

S C CHOIRS CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1165686

Details

Other names	S C CHOIRS, Singing Community of Choirs
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-02-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	192 Westwood Road Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B73 6UG
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE, IMPROVE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN, AND APPRECIATION OF, THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIC IN ALL ITS ASPECTS BY ANY MEANS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC CONCERTS AND RECITALS.

Activities: To inspire the love of music through singing, striving for vocal excellence across all age groups with fun and inspirational leadership. To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects including public concerts and recitals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Solihull
- Staffordshire
- Walsall
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£41,788	£48,119	-	-
2024-02-29	£46,203	£40,993	-	-
2023-02-28	£33,222	£44,243	-	-
2022-02-28	£39,363	£30,690	-	-
2021-02-28	£24,690	£15,180	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Janice Helen Jones		2022-03-22
Kevin Payne		2023-09-06
Penny Speer		2023-09-06
Suzanne Cerfontyne		2019-11-06

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Accounts

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Charity Commission for England and Wales

1	Income	1,234,567
2	Expenditure	(876,543)
3	Surplus	358,024
4	Reserves	1,234,567
5	Capital Gains	(123,456)
6	Capital Losses	(54,321)
7	Net Assets	1,111,111
8	Current Assets	1,111,111
9	Current Liabilities	(0)
10	Net Current Assets	1,111,111

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 28th February 2025
For SC Choirs CIO
(Singing Community of Choirs)**

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SC Choirs CIO

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Trustees

J Jones
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A Steggall (resigned 28 February 2025)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by the governing document of that organisation, and is a charitable incorporated organisation.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

SC Choirs CIO
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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Safeguarding

The organisation has several safeguarding policies in place covering all aspects of their activities, which are reviewed on an annual basis.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the hard work and enthusiasm of the volunteers who serve on the Management Team and for the team of dedicated chaperones who make the staging of events, concerts and trips possible when children are involved. SC Choirs CIO.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

March 2024-July 2024

Our annual Summer Showcase concert in June 2024 was held at Walsall Arena and included all six of our choirs. It was extra special this year as we were joined by the Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir from Northern California.

Our Intermediate and Senior choirs were chosen to perform at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod on 5th July. Despite their best efforts they were not placed this year but received an excellent report from the judges.

The term ended with a summer party for members and their families.

September 2024-December 2024

Another successful term which included the ever popular weekend away at Dunfield House in November for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior members. The weekend is lots of fun with music, singing and games all of which are designed to promote musicianship in all its forms.

At Christmas, many of our members from ages 3 to 80+, took part in a 'flash mob'. Marks & Spencer kindly allowed us to start singing within their food hall before moving on outside to sing carols around the Christmas tree in the shopping centre. A freezing cold but nevertheless enjoyable afternoon raising well over £100 for charity.

During December there were the usual annual Christmas celebration concerts, in which all the choirs participated. This year it was held at Four Oaks Methodist Church, Sutton Coldfield.

The junior choir also sang in Lichfield Cathedral at the annual Christmas concert for local schools. This is a great venue and always popular with the children. The quality of the sound was breath-taking.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 28th February 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

January 2025- February 2025

Musicianship levels continued throughout the year. These have proved to be of great benefit in repertoire and understanding of music.

The Spotlight Choir initiative continues. It was started to promote the love of music and singing in schools where there was little or no music taught. We are currently working with Wylde Green and Boldmere Junior schools based in Sutton Coldfield.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

J.H. Jones

Janice Jones
Trustee and Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SC Choirs CIO
for the year ended 28th February 2025**

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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SC Choirs CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 28th February 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	3	4,903	-	4,903
Activities for generating funds	4	6,408	-	6,408
Subscriptions received		<u>30,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,477</u>
Total incoming resources		41,788	-	41,788
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Music events and activities		48,119	-	48,119
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		<u>48,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,119</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(6,331)	-	(6,331)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		<u>14,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,955</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>8,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,624</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Balance Sheet
At 28th February 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets		-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		8,624	-	8,624
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>8,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,624</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>8,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,624</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>8,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,624</u>
Unrestricted funds				8,624
Restricted funds				-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>8,624</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22nd October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


 Janice Jones
 Trustee and Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

SC Choirs CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2025

1. ACCOUNTING PERIOD

The Charity was formed on the 23rd February 2016 and took over activities on the 1st March 2016 from a previous Charity Sutton Coldfield Choirs (registered charity number 1162378). The accumulated funds from the previous charity were taken over by SCC Choirs CIO as at that date.

2.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Reserves

We will strive to maintain our reserves at a level that will enable us to continue operating in these most difficult and uncertain times.

The Board regularly reviews the reserves to ensure they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations.

The Board will ensure that any grants, donations or funds received for specific or designated purposes are held as restricted reserves separately from the general unrestricted reserves in paragraph one of this policy.

SC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2025 - continued

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	28.02.25	29.02.24
	£	£
Grants Received	-	1,380
Donations	170	1,357
Gift Aid	<u>4,733</u>	<u>2,623</u>
	<u>4,903</u>	<u>5,360</u>

Donations were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.25	29.02.24
	£	£
Giving Fund	-	-
Other Donations	<u>170</u>	<u>1,357</u>
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Grants were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.25	29.02.24
	£	£
The Golsoncott Foundation	-	-
Charities Trust	-	-
Sutton Coldfield Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>1,380</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,380</u>

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	28.02.25	29.02.24
	£	£
Fundraising Events	2,771	3,214
Ticket Sales	3,472	5,663
Miscellaneous Income	<u>165</u>	<u>3,047</u>
	<u>6,408</u>	<u>11,924</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2025 - continued

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 28th February 2025 (2024 - £Nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 28th February 2025 (2024 - £Nil).

6 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.24	Net Movement in funds	At 28.02.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,955	(6,331)	8,624
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	—	—	—
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,955</u>	<u>(6,331)</u>	<u>8,624</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	-	-
General fund	<u>41,788</u>	<u>(48,119)</u>	<u>(6,331)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>41,788</u>	<u>(48,119)</u>	<u>(6,331)</u>

7. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	28.02.25	29.02.24
	£	£
Grant received pending legal advice	-	-
Provision for legal fees	—	—
	—	—

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 28th February 2025

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Miscellaneous income	<u>165</u>	<u>3,047</u>
	<u>6,408</u>	<u>11,924</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Subscriptions	<u>30,477</u>	<u>28,919</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>41,788</u>	<u>46,203</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable Activities		
Coaching and training costs	24,264	22,299
Room hire	10,782	7,078
Fundraising costs	-	(104)
Travel costs for events	2,850	515
Insurance and membership	492	471
Telephone, printing and postage	853	741
IT costs	269	600
Uniforms	782	1,124
Administrative support services	6,689	5,743
Fees paid	786	861
Marketing	180	515
Miscellaneous	<u>172</u>	<u>1,150</u>
	<u>48,119</u>	<u>40,993</u>
Net income (expenditure)	<u>(6,331)</u>	<u>5,210</u>

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Accounts

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P Speer (appointed 6 September 2023)
K Payne (appointed 6 September 2023)
P Joyce (resigned 25 April 2023)

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

March-July 2023

The term began with concerts celebrating our 17th anniversary year and news and news that our Senior Voices had got through to the finals of the 2023 Llangollen International Eisteddfod in Wales in July.

In April we had a recruitment drive for the intermediate choir (years 4,5 and 6) which was very successful with lots of new faces.

Our annual Summer Showcase concert including all six choirs plus our Spotlight choirs was held at the Coton Centre in Tamworth. Such a lovely venue and good to be back performing a full concert after lockdown.

The term closed with fun and games, certificated and special awards, pizzas and ice-cream!

September-December 2023

Another successful term which included a very popular weekend residential trip to Dunfield House in November. So popular, it has now become an annual event again after Covid!

Our annual Christmas concert was again at The Coton Centre and accompanied by The Royal Sutton Coldfield Orchestra and Youth Ensemble and our Junior and Intermediate choirs performed at Lichfield Cathedral with combined school choirs.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 29th February 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

January-29 February 2024

Fundraising this term included a family quiz night in February with raffle.

Musicianship levels continued throughout the year. These have proved to be of great benefit in repertoire and understanding of music.

The School Support programme is continuing as is our Spotlight Choir initiative based at Wylde Green school. We are looking to expand this initiative in the coming year.

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3rd September 2024

SC Choirs CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 29th February 2024

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	3	5,360	-	5,360
Activities for generating funds	4	11,924	-	11,924
Subscriptions received		<u>28,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,919</u>
Total incoming resources		46,203	-	46,203
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Music events and activities		40,993	-	40,993
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		<u>40,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,993</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		5,210	-	5,210
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		<u>9,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,745</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>14,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,955</u>

**SC Choirs CIO
Balance Sheet
At 29th February 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets		-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		14,955	-	14,955
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>14,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,955</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>14,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,955</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>14,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,955</u>
Unrestricted funds				14,955
Restricted funds				-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>14,955</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 3rd September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Janice Jones
Trustee and Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 29th February 2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 29th February 2024 - continued

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Grants Received	1,380	-
Donations	1,357	521
Gift Aid	<u>2,623</u>	<u>2,250</u>
	<u>5,360</u>	<u>2,771</u>

Donations were received in the period from the following:

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Giving Fund	-	-
Other Donations	<u>1,357</u>	<u>521</u>
	<u>1,357</u>	<u>521</u>

Grants were received in the period from the following:

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
The Golsoncott Foundation	-	-
Charities Trust	-	-
Sutton Coldfield Trust	<u>1,380</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,380</u>	<u>-</u>

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Fundraising Events	3,214	1,599
Ticket Sales	5,663	4,942
Miscellaneous Income	<u>3,047</u>	<u>2,732</u>
	<u>11,924</u>	<u>9,273</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 29th February 2024 - continued

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 29th February 2024 (2023 - £Nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 29th February 2024 (2023 - £Nil).

6 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.23	Net Movement in funds	At 29.02.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,745	5,210	14,955
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	—	—	—
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,745</u>	<u>5,210</u>	<u>14,955</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	-	-
General fund	<u>46,203</u>	<u>(40,993)</u>	<u>5,210</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,203</u>	<u>(40,993)</u>	<u>5,210</u>

7. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Grant received pending legal advice	-	-
Provision for legal fees	—	<u>405</u>
	—	<u>405</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 29th February 2024

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	1,357	521
Gift aid	2,623	2,250
Grants received	<u>1,380</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,360</u>	<u>2,771</u>
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events	3,214	1,599
Ticket sales	5,663	4,942
Miscellaneous income	<u>3,047</u>	<u>2,732</u>
	<u>11,924</u>	<u>9,273</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Subscriptions	<u>28,919</u>	<u>21,178</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>46,203</u>	<u>33,222</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable Activities		
Coaching and training costs	22,299	24,603
Room hire	7,078	7,738
Fundraising costs	(104)	318
Travel costs for events	515	640
Insurance and membership	471	440
Telephone, printing and postage	741	815
IT costs	600	-
Uniforms	1,124	996
Administrative support services	5,743	5,380
Materials costs	-	1,513
Fees paid	861	642
Volunteer training costs	-	100
Marketing	515	289
Miscellaneous	<u>1,150</u>	<u>770</u>
	<u>40,993</u>	<u>44,243</u>
Net income (expenditure)	<u>5,210</u>	<u>(11,021)</u>

S C CHOIRS CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1165686

Accounts

Registered Charity Number: 1165686

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 28th February 2023
For SC Choirs CIO
(Singing Community of Choirs)**

SC Choirs CIO

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SC Choirs CIO
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 28th February 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives and aims of the charity are to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

Safeguarding

The organisation has several safeguarding policies in place covering all aspects of their activities, which are reviewed on an annual basis.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the hard work and enthusiasm of the volunteers who serve on the Management Team and for the team of dedicated chaperones who make the staging of events, concerts and trips possible when children are involved. SC Choirs CIO.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

March-July 2022

The term began with concerts celebrating our 17th anniversary year and news that our Senior Voices had got through to the finals of the 2022 Llangollen International Eisteddfod in Wales in July.

In April we had a recruitment drive for the intermediate choir (years 4, 5 and 6) which was very successful with lots of new faces.

Our annual Summer Showcase concert including all 6 choirs was held at The Coton Centre in Tamworth and accompanied by The Royal Sutton Coldfield Youth Orchestra. Such a lovely venue and good to be back performing a full concert after lockdown.

The term closed with fun and games, certificated and special awards, pizzas and ice cream!

