

MILTON KEYNES YOUTH CHOIR

England & Wales · Charity number 1199501

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-06-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF CHORAL MUSIC IN ORDER TO FOSTER PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF SUCH MUSIC, IN THE MILTON KEYNES AREA, BY MEANS OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AND FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF SUCH CHARITABLE BODIES OR FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AS THE COMMITTEE MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: To run a youth choir to study and practice a wide variety of choral music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Milton Keynes

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£6,177	£6,957	-	-
2024-05-31	£12,880	£5,202	-	-
2023-05-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Corkill	Chair	2022-07-01
Christopher Jolly		2022-06-30
Stuart Joyce		2022-06-30

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Chair's report

This year has been particularly challenging for the choir and for me personally. The news of Craig's retirement was sad and unsettling but offers us the chance for a review of what is working and what could be improved.

The 1st concert back after the break was Living Archive where the singers took part in two performances that celebrated all things Milton Keynes. It was also an opportunity to work with local artists and it was a great success. Since then, the choir have recorded Dig Where you Stand for the album, coming to a streaming serve near you!

Next, the singers moved on to St Nicholas. This was their opportunity to perform with MK Corale and this gave the choir a chance to show case their talent. Feedback was that they were amazing both in their conduct and their performance.

Working alongside other choirs and performers gives the singers greater exposure to other styles, conductors and exposure to new audiences.

Due to these big concerts, the committee decided that we would not do a Christmas concert this year due to the demands of these two performances but we took part in the usual fundraising carol singing. This year this was at Xscape, due to the lack of footfall through the building, donations were not as high as usual and atmosphere was lacking. However, you don't know until you try and so the hunt begins for a new venue for Christmas 2025.

The choir's year ended with a goodbye party for Criag. This was a really sad occasion but I think we did him proud. Many previous singers, parents and committee members attended and took part in the singing and the grand finale was a surprise rendition of "I don't want to say Goodbye" originally sung by Craig's band Fat and Frantic - never a truer word was sang. There were reports of a few tears spotted around the room.

David was appointed as the Musical Director following a round of interviewing and a trial and, he brings a lot of experience to the choir. The 2nd half of the year gave him a chance to settle and the choir has responded to him well.

Although there were no formal concerts after Christmas, a few singers had fun at Young Voices and they held an informal concert on the 8th July for family and friends. Funds were raised through the sale of cakes so thank you to all who donated. Their final performance was in the Campbell Park on the 13th of July, sounding amazing as always.

Membership has fluctuated and we have seen singers leave and new ones join. The AGM will give the committee a chance to reflect and decide on what next, this is the time to bring in any changes needed and ideas that David may have.

Personally, I would like to thank the committee for all their support to me during my challenging period; thank you Poppy, Stuart, Daniela, Chris and Elise. They do an amazing job in the smooth running of the choir.

I wish you all a relaxing summer and look forward to seeing the singers back in September.

Claire

MKYC secretary and chair

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Income

Subs	3353.57
Transfer from previous Charity	1593.5
Donations	430.06
Grant	800
Concert	0
Concert Donation	0

Costs

Accompanist	-2125.24
Conductor	-2746.7
Costs	-528.07
Church Hire	-1056.23
Young Voices	-501

Grand Total **-780.11**

	Total
Income	6177.13
Costs	-6957.24

Split for submission

Donations and legacies	430.06
Charitable activities	3353.57
Other	2393.5

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Chair's report 2023/24

With regard to the timeline for this report, I will be reflecting from June 2023.

The choir was invited to sing at the city's Armed Forces Day. As a few of our singers are cadets and the significance of the event, we were delighted to accept. They sang Will Remember Them and Brother James Air beautifully and received a lot of positive comments and feedback from the Mayor. This was a truly special occasion for the choir and the parents.

In July, we took part in Craig's concert that happens every June/July in Campbell Park. This event brings together many choirs from all over the city to perform. They were happy to take part in such a big event and have the opportunity to watch other choirs perform. The parents were glad for a lovely sunny day!

The year-end was celebrated with a small concert for parents, family and friends followed by a party which allowed the children to really bond outside of the confines of choir rehearsal.

The concert in December marks the season of Christmas and has become one of the regular events in the lead-up to the end of the school year. As usual, the event was well attended with support from The Big Band. The donations of cakes and raffle gifts from parents added to the event and the choir funds. Set in such a beautiful venue, our singers never fail to add to the spirit of Christmas.

On a more light-hearted note, the annual carol singing event took place at the Kingston Centre in Kingston. As well as the current choir repertoire, they added in some well-known Christmas favourites along with festive hats and jumpers helping spread the Christmas cheer.

The choir started 2024 by taking part in Young Voices, the largest children's choir in the world. Many of the singers have taken part with their schools and those who hadn't, wanted the chance to experience the event. 14 singers, along with parents, took the trip to Birmingham, having practised the songs and dance moves for a few weeks. Everyone really enjoyed the experience; the parents got the best seats in the house whilst the choir were directly behind the stage. Everyone who came along agreed that it was such fun and an experience. We look forward to attending again in 2025.

The choir continues to offer expert musical tuition from Penny and Craig, friendship and fun, but most importantly, it helps the singers form relationships and find some relief from the challenges of modern life.

Next year there are some challenges ahead. With Craig retiring and the search to fill this huge loss and some exciting concerts ahead, it will be a busy year. However, the singers continue to inspire the committee. Thank you to all the parents for their support, the singers for their enthusiasm, commitment and beautiful singing, Craig and Penny for being the backbone and the support of the committee to keep the choir functioning.

Claire Corkill

Chair of the MKYC

Income

Subs	2592.21
Transfer from previous Charity	8982.43
Donation	188.48
Grant-Young Voices	700
Concert	242.81
Concert Donation	173.94

Costs

Accompanist	-1112.25
Conductor	-2306.36
Costs	-634.1
Church Hire	-600
Young Voices	-549.05

Grand Total	7678.11
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	Total
Income	12879.87
Costs	-5201.76

Split for submission

Donations and legacies	362.42
Charitable activities	2835.02
Other	9682.43

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 30/06/2022 To 31/05/2023

Charity name: Milton Keynes Youth Choir

Charity registration number: 1199501

Objectives and Activities

Due to delays in getting a bank account set up, the activity carried on with the previous charity, Milton Keynes Youth Choir 1075236 until the September term 2023.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Milton Keynes Youth Choir
Other name the charity uses	MKYC
Registered charity number	1199501
Charity's principal address	3 Birchen Lee Emerson Valley Milton Keynes MK4 2JX

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	Clare Corkill	Chairperson		
2	Stuart Joyce	Trustee		
3	Chris Jolly	Treasurer		

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)	CHRIS JOLLY	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	17/4/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Milton Keynes Youth Choir

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

30/06/2022

To

31/05/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
No Activity in Year	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
No Activity in Year	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	No Activity in Year	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

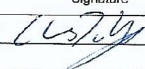
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	CHRIS JOLLY	17-6-24