

THE PHOENIX CHOIR OF CRAWLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1169875

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2016-10-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE:1) 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: Phoenix Choir of Crawley is a mixed voice adult choir based in Crawley. We rehearse on Thursday evenings and put on three or four concerts each year, with professional instrumentalists and soloists. We sing a range of music, including choral classics, traditional songs and contemporary works. We like to support our local community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£33,521	£32,664	-	-
2024-08-31	£34,609	£30,623	-	-
2023-08-31	£44,430	£29,369	-	-
2022-08-31	£22,442	£34,065	-	-
2021-08-31	£9,313	£7,358	-	-
2020-08-31	£18,512	£22,365	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Edward Head	Chair	2017-10-19
Anne Elizabeth Thomas		2023-10-12
Anne McQuade		2017-10-19
Janice Deborah Heaysman		2023-10-12
Kathryn Jeanine Wakeling		2021-12-09
Rachel Anne Clark		2023-10-12
Wendy Cooper		2024-10-24

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Accounts



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

for the period
from 1st Sept 2024
to 31st August 2025

TRUSTEES SERVING DURING THE PERIOD: all committee members are trustees

Chair: Michael Head
Secretary: Angela Finn (to 24.10.24), Anne Thomas (from 24.10.24)
Treasurer: Kathryn Wakeling
Other trustees:
Robin Spencer Anne McQuade
Rachel Clark Janice Heaysman
Wendy Cooper (from 24.10.24) Angela Finn (from 24.10.24)

Structure, governance, and management:

The Phoenix Choir of Crawley (hereinafter referred to as the Society) is a registered charity (registration number 1169875), formed in 2016 by the merger of two existing choirs.

The Society is governed by its Constitution and Rules. The ninth annual general meeting was held 24th October 2024.

The trustees are appointed by the members in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Society. All committee members are also trustees. The business of the Society is managed by the committee, with committee meetings held at least six times each year. The committee is responsible for the overall financial running of the Society.

Objectives and activities:

The objects of the Society 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.

Achievements:

We continue to perform a range of music, in an effort to appeal to as many people as we can.

Our November 2024 concert featured folk music from around the world, with the main piece being Rutter's A Sprig of Thyme. We were joined by the excellent harpist, Alexander Rider and the event was well attended, with a number of audience members clearly enjoying some very familiar tunes.

Christmas 2024 saw us able to repeat our Community carol singing, singing at three care homes, Crawley Library and the new Hospice, plus fundraising for St Catherine's in County Mall. We again held a short free Thursday concert at St Andrew's, with the retiring collection and raffle raising a wonderful £811 for Free Shop Crawley.

In April 2025 we stepped away from traditional choral music with our "Freedom" concert. Having the two main composers attending a rehearsal and with us on the night, with Alexander L'Estrange performing with us with his Jazz Quintet, and Tony Biggin introducing his work, was a rare treat. Thank you to all singers who took part, throwing yourselves into the performance, as urged by Alexander, Tony and George, resulting in a glorious, memorable evening, enhanced by a slideshow of pictures, which together were hugely appreciated by the audience in an almost full church.

Our summer term returned to more traditional territory, performing Haydn's Nelson Mass with 4 soloists and an orchestra. Another excellent concert, back at St Wilfrid's School, made possible by our fundraising with the Crawley Community Shop.


Financial Review:

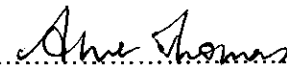
Phoenix Choir of Crawley started and ended the season in a strong financial position, with good reserves.

The attached accounts show an unrestricted deficit over the year of £919, with our unrestricted reserves decreasing to £63,872 at 31 August 2025.

The trustees intend to keep our subscriptions and ticket prices affordable, and to continue to invest in high quality concerts, and other musical activities such as workshops and tours, for the benefit of our members and the public. We will continue to sustain the choir by seeking to attract new singers and audience, and by being active in the local community.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: .....
Name: Michael Head, Chairman
Date: 30/4/26.....