September-December 2022

Another successful term which included a very popular weekend residential trip to Dunfield House in November. So popular, it has now become an annual event.

Our annual Christmas concert was again at The Coton Centre and accompanied by The Royal Sutton Coldfield Orchestra and Youth Ensemble and our Junior and Intermediate choirs performed at Lichfield Cathedral with combined school choirs.

SC Choirs CIO
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 28th February 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

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Registered Charity number

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Trustees

B Thompson (resigned January 2023)
P A Joyce (resigned April 2023)
S Cerfontyne
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by the governing document of that organisation, and is a charitable incorporated organisation.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

SC Choirs CIO
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 28th February 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

January-March 2023

An event called The Big Sing was held at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall for anyone wanting to experience a day of singing including extracts from Vivaldi's Gloria and for the younger age groups a Get Singing recruitment drive offering 6 weeks of free rehearsals. So successful that our numbers in Little Voices, Junior Voices and Intermediate Voices almost doubled during the campaign and we have retained a large proportion of those as fully fledged members.

The planned Schools Support programme is continuing as is our Spotlight Choir initiative based at both Wyde Green and Boldmere schools.

Musicianship levels introduced last year are continuing as they have proved to be of great benefit in repertoire and understanding of music.

Fundraising activities such as quiz and games nights are held throughout the year.

We are extremely grateful to Sutton Coldfield Charities Trust for their continued support which will help us to continue to develop our future plans.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The organisation provides public benefit in the following ways:-

1. We involve participants of all ages from 4 upwards in the creative, enjoyable and fulfilling activity of singing.
2. We provide an opportunity to develop vocal techniques.
3. We strive to present high quality performances for the enjoyment of our audiences with exciting, popular and innovative repertoire.
4. We raise money for various charities, including our own, through public performances and other fundraising events and activities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J.H. Jones

Janice Jones
Trustee and Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SC Choirs CIO
for the year ended 28th February 2022**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2023 set out on pages five to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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SC Choirs CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 28th February 2023

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	3	2,771	-	15,686
Activities for generating funds	4	9,273	-	6,741
Subscriptions received		<u>21,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,936</u>
Total incoming resources		33,222	-	39,363
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Music events and activities		44,243	-	30,690
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		<u>44,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,690</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(11,021)	-	8,673
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		<u>20,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,093</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>9,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,766</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Balance Sheet
At 28th February 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets		-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		10,150	-	10,150
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>405</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,745</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>9,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,745</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>9,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,745</u>
Unrestricted funds				9,745
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>9,745</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

J.H. Jones

Janice Jones
 Trustee and Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

SC Choirs CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2023

1. ACCOUNTING PERIOD

The Charity was formed on the 23rd February 2016 and took over activities on the 1st March 2016 from a previous Charity Sutton Coldfield Choirs (registered charity number 1162378). The accumulated funds from the previous charity were taken over by SCC Choirs CIO as at that date.

2.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Reserves

We will strive to maintain our reserves at a level that will enable us to continue operating in these most difficult and uncertain times.

The Board regularly reviews the reserves to ensure they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations.

The Board will ensure that any grants, donations or funds received for specific or designated purposes are held as restricted reserves separately from the general unrestricted reserves in paragraph one of this policy.

SC Choirs CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2023 - continued

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	28.02.23	28.02.22
	£	£
Grants Received	-	15,000
Donations	521	686
Gift Aid	<u>2,250</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,771</u>	<u>15,686</u>

Donations were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.23	28.02.22
	£	£
Giving Fund	-	-
Other Donations	<u>521</u>	<u>686</u>
	<u>521</u>	<u>686</u>

Grants were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.23	28.02.22
	£	£
The Golsoncott Foundation	-	-
Charities Trust	-	10,000
Sutton Coldfield Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	28.02.23	28.02.22
	£	£
Fundraising Events	1,599	444
Ticket Sales	4,942	2,514
Miscellaneous Income	<u>2,732</u>	<u>3,783</u>
	<u>9,273</u>	<u>6,741</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2023 - continued

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 28th February 2023 (2022 - £Nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 28th February 2023 (2022 - £Nil).

