

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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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.

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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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1165686

Principal address

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Sutton Coldfield
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Trustees

B Thompson (resigned January 2023)
P A Joyce (resigned April 2023)
S Cerfontyne
J Jones
A Steggall

Independent Examiner

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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.

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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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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 finds 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>

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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

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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.

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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>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>

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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>

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

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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>