

HARLOW CHORUS

England & Wales · Charity number 257201

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1968-12-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FOSTER THE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF CHORAL MUSIC BY PUBLICLY PERFORMING SUCH MUSIC TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE MUSICAL STANDARDS.

Activities: Harlow Chorus provides participants (young and old) with a creative, enjoyable and fulfilling educational activity, through training in both vocal techniques and musical repertoire. For audiences, we present exciting, innovative and high quality performances which should always be a pleasurable cultural experience, but will sometimes challenge and educate them by extending their musical knowledge.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HARLOW AND DISTRICT
- Cambridgeshire
- Essex
- Hertfordshire
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£47,199	£45,100	-	-
2024-07-31	£46,893	£47,947	-	-
2023-07-31	£45,029	£46,899	-	-
2022-07-31	£60,893	£44,429	-	-
2021-07-31	£19,452	£17,623	-	-
2020-07-31	£31,086	£31,709	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rosemary Jean Davis	Chair	2020-01-13
Christine Elizabeth Patridge		2020-11-30
David Colin Bromage		2018-11-12
David Marshall		2023-11-20
JOHN RICHARD LORD		2018-11-12
John Roger Paternoster		2015-11-09
Julia Pickergill		2023-11-20
PETER ADRIAN SANDELL		2024-11-25

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025
FOR
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Our season started on 28th September with us performing in Ely Cathedral along with 5 other choirs, in "Eredita" a concert to celebrate the life and legacy of Michael Kibblewhite the founder of Harlow Chorus. Each choir performed several pieces, and the massed choirs sang the Hallelujah Chorus, the Star Carol, one of Michael's favourites and excerpts from West Side Story.

Our first main concert of the season was on Saturday 9th November 2024 in St John's Church, Epping, when we performed Mathias, Missa Brevis; Martines, Dixit Dominus and Vivaldi, Gloria.

Our Family Christmas concert was on 14th December in St Stephen's church, Harlow, together with the Henry Moore Primary school choir and the week before, on Sunday 8th December we had put on a carol concert in Copped Hall, in aid of the Copped Hall Trust.

We said goodbye to our Musical Director of 8 years, Edward-Rhys Harry after the Christmas festivities. We would like to extend our thanks to Edward for a very successful period and wish him well as he takes up his new role with the Military Wives choir.

We welcomed back our President, Sarah Tenant-Flowers who conducted our next two concerts; the first on Saturday 26th April once again in Epping when we performed Handel's Judas Maccabaeus.

The final concert of the season "American Pie" was on 12th July in All Saints Church, Hockerill, when we sang a selection of pieces by American composers, from Samuel Barber to Irving Berlin including folksongs, spirituals, classical works and songs from the shows.

We were extremely grateful to Sarah who brilliantly held the fort for the first 7 months of 2025. At the start of the Autumn 2025 term, we welcomed James Morley Potter as our new musical Director and very much look forward to a long and successful working relationship with him.

At the end of July membership stood at 75 but in the early months of the new term this has increased to 80.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The overall result for the year was a profit of £2099, (loss £1055, 2023/24). This was a good result given a number of uncertainties during the year

We remain grateful to the "Friends" of Harlow Chorus for their continued financial support and to all the members who support us in so many ways.

Fund raising has also been successful with an excellent quiz, another excellent Christmas hamper raffle and income raised from hiring out music from our library.

We remain very well placed financially.

Reserves policy

The Cash Reserves now stand at just over £56k and it remains the aim of the trustees to maintain these reserves at a level which meets at least six months' expenditure.

FUTURE PLANS

The 2025/26 season is our 50th Anniversary, with our first concert on Saturday 1st November in Epping when we perform Rossini; Petite Messe Solonnelle

Further concerts are planned for December 6th (carols in St Stephen's church Harlow), April 18th "Songs of Travel" & our 50th Anniversary Concert in Saffron Hall on 11th July 2026 when we perform Mendelssohn's Elijah.

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Principal address

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Trustees

Mrs R J Davis (Chair)
P A Sandell (Treasurer) (appointed 25.11.24)
Miss C E Patridge (Secretary)
J R Lord
Dr R M L Warren (Treasurer) (resigned 25.11.24)
D C Bromage
J R Paternoster
Ms J Pickergill
D Marshall

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

CAF Bank Limited
PO Box 289
Kings Hill
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ME19 4TA

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th November '25 and signed on its behalf by:

Rosemary Davis
Mrs R J Davis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HARLOW CHORUS**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Harlow Chorus

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Harlow Chorus (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.