Signature: .....
Name: Anne Thomas, Secretary
Date: 30/4/26.....



The Phoenix Choir of Crawley: Statement of Accounts:
31/08/2025

1. Income

General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	<u>Gifts, Donations and other voluntary receipts</u>	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
£7,230.00 -		1 Subscriptions	£6,935.00 -		
£575.00 -		2 Grants and Sponsorship	£80.00 -		1
£145.50 -		3 Donations	£54.50 -		
£1,180.01 -		4 Workshop Receipts	£569.00 -		
£9,130.51	£0.00	TOTAL: Gifts, Donations and other voluntary receipts	£7,638.50	£0.00	
General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	<u>Trading Activities</u>	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
£3,398.00 -		5 Box Office	£3,613.00 -		2
£136.20 -		6 Programme / Refreshment Sales	£312.00 -		
		Raffle and Charity Collection for December Concerts (/			
£615.68 -		December 2023 Moonstones - December 2024 FreeShop			
£1,239.00 -		7 Crawley)	£876.42 -		3
£14,124.75		8 Choir Music Hire & Purchase	£899.58 -		
£720.22 -		9 Fundraising - Crawley Community Shop	£15,424.77		4
		9 Fundraising - Rehearsal Raffles & Refreshments	£747.35 -		
£20,233.85	£0.00	TOTAL: Trading Activities	£21,873.12	£0.00	
General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	<u>Other Receipts</u>	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
£0.00 -		10 Gift Aid	£0.00	£0.00	5
£1,190.00 -		11 Social Events	£649.00	£0.00	6
-	£2,631.80	12 Tour payments from participants	£0.00	£1,750.00	
£1,190.00	£2,631.80	TOTAL: Other Receipts	£649.00	£1,750.00	
General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	<u>Receipts earned from assets</u>	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
£87.44 -		13 Interest earned (Santander)	£170.43 -		
£788.74		13 Interest earned (Nationwide)	£787.66 -		
£546.48		13 Interest earned (CCLA Investments)	£652.63 -		
£1,422.66	£0.00	TOTAL: Receipts earned from assets	£1,610.72	£0.00	
£31,977.02	£2,631.80	£34,608.82 TOTAL RECEIPTS	£31,771.34	£1,750.00	
Combined total receipts 2024-2025 £31,771.34 (2023-2024 £34,608.32)					

2. Payments

General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	<u>Payments directly for charitable purposes</u>	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
		Rehearsals			
£2,880.00 -		14 Rehearsals - Venue Hire	£2,960.00 -		
£3,535.00 -		15 Rehearsals - Conductor	£3,950.00 -		
£2,684.00 -		16 Rehearsal - Accompanist	£3,096.00 -		
£9,099.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Rehearsals	£10,006.00	£0.00	

General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024		General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
		Concerts			
£340.00 -		17 Concerts - Venue Hire	£824.47 -		
£1,270.00 -		18 Concerts - Conductor	£1,860.00 -		
		Concerts - Professional Musician Fees (including page			
£2,267.13 -		19 turner)	£11,223.50 -		
£2.50 -		20 Concerts - Instrumental Music Hire	£192.69 -		
£0.00 -		21 Concerts - Programme Printing	£0.00 -		
£42.00		22 Concerts - Admin and Expenses	£182.11 -		
£3,921.63	£0.00	TOTAL: Concerts	£14,282.77	£0.00	

General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	Other Costs	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
		Other Costs			
£1,782.14 -		23 Workshop	£1,491.79 -		
£259.98 -		24 Equipment	£0.00 -		
£1,981.44 -		25 Choir Music (Hire and Purchase)	£2,044.41 -		
£90.00 -		26 Community Events	£116.00 -		
£4,113.56	£0.00	TOTAL: Other Costs	£3,652.20	£0.00	

