

UK HARMONY BRIGADE

England & Wales · Charity number 1176276

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-12-14

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

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF CLOSE-HARMONY SINGING AND SINGING IN THE BARBERSHOP HARMONY STYLE.

Activities: UK HARMONY BRIGADE PROVIDES SINGING AND MUSICAL EDUCATION FOCUSED ON A CAPPELLA QUARTET SINGING THROUGH ITS ANNUAL BRIGADE RALLIES.

Classification

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

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£54,110	£51,218	-	-
2024-06-30	£51,033	£45,829	-	-
2023-06-30	£32,366	£32,043	-	-
2022-06-30	£24,033	£25,157	-	-
2021-06-30	£980	£207	-	-
2020-03-31	£29,113	£25,171	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lindley Gram	Chair	2017-08-20
Dr Helen Marjorie Brew		2026-03-15
Kevan David Liebling		2020-08-19
NOELLE MCELWEE		2017-08-04
RUTH HOWE		2024-07-30

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UK Harmony Brigade: Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

As the Treasurer for the UK Harmony Brigade, I am pleased to present this report on our financial activities for the year ending 30 June 2025. This was a productive year for our charity, characterized by the successful delivery of our two primary events: the UK Harmony Brigade (Mixed) and the UK Treble Harmony Brigade (UKTHB). Our financial strategy remains focused on ensuring each event is self-sustaining while maintaining a healthy reserve to support the long-term future of these singing programs.

Financial Overview and Performance The charity remains in a solid financial position, concluding the year with net assets of £20,612, which represents an 18% increase over the previous year. While our overall turnover rose to £54,110, we saw a slight decrease in our net surplus to £2,892. This shift was largely driven by a 29% increase in venue costs, reflecting broader economic trends in event hosting. Despite these rising costs, we successfully managed our resources to ensure both brigades remained in the black.

Our operational model continues to rely entirely on the dedication of our volunteers. No salaries or professional fees were paid during this period, ensuring that the maximum amount of our income goes directly toward the singing experience. Much of our turnover—specifically £41,342—is comprised of "pass-through" income for hotel accommodation and merchandise, which we collect from members and pay out directly to our suppliers.

Event Tracking and Scholarship Funds To maintain clear oversight, we continue to use Xero tracking to monitor the UKHB and UKTHB events as distinct entities. For the 2025 cycle, the UKHB event generated a net profit of £682, while the UKTHB event contributed £2,210. These funds are reinvested into our reserves to protect against future cost fluctuations.

A core part of our mission is accessibility, which we support through our dedicated Scholarship Funds. These funds allow us to provide financial assistance to singers who might otherwise be unable to attend. This year, the UKHB Scholarship Fund supported members with £1,141 in assistance, leaving a healthy closing balance of £1,018. Meanwhile, the UKTHB Scholarship Fund grew significantly to £1,036, ensuring we have the resources to support more singers in the coming year.

Balance Sheet Notes At the close of the financial year, our cash position was strong, with £21,106 held across our various bank and PayPal accounts. There are two minor administrative items to note on the balance sheet: a credit balance of £242 on a member's account and a £348 credit note with a supplier. Both of these are standard accounting entries; the supplier credit was settled shortly after the year-end cutoff.

In summary, the UK Harmony Brigade remains a financially stable, volunteer-driven organization. We have navigated a year of rising costs effectively and have maintained the necessary reserves to continue providing high-quality harmony singing opportunities well into the future.

