



Trustees' Annual Report for the Period

From:	01 April 2024	Period Start Date
To:	31 March 2025	Period End Date
Charity name:	Side by Side	
Charity registration number:	1186481	

Objectives and Activities

- Establish and manage a community choir in one or more areas.
- To provide facilities which promote the practice or enjoyment of the art of music for recreation and other leisure time occupation and to make them available in the interests of social welfare to individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large with the object of improving conditions of life.
- To further such exclusively charitable purposes for the public benefit according to the law of England and Wales as the charity trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine.
- 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 presentation of public concerts and recitals.

Achievements and Performances

In this period Side by Side:

- Received a £25,000 donation from the Marus Trust. This money has been used to develop a 5-year financial budget plan.
- Has grown in members from 8 to 14 regular rehearsal attendees.
- Has established an annual summer and annual festive concert in which we invite other acts with similar ethos to ours to showcase their talents. We have also performed at a choir member's birthday.
- Has been able to increase payments for musical director and assistant musical director to move closer to industrial standards.
- Reformed the committee in order to help with event organisation and to consult with on the layout and structure of choir sessions to meet the needs of all choir members.
- Ran a workshop in the Summer Holidays to coincide with the Little Cheese which is an annual event taking place in Caerphilly.
- Were featured on the BBC Radio Wales Roy Noble show.

We have faced some challenges in designating someone to manage social media and so this is currently being managed by the CEO until the position is filled.

Financial Review

Side By Side is looking financially stable and viable with a balance of £21,294.76 in the bank account and £100 in the petty cash tin. It is certain that Side by Side can continue to operate under its current provisions.

Structure, Governance and Management

Side by Side has a small board of trustees consisting of 5 people, recruitment for new trustees is on-going. Side by Side hold a Constitution as the Governing Document and is Constituted as a CIO. To appoint trustees, we open an application period for all to apply and then select an applicant based on skill, experience and passion. In instances where a trustee is to be appointed, the trustees at that time take a vote based on the information held at that time.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name	Side by Side
Other names the charity uses	
Registers charity number	1186481
Charity's Principal Address	33, Commercial Road, Abercarn, NP11 5AH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael Charles	Chairperson		
2	Hannah Hawkins	Vice Chairperson		
3	Kathryn Gower	Treasurer		
4	Kathy Orriss	Secretary		
5	Hefin David			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Rikki Pullen		

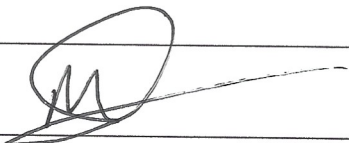

Exemption from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

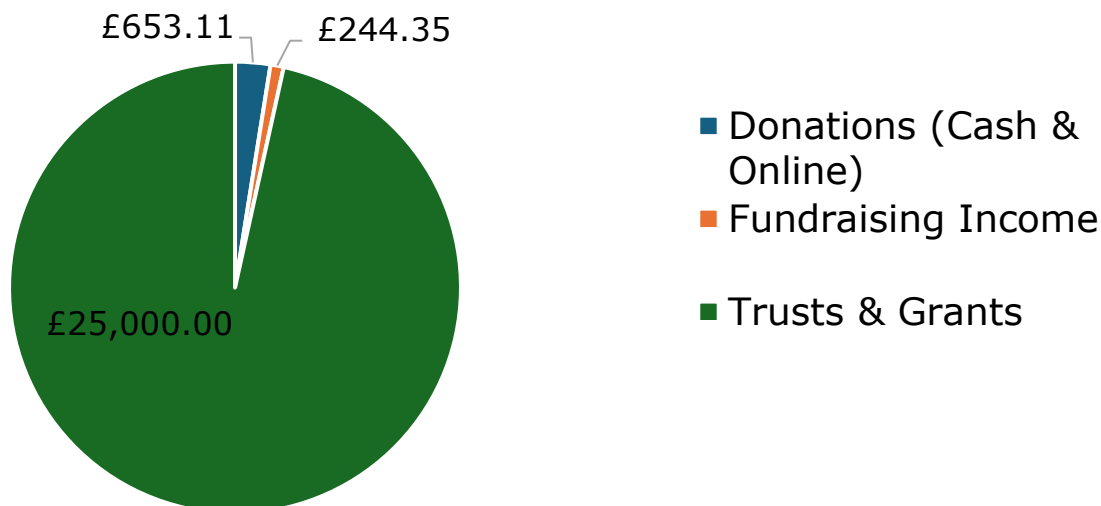
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MICHAEL CHARLES	KATHERINE ORRIS
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair etc.)	CHAIRPERSON	SECRETARY
Date	9TH SEPTEMBER 25	09/09/25