General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	Payments for publicity, fundraising, management and admin	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
		Payments for publicity, fundraising, management and admin			
£1,515.07 -		27 / 29 Concert & other publicity	£1,629.18 -		
£102.84 -		28 Concert Audience refreshments	£264.64 -		
£832.01 -		30 Subscriptions , Insurance, PRS	£722.98 -		
£153.50 -		31 Committee Administration	£319.42 -		
£113.95 -		32 Card Machine fees	£91.42 -		
£2,717.37	£0.00	TOTAL: Payments for publicity, fundraising, management and admin	£3,027.64	£0.00	

General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	Other Payments	General Fund 2024-2025	Tour Fund 2024-2025	Notes
		Other Payments			
-	£190.00	33 Tour Refunds	£0.00		
	£9,369.00	34 Tour Costs	£0.00		
£255.15 -		35 Social Events - Venue Hire	£263.90 -		
£329.23 -		36 Social Events - Catering	£540.10 -		
		Charitable Donations (December 2023 Moonstones /			
£555.00 -		37 December 2024 FreeShop Crawley)	£810.66 -		
£72.88 -		38 Gifts (including for professionals from concerts)	£80.50 -		
		TOTAL: Other Payments	£1,695.16	£0.00	

£21,063.82	£9,369.00	£30,432.82	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£32,663.77	£0.00
Combined total payments 2024-2025: £32663.77 (2023-2024 - £30432.82)					

3. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Total receipts from 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025	£33,521.34	
Total payments from 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025	£32,663.77	
Gain / (loss) during period from activities	£857.57	GAIN
Gain / (loss) during period on value of investment accounts	-£26.21	LOSS
Total gain / (loss) from 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025	£831.36	GAIN
	General Fund	Tour Fund
Funds at start of year (31/08/2024)	£64,790.94	£0.00
Total gain / (loss) from 01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025	£831.36	£0.00
Monies from social on 31/08/2025 yet to be received	-£40.00	£0.00
Transfer between funds	-£1,750.00	£1,750.00
Funds at end of year (31/08/2025)	£63,832.30	£1,750.00
	Funds held as at 31/08/2025	
£1,646.73	Cash	£1,166.50
£3,184.06	Santander Current Account	£1,311.43
£17,048.05	Santander Savings Account	£20,218.48
£20,000.01	Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver Account	£20,000.01
	CCLA Investments Accounts:	
£13,880.32	COIF Charities Global Equity Income Fund (U)	£13,625.53
£9,031.77	COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund (B)	£9,260.35
£64,790.94	TOTAL FUNDS HELD AS AT 31/08/2025	£65,582.30

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4. Assets retained for charity's purposes - est. current value based on 10% pa depreciation

31/08/2024			Depreciation	
Value	Purchase Date	Description	Amount	31/08/2025 Value
£36.90	(in 2013/14)	Yamaha Digital Piano	10%	£33.21
£15.30	(in 2014/15)	Keyboard Carrying Bag	10%	£13.77
£222.30	(in 2016/17)	100 Black Music Folders	10%	£200.07
£337.50	(in 2017/18)	2 speakers, 2 stands, headset mic, mixer unit	10%	£303.75
£40.50	(in 2017/18)	Orchestra music stand lights	10%	£36.45
£211.50	(in 2019/20)	Sheet Music	10%	£190.35
£21.60	(in 2017/18)	2 Phoenix Roller Banners	10%	£19.44
£240.30	(in 2021/22)	Sheet Music	10%	£216.27
£227.70	(in 2022/23)	Sheet Music	10%	£204.93
£225.00	(in 2022/23)	Portable speaker	10%	£202.50
£8.10	(in 2022/23)	Protective cover for speaker	10%	£7.29
£17.10	(in 2022/23)	Speaker stand	10%	£15.39
£14.40	(in 2022/23)	Microphone stand	10%	£12.96
£155.00	03/10/2023	10 x Carols for Choirs	10%	£139.50
£100.40	31/10/2023	Sheet Music - Ubi Caritas	10%	£90.36
£205.50	31/10/2023	25 x Black Music Folders	10%	£184.95
£227.50	21/11/2023	Sheet Music - William Tell Overture	10%	£204.75
£21.99	09/12/2023	Extension Lead	10%	£19.79
£122.88	17/12/2023	Sheet Music - The Lion sleeps tonight	10%	£110.59
£293.00	18/06/2024	Music - 50 x Songs my heart has taught me	10%	£263.70
£0.00	27/11/2024	Music - 65 x Freedom	0%	£491.40
£0.00	09/12/2024	Music - 75 x Gates of Greenham	0%	£457.20
£2,744.47		TOTAL OF ASSETS AS AT 31/08/2025		£3,418.62