Maurice Brindley BSc FCA

Brindley Jacob
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Date:20/11/2025.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	31.7.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.7.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		25,384	26,028
Charitable activities			
Income from Charitable Activities		10,880	11,958
Other trading activities	2	8,530	7,514
Investment income	3	2,405	1,393
Total		<u>47,199</u>	<u>46,893</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		549	641
Charitable activities			
Income from Charitable Activities		-	-
Expenditure from Charitable Activities		44,551	47,307
Total		<u>45,100</u>	<u>47,948</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,099	(1,055)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		59,550	60,605
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>61,649</u></u>	<u><u>59,550</u></u>

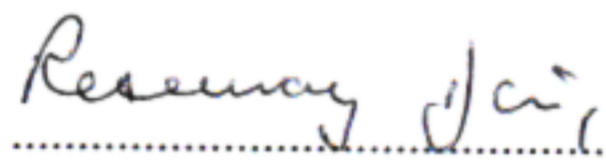
The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	31.7.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.7.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	5,499	6,110
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	6	50	50
Debtors	7	626	353
Cash at bank and in hand		56,369	53,908
		<u>57,045</u>	<u>54,311</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(895)	(871)
		<u>56,150</u>	<u>53,440</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		61,649	59,550
		<u>61,649</u>	<u>59,550</u>
NET ASSETS			
FUNDS	9		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		61,649	59,550
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>61,649</u>	<u>59,550</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20/11/2025
and were signed on its behalf by:



R J Davis - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2025

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment is written off at 10% on a reducing balance basis.

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 TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,856	3,525
Refreshments	1,330	1,449
100 Club Sub	2,344	2,540
	<u>8,530</u>	<u>7,514</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	2,405	1,393
	<u> </u>	<u> </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 paid for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025	26,217
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2024	20,107
Charge for year	611
At 31 July 2025	20,718
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2025	5,499
At 31 July 2024	6,110

6. STOCKS

	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Stocks	50	50
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Other debtors	626	353
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	31.7.25	31.7.24
	£	£
Other creditors	895	871
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.8.24	Net	At
	£	movement	31.7.25
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	59,550	2,099	61,649
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,550</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>61,649</u>

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

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,199	(45,100)	2,099
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,199</u>	<u>(45,100)</u>	<u>2,099</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.23	Net	At
	£	movement	31.7.24
		in funds	£
		£	
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,605	(1,055)	59,550
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,605</u>	<u>(1,055)</u>	<u>59,550</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,893	(47,948)	(1,055)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,893</u>	<u>(47,948)</u>	<u>(1,055)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,605	1,044	61,649
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,605</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>61,649</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	94,092	(93,048)	1,044
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>94,092</u>	<u>(93,048)</u>	<u>1,044</u>

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2025.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2025

	31.7.25 £	31.7.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations & Friends Subs	2,590	2,335
Gift aid	3,893	4,018
Subscriptions	14,695	15,030
Harlow Singers' income	4,206	3,668
HS previous years surplus	-	977
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	25,384	26,028
Other trading activities		
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Investment income		
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Charitable activities		
Concert Income	9,830	11,053
Other Income	1,050	905
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	10,880	11,958
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	47,199	46,893
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fund Raising costs	549	641
Charitable activities		
Refreshments Costs	153	11
Concert Costs	15,644	20,361
Rehearsal Prof Fees	11,141	10,841
Rehearsal hire of halls	5,774	5,976
Marketing	188	87
Hire & Purchase of Music	2,776	1,929
Harlow Singers Cost	3,930	3,374
Admin Cost	570	214
Insurance	700	896
Carried forward	40,876	43,689

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	31.7.25 £	31.7.24 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	40,876	43,689
Stage Storage Cost	860	710
100 Club	1,190	1,246
Depreciation of F & F	611	672
	<u>43,537</u>	<u>46,317</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	120	120
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	894	870
	<u>45,100</u>	<u>47,948</u>
Total resources expended	<u>45,100</u>	<u>47,948</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>2,099</u>	<u>(1,055)</u>

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Our next concert was on 9th December in St John's church, Epping, when we performed the magnificent work, Handel's Messiah and the week before, on Sunday 3rd December, we had put on a carol concert in Copped Hall, in aid of the Copped Hall Trust.