6 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.22	Net Movement in funds	At 28.02.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,766	(11,021)	9,745
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	—	—	—
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,766</u>	<u>(11,021)</u>	<u>9,745</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	-	-
General fund	<u>33,222</u>	<u>(44,243)</u>	<u>(11,021)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>33,222</u>	<u>(44,243)</u>	<u>(11,021)</u>

7. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	28.02.23	28.02.22
	£	£
Grant received pending legal advice	-	-
Provision for legal fees	<u>405</u>	<u>405</u>
	<u>405</u>	<u>405</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 28th February 2023

	28.02.23	28.02.22
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	521	686
Gift aid	2,250	-
Grants received	-	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>2,771</u>	<u>15,686</u>
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events	1,599	444
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Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Subscriptions	<u>21,178</u>	<u>16,936</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>33,222</u>	<u>39,363</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable Activities		
Coaching and training costs	24,603	21,353
Room hire	7,738	2,516
Fundraising costs	318	-
Travel costs for events	640	555
Insurance and membership	440	434
Telephone, printing and postage	815	284
Uniforms	996	-
Administrative support services	5,380	4,640
Materials costs	1,513	210
Fees paid	642	438
Volunteer training costs	100	-
Marketing	289	-
Miscellaneous	<u>770</u>	<u>260</u>
	<u>44,243</u>	<u>30,690</u>
Net income (expenditure)	<u>(11,021)</u>	<u>8,673</u>

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S Cerfontyne (reappointed 10 February 2021)
J Jones (appointed 10 February 2022)
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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

March-July 2021

Brand new venue! Moor Hall school were brilliant in welcoming SCC.

Lots of social distancing - but we returned! Sadly, the adults still had to rehearse outside for a while...

Summer term was very successful, but still had to rely on technology to produce a Virtual Concert in June 2021 based on recorded performances in our rehearsals.

JUST SING workshops for all ages were held on 31st March.

September-December 2021

Full length rehearsals as our weekly schedule returned to normal.

Two choirs rehearsing at any one time with SIX in total now. Our new, 6th choir is Ensemble Voices - an auditioned teenage choir.

A very successful term which included a weekend residential trip to Dunfield House in November and three concerts in December including a Christmas concert with the Royal Sutton Coldfield Orchestra.

Lots of focus on musicianship across the board - this has massively increased understanding of music and improved sight reading.

Musicianship levels were introduced which are effectively a 'curriculum' for the choirs' content and helps inform repertoire and progress.

The planned Schools support programme got under way, with work at Town Junior, Moor Hall and Holyfield primaries. We are working hard to encourage more schools to join our programme. A Spotlight Choir at Wylde Green school began in October.

SC Choirs CIO
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 28th February 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Jan-March 2022

Another busy term preparing for our forthcoming Anniversary concerts.

The 17th Anniversary weekend of concerts and celebrations included invited head teachers and councillors!

Workshop Wednesdays were a success as well as our SingSpire event. More are planned in the future.

Fundraising activities continue on a regular basis eg quiz nights, games nights.

We are extremely grateful to Sutton Coldfield Charities Trust for their Grant which will help us to continue development of our planned activities.

UPDATE ON PROVISIONS

At the end of February 2021 an anonymous donation of £62,464.34 was paid to our bank account without notification by Charities Trust (CT), a leading donations management organisation including payroll giving, itself a registered Charity with an annual turnover of millions. We had checked by phone, twice, and email, and were assured the money was certainly ours and we should "go out and spend it". Details of the donor would not be disclosed to us.

At the end of April CT informed us that they had made an error, we were not due the donation, apologised, and demanded the return of the money.

We immediately reported this to the Charities Commission (CC) asking for guidance. CC could not tell us to repay, stating this was a decision for the Trustees, but recommending that we should obtain legal advice.

Throughout April plans had been made by the Music Team that would transform SCCs work, after struggling with the pandemic. We were committed to projects involving 100s of pupils. We had also missed out on other grants and donations, given our new financial security which was reflected in our Annual Accounts. We responded to CT that their catastrophic mistake, down to human error apparently, was devastating to our organisation. We were offered £2000 in compensation, which we felt was insulting ; they then offered £4000, which again we said was inadequate.

