



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	August	2024		31	July	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Lexden Choral Society

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1209460

Charity's principal address

GLEBE HOUSE

31 QUEENS ROAD

COLCHESTER

Postcode

CO3 3PD

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	Sarah Penelope Blake	Chair		
2	Geoffrey Douglas Whittaker	Secretary		
3	Royston John Francis	Treasurer		
4	Martin John Gillingham			
5	Joanna Tamsin Bisdee			
6	Penelope Anne Wignall			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music, and in particular of choral music, by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and in such other ways as the CIO shall determine from time to time.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

At the Annual Remembrance and Thanksgiving concert at St Botolph's Church on 9 November 2024, the Choir performed Duruflé's Requiem accompanied by Lexden Chamber Orchestra, a group of professional players who have performed with the Choir for many years.

In the second half of that concert, the Choir was joined by Boxted Methodist Silver Band. Along with a selection of pieces, the Band welcomed the audience's participation with Songs from the Great War. As is the Society's custom, the choir gave a large donation to the Royal British Legion; after a generous collection from their grateful audience.

On 14 December 2024, the Society performed again at St Teresa's Catholic Church in Lexden with St Teresa's School Children's Choir.

In January 2025, the Choir enthusiastically started rehearsing Howard Blake's Benedictus, which was performed in the presence of the composer, for the last fifteen years the Choir's Patron, on 17 May 2025.

The Society engaged Francis Melville as its Tenor soloist, who was generously supported by the Josephine Baker Trust which regularly supports singers for the Choir. The Choir was delighted to welcome Ipswich High School Choir and St Mary's Year 7 Vocals as the guest youth choirs for the performance.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

What steadfastly remains and continues to grow since the Society's inception in 1992 is an all-inclusive Choir, giving high quality concerts to Colchester, while remaining a group where life-long friendships are made and singers deeply care for, and about, its members.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

None at present. Funds are held in current account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Performances throughout the year have supported the key objectives of the Charity.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Geoffrey Douglas Whittaker

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee/Secretary

Date

20th May 2026

LEXDEN CHORAL SOCIETY ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

	Notes	Year Ended 31st July 2025 £	Year Ended 31st July 2024 £
Income			
Ticket Sales		4,283.12	5,219.02
Subscriptions		6,310.00	7,627.00
Other Income	1	3,366.22	149.70
Total		13,959.34	12,995.72
Expenses			
Professional fees	2	10,765.00	9,082.43
Cost of Venues/Facilities	3	2,667.50	2,292.00
Music Hire		217.80	
Printing and copying	4	1,033.91	
Web/Computing		109.19	409.00
PRS		70.62	
Insurance	6	179.56	347.71
Folders		205.50	
Other Expenses	5	574.84	1,198.54
Total		15,823.92	13,329.68
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR		(1,864.58)	(333.96)
Interest Free Loan from Sarah Blake	7	1,760.00	
Bank Balance brought forward at 1 st August		508.15	842.11
Bank balance carried forward at 31 st July		403.57	508.15

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YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

Notes for the Accounts, Year Ended 31st July 2025

	2025
1 Other Income	£
Donations	773.13
Josephine Baker Trust	165.00
Music Sales	774.80
Folder Sales	82.00
Internet Book Sales	282.79
Refreshments	421.50
Miscellaneous	267.00
Programme Sales	262.00
Social Evening (8th July)	338.00
	3366.22
2 Professional Fees	
Conductor	3525.00
Accompanist	1400.00
Musicians and Singers	5840.00
	10765.00
3 Venues and Facilities	
Hire of Music and Instruments	105.00
Rehearsal venues	963.50
Concert venues	1274.00
Social Evening (8 th July)	325.00
	2667.50
4 Printing and copying	
Programmes	561.40
Posters and Tickets	252.51
Copying	220.00
	1033.91
5 Other Expenses	
Essex Annual Library Membership	9.70
Money owed to Sarah. Payback for Xmas concert	54.70
Music Hire/Purchase	278.60
Wine and Bottle Bags	16.00
Float	150.00
Miscellaneous	65.84
	574.84
6 Insurance	
The 2024 figure of £347.71 includes, £173.12 for PRS, £9.33 for Essex Library Membership and £165.26 for Insurance.	
7 Loan	

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Interest Free Loan from Sarah Blake to be repaid
when funds are available