On Saturday February 17th a number of the choir joined with two other choirs to perform in the Welsh Festival of Music held in the Regent Hall, Oxford Street on the occasion of Sir Karl Jenkins' 80th birthday. The programme comprised "The Shadows of War", composed & conducted by Paul Mealar; "Gweddi" composed by Arwel Hughes and conducted by his son, Owain; "What Sustains the World" composed especially for the festival by our own Edward-Rhys Harry and "Symphonic Adiemus" by Karl Jenkins

On April 13th again in St John's Epping, accompanied by Bishop's Stortford Sinfonia we performed Ethel Smyth's Mass in D; Paul Mealar's Shadows of War & the winning piece from our Young Composers' Competition; The Lord is my light (Psalm 27) by David McGregor.

Another "Come & Sing" event was held on 11th May in High Wych church when we worked through Mendelssohn's Elijah

The final concert of the season was on 13th July in St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, when we sang a selection of popular pieces from Opera and Musicals.

Current membership now stands at 75 but we still hope to build on this over the months to come.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The overall result for the year was a deficit of £1054, (£1,870, 2022/23). This was a good result given a number of "one off" events and two expensive orchestral concerts staged.

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Further concerts are planned for December (carols in St Stephen's church Harlow), April & July.

Season 2025/26 marks our 50th Anniversary and we will be planning a bumper season to mark this milestone and hopefully a European Tour will also be on the agenda. We have booked Saffron Hall as the venue for our anniversary concert on 11th July 2026 when we will perform Mendelssohn's Elijah.

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Mrs R J Davis (Chair)
J R Lord
Dr R M L Warren (Treasurer)
Mrs G D Jones (resigned 20.11.23)
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20/11/24 and signed on its behalf by:

Rosemary Davis
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Mrs R J Davis - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HARLOW CHORUS**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Harlow Chorus

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Harlow Chorus (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2024.

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.

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Maurice Brindley BSc FCA

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Date:

HARLOW CHORUS

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024**

	Notes	31.7.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.7.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		26,028	21,940
Charitable activities			
Income from Charitable Activities		11,958	13,559
Other trading activities	2	7,514	8,318
Investment income	3	1,393	1,212
Total		<u>46,893</u>	<u>45,029</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		641	1,485
Charitable activities			
Expenditure from Charitable Activities		47,307	45,414
Total		<u>47,948</u>	<u>46,899</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,055)	(1,870)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		60,605	62,475
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>59,550</u></u>	<u><u>60,605</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HARLOW CHORUS

BALANCE SHEET 31 JULY 2024

		31.7.24 Unrestricted fund £	31.7.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Tangible assets	6	6,110	6,782
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	7	50	50
Debtors	8	353	313
Cash at bank and in hand		53,908	55,278
		<u>54,311</u>	<u>55,641</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(871)	(1,818)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>53,440</u>	<u>53,823</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		59,550	60,605
NET ASSETS		<u>59,550</u>	<u>60,605</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		59,550	60,605
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>59,550</u>	<u>60,605</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
20 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rosemary Davis
R J Davis - Trustee

HARLOW CHORUS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024

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Basis of preparing the financial statements

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	31.7.24	31.7.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	3,525	4,405
Refreshments	1,449	1,151
100 Club Sub	2,540	2,762
	<u>7,514</u>	<u>8,318</u>

HARLOW CHORUS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.7.24	31.7.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,393</u>	<u>1,212</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 July 2023.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
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Charitable activities	
Income from Charitable Activities	13,559
Other trading activities	8,318
Investment income	<u>1,212</u>
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RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	62,475
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>60,605</u></u>

