

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025
for
BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY**

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BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

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BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Society as set out in its Constitution are to promote and maintain a mixed voice choir and to further the art and science of music by the presentation of concerts and by such other related and ancillary activities as shall from time to time be organised with the approval of the Society.

Significant activities

The Society's main activity is the performance and promotion of public concerts of choral music. During the year under review the Society enjoyed performing at three public concerts.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the Society in planning future activities and in setting the objectives of the Society.

The Trustees believe that the Society fulfils these objectives through its presentation of concerts and such other activities organised by or with the approval of the Society.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The result for the year was a deficit of £20,114.

The Trustees have started formulating plans for the Special Projects Reserve and at the AGM in October 2024 the members approved the broad objective of using some of this reserve to support encouraging the appreciation of, and participation in, choral music by children and young people.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that the Society should maintain a level of reserves sufficient for the Society to continue to fulfil its objectives in the short to medium term should there be significant reduction in income.

The balance on the General Fund as at 31st July 2025 represented approximately 7 months of normal expenditure which the Trustees consider to be appropriate in the circumstances.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Basingstoke Choral Society ("the Society") was established in 1948 and registered as a charity. On 1st August 2023 the Society transferred its activities to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation number 1202484 which was registered on 24th March 2023.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Members of the committee are elected for a term of three years at the Annual General Meeting or are co-opted to fill vacancies. It is anticipated that they should have the skills necessary to manage the affairs of the Society.

Decision making

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code and take into account how relevant matters therein should be applied and implemented by the Society.

Risk management

The Trustees continued to review all of the Society's risks on a regular basis. They are satisfied that adequate insurances have been in place and that adequate steps are constantly taken to ensure that exposure to risk of any sort is kept to a minimum.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1202484

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 July 2025**

Principal address

1 Ashlea
Hook
RG27 9RQ

Trustees

A de Jong Chair
R Knight (resigned 25.3.25)
E Mackeggie Gurney
D Barber
J Hawkins
A Hurst
M McCann
N Inskip
J Pain (resigned 25.3.25)
P Sherrington (appointed 25.3.25)

The Trustees shown above make up the committee of elected and co-opted members who have served from 1st August 2024 until the date of this report.

The charity's Trustees under charities legislation, are the elected members of the committee. They represent the interests of the members and have the skills necessary to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the Society's assets and for the oversight of others, members and non-members who voluntarily assist the Society.

Independent Examiner

Caroline Scull FCCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15.10.25 and signed on its behalf by:


Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Caroline Scull FCCA

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Date:

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 July 2025**

	Notes	31.7.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.7.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Gifts and subscriptions		21,616	22,937
Charitable activities			
Concerts		13,639	10,373
Events		-	539
Contributions from members		2,947	2,846
Other activities	2	1,839	2,929
Investment income	3	<u>7,116</u>	<u>7,873</u>
Total		<u>47,157</u>	<u>47,497</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Concerts		51,075	30,598
Events		-	3,234
Rehearsals		15,404	15,205
Other		<u>792</u>	<u>978</u>
Total		<u>67,271</u>	<u>50,015</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(20,114)	(2,518)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		172,138	174,656
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>152,024</u>	<u>172,138</u>

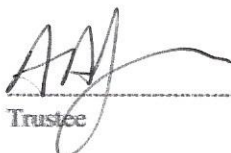
The notes form part of these financial statements


BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

Balance Sheet 31 July 2025

	Notes	31.7.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.7.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	5	279	224
Debtors	6	3,060	3,367
Cash at bank		<u>150,083</u>	<u>169,358</u>
		153,422	172,949
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,398)	(811)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>152,024</u>	<u>172,138</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		152,024	172,138
NET ASSETS		<u>152,024</u>	<u>172,138</u>
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		<u>152,024</u>	<u>172,138</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>152,024</u>	<u>172,138</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15.10.25 and were signed on its behalf by:


Trustee


Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Fundraising

31.7.25	31.7.24
£	£
<u>1,839</u>	<u>2,929</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>7,116</u>	<u>7,873</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties as Trustees, paid for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the period ended 31 July 2024.

5. STOCKS

	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Stocks	<u>279</u>	<u>224</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Other debtors	2,868	3,075
Prepayments	<u>192</u>	<u>292</u>
	<u>3,060</u>	<u>3,367</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	548	-
Other creditors	<u>850</u>	<u>811</u>
	<u>1,398</u>	<u>811</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	31,616	(20,114)	1,760	13,262
Richard Tanner Memorial Fund	13,895	-	(320)	13,575
Special Projects Reserve Fund	<u>126,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1440)</u>	<u>125,187</u>
	<u>172,138</u>	<u>(20,114)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,024</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>172,138</u>	<u>(20,114)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,024</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	47,157	(67,271)	(20,114)
	<u>47,157</u>	<u>(67,271)</u>	<u>(20,114)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,157</u>	<u>(67,271)</u>	<u>(20,114)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	33,669	(2,518)	930	32,081
Richard Tanner Memorial Fund	14,360	-	(930)	13,430
Special Projects Reserve Fund	<u>126,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,627</u>
	<u>174,656</u>	<u>(2,518)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,138</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>174,656</u>	<u>(2,518)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,138</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	47,497	(50,015)	(2,518)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,497</u>	<u>(50,015)</u>	<u>(2,518)</u>

The Richard Tanner Memorial Fund arose from a legacy in 2020 from a former member of the Society. Although no restrictions were placed on this legacy, the trustees decided that this should be used to fund bursaries and workshops. Part of the bequest may also be used to finance a concert in memory of the donor.

Bursaries for 2024/5 and 2023/4 were awarded to 3 members of the Society from the fund.

A legacy was received in 2022 of £126,627. Although no restrictions were placed on this legacy by the testator, the trustees decided that, given the size of the legacy, this would be designated for use in future special projects of the Society. This amount has therefore been transferred to a designated fund called The Special Projects Reserve. During the year under review the Trustees agreed to use the fund to finance young Soloists performing at the Spring and Summer concerts.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 July 2025**

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The total amount of donations and subscriptions received without conditions by the Society from the trustees during the year was £1900.

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

	31.7.25 £	31.7.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Gifts and subscriptions		
Gifts	274	821
Donations	15	62
Subscriptions	<u>21,327</u>	<u>22,054</u>
	21,616	22,937
Other trading activities		
Fundraising	1,839	2,929
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	7,116	7,873
Charitable activities		
Concerts	13,639	11,158
Events	-	539
Contributions to scores etc	<u>2,947</u>	<u>2,061</u>
	<u>16,586</u>	<u>13,758</u>
Total incoming resources	47,157	47,497
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Music director concert fee	3,000	2,600
Concert musicians	26,750	14,007
Rehearsal costs	11,534	11,924
Music scores	2,510	3,590
Venue costs	17,742	12,282
Travel	-	1,112
Publicity and programmes	2,870	1,504
Sundries	261	1,207
Subscriptions	1,063	528
Insurance	<u>289</u>	<u>283</u>
	66,019	49,037
Support costs		
Governance costs		
AGM and committee venue costs	460	186
Accountancy fees	<u>792</u>	<u>792</u>
	<u>1,252</u>	<u>978</u>
Total resources expended	<u>67,271</u>	<u>50,015</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(20,114)</u>	<u>(2,518)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements