International Division at the annual convention held by the Spanish Association of Barbershop Singers and won the gold medal. Buoyed up by that win, chorus entered two of the choral classes at the International Eisteddfod held annually in Llangollen. We won second place in each class, with many compliments from the judges and audience about the joy and enthusiasm we brought to the stage. One judge said that every choir crossing the stage that day could learn something from us.

During this year we have been able to put our style of a capella singing in front of a wide range of audiences on several occasions.

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 25 January 2024.

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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.

Honorary officers

At the Annual general Meeting of the charity the members shall elect from amongst themselves a President, a Vice-President, 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.

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Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 28 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Shirley Moxton Trustee

Jul M. Cunn Trustee

Report to the trustees/ members of	Heartbeat Chorus		
On accounts for the year ended	30 September 2023	Charity no (if any)	1164575
Set out on pages	6-10		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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").

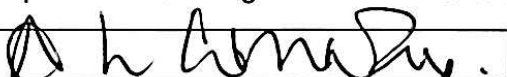
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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:** 29-07-2024

Name: Anthony Liam Conway ACA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Address: The Studio, Hatherlow House
Hatherlow, Romiley, Stockport
Cheshire SK6 3DY

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Receipts and payments account
Year ended 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last year
Voluntary receipts					
Donations	901	-	107	1,008	5,809
Fundraising	11,649	-	-	11,649	2,657
Lottery income	-	-	660	660	570
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	12,550	-	767	13,317	9,036
Charitable and other receipts					
Subscriptions	21,267	-	-	21,267	13,030
Concerts and competitions	550	-	-	550	-
Sale of costumes	295	-	-	295	-
Contributions re costumes	-	-	-	-	25
Contributions re competitions	-	-	-	-	10,696
Other income	-	-	-	-	131
Bank interest	259	-	11	270	16
	-	-	-	-	-
	22,371	-	11	22,382	23,898
Total receipts	34,921	-	778	35,699	32,934
Payments					
Room hire	3,695	-	-	3,695	4,301
Coaching	-	-	-	-	1,483
Small items of equipment	-	-	-	-	94
Concert and competition expenses	13,526	-	-	13,526	15,527
Fundraising expenses	560	-	-	560	138
Publicity	-	-	-	-	593
Membership fees	6,854	-	-	6,854	5,052
Education	1,119	-	-	1,119	60
Costumes	20	-	-	20	163
Sundry expenditure	5,576	-	-	5,576	1,888
Refund of prize money	-	-	-	-	1,500
Lottery prizes	-	-	335	335	275
Donations	50	-	-	50	250
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	31,400	-	335	31,735	31,324
Other payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,400	-	335	31,735	31,324
Surplus/(deficit) for period	3,521	-	443	3,964	1,610
Transfers between funds	- 1,000	-	1,000	-	-
Cash funds last year end	53,290	-	3,097	56,387	54,776
Cash funds this year end	55,811	-	4,540	60,351	56,386

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds
B1 Cash funds			
Current account	13,586	-	
Business account	6,211		107
Savings account	36,003	-	2,570
Members accounts	11		
Kind Heart fund account	-		1,863
Total cash funds	55,811	-	4,540
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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

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

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

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.

4. Fundraising events

Greater effort has been put into fundraising this year. A dedicated Fundraising Team has been established. They meet regularly to organise events and to come up with innovative ways to increase chorus funds.

The lottery was continued through the year on the same terms as 2022.

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 2023, as follows:

	2023	2022
Riser staging	18,141	18,141
Costumes	34,966	34,966

7. Funds

Restricted funds

	2023	2022
Kind Heart fund	1,970	852
Lotto fund	695	370
National Lottery grant	1,875	1,875
	<u>4,540</u>	<u>3,097</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.

Last 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.