



**PRISON CHOIR PROJECT
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Prison Choir Project
Company No. 10073711
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE: 2.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, INCLUDING THROUGH THE STUDY, PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE OF OPERA, SONG AND CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL MUSIC, IN ORDER TO FOSTER GREATER PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF SUCH, IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) AMONG PRISONERS, EX-OFFENDERS AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL DISORDER OR CONDITIONS OF EMOTIONAL OR MENTAL DISTRESS REQUIRING ADVICE OR TREATMENT; 2.2 THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN MUSIC AND RELATED SUBJECTS, PARTICULARLY (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) AMONG PRISONERS AND EX-OFFENDERS AND PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL DISORDER OR CONDITIONS OF EMOTIONAL OR MENTAL DISTRESS REQUIRING ADVICE OR TREATMENT; 2.3 THE RELIEF OF NEED AMONG PRISONERS AND EX-OFFENDERS, AND AMONG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL DISORDER OR CONDITIONS OF EMOTIONAL OR MENTAL DISTRESS REQUIRING ADVICE OR TREATMENT BY: 2.3.1 PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLECTIVE ACTIVITY IN CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS, INCLUDING THROUGH MUSICAL PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE; AND 2.3.2 PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN MUSIC IN ORDER TO DEVELOP PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES, SUCH AS CONFIDENCE, SELF-ESTEEM AND INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION CAPACITIES, IN ORDER TO ASSIST THEIR DEVELOPMENT IN SOCIAL PARTICIPATION; AND 2.3.3 ANY OTHER SUCH MEANS THAT ARE CHARITABLE UNDER THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES THAT THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME DEEM FIT.

Public Benefit

Engaged directly with over 150 men in custody at HMP Wormwood Scrubs.

Provided employment to more than 40 professional musicians, supporting the wider creative economy and strengthening our capacity to deliver a high-quality programme.

Broadcast on National Prison Radio on Christmas Day.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

Trustee Report: Prison Choir Project

The Trustees are pleased to report on the ongoing delivery and impact of the Prison Choir Project, with a particular focus on our continued commitment to HMP Wormwood Scrubs.

Throughout the year, the Project has maintained a programme of weekly music interventions and events within the prison, ensuring consistent access to high-quality music-making for participants. These sessions provide structured opportunities for engagement, skill development, and improved well-being among those in custody.

This past year the Project has:

- Engaged directly with over 150 men in custody at HMP Wormwood Scrubs.
- Provided employment to more than 40 professional musicians, supporting the wider creative economy and strengthening our capacity to deliver a high-quality programme.
- Broadcast on National Prison Radio on Christmas Day.

Feedback from participants and prison staff indicates that the programme has had a positive impact on confidence, communication, and collaboration, aligning with our charitable objectives of rehabilitation and community reintegration through the arts.

The Trustees remain committed to the sustained delivery of this work at Wormwood Scrubs and to exploring opportunities for future development and expansion, subject to available resources. In 2025 we have expanded into a further three prisons and look forward to reporting on this in our next annual statement.

We extend our thanks to all staff, musicians, funders, and prison partners for their ongoing support in delivering this important programme.

Financial Review

Financial Position

The charity's income and expenditure details are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.
The charity's total net assets are held in unrestricted funds

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Reserves Policy

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The Prison Choir Project has no permanent home and no material fixed costs. The trustees commit to new projects only when confident that funding can be secured and will ensure the unrestricted reserve is maintained at a level that allows the charity to meet its minimal financial obligations.

Going Concern

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After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, with the continuing support of its funders.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

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The Prison Choir Project, a company limited by guarantee, was incorporated on 21 March 2016 and operates under its memorandum and articles of association. It is governed by the Trustees. The names of the Trustees are set out on page 1 of these accounts

Trustee Selection Methods

Appointment of Trustees

Prospective new Trustees are identified from recommendations by existing Trustees and others with knowledge of the prison system or music, and are appointed by the existing Trustees after reviewing their skills and experience and considering the contribution they could make to the charity

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Mr Robin Cooke-Hurle
Ms Anna Owen (appointed 27/03/2025)
Dr Michael Little
Mr Daniel Scott

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1174202

Company Number

10073711

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Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Robin Cooke-Hurle

Trustee

8th October 2025

Prison Choir Project
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Prison Choir Project
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Sinead Pratschke

Sinead Pratschke
8th October 2025
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Prison Choir Project
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	64,534	22,789
Charitable activities:	4		
Education/Training/Rehabilitation		17	-
		<u>64,551</u>	<u>22,789</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	6	1	-
Charitable activities:	6		
Education/Training/Rehabilitation		(35,733)	(44,372)
		<u>(35,732)</u>	<u>(44,372)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>28,819</u>	<u>(21,583)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>28,819</u>	<u>(21,583)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		42,452	64,035
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	<u><u>71,271</u></u>	<u><u>42,452</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Prison Choir Project
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

		2024		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	22,789	-	22,789
Charitable activities:	4			
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities:	6			
Education/Training/Rehabilitation		(12,142)	(32,230)	(44,372)
NET EXPENDITURE		10,647	(32,230)	(21,583)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		10,647	(32,230)	(21,583)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		31,805	32,230	64,035
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	42,452	-	42,452

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**Prison Choir Project
Balance Sheet
As At 31 March 2025**

			2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		75,666	-	75,666
		75,666	-	75,666
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	11	(4,395)	-	(4,395)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		71,271	-	71,271
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		71,271	-	71,271
NET ASSETS		71,271	-	71,271
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
Unrestricted Funds				71,271
TOTAL FUNDS	13			71,271

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board



Mr Robin Cooke-Hurle

Trustee

8th October 2025

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Prison Choir Project

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. General Information

Prison Choir Project is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 10073711 and registered charity number 1174202. The registered office is International House, 64 Nile Street, London, N1 7SR.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Going Concern Disclosure

The trustees have not identified any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4. Incoming Resources

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants which have a restriction as to timing are recognised over the period for which they are given. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in the accounts.

2.5. Resources Expended

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is considered to relate to expenditure of the charity in the furtherance of its charitable activities and includes the costs of delivering services undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

2.7. Pensions

The charitable company operates a defined pension contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	64,014	22,789
Gift aid	520	-
	<u>64,534</u>	<u>22,789</u>

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4. Income from Charitable Activities

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Education/Training/Rehabilitation	17	-

5. Government Grants

Government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:
 Ace Lottery Fund

	2025 £	2024 £
Ace Lottery Fund	1,470	-

6. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs (see note 7) £	2025 Total £
Raising funds	-	(1)	(1)
Education/Training/Rehabilitation	33,635	2,098	35,733
	33,635	2,097	35,732

	2024 Activities undertaken directly £
Education/Training/Rehabilitation	44,372

7. Support Costs

	Raising funds £	Education/Training/Rehabilitation £	2025 Total £
General administration	(1)	298	297
Governance costs	-	1,800	1,800
	(1)	2,098	2,097

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8. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	21,775	20,464
Other pension costs	466	-
	22,241	20,464
	22,241	20,464

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

9. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 1 (2024:)

11. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	(1)	1,500
Other creditors	1,548	92
Taxation and social security	1,048	1,023
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	-
	4,395	2,615
	4,395	2,615

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

12. Pension Commitments

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £466 (2024: £0).

At the balance sheet date contributions of £91 (2024: £0) were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

13. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	42,452	64,551	(35,732)	71,271
	42,452	64,551	(35,732)	71,271
Total funds	42,452	64,551	(35,732)	71,271

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	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	31,805	-	(5,134)	26,671
Unrestricted Fund	-	22,789	(7,008)	15,781
Total unrestricted funds	31,805	22,789	(12,142)	42,452
Restricted funds				
Restricted Fund	32,230	-	(32,230)	-
Total funds	64,035	22,789	(44,372)	42,452

14. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

15. Related Party Disclosures

Key management personnel (including directors) received compensation of £21,775 (2024: £0)

Managers' remuneration is determined by the trustees

Adam Green

Manager of the Charity

Employee remuneration

The manager of the charity is a related party. The manager's remuneration is determined by the trustees.

No trustees received remuneration in the year (2024 - the same). No trustees received reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses (2024 - the same).

There are no other reportable related parties or transactions.

16. Company limited by guarantee



The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

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