



Llantrisant Male Choir Trustee's Annual Return 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their second annual report, together with the consolidated financial statements.

Charity status, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was gained on 15th December 2022 with the Charity No **1201350**.

10 initial trustees were elected, comprising of 7 organisation members and 3 non-chorister trustees.

This year we have increased our trustee numbers to 11 with the election of, First Tenor Section Representative, Mr Colin Williams.

All other trustees retained their role.

These people are responsible for the management of our organisation, in compliance with our Charity Governing document.

The choir would particularly like to thank the 3 non-chorister trustees, for giving their time and specialist skills to the choir in this respect.

Moving forward it is our objective to consolidate our charity status and to claim any financial assistance from said status.

To this end we have registered our Charity with His Majesties Revenue & Customs and we have been formally accepted for charity tax status.

Chair's Report

CHAIRMANS REPORT for Trustees Annual Report 2024

I would like to start, my report, by extending my gratitude to all our Trustees, whose unwavering dedication, innovation, and hard work throughout 2024/2025 have been truly inspiring.

To every Chorister, as your commitment is at the core of our choir's success.

And a special note of thanks goes to our exceptional Music Team. A big thank you to Matthew Nash, our brilliant Musical Director, and to our very talented accompanists, Jane Coles and Llinos Jones, for your outstanding contributions.

I would also like to welcome the 23 new members that have joined our choir this year and applaud the efforts of our recruiting team, led by Trustee Jeff Price.

We have performed at a total 34 events 2024/2025: Concerts 8; Weddings 6; Corporate 4; Social 12; Funerals 4.

Highlights Included:

St David's Concert 2024: The Parish Church, Llantrisant. The concert was compared by Welsh actor Ifan Huw Dafydd who has since joined the choir as a member of the bass section. Also performing for the first time with the choir was guest soloist soprano, Esther Bizak.

Talking Pictures, Savoy Theatre, Monmouth: We were welcomed by a large audience, many of whom had never experienced the magic of a traditional Welsh Male choir. The event was a resounding success with great feedback. Congratulations and thanks to Ronnie Moore for his work in making this event happen.

Y Pant School, Pontyclun: A three Choirs Concert took place and included Bridgend Tabernacle & Ogmore Community choir.

Talgarth M V C: In reciprocation of our previous joint concert at home with Talgarth, we travelled by coach to Powys, Mid Wales and held a successful joint concert with the Talgarth choir.

Revolution Bar Cardiff: A second visit to perform at this venue following an invitation from the Welsh Rugby Union. We received much pre-match support and appreciation from the many Wales and Australian supporters.

Cardiff Airport: We performed for the opening of the revamped departure lounge. An interesting corporate event for us and much to the surprise of outgoing holiday makers.

Wedding Highlights Included:

Kin House, Chippenham; Canonteign Falls, Exeter: Canada Lakes, Cardiff.

Choir & Community Highlights Included:

Summer Banquet, Castle Green: Held in a marquee on Llantrisant Castle green, June 2024 - a resounding success, led by Trustee, Colin Williams, which raised £2500 for Velindre Hospital Charity.

Christmas Singalongs: A busy festive period in amongst our local community which included singing at several local public houses and of course not forgetting De Clare Lodge in Cowbridge where once again we received a very warm welcome.

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Chair, Board of Trustees

Our Purposes and Activities

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The objectives of the CIO are: -

The study, practice and advancement of choral music, one of Wales' leading forms of musical traditions, fostering a culture of musical appreciation throughout communities through public performances by choristers of the Llantrisant Male Choir.

The vision that shapes our annual activities remains the promotion, knowledge and appreciation of choral music, with emphasis on Welsh choral music. The charity also aims at contributing to the quality of life of the people of Rhondda Cynon Taf community through the provision of entertaining public performances.

When compiling our performance calendar, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging. To this end we have considered the choir's accessibility to those on low incomes and have provided low-cost concerts and also several free concerts in our locality.

Many of these free concerts are our opportunity to support other local charities and to foster new community relationships.

Our organisations income relies on member's subscriptions, grants and fees from private and corporate events to cover our operating costs. No members of the organisation receive any remuneration apart from expenses incurred.

The strategies employed to achieve our charity's aims and objectives are to:

Present a diverse repertoire of choral music for the enjoyment and education of our local community;

Offer opportunities for members of our community to get involved in music and explore their own creativity.

Provide opportunities for amateur artists to develop and to provide a vehicle for young artists to showcase their talents alongside us.

To celebrate diversity of cultures, in our society, by performing to and with artists of different cultural backgrounds.

By taking our organisation out on tour, both home and abroad, to promote Welsh choral music to new audiences.

Putting these strategies into place we have three main areas of activity which are: concerts, charitable events, private functions.

Our programme of activities described below focus very much on delivering choral music to our local community and to encourage all within our community to engage with our activities be it in attendance or membership. We aim to provide music for the enjoyment of all ages, from primary school performances through to entertaining at local residential care homes.