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name THE PHOENIX CHOIR OF CRAWLEY

On accounts for the year ended

31/08/2025

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 20/4/2026

Name: MARK HAYWARD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

BATS CERTIFIED (GOVERNMENT)

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

THE PHOENIX CHOIR OF CRAWLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1169875

Accounts



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

for the period
from 1st Sept 2023
to 31st August 2024

TRUSTEES SERVING DURING THE PERIOD: all committee members are trustees

Chair: Michael Head
Secretary: Angela Finn
Treasurer: Kathryn Wakeling
Other trustees:

Robin Spencer	Anne McQuade
Jennifer Bolt (to 12.10.23)	Yvonne Seetayah
Anne Thomas (from 12.10.23)	Janice Heaysman (from 12.10.23)
Rachel Clark (from 12.10.23)	

Structure, governance, and management:

The Phoenix Choir of Crawley (hereinafter referred to as the Society) is a registered charity (registration number 1169875), formed in 2016 by the merger of two existing choirs.

The Society is governed by its Constitution and Rules. The eighth annual general meeting was held 12th October 2023.

The trustees are appointed by the members in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Society. All committee members are also trustees. The business of the Society is managed by the committee, with committee meetings held at least six times each year. The committee is responsible for the overall financial running of the Society.

Objectives and activities:

The objects of the Society 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.

Achievements:

We continue to perform a range of music, in an effort to appeal to as many people as we can.

Our third tour in November 2023 was another big success, performing Faure's Requiem in lovely churches in Warwick and Leamington Spa.

Christmas 2023 saw us able to increase our community carol singing, singing at two care homes, the new Hospice and the Mayor's carol service, as well as at St Mary's Southgate and County Mall. We again held a short free Thursday concert at St Andrew's, with the retiring collection and raffle raising a wonderful £555 for Moonstones.

In March 2024 we held an afternoon concert of "Family Favourites". This was a bit of an ambitious leap into the unknown for us, in terms of repertoire and how to appeal to all generations in a single concert. A number of the things we tried, notably the teddy bears and balloons along with the rainbow-sequenced choir seating, concert dress and afternoon start, were very well received, and it was great to see so many people coming to a Phoenix concert for the first time.

Our summer term featured another first for us, namely inviting a composer to host a workshop for us. Bob Chilcott led an excellent day for us, ably assisted by our accompanist, Gina, and built a real enthusiasm towards the concert featuring two of his pieces and a range of other music from composers of our time.


Financial Review:


Phoenix Choir of Crawley started and ended the season in a strong financial position, with good reserves.

The attached accounts show an unrestricted surplus over the year of £11,418, with our unrestricted reserves increasing to £64,791 at 31 August 2024. The main item giving rise to the surplus was fundraising income of £14,125 received from the Crawley Community Shop, being our share of the shop surplus based on the many hours worked at the shop by our volunteers.

