

# HORSELL COMMUNITY CHOIR

England & Wales · Charity number 1205511

## Details

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Other names	HORSELL SINGS!
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-11-01
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) TO ADVANCE, IMPROVE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN, AND APPRECIATION OF, THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNITY IN ALL ITS ASPECTS BY ANY MEANS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC CONCERTS AND RECITALS. (2) TO FURTHER SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSE OR PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION SHALL THINK FIT BUT IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE MAKING OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS.

**Activities:** Horsell Sings! (aka. Horsell Community Choir) is open to everyone and the choir is advertised through its website: <https://horsellsings.org.uk> and social media. All songs are taught aurally by the choir leader in three or four part harmony, and rehearsals take place in Horsell Village School. Twice a year the choir performs in a local venue, usually in collaboration with other local musicians.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- Surrey

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£19,444	£17,978	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>GEOFFREY ROBERT HUGHES</b>	Chair	2024-04-30
Amanda Susan Hoyle		2023-11-01
Anne Fauconnier-Bank		2023-11-01
Janet Elizabeth Dew		2023-11-01
Penelope Moira Kramer		2023-11-01
Roy Keith Westley		2023-11-01

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# Accounts

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## First Annual Report to the Charity Commission (1 Nov 2023 – 31 Dec 2024)

### General

The choir continues to be in good financial health with a committed membership – we now have 82 registered members. Well-attended rehearsals are held every week during the school term time. Members are encouraged to participate in our public concerts.

### Concerts

#### Christmas Concert (2023)

Horsell Sings! performed a Christmas repertoire with guest trio:

Anna Tabbush (vocals) with Camilla Menjura (guitar and vocals) and Rachel Drayson (cello)

The audience was invited to join in singing some well-known carols.

The nominated charity was The Lighthouse, Woking – a vibrant community hub in Woking providing activities, advice and support to those in need. A total of £500 was raised.

#### Summer Concert (2024)

Horsell Sings! joined by St John's Community Choir held in St Mary's Church, Horsell on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Supporting the following charities:

Citizen's Advice Woking

Pancreatic Cancer

A total of £600 was raised divided equally between the two charities.

#### Christmas Concert (2024)

Horsell Sings! with guest choir "Corra Sound", held in St Mary's Church, Horsell on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December. The audience was invited to join in singing some well-known carols.

Corra Sound put on a great performance of close harmony choral singing which was enjoyed by all. We felt that this group complemented our own repertoire, and it all came together with a rousing rendition of the Reindeer Calling Song!



# Horsell Sings!

29 Sep 2025

We were nervous about increasing the ticket price to £15 for this concert but it was necessary in order to be sure of covering our costs. In the end, we made a decent profit to donate to our charity.

A total of £673 was raised for the charity, which we donated to Samba Riding for the Disabled. The late Vicky Kitcat, one of the founder members of the choir, was very involved in this charity so we were especially pleased to make this donation in her memory.

**Note:** This donation was not paid out until Jan 2025 so the debit does not appear in our 2024 Accounts.

## First full year as a Registered Charity

We have completed our first full year as a registered charity which has seen the introduction of a new membership procedure and putting in place the recommended policies and procedures. These include (a) Financial Control Policy (b) Expenses Policy (c) Privacy Policy and (d) Social Media Policy.

## Election of Trustees

Our first AGM as registered charity was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

In accordance with our new constitution, since it was the first AGM following our charity registration (1/11/2023), all the current trustees were required by our new constitution to stand for re-election. All the trustees were unanimously re-elected by the members.

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>£</b>
Member Subs	14,414	Musical Director's fees	10981
		Hire of School Hall	2381
		Public Liability Insurance	112
<i>Christmas Concert (2023)</i>		<i>Christmas Concert (2023)</i>	
Ticket Sales	1,158	Christmas Concert (2023) Expenses	788
Refreshments and Donations	287	Christmas Concert (2023) Hire of Church	100
Xmas Gift Donations for Musical Director (2023)	98	Xmas Party (2023) Expenses	91
<i>Summer Concert</i>		Xmas Gift for Musical Director (2023)	98
Ticket Sales	404	<i>Summer Concert</i>	
Refreshments and Donations	196	Summer Concert Expenses	353
<i>Surrey Seasons Concert</i>			
Ticket Sales	445		
<i>Christmas Concert (2024)</i>		<i>Christmas Concert (2024)</i>	
Ticket Sales	1,731	Christmas Concert (2024) Expenses	1423
Refreshments and Donations	274		
Xmas Gift Donations for Musical Director (2024)	81	Xmas Party (2024) Expenses	207
Payback Float	100	Xmas Gift for Musical Director (2024)	81
<i>Shirts and Badges</i>		Payout Float	100
Shirt Sales	183	<i>Shirts and Badges</i>	
		Shirts	111
		Badges	52
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£19,370</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>£16,878</b>
		<b>Donations to Charity</b>	
		From Christmas Concert (2023) - The Lighthouse	500
		From Summer Concert (2024) - Citizens Advice Bureau	300
		From Summer Concert (2024) - Pancreatic Cancer Charity	300
<b>Balance at 31/12/2024</b>		<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>£1,100</b>
NatWest Bank	4,558		
Skipton Building Society	2,540		
Petty Cash	50		
<b>Total balance</b>	<b>£7,148</b>		

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Donations and legacies	14,693
Charitable activities	183
Other trading activities	4,494
Investments (Skipton BS Interest)	74
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,444</b>
Employees Payroll	10,981