

## **Heartbeat Chorus**

Report of the Trustees and  
Annual Accounts

Year ended 30 September 2024

## Heartbeat Chorus

### Legal and administrative details

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name              | Heartbeat Chorus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Status            | Unincorporated charity - registered November 2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Charity number    | 1164575                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Principal address | 1 Beaminster Avenue<br>Heaton Mersey<br>Stockport<br>Cheshire<br>SK4 3HU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Charity trustees  | Claire Makinson (President)<br>Viv Worsley (Vice-President)<br>Mary Wilson (Secretary)<br>Janet Moreton (Treasurer)<br>Cathy Ellis (Membership Secretary)<br>Isobel Currie (Wardrobe Mistress)<br>Clare Kitchenham (Logistics)<br>Kate Stockton (Public Relations)<br>Vanessa Baggott (Chorus Representative) |
| Accountants       | Hatherlows<br>The Studio<br>Hatherlow House<br>Romiley<br>Stockport<br>Cheshire<br>SK6 3DY                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Bankers           | Santander<br>9 Nelson Street<br>Bradford<br>BD1 5AN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

**Heartbeat Chorus**  
**Notes to the accounts**

**Year ended 30 September 2024**

The trustees of Heartbeat Chorus submit the Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**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.

On 1 December 2023 we put on a concert at, and for the benefit of, Windlehurst Methodist Church, High Lane. All proceeds were for the benefit of the Church, a registered charity. Later that month we put on a Christmas concert at St. Paul's Church, Compstall, Stockport which was very well attended.

In May 2024, chorus took part in the Sweet Adelines International Region 31 (Quartet of Nations) annual convention held at The Octagon Theatre, Sheffield and won the silver medal. Competition is recognised as a primary educational tool and performance opportunity. As preparation for competition the chorus involves coaches from across the world to improve its barbershop style, its emotional depth of singing, artistry and musicality. During the year the chorus was fortunate to have coaching sessions with 2 Swedish coaches and 1 Canadian coach all with outstanding international reputations.

**Fundraising events**

Greater effort has been put into fundraising this year. A dedicated fundraising 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 2023, although it is unlikely to be continued in 2025.

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**Year ended 30 September 2024**

**Trustees**

During the year, the President had to step down due to health issues and the Vice President stepped up to acting President.

**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.

**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.

Heartbeat Chorus  
Notes to the accounts

Year ended 30 September 2024

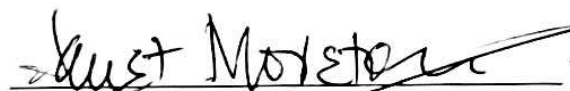
**Trustees responsibilities in respect of the financial statements**

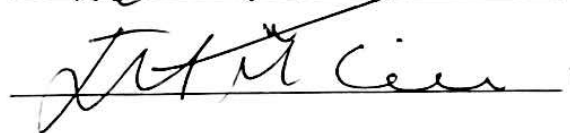
Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of the incoming and application of resources during the year. In preparing the financial statements the trustees 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 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

 Trustee

 Trustee

|                                               |                   |                                |         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Report to the trustees/<br/>members of</b> | Heartbeat Chorus  |                                |         |
| <b>On accounts for the year<br/>ended</b>     | 30 September 2024 | <b>Charity no<br/>(if any)</b> | 1164575 |
| <b>Set out on pages</b>                       | 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 2024.

**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.

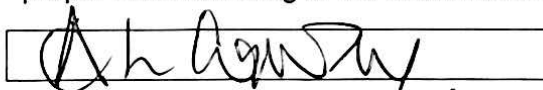
**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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:**

10-07-2025

**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

Heartbeat Chorus  
Receipts and payments account  
Year ended 30 September 2024

|                                      | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Designated<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>£ | Total funds<br>£ | Last year     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Voluntary receipts</b>            |                            |                          |                       |                  |               |
| Donations                            | 147                        | -                        | 15                    | 162              | 1,008         |
| Fundraising                          | 4,199                      | -                        | -                     | 4,199            | 11,649        |
| Lottery income                       | -                          | -                        | 620                   | 620              | 660           |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | 4,346                      | -                        | 635                   | 4,981            | 13,317        |
| <b>Charitable and other receipts</b> |                            |                          |                       |                  |               |
| Subscriptions                        | 23,096                     | -                        | -                     | 23,096           | 21,267        |
| Concerts and competitions            | 20,388                     | -                        | -                     | 20,388           | 550           |
| Sale of costumes                     | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | 295           |
| Contributions re costumes            | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
| Contributions re competitions        | 27                         | -                        | -                     | 27               | -             |
| Other income                         | 1,376                      | -                        | -                     | 1,376            | -             |
| Bank interest                        | 455                        | -                        | 20                    | 475              | 270           |
| Gift Aid                             | 2,051                      | -                        | -                     | 2,051            | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | 47,393                     | -                        | 20                    | 47,413           | 22,382        |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                | <b>51,739</b>              | <b>-</b>                 | <b>655</b>            | <b>52,394</b>    | <b>35,699</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>                      |                            |                          |                       |                  |               |
| Room hire                            | 4,172                      | -                        | -                     | 4,172            | 3,695         |
| Coaching                             | 3,869                      | -                        | -                     | 3,869            | -             |
| Small items of equipment             | 7,071                      | -                        | -                     | 7,071            | -             |
| Concert and competition expenses     | 30,039                     | -                        | -                     | 30,039           | 13,526        |
| Fundraising expenses                 | 20                         | -                        | -                     | 20               | 560           |
| Publicity                            | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
| Membership fees                      | 7,518                      | -                        | -                     | 7,518            | 6,854         |
| Education                            | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | 1,119         |
| Costumes                             | 2,951                      | -                        | -                     | 2,951            | 20            |
| Sundry expenditure                   | 3,676                      | -                        | -                     | 3,676            | 5,576         |
| Refund of prize money                | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
| Lottery prizes                       | -                          | -                        | 390                   | 390              | 335           |
| Donations                            | 550                        | -                        | 15                    | 565              | 50            |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | 59,866                     | -                        | 405                   | 60,271           | 31,735        |
| <b>Other payments</b>                |                            |                          |                       |                  |               |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
|                                      | -                          | -                        | -                     | -                | -             |
| <b>Total payments</b>                | <b>59,866</b>              | <b>-</b>                 | <b>405</b>            | <b>60,271</b>    | <b>31,735</b> |
| <b>Surplus/(deficit) for period</b>  | <b>- 8,127</b>             | <b>-</b>                 | <b>250</b>            | <b>- 7,877</b>   | <b>3,964</b>  |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>       | <b>2,046</b>               | <b>-</b>                 | <b>2,046</b>          | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>      |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>      | <b>55,811</b>              | <b>-</b>                 | <b>4,540</b>          | <b>60,351</b>    | <b>56,387</b> |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>      | <b>49,730</b>              | <b>-</b>                 | <b>2,744</b>          | <b>52,474</b>    | <b>60,351</b> |

Heartbeat Chorus  
Statement of assets and liabilities  
As at 30 September 2024

|                                                        | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                   |                    |                  |                  |
| Current account                                        | 16,986             | -                | -                |
| Business account                                       | 3,636              | -                | 753              |
| Savings account                                        | 29,081             | -                | -                |
| Members accounts                                       | 27                 | -                | -                |
| Kind Heart fund account                                | -                  | -                | 1,991            |
| <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>49,730</b>      | <b>-</b>         | <b>2,744</b>     |
| (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                 | OK               | OK               |

|                                 | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |                    |                  |                  |
| Details                         |                    |                  |                  |
|                                 | -                  | -                | -                |
|                                 | -                  | -                | -                |
|                                 | -                  | -                | -                |
|                                 | -                  | -                | -                |
|                                 | -                  | -                | -                |

|                             | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |                             |                 |                          |
| Details                     |                             |                 |                          |
|                             |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |                             | -               | -                        |

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

|                       | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |                                 |                       |                     |
| Details               |                                 |                       |                     |
|                       |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                 | -                     |                     |

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



**Heartbeat Chorus**  
**Notes to the accounts**

**Year ended 30 September 2024**

**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.

**Heartbeat Chorus**  
**Notes to the accounts**

**Year ended 30 September 2024**

**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 2023.

**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 2024, as follows:

|               | 2024   | 2023   |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Riser staging | 18,141 | 18,141 |
| Costumes      | 34,966 | 34,966 |

**7. Funds**

*Restricted funds*

|                        | 2024         | 2023         |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Kind Heart fund        | 1,991        | 1,970        |
| Lotto fund             | 753          | 695          |
| National Lottery grant | 0            | 1,875        |
|                        | <u>2,744</u> | <u>4,540</u> |

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**Notes to the accounts**

**Year ended 30 September 2024**

**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. It has been decided not to continue this fundraiser after 31 December 2024.

The National Lottery grant was awarded as a contribution towards new costumes. During the period new dresses were purchased and the grant utilised in full.

**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.