



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 20th 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 14th 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 30th 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.

Receipts**£**

Member Subs 14,414

Christmas Concert (2023)

Ticket Sales 1,158

Refreshments and Donations 287

Xmas Gift Donations for Musical Director (2023) 98

Summer Concert

Ticket Sales 404

Refreshments and Donations 196

Surrey Seasons Concert

Ticket Sales 445

Christmas Concert (2024)

Ticket Sales 1,731

Refreshments and Donations 274

Xmas Gift Donations for Musical Director (2024) 81

Payback Float 100

Shirts and Badges

Shirt Sales 183

Total Income**£19,370****Balance at 31/12/2024**

NatWest Bank 4,558

Skipton Building Society 2,540

Petty Cash 50

Total balance**£7,148****Expenses****£**

Musical Director's fees 10981

Hire of School Hall 2381

Public Liability Insurance 112

Christmas Concert (2023)

Christmas Concert (2023) Expenses 788

Christmas Concert (2023) Hire of Church 100

Xmas Party (2023) Expenses 91

Xmas Gift for Musical Director (2023) 98

Summer Concert

Summer Concert Expenses 353

Christmas Concert (2024)

Christmas Concert (2024) Expenses 1423

Xmas Party (2024) Expenses 207

Xmas Gift for Musical Director (2024) 81

Payout Float 100

Shirts and Badges

Shirts 111

Badges 52

Total Costs**£16,878****Donations to Charity**

From Christmas Concert (2023) - The Lighthouse 500

From Summer Concert (2024) - Citizens Advice Bureau 300

From Summer Concert (2024) - Pancreatic Cancer Charity 300

Total Donations**£1,100**

For CC Annual Return Questionnaire

Donations and legacies	14,693
Charitable activities	183
Other trading activities	4,494
Investments (Skipton BS Interest)	74
Other	0
Total	19,444

Employees Payroll	10,981
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