HARLOW CHORUS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024**

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Fixtures and fittings £	
COST			
At 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024		<u>26,217</u>	
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 August 2023		19,435	
Charge for year		<u>672</u>	
At 31 July 2024		<u>20,107</u>	
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2024		<u>6,110</u>	
At 31 July 2023		<u>6,782</u>	
7. STOCKS			
	31.7.24	31.7.23	
	£	£	
Stocks	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	
8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	31.7.24	31.7.23	
	£	£	
Other debtors	<u>353</u>	<u>313</u>	
9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	31.7.24	31.7.23	
	£	£	
Other creditors	<u>871</u>	<u>1,818</u>	
10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.8.23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.7.24
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,605	(1,055)	59,550
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,605</u>	<u>(1,055)</u>	<u>59,550</u>

HARLOW CHORUS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,893	(47,948)	(1,055)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,893</u>	<u>(47,948)</u>	<u>(1,055)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,475	(1,870)	60,605
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,475</u>	<u>(1,870)</u>	<u>60,605</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,029	(46,899)	(1,870)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,029</u>	<u>(46,899)</u>	<u>(1,870)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,475	(2,925)	59,550
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,475</u>	<u>(2,925)</u>	<u>59,550</u>

HARLOW CHORUS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	91,922	(94,847)	(2,925)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>91,922</u>	<u>(94,847)</u>	<u>(2,925)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2024.

HARLOW CHORUS**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024**

	31.7.24 £	31.7.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations & Friends Subs	2,335	1,458
Gift aid	4,018	3,867
Subscriptions	15,030	13,276
Harlow Singers' income	3,668	3,339
HS previous years surplus	977	-
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	26,028	21,940
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	3,525	4,405
Refreshments	1,449	1,151
100 Club Sub	2,540	2,762
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	7,514	8,318
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,393	1,212
Charitable activities		
Concert Income	11,053	13,559
Other Income	905	-
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	11,958	13,559
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	46,893	45,029
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fund Raising costs	641	1,485
Charitable activities		
Refreshments Costs	11	12
Concert Costs	20,361	20,541
Rehearsal Prof Fees	10,841	9,506
Rehearsal hire of halls	5,976	5,232
Marketing	87	85
Donations	-	220
Hire & Purchase of Music	1,929	3,745
Harlow Singers Cost	3,374	1,795
Admin Cost	214	876
Insurance	896	728
Stage Storage Cost	710	960
100 Club	1,246	-
Depreciation of F & F	672	754
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	46,317	44,454

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HARLOW CHORUS

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2024**

	31.7.24 £	31.7.23 £
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	120	120
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>870</u>	<u>840</u>
Total resources expended	<u>47,948</u>	<u>46,899</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(1,055)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,870)</u></u>

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HARLOW CHORUS

England & Wales - Charity number 257201

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 257201

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023
FOR
HARLOW CHORUS

Brindley Jacob
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HARLOW CHORUS

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for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023**

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HARLOW CHORUS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023. 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

Charitable Object

The object of Harlow Chorus is to foster the public knowledge and appreciation of choral music by performing publicly such music to the highest possible musical standard.

Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association, governed by a revised constitution approved by the AGM on 14th November 2016. Membership is open to any person interested in furthering the charitable object and who has paid the annual subscription and provided evidence of their continuing musical ability to the satisfaction of the Musical Director. There are up to ten Committee Members who are elected by the members at the AGM. Except for the three officers (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) who can serve for up to 7 years, committee Members normally serve for up to four years. The Committee Members are the trustees of the charity. The choir is run by its membership on a voluntary basis.

Aims and Intended Impact

"Singing with passion and professionalism"

Harlow Chorus aims to inspire and educate its membership and to enjoy and perform at the highest standard. We aspire to attract a wide variety of audience, keeping the strong choral tradition alive and fostering new talent across the age range.

We aim to be a versatile, amateur choir maintaining professional standards, maximising the potential of all members. We enjoy singing a varied repertoire to a wide audience in a range of inspiring and prestigious venues.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

In addition to the public educational benefits to participants and audiences, the Committee is conscious that its activities must be affordable, so we continue to offer free membership to the under 25's, and any other member with financial difficulties can privately discuss a special reduced subscription arrangement with the Treasurer.

Harlow Singers

Harlow Chorus Academy later renamed Harlow Chorus Training Choir, which started in 2009 disbanded prior to Covid.

Under the banner of "Harlow Singers" it reformed in September 2021 thanks to the efforts of Judy Reeve who is the choir's administrator and it now has 20 members. Sara Stowe has been its musical director and accompanist during that time and we are very thankful for the work they do for our associate choir.

