

# THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 247083

## Details

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Other names	BISHOPS STORTFORD AND DISTRICT MUSICAL ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1966-04-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL MUSIC IN ORDER TO FOSTER PUBLIC EDUCATION IN AND APPRECIATION OF SUCH MUSIC BY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE.

**Activities:** The study and practice of choral and orchestral music in order to foster public education in and appreciation of such music by public performance.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Essex
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£38,357	£32,014	-	-
2024-06-30	£33,142	£30,349	-	-
2023-06-30	£24,920	£23,297	-	-
2022-06-30	£25,373	£24,964	-	-
2021-06-30	£5,976	£5,885	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW MENHENNET		2025-09-04
CLARE FIDDERMAN		2022-09-08
EMMA NIXON		2022-09-08
HILARY MATHEWS		2023-09-07
Helen Miller		2024-09-01
LIN BALCOMBE		2021-09-09
MARYLIN STILES		2023-09-07
PAUL BOREHAM		2022-09-08
WILLIAM PAUL O'NEILL		2022-09-15
Yvonne Unruh		2025-01-01

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# Accounts

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**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025**

	Year ended 30 June 2025 £	Year ended 30 June 2024 £
<b>Income</b>		
Members' contributions	14,640.00	13,715.00
Friends' donations	1,120.00	1,035.00
Other donations	620.00	2,800.00
Small donations	173.60	324.95
Concert receipts	6,363.00	7,284.00
Concert sponsorship	7,000.00	2,950.00
Concert programme sales/advertising	693.00	643.00
Other Concert income	710.23	370.90
Gift aid reclaimed	5,358.08	3,616.20
Hire/sale of music/staging	178.79	0.00
Fund raising activities	1,062.00	0.00
Interest	438.21	403.25
<b>Total income</b>	<b>38,356.91</b>	<b>33,142.30</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Concert fees - orchestra/soloists/conductor	18,797.65	16,442.00
Concert fees - venue hire	2,040.00	1,772.00
Concert publicity and printing	687.47	776.50
Music hire/purchase	230.50	988.67
Other concert costs	603.97	453.83
Conductor & Accompanist	6,300.00	6,024.00
Rehearsal venue	1,440.50	1,321.50
Publicity & website	23.98	0.00
Staging & lighting purchases	217.20	1,231.04
Fund raising activities	190.00	0.00
Administration costs	1,482.47	1,339.93
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>32,013.74</b>	<b>30,349.47</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>6,343.17</b>	<b>2,792.83</b>
Opening net current assets	24,505.47	21,712.64
<b>Closing net current assets</b>	<b>30,848.64</b>	<b>24,505.47</b>
Represented by:		
Cash and Bank Accounts	31,421.37	34,603.92
Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income	205.29	1,208.14
Accrued Costs	(778.02)	(11,306.59)
	<b>30,848.64</b>	<b>24,505.47</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2025**

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Bank deposit account	30,232.74	33,775.27
Bank current account	1,158.63	82.57
Cash in hand	30.00	746.08
	<b>31,421.37</b>	<b>34,603.92</b>
Debtors and Prepayments	105.29	886.82
Accrued Income / Prepaid costs	100.00	321.32
less accrued costs / Prepaid income	(778.02)	(11,306.59)
Net Current Assets	<b>30,848.64</b>	<b>24,505.47</b>

Represented by:-

Balance brought forward 1 July 2024	24,505.47	21,712.64
Add surplus for the year	6,343.17	2,792.83
Balance carried forward 30 June 2025	<b>30,848.64</b>	<b>24,505.47</b>

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income and Expenditure, together with their associated records and vouchers as presented to me, and they are in agreement.

No provisions have been made in these accounts for any stocks or fixed assets.

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Harlow  
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	Year ended 30 June 2024 £	Year ended 30 June 2023 £
<b>Income</b>		
Members' contributions	13,715.00	12,050.00
Friends' donations	1,035.00	860.00
Other donations	2,800.00	360.00
Small donations	324.95	420.75
Concert receipts	7,284.00	5,939.00
Concert sponsorship	2,950.00	0.00
Concert programme sales/advertising	643.00	650.00
Other Concert income	370.90	382.00
Gift aid reclaimed	3,616.20	2,844.43
Fund raising activities	0.00	1,284.05
Interest	403.25	130.36
<b>Total income</b>	<b>33,142.30</b>	<b>24,920.59</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Concert fees - orchestra/soloists/conductor	16,442.00	12,261.70
Concert fees - venue hire	1,772.00	1,596.00
Concert publicity and printing	776.50	615.57
Music hire/purchase	988.67	358.50
Other concert costs	453.83	23.50
Conductor & Accompanist	6,024.00	5,907.00
Rehearsal venue	1,321.50	1,303.75
Publicity & website	0.00	62.64
Staging & lighting purchases	1,231.04	0.00
Fund raising activities	0.00	120.01
Administration costs	1,339.93	1,048.82
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>30,349.47</b>	<b>23,297.49</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>2,792.83</b>	<b>1,623.10</b>
Opening net current assets	21,712.64	20,089.54
<b>Closing net current assets</b>	<b>24,505.47</b>	<b>21,712.64</b>
Represented by:		
Cash and Bank Accounts	34,603.92	22,390.74
Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,208.14	273.40
Accrued Costs	(11,306.59)	(951.50)
	<b>24,505.47</b>	<b>21,712.64</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	<b>30 June 2024</b>	<i>30 June 2023</i>
	£	£
Current Assets		
Bank deposit account	33,775.27	21,068.36
Bank current account	82.57	1,322.38
Cash in hand	746.08	0.00
	<b>34,603.92</b>	<b>22,390.74</b>
Debtors and Prepayments	886.82	
Accrued Income / Prepaid costs	321.32	273.40
less accrued costs / Prepaid income	(11,306.59)	(951.50)
Net Current Assets	<b>24,505.47</b>	<b>21,712.64</b>