Ruth Howe

Income and Expenditure

UK Harmony Brigade , year ended 30 June 2025

Account	UKHB	UKTHB	Total
	Feb event	April event	
Turnover			
Brigade income			
Income - Harmony Brigade Subscription	6,590.00	6,178.18	12,768.18
Total Brigade income	6,590.00	6,178.18	12,768.18
Income collected (to be paid)			
Income - Hotel Accommodation	22,213.42	18,978.71	41,192.13
Income - Shirt Sales	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total Income collected (to be paid)	22,363.42	18,978.71	41,342.13
Other income			
Interest Income	0.16	0.00	0.16
Total Other income	0.16	0.00	0.16
Total Turnover	28,953.58	25,156.89	54,110.47

Cost of Event

Cost of Venue	25,411.50	20,000.00	45,411.50
Cost of Shirts	202.19	0.00	202.19
Cost of Risers/Room hire	350.00	0.00	350.00
Event consumables and awards	234.77	617.82	852.59
Total Cost of Event	26,198.46	20,617.82	46,816.28
Gross Profit	2,755.12	4,539.07	7,294.19

Brigade Fees

Cost of Music	1,387.40	1,200.60	2,588.00
Bank Fees	30.08	72.48	102.56
Insurance	283.00	283.00	566.00
IT Software and Consumables	172.80	172.80	345.60
Postage, Freight & Courier	12.00	0.00	12.00
Subscriptions	187.56	0.00	187.56
Arranger's Bursaries	0.00	600.00	600.00
Total Brigade Fees	2,072.84	2,328.88	4,401.72

Surplus	682.28	2,210.19	2,892.47
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Balance sheet

Account	30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024
Cash at bank and in hand		
Metro Bank	0.00	8,705.58
Nationwide	0.00	4,278.23
Paypal	6,725.78	4,503.24
Virgin	14,380.16	0.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	21,105.94	17,487.05
Accounts Receivable	(242.00)	0.00
	20,863.94	17,487.05
Accounts Payable	(348.00)	0.00
Accruals	600.00	0.00
	252.00	0.00
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	20,611.94	17,487.05
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	20,611.94	17,487.05
Net Assets	20,611.94	17,487.05

Reserves

UKHB		
UKHB Brigade Reserve	13,781.55	13,099.27
UKHB Scholarship fund reserve	1,017.74	1,535.82
Total UKHB	14,799.29	14,635.09
UKTHB		
UKTHB Brigade Reserve	4,777.15	2,566.96
UKTHB Scholarship reserve	1,035.50	285.00

Total UKTHB	5,812.65	2,851.96
Total reserves	20,611.94	17,487.05

Charity number 1176276

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees UK Harmony Brigade

On accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1176276

Set out on pages 1 and 2
(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 30 / 06 / 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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
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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: Catherine Phillipson

Date: 29 Apr 2026

Name: Catherine Phillipson

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): None

Address: 82 St Ann St, Salisbury, SP1 2DX

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UK Harmony Brigade

Registered Charity 1176276

Report of Trustees for 2023-2024 (year ending 30 June 2024)

Objective

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To achieve this, we organise two annual events that are open to applications from singers who wish to improve their learning, vocal and quartet-singing skills.

Structure

All trustees are unpaid volunteers, and additional unpaid volunteers are recruited from a pool of past participants to participate in organisation and preparation of the event.

We open registration many months in advance of the annual singing events, promoting it through social media and contact with past participants. Prospective participants apply for the limited places, and are screened to ensure a minimum of qualifications for quartet singing.

Participants receive a set of music and begin the task of learning this music. We provide guidance to new participants to improve their learning, and we promote privately-organised rehearsals both on line and in person.

Finances

The source of all financing for our annual operation is fees paid by the participants in our events. In addition to the required fees that are designed to cover the costs of the event on a break-even basis, participants are invited to contribute to a scholarship and hardship fund that allows us to offer places to young people or hardship cases at a reduced rate.

Costs

Our largest expenditures are for the accommodation and meal costs for participants. Sourcing our music (purchase of sheet music and learning tracks) and obtaining copyright licenses is another significant cost. Overhead expenses make up the balance of our costs, such as website, insurance, printing, sourcing of awards, and others.

Results

Our two UK Harmony Brigade events, held at the University of Nottingham in February and April 2024 were successful. Most participants expressed a desire or willingness to attend future brigade events.

The events included contests judged by qualified judges from the national Barbershop associations, as well as eventing shows that was open to the public. The show helped motivate some members of the public to join us at future events, and participants all benefitted from a challenging learning experience.