CTs Solicitors demanded full repayment, and said any compensation would still require the authority of their Trustees and also the Charities Commission. We consulted Solicitors, who could find no legal precedent for this eventuality, and initially suggested we obtain the Opinion of a Barrister, at an initial cost of over £2000. The Trustees felt that SCC could not risk such expenditure, with no guarantee of a favourable outcome. We instructed our Solicitor to respond, setting out our financial commitments , the acute embarrassment caused as we had publicly acknowledged the donation, and pointing out that we had acted in good faith and requested substantial compensation.

We were eventually offered £10,000, still conditional on CC approval, and only after we repaid the full amount. The Trustees were minded to accept the £10,000, plus full payment of our costs, but only when unconditional. In September our Solicitor requested payment of our costs since these were

incurred through no fault on our part. In December CTs Solicitors said they at last had authority to proceed, but ignored the matter of our costs. Again our Solicitor's prompt response was ignored and we were threatened with legal action if we did not repay immediately. In response our Solicitor informed them that he now had instructions to pay the net amount, deducting the agreed £10k AND all our legal costs. This ultimatum was promptly accepted and we made the payment.

The satisfactory outcome, after our initial delight then bitter disappointment, at least gives us funds we were not expecting, for which we are thankful.

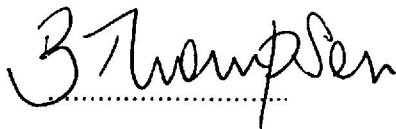
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Brian Thompson
Chair of Trustees

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SC Choirs CIO
for the year ended 28th February 2022**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2022 set out on pages four to nine.

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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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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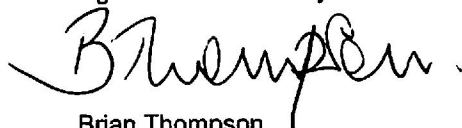
SC Choirs CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 28th February 2022

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	3	15,686	-	15,686
Activities for generating funds	4	6,741	-	6,741
Subscriptions received		<u>16,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,936</u>
Total incoming resources		39,363	-	39,363
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Music events and activities		30,690	-	30,690
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		<u>30,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,690</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		8,673	-	8,673
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total finds brought forward		<u>12,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,093</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>20,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,766</u>

**SC Choirs CIO
Balance Sheet
At 28th February 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets		-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		21,171	-	21,171
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>405</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,766</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>20,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,766</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>20,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,766</u>
Unrestricted funds				20,766
Restricted funds				<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>20,766</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 7th July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Brian Thompson
Chair of Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements

SC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2022

1. ACCOUNTING PERIOD

The Charity was formed on the 23rd February 2016 and took over activities on the 1st March 2016 from a previous Charity Sutton Coldfield Choirs (registered charity number 1162378). The accumulated funds from the previous charity were taken over by SCC Choirs CIO as at that date.

2.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Reserves

We will strive to maintain our reserves at a level that will enable us to continue operating in these most difficult and uncertain times.

The Board regularly reviews the reserves to ensure they are adequate to fulfil our continuing obligations.

The Board will ensure that any grants, donations or funds received for specific or designated purposes are held as restricted reserves separately from the general unrestricted reserves in paragraph one of this policy.

SC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2022 - continued

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	28.02.22	28.02.21
	£	£
Grants Received	15,000	5,500
Donations	686	647
Gift Aid	<u>-</u>	<u>5,399</u>
	<u>15,686</u>	<u>11,546</u>

Donations were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.22	28.02.21
	£	£
Giving Fund	-	323
Other Donations	<u>686</u>	<u>324</u>
	<u>686</u>	<u>647</u>

Grants were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.22	28.02.21
	£	£
The Golsoncott Foundation	-	500
Charities Trust	10,000	-
Sutton Coldfield Trust	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>5,500</u>

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	28.02.22	28.02.21
	£	£
Fundraising Events	444	1,751
Ticket Sales	2,514	924
Miscellaneous Income	<u>3,783</u>	<u>637</u>
	<u>6,741</u>	<u>3,312</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2022 - continued

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 28th February 2022 (2021 - £Nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 28th February 2022 (2021 - £Nil).