Represented by:-

Balance brought forward 1 July 2023	21,712.64	20,089.54
Add surplus for the year	2,792.83	1,623.10
Balance carried forward 30 June 2024	<b>24,505.47</b>	<b>21,712.64</b>

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13 August 2024

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 July 2021 Period start date To 30 June 2022 Period end date

Charity name: Bishop's Stortford Choral Society

Charity registration number: 247083

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>Educating the General Public</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.18	<b>The study and practice (including public concerts) of choral and orchestral music</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Three public concerts were held in the year, with total audience numbers in excess of 650 members of the public.</p> <p>At one of the concerts the choir exceeded 130 members and the orchestra included over 50 players. This is exceptional for choral societies in our locality.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Net funds held as at 30 June 2022 totalled £20,090</b> <b>Net income for the year was £409</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves are held as a buffer against shortfalls when holding concerts. Excess reserves have built up as a result of low concert activity due to COVID19.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£20,090</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>There are no such uncertainties</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated Association</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Potential Trustees are proposed, seconded and voted on at the AGM or EGM</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bishop's Stortford Choral Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	247083
Charity's principal address	For correspondence – 67 The Paddock Bishop's Stortford CM23 4JW

**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	Rosalind Rowe	Chair		
2	Michael Trippick	Treasurer		
3	Des Conridge	Secretary		
4	Lin Balcombe			
5	Jill Goldsmith			
6	Fae Nelson			
7	Christopher Bradley			
8	Helen Miller			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

### **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None held
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

#### **Additional information (optional)**

##### **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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### **Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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### **Other optional information**

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael Trippick	Des Conridge
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary

Date

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	Year ended 30 June 2022 £	Year ended 30 June 2021 £
<b>Income</b>		
Members' contributions	12,185.00	3,775.00
Friends' donations	495.00	825.00
Other donations	3,660.00	325.26
Small donations	52.60	0.00
Concert receipts	5,633.40	0.00
Concert programme sales/advertising	436.44	0.00
Other Concert income	372.00	0.00
Gift aid reclaimed	2,534.00	1,048.75
Interest	4.57	1.68
<b>Total income</b>	<b>25,373.01</b>	<b>5,975.69</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Concert fees - orchestra/soloists/conductor	12,385.00	0.00
Concert fees - venue hire	2,853.15	0.00
Concert publicity and printing	422.85	0.00
Music hire/purchase	354.50	191.90
Other concert costs	891.29	0.00
Conductor & Accompanist	5,859.00	4,887.00
Rehearsal venue	1,415.50	0.00
Publicity & website	0.00	60.06
Charitable donations	100.00	0.00
Staging & lighting purchases	34.80	0.00
Administration costs	647.71	746.21
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>24,963.80</b>	<b>5,885.17</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>409.21</b>	<b>90.52</b>
Opening net current assets	19,680.33	19,589.81
<b>Closing net current assets</b>	<b>20,089.54</b>	<b>19,680.33</b>
Represented by:		
Cash and Bank Accounts	20,671.14	24,796.93
Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income	273.40	213.40
Accrued Costs	(855.00)	(5,330.00)
	<b>20,089.54</b>	<b>19,680.33</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2021**

	<b>30 June 2022</b>	<i>30 June 2021</i>
	£	£
Current Assets		
Bank deposit account	12,036.95	12,033.16
Bank current account	8,634.19	12,763.77
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
	<b>20,671.14</b>	<b>24,796.93</b>
Debtors and Prepayments		
Accrued Income / Prepaid costs	273.40	213.40
less accrued costs	(855.00)	(5,330.00)
Net Current Assets	<b>20,089.54</b>	<b>19,680.33</b>
Represented by:-		
Balance brought forward 1 July 2021	19,680.33	19,589.81
Add surplus for the year	409.21	90.52
Balance carried forward 30 June 2022	<b>20,089.54</b>	<b>19,680.33</b>

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29 July 2022