Concerts

28/02/24	Llantrisant Parish Church	St David's Day Concert
25/05/24	Talgarth Town Hall	Joint Concert with Talgarth Choir
20/07/24	Monmouth Savoy Theatre	Concert with Talking Picture TV
05/10/24	Pontyclun School	Joint Concert with Tabernacle/Ogmore Choir
25/10/24	Llanharan RFC	Concert for Royal British Legion

Charitable Events

26/01/24	Llantrisant Workmen's Club	Fundraising Event for Workmen's Club
06/06/24	Llantrisant Castle Green	Fundraising Event for Velindre Cancer Centre
08/06/24	Llantrisant Parish Church	Community Beating of the Bounds Service
08/06/24	Cross Inn Public House	Community Council Crecy Delegation Visit
16/09/24	Parc Newydd Nursing Home	Community Sing-along
02/11/24	Llantrisant Golf Club	Community Bonfire Night Event
10/11/24	Llantrisant Bullring	Remembrance Sunday
07/12/24	Llantrisant Parish Church	Christmas Carol Community Event
11/12/24	Bryncae Arms, Llanharan	Christmas Carol Community Event
18/12/24	Farmers Arms, Church village	Christmas Carol Community Event
19/12/24	Cross Inn Public House	Christmas Carol Community Event

Private/Corporate Functions

27/02/24	Llantrisant Parish Church	Funeral
16/03/24	Revolution Club, Cardiff	WRU Match Day Entertainment
03/05/24	Cardiff Airport	Corporate Entertainment
24/05/24	Pencoed House, Pentyrch	Wedding
12/07/24	Hensol Castle	Wedding
23/07/24	Canada Lodge	Wedding
07/08/24	Coychurch Crematorium	Funeral
10/08/24	Kin House, Wiltshire	Wedding
22/08/24	Llechwen Hall, Glamorgan	Wedding
21/09/24	Canonteign Falls, Exeter	Wedding
02/10/24	Coychurch Crematorium	Funeral
05/10/24	Pencoed House	Wedding
15/11/24	Bedwas Rugby Club	Birthday Party
17/11/24	Revolution Club, Cardiff	WRU Match Day Entertainment
29/11/24	Llantrisant Workmen's Club	Poems & Pints Night
09/12/24	De Clare Lodge, Cowbridge	Christmas Carol Event

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Review

Financial Review

Brief statement on the charity's policy on reserves:

Cash at bank at 30th December 2024 was £20,974.37 in unrestricted funds. A significant proportion of income and costs for 2024 were to support the choir's Croatia tour in 2025.

Funds are held to cover ongoing operational costs with reserve levels agreed at £4,460. If any surplus funds are identified, consideration is given to supporting organisations that seek our help or are identified as supporting our objectives.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: N/A

Llantrisant Male Choir – Accounts period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Bank balance at 29/12/23	£16,281.13	Bank balance at 30/12/24	£20,974.37
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Subscriptions (Charitable activities)	£10,135.00	Music Team (Rehearsal Fees)	£9,946.75
Donations	£2,066.00	Clothing	£2,075.80
Grants and gift aid (Other)	£4,883.65	Club hire	£1,960.00
Event Income (charitable activities)	£19,914.03	Event fees	£4,474.90
Miscellaneous (Charitable activities)	£1,041.65	Event costs	£8,730.02
		Miscellaneous	£3,436.24
		Charitable donations	£2,500.00
Croatia tour receipts	£32,500.00	Croatia tour costs	£32,723.38
Total Income	£70,540.33	Total Expenditure	£65,847.09
Profit	£4,693.24		

Mike Hughes

Treasurer

8th July 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity No: 1201350

Charity Address: Llantrisant Workmen's Club, 19 Swan St, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, RCT, CF72 8EB

Trustees

Mr E. Tidman (Chair)

Mr. T. Nash (V. Chair)

Mr. M. Hughes (Treasurer)

Mr. D. Fairbairn (Secretary)

Mrs. C. Fairbairn

Mr. T.Jenkins

Ms M. Seaman

Mr. J.Price

Mr. G. Hughes

Mr. C Williams

Mr. D.Crabbe (Charity Commission Primary Contact)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Governing Document is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which is registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales.

The board of Trustees, which can have a maximum of 12 in number, administers the charity.

The board meets quarterly plus an Annual General Meeting of all members.

There are sub-committees covering compliance, finance, recruitment, tours, social media which meet as required.

The trustees are led by officers, namely, Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

None of the trustees receive remuneration or benefit from their work with the charity.

There are no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

Policies and Risk Management

The Charity protects its trustees, members, organisational reputation, finances, patrons and audience using the following policies and procedures: -

CIO Governing Document (15th December 2022)
Code of Conduct and Organisational Rules (reviewed January 2024)
Health and Safety Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Finance Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Safeguarding Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Equal Opportunities Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Environmental Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Complaints Handling Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Conflicts of Interest Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Confidentiality Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Data Compliance Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Fundraising Policy (reviewed March 2024)
Information Security and Data Protection Compliance Policy (reviewed March 2024)

There is an annual review of all the charity's risks and policies, with the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate and minimise against any potential risks identified.

This work has identified that financial sustainability and reducing membership as the main risk to the charity, and both are being proactively addressed.

A key element in the management of financial risk is via a reviewed reserves policy as per Charity Commission guidelines with regard to the retention of sufficient working capital.

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustee's annual financial report and financial statements, in accordance with the Charity Commission of England and Wales Law. These accounts are overseen, prepared and submitted, by the Treasurer and audited by two other trustees.

Attention has also been given to non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety and the management of performing rights.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Llantrisant Male Choir

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1201350

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 31 / 12 / 2024.

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 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Stephen A Howell

Date:

23 September 2025

Name:

Stephen A Howell Limited

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

ICAEW

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.