The trustees intend to keep our subscriptions and ticket prices affordable, and to continue to invest in high quality concerts, and other musical activities such as workshops and tours, for the benefit of our members and the public. We will continue to sustain the choir by seeking to attract new singers and audience, and by being active in the local community.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 
Name: Michael Head, Chairman
Date: 24-10-24

Signature: 
Name: Angela Finn, Secretary
Date: 24-10-24



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE PHOENIX CHOIR OF CRAWLEY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1169875

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 08 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that~~ disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

06/12/2024

Name:

MARK HAYWARD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

GOVERNMENT BATS CERTIFIED

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**The Phoenix Choir of Crawley:
Statement of Accounts: 31 August 2024**

1. Income

General Fund 2022-2023	Tour Fund 2022-2023	Gifts, Donations and other voluntary receipts	General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	Notes
£7,000.00 -		1 Subscriptions	£7,230.00		
£80.00 -		2 Grants and Sponsorship	£575.00		1
£66.00 -		3 Donations	£145.50		
£210.00 -		4 Workshop Receipts	£1,180.01		
£7,356.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Gifts, Donations, other voluntary receipts	£9,130.51	£0.00	
Trading Activities					
£5,223.00 -		5 Box Office	£3,398.00		2
£986.00 -		6 Programme / Refreshment Sales Raffle and Charity Collection for December Concerts (2022 - Crawley Open House / December 2023)	£136.20		
£508.00 -		7 Moonstones)	£615.68		3
£1,144.00 -		8 Choir Music Hire & Purchase	£1,239.00		
£19,259.00		9 Fundraising - Crawley Community Shop	£14,124.75		4
£40.00 -		9 Fundraising - Rehearsal Raffles & Refreshments	£720.22		
£27,160.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Trading Activities	£20,233.85	£0.00	
Other Receipts					
- -		10 Gift Aid	£0.00		5
£422.00 -		11 Social Events	£1,190.00		6
- £8,480.00		12 Tour payments from participants		£2,631.80	
£422.00	£8,480.00	TOTAL: Other Receipts	£1,190.00	£2,631.80	
Receipts earned from assets					
£1,011.00 -		13 Interest earned (Santander)	£87.44		
		13 Interest earned (Nationwide)	£788.74		
		13 Interest earned (CCLA Investments)	£546.48		
£1,011.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Receipts earned from assets	£1,422.66	£0.00	
£16,690.00	£8,480.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£31,977.02	£2,631.80	
2022-23 TOTAL	£25,170.00	Combined total receipts	£34,608.82		

2. Payments

General Fund 2022-2023	Tour Fund 2022-2023	<u>Payments directly for charitable purposes</u>	General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	Notes
Rehearsals					
£3,040.00 -		14 Rehearsals - Venue Hire	£2,880.00		
£3,470.00 -		15 Rehearsals - Conductor	£3,535.00		
£2,668.00 -		16 Rehearsal - Accompanist	£2,684.00		
£9,178.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Rehearsals	£9,099.00	£0.00	
Concerts					
£1,500.00 -		17 Concerts - Venue Hire	£340.00		
£1,535.00 -		18 Concerts - Conductor	£1,270.00		
		Concerts - Professional Musician Fees (including page			
£6,807.00 -		19 turner)	£2,267.13		
£268.00 -		20 Concerts - Instrumental Music Hire	£2.50		
£293.00 -		21 Concerts - Programme Printing	£0.00		
£148.00		22 Concerts - Admin and Expenses	£42.00		
£10,551.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Concerts	£3,921.63	£0.00	
Other Costs					
£970.00 -		23 Workshop	£1,782.14		
£297.00 -		24 Equipment	£259.98		
£1,262.00 -		25 Choir Music (Hire and Purchase)	£1,981.44		
£180.00 -		26 Community Events	£90.00		
£2,709.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Other Costs	£4,113.56	£0.00	
Publicity, fundraising, management and admin					
£2,329.00 -		27 Concert & other publicity	£1,515.07		
£153.00 -		28 Concert Audience refreshments	£102.84		
£808.00 -		30 Subscriptions, Insurance, PRS	£832.01		
£120.00 -		31 Committee Administration	£153.50		
£161.00 -		32 Card Machine fees	£113.95		7
£3,571.00	£0.00	TOTAL: publicity, fundraising, management, admin	£2,717.37	£0.00	
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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE PHOENIX CHOIR OF CRAWLEY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 AUGUST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1169875