HARLOW CHORUS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Principal Activities and Achievements during the Year

Our first concert of the season was on Saturday 12th November 2022 at St John's Church Epping CM16 5DN when we performed Durulfe Requiem and Haydn, Little Organ Mass accompanied by the British Sinfonietta.

Carols in St Stephen's Church Harlow with the children of Henry Moore school, took place on 10th December and the week before we had put on a concert in Copped Hall, in aid of the Copped Hall Trust.

On 4th March we held a very successful Conductor's Workshop in Epping & on 15th April we were back at Chingford Parish church performing Mozart's Requiem together with Pergolesi, Stabat Mater and the premiere of Edward-Rhys Harry's The Nazarene.

The final concert of the season was on 8th July in St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, "Crossing Continents" a celebration of music from the Baltic States and North America by composers including Part, Dubra, Lauridsen, Whitacre, Gershwin and Bernstein.

Current membership now stands at 76 which, given the traumas of the last 2 or 3 years, is very good. We hope to build on this over the months to come.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The overall result for the year was a deficit of £1870, (surplus £16,462 2021/22). This was a good result given a number of "one off" events and two expensive orchestral concerts staged.

We remain grateful to the "Friends" of Harlow Chorus for their continued financial support and to all the members who support us in so many ways.

Fund raising has also been successful with an excellent quiz and income raised from hiring out music from our library.

Reserves policy

The Cash Reserves now stand at just under £54k and it remains the aim of the trustees to maintain these reserves at a level which meets at least six months' expenditure.

HARLOW CHORUS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023

FUTURE PLANS

The 2023/24 season is underway with our first concert on Saturday 14th October in Waltham Abbey Church, when we performed Faure's and Saint-Saens' Requiems.

Further concerts are planned for December (Messiah in Epping church), April & July and we are busy planning the 2024/25 season.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position of the Charity at the end of the year.

In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable it to ensure that financial statements comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk management

The trustees regularly review the operational and business risks faced by the charity and have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

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HARLOW CHORUS

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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,870)	16,463
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/11/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Trustee

HARLOW CHORUS

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HARLOW CHORUS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023**

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	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	39,615
Charitable activities	
Income from Charitable Activities	14,766
Other trading activities	6,419
Investment income	<u>92</u>
Total	<u>60,892</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	1,239
Charitable activities	
Expenditure from Charitable Activities	<u>43,190</u>
Total	<u>44,429</u>
NET INCOME	16,463
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	46,012
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>62,475</u>

HARLOW CHORUS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023**

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Fixtures and fittings £
COST		
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023		<u>26,217</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 August 2022		18,681
Charge for year		<u>754</u>
At 31 July 2023		<u>19,435</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 July 2023		<u>6,782</u>
At 31 July 2022		<u>7,536</u>

7. STOCKS

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Stocks	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>313</u>	<u>308</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.23	31.7.22
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>1,818</u>	<u>1,646</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,475	(1,870)	60,605
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,475</u>	<u>(1,870)</u>	<u>60,605</u>

HARLOW CHORUS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,029	(46,899)	(1,870)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,029</u>	<u>(46,899)</u>	<u>(1,870)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,012	16,463	62,475
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,012</u>	<u>16,463</u>	<u>62,475</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,892	(44,429)	16,463
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,892</u>	<u>(44,429)</u>	<u>16,463</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,012	14,593	60,605
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,012</u>	<u>14,593</u>	<u>60,605</u>

HARLOW CHORUS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	105,921	(91,328)	14,593
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>105,921</u>	<u>(91,328)</u>	<u>14,593</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2023.

