

KIDDERMINSTER **MALE** **CHOIR**

Kiddermminster Male Choir CIO Report and Financial Statements Year ending 31 March 2021 Charity number 1176147

The aims of the Choir are:

- To achieve and maintain musical excellence.
- To promote an atmosphere of fellowship and mutual support within the Choir.
- To give pleasure and satisfaction to all for whom the Choir performs.
- To make a major and positive contribution to the life of the community or communities served by the Choir.
- As an adjunct to its activities raise money in support of other charities nominated by the Committee.
- To carry out regular structured review and evaluation of the performance of the Choir, in all aspects of its life and work, and to use this process to refresh its Aims and Objectives and the ways in which they are pursued.
- To have an Annual General Meeting open to all qualifying members.
- To comply with any instructions from the Trustees in so far as they are pertinent to permitting the Trustees to fulfil their obligations under the Trust Deed.

These aims are historically met through regular meetings of members for the purposes of rehearsal to improve technical skill and to prepare for public performances in theatres, and at weddings and funerals. The choir has also undertaken tours which may be of short duration and involving members only or of longer duration where members may be accompanied by wives / partners and by 'friends of the choir'. From time to time the choir has participated in competitions with other Male Voice Choirs which will involve technical assessment by professional judges as well as entertainment for the public.

The Covid-19 pandemic has obviously impacted on the choirs ability to undertake these activities. However the Trustees and the Management Committee have striven to preserve continuity with regular communications with members and organising activity such as quizzes using internet media. We have been fortunate in having few tested positive cases within the membership and most have been successfully vaccinated. This permitted some limited return during the latter part of 2020 to rehearsal activity and the successful participation with the local authority in mounting a pre-Christmas mini-concert with appropriate precautions. After a further period of lockdown rehearsals recommenced at an outdoor venue with the help and assistance of the Bewdley Town Football Club to which we made a charitable donation.

The Trustees are delighted to be able to report that throughout the period all Members continued to pay their subscriptions and the Trustees also agreed to continue financial support for the Professional team that supports the choir to ensure that the resources to resume full activity would be available as soon as circumstances permitted. These two matters ensured that financially the position of the CIO remained stable.

The day to day administration of the choir is delegated by the Trustees to a Committee elected by the membership of choir. The Trustees are eligible for election to this role and during the period under report four of the six Trustees did serve on the Committee. The Trustees set out the requirements for budgeting and management of income and expenditure to ensure that the activities of the choir fall within the requirements of the CIO constitution.

Turning to financial matters, the Trustees do not have any employees but the Choir receives professional services from an independent Musical Director and two Accompanists to whom fees are paid on a sessional basis.

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Choir income has been generated, as indicated above, primarily from Membership subscriptions which are set at a level designed to cover the overall general administration costs of the choir including such items as the hire of halls for rehearsals and the sessional fees of the professional support.

Reference and Administrative Details

The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO number 1176147

The current registered address is 2 Sandmartin Way, Kidderminster, DY10 4DQ

Independent Examiner: Bridgepoint Accountants Limited, 16 New St, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8U

Trustees:

John Cadwallader	Appointed to serve until July 2022 - Treasurer
Stephen Clark	Appointed to serve until July 2022 - Secretary
Robin Copeman	Appointed to serve until July 2022
Peter Morgan	Appointed to serve until July 2022– Chairman

Richard Millner	Appointed to serve until July 2023
Keith Walton	Appointed to serve until July 2023
Nigel Wolfenden	Appointed to serve until July 2023

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the Trustees of the Kidderminster Male Trust CIO acting with advice and guidance of the Membership of the Kidderminster Male Choir.

Trustee Administration

The Trustees normally meet three times a year but more frequently if necessary to provide additional advice and guidance to the Management Committee.

Trustee Remuneration

The Trustees receive no remuneration other than the reclaim of legitimate necessarily incurred expenses.

Attachments

Report and Accounts

Submitted by order of the Trustees

Stephen Clark
Secretary

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The audited accounts show an excess of expenditure over income of £35, in other words we have effectively broken even in what has been a very challenging year. During Covid lockdown when the Choir was unable to perform or to meet for rehearsals we had to rely entirely upon the support of the membership in continuing to pay their subscriptions as our only regular source of income. This enabled us to make the decision to ensure the ongoing support of our Musical Director and Accompanist by agreeing to pay them a retainer equivalent to one rehearsal fee per week, thus ensuring that when the Covid restrictions were lifted we would be able to gradually resume our normal activities. The total amount paid in Professional Fees was £7692, equivalent to around 90% of subscription income.

We did grasp a window of opportunity to put on a Christmas concert in Kidderminster Town Hall funded by a grant from the Arts Council which generated some revenue for the Choir but more importantly allowed us to sing together, socially distanced, and to entertain those of our supporters brave enough to venture out.

Despite financial constraints we still managed to support a few local charities, notably the local food bank and this was once again as a result of generous contributions by choristers towards quizzes, Christmas card collections etc. thereby maintaining a presence in the local community. The amount donated to charities was £1760.

The Tour account was dormant throughout 2020/21 but it is hoped to recommence next year.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

INCOME STATEMENT				2021	2020
				£	£
INCOME	General	Concert	Tour	Total	Total
Income	9,483	1,695	0	11,178	64,362
HMRC Gift Aid	2,199	0	0	2,199	2,287
Sale of keyboard	0	0	0	0	125
Interest	0	0	0	0	40
Total Income	11,681	1,695	0	13,376	66,814
EXPENDITURE					
Coaches, travel & location expenses	0	0	0	0	1,716
Rehearsals & events	7,556	1,036	0	8,592	17,202
Room hire, storage & stage costs	0	0	0	0	5,824
Music & artists	961	0	0	961	1,896
Uniform costs	155	0	0	155	796
Printing	0	192	0	192	920
Advertising	0	0	0	0	589
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Local charity support	1,760	0	0	1,760	5,010
Admin expenses	755	0	0	755	348
Website upgrade	0	0	0	0	1,680
Sundry expenses	631	252	0	884	707
Insurance	0	0	0	0	137
Raffle/gifts/fundraising	0	0	0	0	387
Subsidy	0	0	0	0	0
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	4,537
Rhineland	0	0	0	0	36,668
Bank charges	0	0	0	0	60
Depreciation	114	0	0	114	114
	11,932	1,480	0	13,412	78,590
INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE	-251	215	0		
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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

In accordance with your instructions we have prepared without audit the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 from your books, records and explanations provided to us.



Bridgepoint Accountants Limited

11th August 2021

APPROVAL

I approve the attached accounts and confirm that I have made available all the relevant records & information required for their preparation. I consider that they fairly reflect the period under review and the financial position of the trust as at 31st March 2021



John Cadwallader
Treasurer

11th August 2021

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		341		454
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock		3,688		4,470
Bank - Current Account		2,117		1,049
Bank - Deposit Account		21,327		22,317
Prepayments & Accrued Income		0		0
		<u>27,132</u>		<u>27,836</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		0		0
		<u>27,473</u>		<u>28,290</u>

REPRESENTED BY

Accumulated funds b/fwd		28,290		41,552
General Account	-251		-6,704	
Concert Account	215		-1,207	
Tour Account	<u>0</u>		<u>-3,866</u>	
		-35		-11,776
Movement on stock (exc uniform)		-782		-1,486
		<u>27,473</u>		<u>28,290</u>