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 08 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that~~ disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

06/12/2024

Name:

MARK HAYWARD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

GOVERNMENT BATS CERTIFIED

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**The Phoenix Choir of Crawley:
Statement of Accounts: 31 August 2024**

1. Income

General Fund 2022-2023	Tour Fund 2022-2023	Gifts, Donations and other voluntary receipts	General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	Notes
£7,000.00 -		1 Subscriptions	£7,230.00		
£80.00 -		2 Grants and Sponsorship	£575.00		1
£66.00 -		3 Donations	£145.50		
£210.00 -		4 Workshop Receipts	£1,180.01		
£7,356.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Gifts, Donations, other voluntary receipts	£9,130.51	£0.00	
Trading Activities					
£5,223.00 -		5 Box Office	£3,398.00		2
£986.00 -		6 Programme / Refreshment Sales Raffle and Charity Collection for December Concerts (2022 - Crawley Open House / December 2023)	£136.20		
£508.00 -		7 Moonstones)	£615.68		3
£1,144.00 -		8 Choir Music Hire & Purchase	£1,239.00		
£19,259.00		9 Fundraising - Crawley Community Shop	£14,124.75		4
£40.00 -		9 Fundraising - Rehearsal Raffles & Refreshments	£720.22		
£27,160.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Trading Activities	£20,233.85	£0.00	
Other Receipts					
- -		10 Gift Aid	£0.00		5
£422.00 -		11 Social Events	£1,190.00		6
- £8,480.00		12 Tour payments from participants		£2,631.80	
£422.00	£8,480.00	TOTAL: Other Receipts	£1,190.00	£2,631.80	
Receipts earned from assets					
£1,011.00 -		13 Interest earned (Santander)	£87.44		
		13 Interest earned (Nationwide)	£788.74		
		13 Interest earned (CCLA Investments)	£546.48		
£1,011.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Receipts earned from assets	£1,422.66	£0.00	
£16,690.00	£8,480.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£31,977.02	£2,631.80	
2022-23 TOTAL	£25,170.00	Combined total receipts	£34,608.82		

2. Payments

General Fund 2022-2023	Tour Fund 2022-2023	<u>Payments directly for charitable purposes</u>	General Fund 2023-2024	Tour Fund 2023-2024	Notes
Rehearsals					
£3,040.00 -		14 Rehearsals - Venue Hire	£2,880.00		
£3,470.00 -		15 Rehearsals - Conductor	£3,535.00		
£2,668.00 -		16 Rehearsal - Accompanist	£2,684.00		
£9,178.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Rehearsals	£9,099.00	£0.00	
Concerts					
£1,500.00 -		17 Concerts - Venue Hire	£340.00		
£1,535.00 -		18 Concerts - Conductor	£1,270.00		
		19 Concerts - Professional Musician Fees (including page turner)	£2,267.13		
£6,807.00 -		20 Concerts - Instrumental Music Hire	£2.50		
£268.00 -		21 Concerts - Programme Printing	£0.00		
£293.00 -		22 Concerts - Admin and Expenses	£42.00		
£148.00					
£10,551.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Concerts	£3,921.63	£0.00	
Other Costs					
£970.00 -		23 Workshop	£1,782.14		
£297.00 -		24 Equipment	£259.98		
£1,262.00 -		25 Choir Music (Hire and Purchase)	£1,981.44		
£180.00 -		26 Community Events	£90.00		
£2,709.00	£0.00	TOTAL: Other Costs	£4,113.56	£0.00	
Publicity, fundraising, management and admin					
£2,329.00 -		27 Concert & other publicity	£1,515.07		
£153.00 -		28 Concert Audience refreshments	£102.84		
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THE PHOENIX CHOIR OF CRAWLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1169875

Accounts



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

for the period
from 1st Sept 2022
to 31st August 2023

TRUSTEES SERVING DURING THE PERIOD: all committee members are trustees

Chair:	Michael Head	
Secretary	Angela Finn	
Treasurer:	Jennifer Bolt	
Other trustees:		
	Robin Spencer	Anne McQuade
	Christine Ollis (to 16.10.22)	Yvonne Seetayah
	Kathryn Wakeling	

Structure, governance, and management:

The Phoenix Choir of Crawley (hereinafter referred to as the Society) is a registered charity (registration number 1169875), formed in 2016 by the merger of two existing choirs.

The Society is governed by its Constitution and Rules. The seventh annual general meeting was held 1st December 2022.

The trustees are appointed by the members in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Society. All committee members are also trustees. The business of the Society is managed by the committee, with committee meetings held at least six times each year. The committee is responsible for the overall financial running of the Society.

Objectives and activities:

The objects of the Society 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.

Achievements:

A year when events were mostly back to normal.

Our November concert, *Songs of the Fleet*, was somewhat complicated, with fewer than our usual number of singers and some tricky pieces to learn. We found it difficult rehearsing pieces without the soloist as the solo part was so integral. With George's encouragement, we coped, as we usually do. By concert day our confidence had grown, and we can be justifiably proud of our performance, alongside Richard Bannan our brilliant soloist. Huge thanks again to George, our musical director, and Gina, our accompanist.

In December we again held a short free carol concert at St Andrew's for friends and families and we also performed at St Mary's Southgate, County Mall and at St Catherine's Hospice. The concert in December 2022 at St Andrews raised a wonderful total of £523 for Crawley Open House.

Trial by Jury in March was a remarkable evening, with a packed Church treated to our joyous performance, and wonderful music from our guests the brilliant Ensemble Reza. Setting ourselves the challenge of doing a staged performance, with the solo parts performed by members of the choir, was ambitious. Our openness and warm welcome to guest singers again resulted in several singers who joined us for this concert now in full membership with us. Our ever-strengthening relationship with St

Andrew's Church was also apparent, with much appreciated help from several of the congregation with rearranging the seating afterwards, ready for their Sunday morning service.

That term epitomised so much of what Phoenix Choir of Crawley is about; our warm welcome to guest singers, our willingness to try different things, our positivity in working together, and resolving problems as necessary in order to produce memorable, high-quality performances.

After the joyous mayhem of Gilbert and Sullivan, the July concert *Sounds of Italy* was a glorious concert of Italian music, performing the music originally planned for July 2020. George, our professional soloists the orchestra and the Choir were all excellent. The Puccini *Messa di Gloria* was a glorious and exhilarating singing experience, with audience feedback full of praise for all involved.

Financial Review:

Phoenix Choir of Crawley started and ended the season in a strong financial position, with good reserves.

The attached accounts show an unrestricted surplus over the year of £9,661, with our restricted reserves increasing to £53,373 at 31 August 2023. Fundraising income was up significantly in the year, with the vast majority being received from the Crawley Community Shop, our share of the shop profits based on the many hours worked at the shop by our volunteers. Concert expenditure was reduced, as we did not perform at The Hawth during the year.

The trustees intend to keep our subscriptions and ticket prices affordable, and to continue to invest in high quality concerts, and other musical activities such as workshops and tours, for the benefit of our members and the public. We will continue to sustain the choir by seeking to attract new singers and audience, and by being active in the local community.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 

Name: Michael Head, Chairman

Date: 3/10/23

Signature: 

Name: Angela Finn, Secretary

Date: 3.10.23