HARLOW CHORUS

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 JULY 2023

	31.7.23 £	31.7.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	(1)	-
Donations	18,074	36,976
Gift aid	<u>3,867</u>	<u>2,639</u>
	21,940	39,615
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	4,405	2,230
Refreshments	1,151	1,236
100 Club Sub	<u>2,762</u>	<u>2,953</u>
	8,318	6,419
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,212	92
Charitable activities		
No description	<u>13,559</u>	<u>14,766</u>
Total incoming resources	45,029	60,892
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Sundries	1,485	1,239
Charitable activities		
Sundries	12	-
Concert/ Project Cost	20,541	18,777
Rehearsal Prof Fees	9,506	10,779
Rehearsal hire of halls	5,232	5,983
Marketing	85	100
Donations	220	419
Hire & Purchase of Music	3,745	2,035
Harlow Singers Cost	1,795	1,800
Admin Cost	996	395
Insurance	728	443
Stage Storage Cost	960	830
Fixtures and fittings	<u>754</u>	<u>837</u>
	44,574	42,398
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>840</u>	<u>792</u>
Total resources expended	<u>46,899</u>	<u>44,429</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(1,870)</u>	<u>16,463</u>

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HARLOW CHORUS

England & Wales - Charity number 257201

Accounts

HARLOW CHORUS

Registered Charity No. 257201

TRUSTEES' REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JULY 2022

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HARLOW CHORUS TRUSTEES' REPORT LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Trustees

The following Trustees held office throughout the year unless otherwise indicated:

Mr P A Sandell (Chair)
Mrs R Davis (Secretary)
Mrs R Warren (Treasurer)
Mr J R Lord
Mrs G Jones
Mrs C Patridge
Mr J Paternoster
Mr D C Bromage

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HARLOW CHORUS TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

The trustees present their annual report and the independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Charitable Object

The object of Harlow Chorus is to foster the public knowledge and appreciation of choral music by performing publicly such music to the highest possible musical standard.

Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association, governed by a revised constitution approved by the AGM on 14th November 2016. Membership is open to any person interested in furthering the charitable object and who has paid the annual subscription and provided evidence of their continuing musical ability to the satisfaction of the Musical Director. There are up to ten Committee Members who are elected by the members at the AGM. Except for the three officers (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) who can serve for up to 7 years, committee Members normally serve for up to four years. The Committee Members are the trustees of the charity. The choir is run by its membership on a voluntary basis.

Aims and Intended Impact

"Singing with passion and professionalism"

Harlow Chorus aims to inspire and educate its membership and to enjoy and perform at the highest standard. We aspire to attract a wide variety of audience, keeping the strong choral tradition alive and fostering new talent across the age range.

We aim to be a versatile, amateur choir maintaining professional standards, maximising the potential of all members. We enjoy singing a varied repertoire to a wide audience in a range of inspiring and prestigious venues.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

In addition to the public educational benefits to participants and audiences, the Committee is conscious that its activities must be affordable, so we continue to offer free membership to the under 25's, and any other member with financial difficulties can privately discuss a special reduced subscription arrangement with the Treasurer.

**HARLOW CHORUS
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

Principal Activities and Achievements during the Year

Rehearsals didn't really have a break for the summer, as we put on an additional concert, the first after Covid lockdown, on 11th September in All Saints Church, Hockerill. We performed John Rutter's the Gift of Life, Britten's Jubilate Deo and Bob Chilcott's Canticles of Light

Our new accompanist, Aeron Preston also gave an excellent solo organ performance of J S Bach's Prelude & Fugue in E flat minor.

Our next concert was on Saturday 13th November at St John's Church Epping CM16 5DN at 7.30 when we performed, Brahms' German Requiem, accompanied by 2 pianos.

Carols in St Stephen's Church Harlow with the children of Henry Moore school, took place on 11th December and the week before we had put on a concert in Copped Hall, in aid of the Copped Hall Trust.

On 26th February 2022, we held a "Come & Sing" event in High Wych church which was very well attended. We sang through much of Mozart's Requiem and as a result of the day, we recruited 5 new members.

On 26th March we were back at Chingford Parish church performing, Beethoven's Mass in C & Dvorak's Te Deum. This concert had been postponed in 2019 at the start of the pandemic. We welcomed back the British Sinfonietta, who opened the concert with Beethoven's Coriolan Overture. The concert marked the delayed 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth. Unfortunately, due to several other local concerts clashing, the audience wasn't as good as had been hoped.

The final concert of the season "Sacred and Profane" was on 16th July in Waltham Abbey Church. We performed a number of motets, madrigals and part-songs mainly "A Capella" to a good and appreciative audience.

