



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01-07-22** **To** **30-06-23**

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 singers from local choirs and individuals living in rural communities across North Cumbria. The long-term strategy continues to be the development of the choral singing techniques to achieve the highest possible standard of performance. The choir's repertoire focuses on large scale, complex choral works which, often, would be too demanding for the local choirs to undertake on their own. Its engagement of an internationally renowned music director to lead the rehearsals and conduct the concert, enables all participants to broaden and develop their musical skills. It also provides the opportunity for audiences to hear choral music, accompanied by a professional orchestra and soloists, 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, through the high standard that it achieves. It helps to counteract rural isolation and the lack of access to high quality educational and cultural provision in rural communities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	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

Commission on public benefit		aims and objectives and in planning future activities.
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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 held its AGM in November 2022 having started the season in September following a successful 'Come and Sing' day in June which enabled several people to experience singing choral music for the first time to participate and then, subsequently, join the choir for the 2022-23 season. This was the first year under the new format of the guest conductor also being the guest musical director. This year the post was filled by Dr Andrew Padmore. Rehearsals were changed to 4 full days on Saturdays which resulted in longer and more concentrated periods of learning and singing. This was supported by on-line material supplied by Andrew enabling members to improve their singing technique and also to learn their part. This greatly enhanced the learning experience. The outcome was a very successful performance In Carlisle Cathedral in April of Haydn's 'The Creation'. It was attended by about 350 people ranging in ages from 10 - 90+ years, many of whom provided very positive reviews via e mail following the performance.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trustees decided that the newly reformed Cumbria Singers, making a post Covid 'come back', should aspire to holding a 'big sing' with a professional conductor, orchestra and singers. Due to the increase in membership, it had been expected that the choir would 'break even', but a very steep and unexpected increase in the cost of staging for the concert resulted in a loss. The Charity, however, still has a healthy bank balance which exceeds the minimum reserve.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Trustees have set a minimum target for unrestricted reserves of 6 months running costs.</p> <p>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.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted funds held of £11,865

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	<p>The Charity receives income from the following sources:</p> <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 return of Covid-19 and government restrictions on meetings which means that renewed activity would once more go into abeyance and/or members would feel unable to continue and audiences would not be able to attend concerts.

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			
3	Miss G Brinkmann			
4	Mrs E Dunning			
5	Mrs M Ferriby	Booking Secretary		
6	Mrs K Pinfold		Appointed 26-11-22	
7	Mr C N Riches	Treasurer		
8	Dr M Riches	Chair		
9	Mrs S Sapsford			
10	Mr S Wagstaff			
11	Mrs J Wright			
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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	24/07/2023	



Cumbria Rural Choirs CIO			1168081	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01-Jul-22	To	30-Jun-23	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,540	-	-	1,540	1,152
Auction	1,863	-	-	1,863	-
Gift aid	480	-	-	480	125
Fundraising	1,622	-	-	1,622	53
Grants	-	3,610	-	3,610	-
Singers Subscriptions	6,140	-	-	6,140	1,620
Music for a Summer evening	585	-	-	585	525
Ticket Sales	4,646	-	-	4,646	1,044
Choir Day	-	-	-	-	1,160
Programme Sales and Advertising	1,313	-	-	1,313	114
Ukraine appeal	150	-	-	150	412
Other	49	-	-	49	8
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	18,388	3,610	-	21,998	6,213
Total receipts	18,388	3,610	-	21,998	6,213
A3 Payments					
Launch event	-	-	-	-	1,287
Come and sing day	100	-	-	100	1,127
Music for a summer evening	704	-	-	704	-
Choral director	5,597	-	-	5,597	1,917
Orchestra/Singers/Soloists	1,675	-	-	1,675	900
Accompanist	838	-	-	838	841
Performance and Rehearsal Halls	1,575	965	-	2,540	1,147
Concert	7,360	2,645	-	10,005	-
Music Hire	200	-	-	200	169
Advertising, Publicity, printing and stationery	1,803	-	-	1,803	1,831
Bank Charges	77	-	-	77	96
Insurance	288	-	-	288	280
Donation	150	-	-	150	412
Other	894	-	-	894	627
Sub total	21,261	3,610	-	24,871	10,634
Total payments	21,261	3,610	-	24,871	10,634
Net of receipts/(payments)	(2,873)	-	-	(2,873)	(4,421)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,992	-	-	14,992	19,413
Cash funds this year end	12,119	-	-	12,119	14,992

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	12,119	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,119	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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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 2023

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](https://www.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](https://www.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.

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Date: