



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01-07-20** **To** **30-06-21**

Charity name: Cumbria Rural Choirs CIO

Charity registration number: 1168081

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To educate the public in the arts and sciences and in particular the art of science of music by the presentation of concerts and other activities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Cumbria Rural Choirs is made up of local choirs and individual singers from rural communities across North Cumbria. The long-term strategy of your trustees remains the development of the choral singing technique to the highest possible standard. The choir repertoire focuses on large scale, complex choral works which would be too demanding for the local choirs to undertake on their own and its use of a professional orchestra and conductor for the final Concert enables those local performers to broaden and develop their musical skills and provide the opportunity for our audiences to hear music rarely performed outside large urban conurbations. Cumbria Rural Choirs represents a unique professional / amateur partnership which enhances Cumbria's music scene and provides enormous benefits for the Cumbrian community, helping to counteract rural isolation and the lack of access to high quality educational and cultural provision in the rural community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Choir itself has not operated during the financial year due to Covid-19 restrictions and members not being sufficiently interested in online singing. The members, however, were informed of all the online opportunities which the Trustees were informed about.</p> <p>The Trustees, however, have met on a regular basis to consider: how to take forward the postponed concert following the end of the COVID 19 pandemic. Currently arrangements are being made to perform the music commissioned from local and national composers for that concert in a new Celebrating William and Dorothy Wordsworth concert in March 2022; an update to the health and safety and risk assessments; and to review the measures that needed to be taken to increase and maintain the relevance of the society in the promotion of vocal activities for the public good throughout the North Cumbria Region when Government restrictions are removed following the end of the pandemic.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has had minimal income and expenditure this year, but did make a surplus due to grants and Gift Aid rebate. During the year refunds were made for future performances to anyone who asked.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have set a minimum target for unrestricted reserves of 6 months running costs. They are held so as to keep the Charity afloat in emergencies, such as Covid-19, and to enable the commissioning of new work to take place in advance of income coming in.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted funds held of £18,413.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No going concern issues

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity receives income from the following sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members subscriptions - Donations - Grants - Income from events held - Legacies
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk is the continuance of Covid-19 and government restrictions on meetings which means that any activity is in abeyance.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the members at the AGM. Trustees may co-opt people as Trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Cumbria Rural Choirs
Other name the charity uses	CRC
Registered charity number	1168081
Charity's principal address	16 Byrnes Close Plumpton Penrith CA11 9PE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mrs A Bishop	Secretary		
2	Mr G Bowles	Chair		
3	Ms A. Blackburn		Appointed 19-9-20	
4	Dr A C Clark		Resigned 13-1-21	
5	Mrs E Dunning			
6	Mrs M Feriby	Booking Secretary		
7	Mr D Opperman			
8	Mrs K. Purvis		Appointed 19-9-20	
9	Mr C N Riches	Treasurer		
10	Dr M Riches	Fundraiser		
11	Mrs U Smith	Librarian	Resigned 19-9-20	
12	Mrs J Stewart	Librarian		
13	Mrs J Swinburne			
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C N Riches	
Full name(s)	Clive Nigel Riches	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date		



Cumbria Rural Choirs CIO			1168081	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Jul-20	To	30-Jun-21	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,558	-	-	1,558	1,809
Legacy received	-	-	-	-	3,000
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	1,229
Fundraising	5	-	-	5	2,104
Grants	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Singers Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	4,250
Ticket Sales	(242)	-	-	(242)	1,496
Choir Day	-	-	-	-	-
Programme Sales and Advertising	38	-	-	38	1,354
Meal	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	516
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,359	1,000	-	2,359	15,758
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,359	1,000	-	2,359	15,758
A3 Payments					
Conductor	-	-	-	-	-
2020 Wordsworth performance	-	-	-	-	4,900
Choral director	-	-	-	-	1,162
Orchestra/Singers	-	-	-	-	3,287
Accompanist	-	-	-	-	825
Performance and Rehearsal Halls	18	-	-	18	281
Music Hire, Printing and Stationery	98	-	-	98	1,229
Advertising and Publicity	301	-	-	301	1,308
Bank Charges	78	-	-	78	60
Meal	-	-	-	-	-
Other	719	-	-	719	947
Sub total	1,214	-	-	1,214	13,999
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,214	-	-	1,214	13,999
Net of receipts/(payments)	145	1,000	-	1,145	1,759
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,268	-	-	18,268	18,509
Cash funds this year end	18,413	1,000	-	19,413	18,268

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	18,413	1,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,413	1,000	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

**Cumbria Rural Choirs CIO
Chartered Accountants report
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

We have prepared for your approval the financial information of Cumbria Rural Choirs CIO for the year, which comprises of the receipts and payments statement and the balance sheet, from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of Cumbria Rural Choirs CIO and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Cumbria Rural Choirs CIO for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

APB Bookkeeping Services Limited
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Date: 16th August 2021