

Charity Registration Number: 1188701



**METROPOLITAN POLICE CHOIR
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022**

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2.0 Trustees Report

The Trustees of the Metropolitan Police Choir present its annual report and financial statements for the year end 30th April 2022.

3.0 Legal & Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Metropolitan Police Choir
Charity Number:	1188701
Principal Address:	New Scotland Yard Victoria Embankment London SW1A 2JL
Trustees:	Chief Superintendent Simon Messinger James Bister Tom Cresswell Richard Fox Mark Webster Lee DeMontfort David Lane Tess Whitelee Sarah Pearce
Treasurer:	James Bister
Secretary:	Tom Cresswell
Musical Director	Richard Fox
Life Vice President	Leslie Stowe
Independent Examiner	Elle Wadham, Assistant Finance Technician MPS
Bankers	Santander Bank

4.0 Structure & Governance

The Metropolitan Police Choir (the charity, also the Met Police Choir or MPC) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which was granted charitable status on 23rd March 2020 by the Charity Commission of England with Charity Number 1188701

The governing document for the charity is the Constitution of the Metropolitan Police Choir dated 6th January 2020.

The charity is governed by elected Trustees. The Trustees are elected by the choir's membership at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees' roles include Chair,

Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Musical Director and Musical Section Representatives.

The Trustees hold meetings throughout the year. The Trustees are volunteers and do not get remuneration for their role as a Trustee (the Musical Director receives remuneration for their activity within that role but has no vote on financial matters).

The charity has no employees. It uses the services of musical professionals who work on a freelance basis, including:

- Richard Fox, Musical Director
- Helen Payne, Musical Accompanist

5.0 Objectives & Activities

5.1 Purposes

The charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Constitution are to:

- foster the development of public education in relation to the artistic and scientific attributes pertaining to choral music undertaken by the Metropolitan Police Choir;
- promote, improve, develop and maintain public interest in choral music by the presentation of concerts and other activities involving or relating to choral music;
- advance the musical education of the Metropolitan Police and the British Police Service;
- promote and further the efficiency of the Metropolitan Police through greater community engagement, development and cohesion with the public; and
- further such charitable purpose(s) as the trustees shall, in their absolute discretion, think fit. This includes, but is by no means limited to: (i) the making of grants; (ii) donations; and/or (iii) supporting others in charitable fundraising activities.

5.2 Activities & Public Benefit

As with many performing arts groups and charities through this reporting period, the COVID-19 pandemic affected the ability of the charity to deliver many of its planned activities. In line with the UK Governments regulation and guidance, all in-person choir activities remained cancelled until August 2021 when a very slow and cautious resumption of in-person rehearsals began. Having not sung together for over 12 months, it took some time before the choir was ready to resume performance activities.

Unfortunately, due to government restrictions, the MPC Summer Concert was not able to take place and then due to a resurgence in the Autumn/Winter 2021 with the Omicron Variant, the decision was taken to cancel the MPC Christmas Concerts.

The Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit when making decisions throughout this period, ensuring that activities were delivered in line with the charities aims and objectives.

Throughout this period, the charity has delivered:

- The choir continued to support the MPS Long Service Ceremonies when they resumed in September, initially with smaller more socially distanced choir in line with the cautious return to in-person activities.
- The choir was invited back to be part of the Requiem Mass for Deceased Police Officers, held annually at Westminster Cathedral. This event is something that choir looks forward to each year to support bereaved friends and family of deceased police officers in remembering their loved ones.
- As a result of the Omicron Variant, many of the usual Christmas engagements were cancelled in 2021 with the Choir only performing at the Westminster BCU Carol Service.

6.0 Financial Review

6.1 Financial Position

The balance sheet of the Metropolitan Police Choir at 30th April 2022 shows total net assets of £18929.40. The Trustees believe that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. It is noted that the current net assets are lower than anticipated with the Trustees making a conscious decision to spend additional funds in order to protect choristers and bring them back together as a choir as it returned to in person rehearsals during this period.

The statement of financial activities shows that in this financial period, the charity had a total income of £10,737.79 and a total expenditure of £15,779.81 hence a total net deficit of £5,042.02.

6.2 Reserves Policy

The charity has a Reserves Policy in place which was agreed in January 2022. The current assets held by the charity are considered capable of withstanding any short or medium term fluctuations in income and expenditure. This is combined with the ability of the Trustees to make decisions in relation to the type and level of activity undertaken by the Charity to moderate income and expenditure.

6.3 Sources of Funding

This year the sources of funding were MPAA Grant, membership subscriptions, sponsorship, performance charges, donations and other ancillary income.

6.4 Investments Policy

Under the Constitution, the Trustees of the Charity have the power to make investments however it sees fit in line with the furtherance of its objectives. The Trustees have not considered investments this year.

7.0 Declaration

The Trustees of the Metropolitan Police Choir declare that they have approved the Trustees report above on 26th February 2023 and they have mandated the Treasurer to sign on their behalf:

James Bister, Treasurer

8.0 Independent Examiners Report



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Metropolitan Police Choir

On accounts for the year
ended

30th April 2022

Charity no
(if any) 1188701

Set out on pages

(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 30/04/2022.

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:

Elle Wadham

Date:

24/02/2023

Name:

Elle Wadham

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

Address:

50B Manor Road, London, N16 5BG

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.

9.0 Balance Sheet

Metropolitan Police Choir

Charity Commission Registration

Number 188701

Balance Sheet

May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

Current Assets

Cash At Bank And In Hand	18,929.40
	18,929.40

Net Assets

Funds & Reserves

Accumulated Funds (01/05/20 – 30/04/21)	-5,042.02
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Balance Brought Forward	23,971.42
Balance Carried Forward	18,929.40

10.0 Statement of Financial Activities

Metropolitan Police Choir Statement of Financial Activities (Receipts & Payments) May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 (compared to May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Total	Difference	% Change
<i>Receipts</i>							
Income and Endowments							
Income from Charitable Activities	4,750.00			4,750.00		4,750.00	
Income from Donations and Legacies	4,634.83			4,634.83	4,428.00	206.83	5%
Income from Grants & Sponsorship	1,352.96			1,352.96	6,171.12	-4,818.16	-78%
Total Receipts	10,737.79	0.00	0.00	10,737.79	10,599.12	138.67	1%
<i>Payments</i>							
Expenditure							
Charitable Activities							
Charity Management & Administration	1,239.88			1,239.88	1,178.83	61.05	5%
Equipment	199.37			199.37		199.37	
Performance	2,645.30			2,645.30		2,645.30	
Projects	308.00			308.00	2,017.75	-1,709.75	-85%
Rehearsals	9,938.50			9,938.50	2,804.00	7,134.50	254%
Sheet Music	1,448.76			1,448.76	3,325.26	-1,876.50	-56%
Tours					-126.10	126.10	
Donations & Grants					20.00	-20.00	-100%
Total Payments	15,779.81	0.00	0.00	15,779.81	9,219.74	6,560.07	71%
All Receipts	10,737.79	0.00	0.00	10,737.79	10,599.12	138.67	1%
All Payments	15,779.81	0.00	0.00	15,779.81	9,219.74	6,560.07	71%
Net Movement in Funds	-5,042.02	0.00	0.00	-5,042.02	1,379.38	-6,421.40	-466%
Total Funds Brought Forward	23,971.42	0.00	0.00	23,971.42	22,592.04	1,379.38	6%
Total Funds Carried Forward	18,929.40	0.00	0.00	18,929.40	23,971.42	-5,042.02	-21%