6 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.21	Net Movement in funds	At 28.02.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,093	8,673	20,766
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	—	—	—
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,093</u>	<u>8,673</u>	<u>20,766</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>39,363</u>	<u>(30,690)</u>	<u>8,673</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,363</u>	<u>(30,690)</u>	<u>8,673</u>

7. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	28.02.22	28.02.21
	£	£
Grant received pending legal advice	-	62,464
Provision for legal fees	<u>405</u>	—
	<u>405</u>	<u>62,464</u>

SC Choirs CIO
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 28th February 2022

	28.02.22	28.02.21
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary Income		
Donations	686	647
Gift aid	-	5,399
Grants received	<u>15,000</u>	<u>5,500</u>
	<u>15,686</u>	<u>11,546</u>
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events	444	1,751
Ticket sales	2,514	924
Miscellaneous income	<u>3,783</u>	<u>637</u>
	<u>6,741</u>	<u>3,312</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Subscriptions	<u>16,936</u>	<u>9,832</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>39,363</u>	<u>24,690</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable Activities		
Coaching and training costs	21,353	9,973
Room hire	2,516	324
Travel costs for events	555	-
Insurance and membership	434	434
Telephone, printing and postage	284	73
IT costs	-	172
Administrative support services	4,640	3,770
Materials costs	210	-
Fees paid	438	432
Bank Charges	-	-
Miscellaneous	<u>260</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>30,690</u>	<u>15,180</u>
Net income (expenditure)	<u>8,673</u>	<u>9,510</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1165686

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1165686

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 28th February 2021**

**For SC Choirs CIO
(Singing Community of Choirs)**

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SC Choirs CIO

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SC Choirs CIO
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 28th February 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28th February 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1165686

Principal address

Moor Hall Primary School
Rowallan Road
Four Oaks
Sutton Coldfield
B75 6RE

Trustees

B Thompson (reappointed 10 February 2021)
R Rathbone (appointed 6 November 2019)
P A Joyce (appointed 6 November 2019)
S A Walk (appointed 6 November 2019)
S Cerfontyne (reappointed 10 February 2021)

Independent Examiner

Hill Lillis & Company Limited
98 Sheffield Road
Sutton Coldfield
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by the governing document of that organisation, and is a charitable incorporated organisation.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives and aims of the charity are to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

Safeguarding

The organisation has several safeguarding policies in place covering all aspects of their activities, which are reviewed on an annual basis.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 28th February 2021**

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the hard work and enthusiasm of the volunteers who serve on the Management Team and for the team of dedicated chaperones who make the staging of events, concerts and trips possible when children are involved. **SC Choirs CIO.**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

In a difficult year, we have still managed to achieve various aspects of our musical and artistic strategy, albeit via an online platform. Our achievements have included:

- Regular, weekly online sessions and rehearsals for all age groups
- Structured sessions that included more of a focus on musicianship
- Rehearsal tracks to assist with learning
- Two virtual concerts and a virtual Festival of Voices
- We connected with a choir from the USA
- Developed more online presence through the virtual concerts, interviews, videos, pictures etc.
- Fundraising events
- Educational support for schools in the form of music lesson videos and singing assemblies

Moving forward, our plan still very much has recruitment and retention at its heart, with the focus on Artistry, Education, Community, Teamwork/Leadership and Funding. This will be harder than ever due to the pandemic and returning to in person meetings after so long. A few key plans include:

- JUST SING workshops for all ages held on 31st March 2021
- Continue online for now, but aim for an "open air" performance as we head towards summer
- Gradual return to "in person"
- Celebrate and publicise our 16th anniversary year
- Continue links with the school community, developing further projects such as lesson support, spotlight choirs and workshops
- Advertise and promote via our publicity campaigns
- Above all, upholding high quality musical experiences for all age groups in weekly rehearsals and projects

We are extremely grateful for the grant from Sutton Charitable Trust which will help us to continue to develop our activities.

PROVISIONS

Just before the end of the financial year a large grant was paid into our account. The payer, quite some time later, advised that the payment had been made in error and demanded return of the full amount. Provision has been made pending the outcome of legal advice.

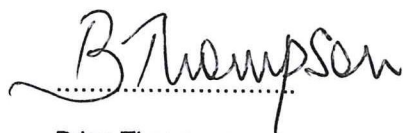
STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The organisation provides public benefit in the following ways:-

1. We involve participants of all ages from 4 upwards in the creative, enjoyable and fulfilling activity of singing.
2. We provide an opportunity to develop vocal techniques.
3. We strive to present high quality performances for the enjoyment of our audiences with exciting, popular and innovative repertoire.
4. We raise money for various charities, including our own, through public performances and other fundraising events and activities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26/6 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Thompson', written over a dotted line.

