



MILTON KEYNES CHORALE Registered charity number 1178002

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025 and confirm that they comply with requirements of the Charities Act 2011, MK Chorale's Constitution, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The objects of the charity 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 in and around Milton Keynes.

Review of Activities and Achievements

The choir continued its pattern of concerts during the year. Four concerts were performed, in November, at Christmas, in March and July. In addition a workshop was held in January.

During the year, the Trustees met on five occasions to plan the year ahead including the 50th anniversary year.

Financial Review

Income for the year was £48,106 and expenditure was £54,255 giving a deficit of £6,150. Full information can be seen in the annual accounts.

Total reserves on 31 July 2025 were £17,560. The Trustees believe this is necessary and sufficient to fund the choir's future plans.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity operates under a Constitution for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation dated 6 March 2018, which sets out how Trustees are elected.

The charity's principal address is:

13 Merino Green, Oakridge Park, Milton Keynes, MK14 6FL

The following served as Trustees during the year

Mr Will Swann	Chair
Dr Jacky Holloway	Secretary
Mr Cyril Wood	Treasurer
Mrs Glenys Bloomfield	Membership
Ms Sarah Dalmais	Appointed 28 November 2024
Mrs Sarah Dyer	PR Manager
Dr Becky Kitchen	
Dr Graham Pembury	Vice chair
Mrs Suzie Morris	
Ms Nicky Moss	Appointed 15 October 2024

Mrs Ruth Wilkinson

External Publicity & Events

Mrs Anne Wood

Served as a Trustee until her resignation on 15
October 2024

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature *Cyril C Wood*

Full name: Cyril Christopher Wood
Treasurer

Date: 10 September 2025



Milton Keynes Chorale
Balance Sheet
31 July 2025

		2024	
Current Assets			
	£	£	
Debtors and Prepayments	5,630		4,772
Bank accounts	3,660		6,882
Building Society	10,488		12,627
		19,778	24,281
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals	2,218		572
		2,218	572
Net Assets		17,560	23,710
Represented by:			
Funds			
Charles Francis Fund (note 3)	0		562
Conducting scholarship	1,410		1,872
Young people (note 4)	333		333
General Fund	15,818		20,943
		17,560	23,710

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Statement of Financial Activities
Period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

		Notes	General Fund £	Conducting £	Young People £	Charles Francis Fund £	Total Funds £
Income							
	General Income	2	26,347	638			26,985
	Events	5	21,121				21,121
	Total Income		47,468	638			48,106
Expenditure							
	General Expenditure	2	24,640	1,100		562	26,303
	Events	5	27,953				27,953
	Total Expenditure		52,593	1,100		562	54,255
Net Income			(5,125)	(462)		(562)	(6,150)
Brought forward			20,943	1,872	333	562	23,710
Carried forward			15,818	1,410	333	0	17,560

2024							
			General Fund £	Conducting £	Young People £	Charles Francis Fund £	Total Funds £
Income							
	General Income	2	27,977	1,500	250		29,727
	Events	5	11,918				11,918
	Total Income		39,895	1,500	250		41,645
Expenditure							
	General Expenditure	2	20,910	1,000	90		22,000
	Events	5	16,126				16,126
	Total Expenditure		37,036	1,000			38,126
Net Income/(Deficit)			2,859	500	160		3,519
Brought forward			18,084	1,372	173	562	20,191
			20,943	1,872	333	562	23,710

Milton Keynes Chorale
Notes to the accounts
Period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

1 Accounting Policy

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Charities

2 General Income and Expenditure

			2024	
		£	£	£
Income				
Members' Subs		17,253	15,910	
Tax Refunds From Gift Aid		3,545	2,646	
New composition less spent	7	-178	178	
Bank & Building Society Interest		537	525	
Fundraising Income (note 6)	6	330	500	
Music Hire		1,015	1,079	
Chorale Hire Library Income		214	316	
Extravaganza		1,395		
Donations		2,140	6,774	
Choir Folder Income		95	50	
			26,347	27,977
Expenditure				
Rehearsal costs		18,912	15,954	
MK Choirs Festival			380	
Music Hire/Purchase		850	829	
Chorale Hire Library Costs		29	121	
Folder costs		240		
Admin		318	88	
Square charges		217	101	
Marketing and web		1,928	945	
Extravaganza		1,311		
Appraisals			1,668	
<i>Subscriptions & Fees Payable</i>				
Arts & Heritage			50	
Insurance		155	151	
Making Music Membership		411	392	
PRS		270	230	
			24,640	20,910
Surplus			1,707	7,067

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Notes to the accounts (cont.)
Period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

		<u>£</u>		<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>
3	Charles Francis Fund			
	Income			
	Expenditure			
	Web costs	<u>562</u>		
	(Deficit)	<u>(562)</u>		
4	Conducting & Young People			
	This is money received to be spent on a Conducting Scholar and for Young People to attend concerts			
5	Event Income & Expenditure	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u> <u>£</u>
	Birthday/Autumn			
	Income			
	Ticket Sales	3,658		1,473
	Programme Sales	55		132
	Miscellaneous	<u>629</u>		<u>328</u>
			4,342	1,933
	Expenditure			
	Conductor & Musicians' Fees	6,006		2,041
	Venue & Instrument hire	308		150
	Ticket Commission	87		14
	Printing & Advertising	301		146
	Miscellaneous	<u>110</u>		<u>37</u>
			6,811	2,388
	Deficit		<u>(2,469)</u>	<u>(454)</u>

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Notes to the accounts (cont.)
Period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

5	Event Income & Expenditure continued	£	£	2024	
				£	£
	Christmas				
	Income				
	Ticket Sales	2,925		1,840	
	Programme Sales	141			
	Miscellaneous	464		265	
			3,530		2,105
	Expenditure				
	Conductor & Musicians' Fees	2,616		1,056	
	Venue & Instrument Hire	240			
	Ticket Commission	62		27	
	Printing & Advertising	139		55	
	Miscellaneous	123		28	
			3,180		1,166
	Surplus		350		940
	Workshop				
	Income				
	Ticket Sales	3,320		1,750	
	Programme Sales				
	Miscellaneous	28		139	
			3,348		1,889
	Expenditure				
	Conductor & Musicians' Fees	1,570		982	
	Venue & Instrument Hire	176			
	Ticket Commission	73		31	
	Printing & Advertising				
	Miscellaneous				
			1,819		1,012
	Surplus		1,529		877

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Notes to the accounts (cont.)

Period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

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Event Income & Expenditure continued

Carmena Burana/Spring

Income

Ticket Sales	4,134		2,420	
Programme Sales			161	
Miscellaneous	967		351	
		5,101		2,932

Expenditure

Conductor & Musicians' Fees	4,435		5,799	
Venue & Instrument Hire	1,991		260	
Ticket Commission	172		31	
Printing & Advertising	130		101	
Miscellaneous	228		84	
		6,955		6,275

Deficit

	-1,854		-3,343
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Mozart/Summer

Income

Ticket Sales	3,962		1,560	
Programme Sales	316		90	
Miscellaneous	522		1,409	
		4,800		3,059

Expenditure

Conductor & Musicians' Fees	7,019		1,812	
Venue & Instrument Hire	1,687		2,780	
Ticket Commission	94			
Printing & Advertising	188		693	
Miscellaneous	200			
		9,188		5,285

Deficit

	(4,389)		(2,226)
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		2024	
		£	£
Summary of All Events			
Income			
Ticket Sales	17,999	9,043	
Programme Sales	512	383	
Miscellaneous	2,610	2,492	
			11,918
Expenditure			
Conductor & Musicians' Fees	21,646	11,689	
Venue & Instrument Hire	4,402	3,190	
Ticket Commission	488	102	
Printing & Advertising	757	995	
Miscellaneous	660	150	
	27,953		16,126
Deficit	(6,832)		(4,208)

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		2024	
		Net	Net
		£	£
Fundraising Income & Expenditure			
Coffee/Tea	452	452	422
100 Club			
Merchandising	1,078	(195)	
Easyfundraising	73	73	77
	1,603	330	500

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MEMO ONLY	
Composition	178
Brought forward	1,322
Current period	1,500
Income	1,500
Expense	1,500



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
MILTON KEYNES CHORALE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JULY 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1178002

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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 **31/07/2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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 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:

30/08/2025

Name:

DR ADRIAN PRISK

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

n/a

Address:

15 PARKLANDS. GT LINFORD, MILTON KEYNES, MK14 5DZ

Section B

Disclosure

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

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

These accounts are very well presented. I have checked the records and have not identified any errors. All items recorded reconcile with Bank Statements and other records provided.