

**Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 July 2024**

**for**

**Ripon Choral Society**

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**Ripon Choral Society**  
**Trustees' Annual Report**  
**for the period 1 August 2023 to 31st July 2024**

**Legal and Administrative Information**

**Name of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation:** Ripon Choral Society

**Registered Charity Number:** 1185859

**Principal Address:** The Birches  
Green Hammerton  
York  
YO268BQ

**Charity's Trustees:**

The Charity Trustees during the year were as follows:

Christopher Williams	(Chairman)	
Gail Easterbrook	(Secretary)	Retired by rotation and re-elected 11/11/2023
Brian Councell	(Treasurer)	
Julie Barnes		
Andrzej Chirkowski		
Alex Cranfield		Elected 11/11/23
John Hodges		Resigned 21/09/23
Stephen Hornsey		Elected 11/11/23
Annabelle Polito		Resigned 21/09/23
Lindy Wainwright		Elected 11/11/23
Lucy Whitfield		
Rob Widdows		
John Winpenny		Elected 11/11/23

**Musical Director**

John Dunford

**Accompanist**

Tim Harper

**Governing Document:** Ripon Choral Society Constitution

**Recruitment of Trustees:**

The society has a formal policy for the recruitment and rotation of trustees which forms section 36 of the constitution.

**Objects & Public Benefit of Ripon Choral Society :**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, to educate the public in the art and science of choral music and to promote, develop, and maintain appreciation of choral music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts, and by such other ways as the CIO through its committee shall determine from time to time.

**Activities and Achievements:**

The Trustees are pleased to report a surplus for the year of £17,767. This reflects a season in which a modest programme of three concerts was performed compared with four concerts in the previous year.

Christmas Oratorio – JS Bach  
Solomon – GF Handel  
Requiem Mass – WA Mozart and Feel the Spirit – J Rutter

As a result, concert expenditure at £37,643 was far less than the previous year's figure of £51,577. Audience numbers continue to increase and this has had a positive impact on ticket sales. In addition, choir numbers rose steadily through the year which was reflected in increased subscriptions. The Society was also particularly fortunate to receive a substantial donation from a former choir member as well as several smaller donations. The Trustees have agreed that a separate reserve fund will be established for this donation which will be used to subsidise the cost of world class soloists in future concerts.

With no public funding available, the Society is indebted to those who support its work through donations. Their generosity helps to sustain the Society both now and into the future enabling more people to share the wonder of great choral music.

The Society also benefits hugely from the experience, passion and energy of its Musical Director who continues to provide clear musical leadership, and from the support and skill of its wonderful accompanist.

**Declaration**

The Trustees have approved the Trustees' Report above.

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**Christopher Williams (Chairman)**

Dated: 5 October 2024

**Ripon Choral Society**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the  
Trustees of Ripon Choral Society**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 set out on pages three to five.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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Kate Warnock-Smith (CA retired)

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Dated: 20/10/2024

**Ripon Choral Society**

**Profit & Loss Account for the period**  
**1st August 2023 to 31st July 2024**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>		<b><u>2023</u></b>	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Donations and Other Voluntary Receipts</b>					
Donations		13,310		12,208	
Patrons' Donations		2,736		2,680	
Subscriptions		22,677		21,355	
Gift Aid		5,020		6,329	
			43,743		42,572
<b>Receipts from Trading Activities</b>					
Concert Receipts	(1)	24,101		30,171	
Sale of Folders		90		152	
100 Club donations		1,799		1,762	
Fundraising	(4)	2,894		2,993	
Choir for Weddings, etc.		100		100	
			28,984		35,178
<b>Receipts Earned from Assets</b>					
Bank Interest			1,050		340
<b>Total Receipts</b>			73,777		78,090
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Concert Costs	(1)	37,643		51,577	
Administration Costs	(2)	4,176		3,194	
Rehearsal Costs	(3)	14,191		13,481	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			56,010		68,252
<b>Net Receipts/(Expenditure)</b>			17,767		9,838
<b>Cash Funds Last Year End</b>			50,023		40,185
<b>Cash Funds This Year End</b>			£67,790		£50,023

**Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st July 2023**

<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Current Account			1,823		4,588
Deposit Account			63,866		41,935
			65,690		46,523
<b>Add</b>	Debtors & Prepayments	(5)	2,100		3,500
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>			£67,790		£50,023
	<b><u>Reserves</u></b>				
General reserve			57,790		50,023
Soloists reserve			10,000		0
			£67,790		£50,023

The notes on pages 4 and 5 form part of these Accounts

**Ripon Choral Society**

**Notes for the period 1st August 2023 to 31st July 2024**

**Note 1 - Concert Profit & Loss account**

2023/24	<u>Dec 2023</u>		<u>March 2024</u>		<u>June 2024</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Christmas Oratorio</u>		<u>Solomon</u>		<u>Mozart/Rutter</u>			
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tickets Sales	6,957		6,255		7,211		20,423	
Programme Sales	790		805		605		2,200	
Wine	419		527		532		1,478	
<b>Total Income</b>		£8,166		£7,587		£8,348		£24,101
<u>Less Expenditure</u>								
Conductor	955		1,005		955		2,915	
Soloists	1,850		3,450		1,450		6,750	
Orchestra/Organist	4,862		4,976		5,462		15,300	
Cathedral Expenses	2,794		2,938		2,901		8,633	
Printing	485		520		660		1,665	
Hire of Orchestral Music	49		250		0		299	
Hire of Instruments	250		250		250		750	
Wine	232		235		200		667	
		£11,477		£13,624		£11,878		(£36,979)
<b>Net (Deficit)/Profit per Concert</b>		<u>(£3,311)</u>		<u>(£6,037)</u>		<u>(£3,530)</u>		
Performing Rights Society								-664
<b>Total Expenditure</b>								<u>-37,643</u>
<b>Total Net Concert (Deficit)/Profit</b>								<u>(£13,542)</u>

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**Notes for the period 1st August 2023 to 31st July 2024**

	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>Note 2 - Administration Costs</u></b>		
Making Music Subscription	675	634
General printing & folders	1,331	761
Sundry Expenses	287	297
Purchase of Folders	300	0
Bank Charges,Paypal,Sum up commission	423	522
100 Club prizes	740	620
Website	420	360
	<u>£4,176</u>	<u>£3,194</u>

**Note 3 - Rehearsal Costs**

Conductor	5,710	5,685
Accompanist	4,215	3,743
Hire of Rooms	2,760	2,267
Hire of Music	1,506	1,786
	<u>£14,191</u>	<u>£13,481</u>

**Note 4 - Fundraising**

Coffee	615	676
Raffle	1,129	1,380
Advertising and other fundraising	1,151	937
	<u>£2,894</u>	<u>£2,993</u>

**Note 5 - Debtors**

Gift Aid	<u>£2,100</u>	<u>£3,500</u>
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