

Registered Charity Number: 1165686

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 29th February 2024
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 29th February 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29th February 2024. 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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Trustees

J Jones
S Cerfontyne
A Steggall
P Speer (appointed 6 September 2023)
K Payne (appointed 6 September 2023)
P Joyce (resigned 25 April 2023)

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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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 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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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.

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 3rd September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

JH Jones

Janice Jones
Trustee and Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SC Choirs CIO
for the year ended 29th February 2024**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 29th February 2024 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 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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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 finds 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

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

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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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>

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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>

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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>