Brian Thompson
Chair of Trustees

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SCC Choirs CIO**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2021 set out on pages four to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

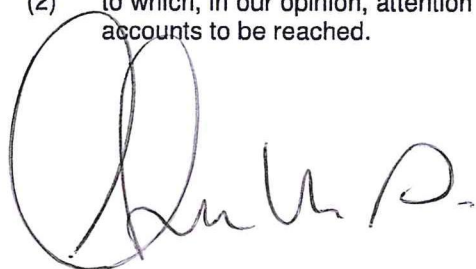
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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6 July 2021 2021

SC Choirs CIO

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 28th February 2021

				28.02.21
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	3	11,546	-	11,546
Activities for generating funds	4	3,312	-	3,312
Investment income		-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Subscriptions received		<u>9,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,832</u>
Total incoming resources		24,690	-	24690
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Music events and activities		15,180	-	15,180
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		<u>15,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,180</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES				
		9,510	-	9,510
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,583</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>12,093</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>12,093</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SCC Choirs CIO
Balance Sheet
At 28th February 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted Fund £	28.02.20 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets		-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		74,557	-	74,557
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>62,464</u>	-	<u>62,464</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		12,093	-	12,093
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>12,093</u>	-	<u>12,093</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>12,093</u>	-	<u>12,093</u>
Unrestricted funds				12,093
Restricted funds				-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>12,093</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26/6 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


 Brian Thompson
 Chair of Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements

SCC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 28th February 2020

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All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

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Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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SCC Choirs CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28th February 2021– continued

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	28.02.2021	28.02.2020
	£	£
Grants Received	5,500	2,750
Donations	647	466
Gift Aid	5,399	3,755
	<u>11,546</u>	<u>6,971</u>

Donations were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.2021	28.02.2020
	£	£
Giving Fund	323	-
Other Donations Total	324	466
	<u>647</u>	<u>466</u>

Grants were received in the period from the following:

	28.02.2021	28.02.2020
	£	£
The Rowlands Trust	-	1,000
G/W Turner Trust	-	1,000
Cook & Wolstenholme	-	250
Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust	-	500
The Golsoncott Foundation	500	-
Sutton Coldfield Trust	5,000	-
	<u>5,500</u>	<u>2,750</u>

4. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	28.02.2021	28.02.2021
	£	£
Fundraising Events	1,751	1,933
Ticket Sales	924	7,010
Miscellaneous income	637	870
	<u>3,312</u>	<u>9,813</u>

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SCC Choirs CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28th February 2021– continued

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 28th February 2021 (2020 - £Nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 28th February 2021 (2020 - £Nil).

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 28.02.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,583	9,510	12,093
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,583</u>	<u>9,510</u>	<u>12,093</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,690	(15,180)	9,510
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>24,690</u>	<u>(15,180)</u>	<u>9,510</u>

7. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	28.02.2021 £	28.02.2021 £
Grant received pending legal advice	<u>62,464</u>	<u>-</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SCC Choirs CIO
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28th February 2021 – continued

	28.02.2021	28.02.2020
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	647	466
Gift aid	5,399	3,755
Grants received	<u>5,500</u>	<u>2,750</u>
	<u>11,546</u>	<u>6,971</u>
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events	1,751	1,933
Ticket sales	924	7,010
Miscellaneous income	<u>637</u>	<u>870</u>
	<u>3,312</u>	<u>9,813</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Subscriptions	<u>9,832</u>	<u>21,376</u>
Total incoming resources	24,690	38,160
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Coaching and training costs	9,973	31,389
Room hire	324	6,518
Fundraising costs	-	10,458
Travel costs for events	-	5,015
Insurance and membership	434	434
Telephone printing and postage	73	1,475
IT costs	172	10
Administrative support services	3,770	-
Equipment purchases	-	1,198
Material costs	-	760
Fees paid	432	420
Gifts	-	-
Volunteer expenses	-	-
Volunteer training costs	-	2,905
Bank charges	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>2</u>	<u>283</u>
	<u>15,180</u>	<u>60,865</u>
Net Income (expenditure)	<u>9,510</u>	<u>(22,705)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements