

The Community Choir, Wakefield

Charity number 1191675

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2024



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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 October 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Dawn Holroyd	Chair	Resigned 28 January 2025
Thomas Long	Chair and Treasurer	Resigned 8 June 2024
Claire Rowlands	Treasurer	Appointed 11 April 2024
Julie Robson		Appointed 11 April 2024
Susan Holling		Appointed 11 April 2024
Daniel Fan		Resigned 1 July 2024
Patricia Cade		Appointed 11 April 2024
Susan Wigglesworth		Appointed 11 April 2024

Charity number 1191675 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
22 Coxley View	The Co-Operative Bank
Netherton	PO Box 250
Wakefield	Skelmersdale
West Yorkshire	WN8 6WT
WF4 4LT	Virgin Money
	6-10 Northgate
	Wakefield
	WF1 1TA

Accountants

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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34 Lupton Street
Leeds
LS10 2QW

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 6 October 2020 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 October 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To advance, improve, develop and maintain the 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.

The charity's main activities

The charity organises and runs a community choir which is open for anyone to join. Rehearsals are held weekly and live performances are organised throughout the year, particularly to Care Homes, Day Care Centres and Independent Living Schemes.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the alleviation of loneliness and social isolation.

Achievements and performance

The choir undertook over 20 public performances and recitals throughout the year in a variety of different community settings including Independent living projects, church groups and other community support charities such as Age Concern and Dementia Care.

We also gave performances at local outside events including a village fete and a community festival.

The public performances by the choir are very well received by the clients who often join in with group singing and have commented that the songs lift their moods.

Not all members attend public performances but of those that do report that they thoroughly enjoy the events which boost their confidence and create a feeling of well being.

As the choir doesn't meet during July and August, two singing workshops were arranged using the services of a professional musical director. This activity's aim was to retain contact of members during the closed period and also to invite and recruit new members to the choir.

The choir also enjoys several social lunch gatherings during the closed summer season to retain contacts and friendships.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £905, all of which were unrestricted.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £4,172.

The charity does not have a reserves policy as there are no liabilities or commitments that cannot be stopped immediately if necessary.

Approved by the board of trustees on 23/05/2025

Susan Jean Holling (Trustee)

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 October 2024

	Notes	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts			
Grants and donations	(2)	220	3,689
Memberships fees		2,866	2,920
Bank interest		-	1
Total receipts		<u>3,086</u>	<u>6,610</u>
Payments			
Professional and technical fees		2,996	2,704
Marketing and promotion		-	326
Administration costs		30	120
Room hire		680	735
Insurance		10	86
Other expenses		185	198
Travel		90	-
Total payments		<u>3,991</u>	<u>4,169</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(905)</u>	<u>2,441</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>5,077</u>	<u>2,636</u>
Fund balances carried forward		<u>4,172</u>	<u>5,077</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 October 2024

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Cash funds		
Cash at bank	4,172	5,077
Total cash funds	<u>4,172</u>	<u>5,077</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 23/05/2025

Susan Jean Holling (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 October 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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Notes to the accounts continued
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2 Grants and donations	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Wakefield Council	-	-	-	1,316
Wakefield District Housing (WDH)	-	-	-	250
Other donations	220	-	220	2,123
	<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>3,689</u>

3 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.