Record of Accounts 2024–25

Income

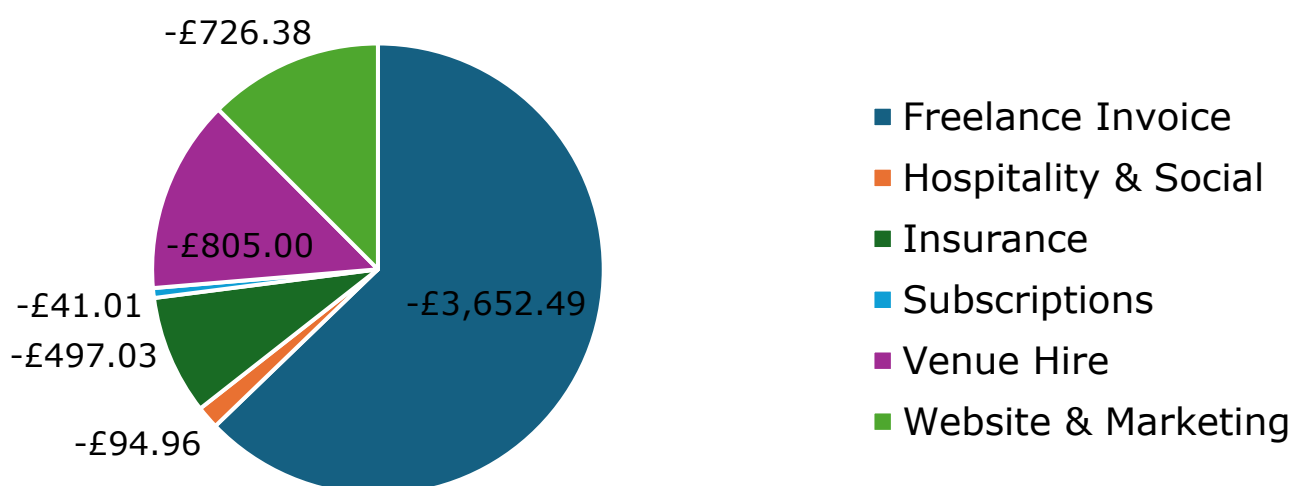
Income Breakdown



Income for 2024–25 was dominated by a one-off £25,000 award from the Marus Trust, with additional income from regular donations and community fundraising giving a total income of £25,897.46.

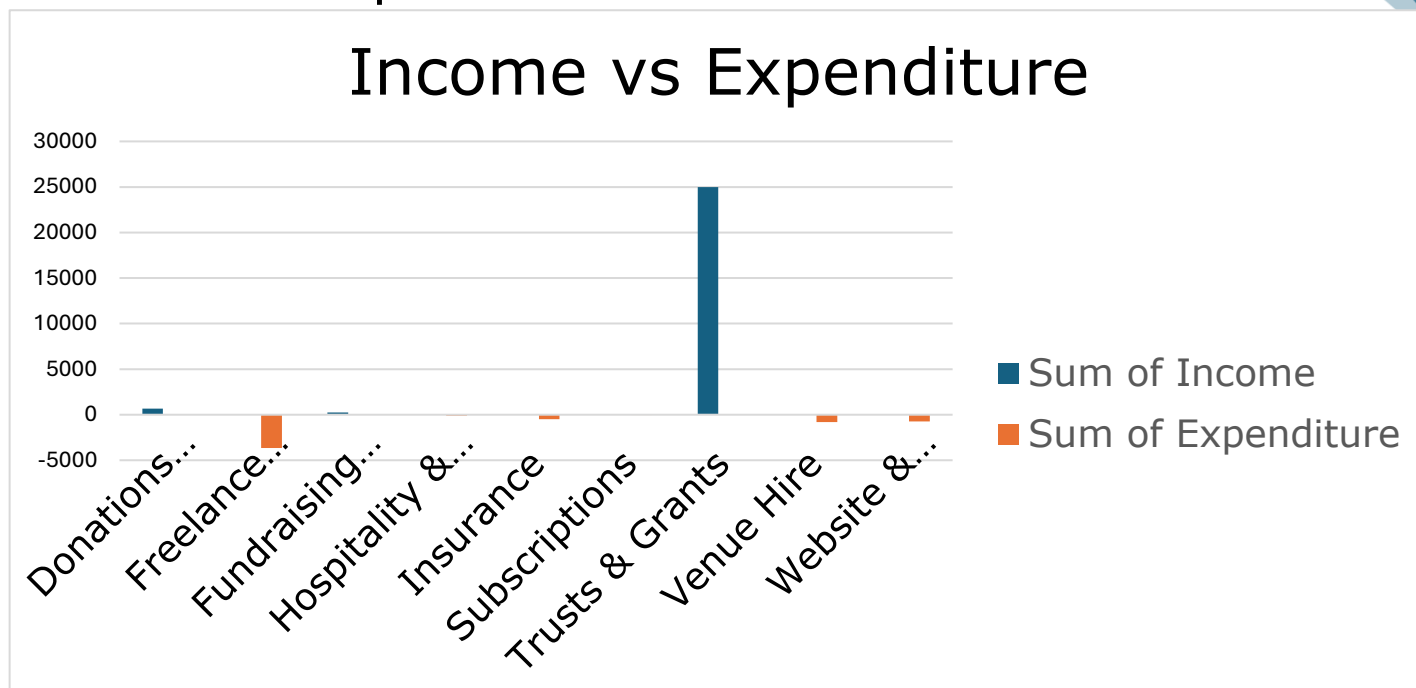
Expenditure

Expenditure Breakdown



Expenditure for 2024–25 was mainly venue hire and freelance musician payments, with smaller costs for insurance, website/marketing, and hospitality giving a total expenditure of £5,816.87.

Income vs Expenditure



Overall income exceeded expenditure in 2024–25, largely due to the one-off £25,000 trust award. This created a surplus to support future activities.

Conclusion

These figures provide a clear overview of Side by Side’s financial activity during 2024–25. They highlight both the generosity of our supporters and the importance of grant funding in enabling the choir to thrive. Alongside the one-off trust award, regular donations and community fundraising remain vital for meeting our ongoing costs. The committee and trustees will continue to monitor income and expenditure carefully to ensure the charity remains sustainable, resilient, and able to deliver high-quality, inclusive opportunities for members in the years ahead.

These accounts form part of the Side by Side Trustee Report for 2024–25. The Trustee Report, including these accounts, has been reviewed, approved, and signed by the charity’s trustees in accordance with Charity Commission requirements.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Side by Side

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1186481

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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
- 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.

Signed:

Date:

22/01/2026

Name:

Paul Stanford-Williams

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:

ACMA

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