UKHB Income and Expenditure 2024

Year ended 30 June 2024

	Feb 2024 Event	Apr 2024 Event	Total
Income			
Harmony Brigade Subscriptions	£7,600.00	£4,320.00	
Hotel accommodation	£25,628.10	£12,235.00	
Shirt sales	£330.00	£0.00	
Scholarship fund	£555.00	£365.00	
Other	£0.00	£0.00	
	£34,113.10	£16,920.00	
			£51,033.10
Expenditure			
Venue and accommodation	-£24,104.49	-£11,178.64	
Music	-£2,356.08	-£620.05	
Bank and payment charges	-£30.71	£0.00	
Insurance	-£280.62	-£168.38	
Shirts	-£295.26	£0.00	
Room hire	-£2,016.00	-£1,880.00	
Concert	£0.00	£0.00	
Scholarships	-£1,555.00	-£80.00	
Miscellaneous	-£522.80	-£741.02	
	-£31,160.96	-£14,668.09	
			-£45,829.05
Surplus/(Excess)	£2,952.14	£2,251.91	£5,204.05

Balance Sheet

as at 30/06/2024

Funds at Bank:			
Metro Bank			£8,705.58
Nationwide			£4,407.83
PayPal			£4,503.24
			£17,616.65
Breakdown of Reserves:			
Brigade Reserve	£13,828.92	£1,966.91	£15,795.83
Scholarship Fund	£1,535.82	£285.00	£1,820.82
Hotel Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£15,364.74	£2,251.91	£17,616.65



Section A

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Signed:	Catherine Phillipson	Date:	19 Mar 2025
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	None
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The event included a contest judged by qualified judges from the national Barbershop associations, as well as an eventing show that was open to the public. The show helped motivate some members of the public to join us at future events, and participants all benefitted from a challenging learning experience.

Future

The Trustees approved plans to continue the annual event (the next scheduled for February 2024) as well as to add a "Treble Harmony Brigade" event (a similar event using music suitable for upper-range voices).

UKHB Income and Expenditure 2023			
Income			
	Harmony Brigade Subscription	£5,420.00	
	Hotel accommodation	£26,684.03	
	Shirt sales	£250.00	
	Other	£12.31	
			£32,366.34
Expenditure			
	Venue and accommodation	-£29,103.19	
	Music	-£1,806.42	
	Bank and payment charges	-£20.88	
	Insurance	-£299.00	
	Shirts	-£180.69	
	Room/riser hire	-£350.00	
	Concert	£0.00	
	Miscellaneous	-£282.69	
			-£32,042.87
	Surplus/(Excess)		£323.47
Balance Sheet			
	Funds at Bank:		
	- Metro Bank		£5,345.36
	- Nationwide		£1,391.77
	- PayPal		£5,675.47
			£12,412.60
	Reserves		
	- UKHB Reserve		£9,866.78
	- Scholarship Fund		£2,545.82
			£12,412.60



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Bank	UKHB	Hotel fund	Scholarship fund
	UKHB fee: £20.00		
	Installments (uncompleted): 0		
	No payment yet: 0		
	of which simply not paid yet: 0		
	of which no invoice yet: 0		
Accepted	Registered:	Hotel costs:	Youth discount: £20.00
23	Tenor 26	Twin room, Fri and Sat: £175.00	Pledged donations: £722.22
22	Leads 29	Single room, Fri and Sat: £220.00	Scholarship singers: 1
20	Baris 22	Twin room, Thurs-Sat: £215.00	Youth discount singers:
17	Basses 22	Single room, Thurs-Sat: £295.00	
82	Total: 99	Non-res rate (three days): £85.00	
		Weds night (single): £75.00	
		Weds night (shared): £40.00	
Balance carried over £12,977.28	UKHB carried over £11,375.90		Fund carried over £1,601.38
	Income	Income	Income
	Subs £2,125.00	Hotel fees £21,952.50	Scholarship donations £895.36
	Shirts £322.22	Room hire money from UKHB £0.00	
	Hotel balancing payment -£1,269.85		
Total income £24,025.23	Total UKHB income £1,177.37	Total Hotel Fund income £21,952.50	Total Fund income £895.36
	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
	Paypal fees -£48.11	Hotel payments -£23,222.35	Scholarships -£195.00
	Music -£1,725.92	Balancing transaction to UKHB £1,269.85	Youth discounts £0.00
	Shirt order -£287.99		
	Insurance etc -£459.00		
	Room hire £0.00		
	Concert -£291.96		
	Misc -£188.94		
Total expenditure -£25,149.42	Total UKHB Expenditure -£3,001.92	Total Hotel Fund expenditure: -£21,952.50	Total Fund expenditure: -£195.00
Account balance £11,853.09	UKHB Balance £9,551.35	Hotel fund balance £0.00	Fund balance £2,301.74
Nationwide balance £8,982.08			
Lloyds balance £0.00			
Paypal balance £2,871.01			
Bank balance £11,853.09			
Reconciliation check: ✓			
Surplus -£1,124.19	Surplus -£1,824.55		Surplus £700.36

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Annual General Meeting

UK Harmony Brigade – CIO (registration number 1176276)

Date: 28th November 2021, by Zoom conference

Attendance: Lindley Gram, Chairman; Hugh Parker, Treasurer; Noelle McElwee, Secretary; Kevan Liebling, Trustee

Chairman's Report :

The sole activity of the UK Harmony Brigade in the 2020/2021 year was an educational event that was a Virtual Rally due to health risks. The event consisted of home voice recordings by each participant in their own voice part, followed by editing into quartet combinations, and each quartet then recorded a video on Zoom. The preparation and learning by each participant was extensive. The continuous singing with many different quartet partners provides a unique educational opportunity for all, so the educational aims of the UKHB were met.

Treasurer's Report:

The income for the year was £980; expenditures were £206.66 leaving an excess of £773.34. With an opening balance of £12,203.94, UKHB ends the year with a balance of £12,977.28. This includes a balance in our scholarship fund, which stands at £1,601.38.

Discussion:

The Trustees consider the year's activities to have been successful and in line with our objectives. A decision was made to organise for an event of similar structure in February 2022, at the same venue in Nottingham that we used in 2020 (DeVere Jubilee Conference Centre).

Resolution:

1 The trustees voted unanimously to authorize Hugh Parker to establish a bank account at Lloyds. Payments to be authorized by any two of: Hugh Parker, Noey McElwee, Kevan Liebling.

2 Minutes of 2020 AGM were approved unanimously.

Lindley Gram

Hugh Parker

Noelle McElwee

Kevan Liebling

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Trustee

Bank		UKHB		Scholarship fund	
		Fee:	£20.00		
		Tenors	11		
		Leads	14		
		Baris	14		
		Basses	10		
		Total	49		
Balance carried over:	£12,203.94	UKHB carried over:	£10,602.56	Fund carried over:	£1,601.38
		Income:		Income:	
		Subs:	£980.00	Scholarship donations:	n.a.
		Paypal charges:	£0.00		
		Shirts:	£0.00		
		Concert tickets:	£0.00		
		Un-refunded hotel fees	£0.00		
		Hotel balancing paymer	£0.00		
Total income:	£980.00	Total UKHB income:	£980.00	Total Fund income:	£0.00
		Expenditure:		Expenditure:	
		Paypal fees:	-£9.96	Scholarships:	n.a.
		Music:	-£74.42	Youth discounts:	n.a.
		Shirt order:	£0.00		
		Insurance, membership	£0.00		
		Room hire	£0.00		
		Concert	£0.00		
		Misc (mostly printing)	-£122.28		
Total expenditure:	-£206.66	Total UKHB Expenditure	-£206.66	Total Fund expenditure:	£0.00
Account balance:	£12,977.28	UKHB Balance:	£11,375.90	Fund balance:	£1,601.38
Nationwide balance:	£12,171.19				
Co-op balance:	£0.00				
Paypal balance:	£806.09				
Bank balance:	£12,977.28				
Surplus	£773.34	Surplus	£773.34		