Current membership now stands at 70 which, given the traumas of the last 2 or 3 years, is good. We hope to build on this over the months to come

Financial Review

The activities of the Chorus resulted in a deficit for the year of £8,231 , but thanks to two significant "one off" donations/bequests of £24,695 the year ended with a surplus of £16,464, (surplus £1,829 2020/21). The deficit can be put down to the extra concert in September; the poor audience in attendance at our March concert; "one off" expenditure on the "Come & Sing" event and lack of our usual fund-raising events such as quiz nights.

We remain grateful to the "Friends" of Harlow Chorus for their continued financial support and to all the members who support us in so many ways.

HARLOW CHORUS TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

Risk Review

The trustees regularly review the operational and business risks faced by the charity and have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Reserves Policy

The Cash Reserves now stand at approximately £56k and it remains the aim of the trustees to maintain these reserves at a level which meets at least six months' expenditure.

Future Plans

The 2022/23 season is underway with our first concert on Saturday 12th November at St John's Church Epping CM16 5DN at 7.30 when we will be singing Duruflé's Requiem and Haydn's Little Organ Mass.

Further concerts are planned for December, April & July and we are busy planning the 2023/24 season.

We are also planning to undertake some recording sessions and have recently launched a young composer competition.

A Conductor's workshop that had to be postponed, will hopefully be rescheduled for the New Year.

We plan to recommence fund raising activities throughout the season to generate further funds.

The choir will hopefully go on tour in 2024 and will commence planning its 50th anniversary year, 2025, shortly; exciting times ahead.

**HARLOW CHORUS
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of the financial position of the Charity at the end of the year.

In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable it to ensure that financial statements comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



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Mr P A Sandell – Chair & Trustee
Date: 14th November 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HARLOW CHORUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Harlow Chorus (the Charity) for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 Charity 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.



Alison Ward FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
28, Hills Road
Buckhurst Hill
Essex, IG9 5RS

14th November 2022

Harlow Chorus

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 July 2022

	Note	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income				
Donations and legacies	2	39,615	39,615	14,315
Other trading activities:				
Fundraising activities	3	6,419	6,419	3,581
Income from investments	4	92	92	252
Income from Charitable Activities	5	14,766	14,766	1,304
Total Income		<u>60,893</u>	<u>60,893</u>	<u>19,452</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	1,239	1,239	1,460
Charitable activities	7 & 8	43,191	43,191	16,163
Total Expenditure		<u>44,429</u>	<u>44,430</u>	<u>17,623</u>
Net income		16,464	16,464	1,829
Reconciliation of funds				
Fund Balances brought forward at 1 August 2021		<u>46,011</u>	<u>46,011</u>	<u>44,182</u>
Fund Balances carried forward at 31 July 2022		<u>62,475</u>	<u>62,475</u>	<u>46,011</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Harlow Chorus Balance Sheet at 31 July 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	9		7,536		8,373
			7,536		8,373
Current Assets					
Stock	10	50		50	
Debtors	11	308		9	
Cash at bank and in hand		56,227		38,299	
		56,585		38,358	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,646)		(720)	
Net Current Assets			54,939		37,638
Net Assets			62,475		46,011
 Representing:					
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			62,475		46,011
			62,475		46,011

Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:



P A Sandell
Trustee
29th October 2022

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Harlow Chorus

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 issued in February 2016, and the Charities Act 2011.

Harlow Chorus meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Harlow Chorus has reported a surplus of £16,464 for the year. The trustees have reviewed the budget for the next year and are of the view that the immediate future of the Trust for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income received in advance of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally on notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

e Funds

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations or grants which the donor has specified are to be used solely for particular purposes or areas of the charity's work or for specific projects undertaken by the charity.

f Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the item of expenditure for which it was incurred.

Harlow Chorus
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For the year ended 31 July 2022
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g Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation under section 521 to 536 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (ITA 2007).

h Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are shown at historical cost.

The cost of such assets is written off at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life by using the reducing balance method:

	2022	2021
Equipment, fixtures and fittings	10%	10%

i Stock

It is the policy of the Chorus to write off in the year of purchase any purchase of music scores and only to put a nominal value in the accounts.

2 Donations and legacies

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Friends of Harlow Chorus subscriptions	1,135	925
Donations and legacies	24,820	410
Membership subscriptions	11,021	10,731
Gift aid tax recoveries	2,639	2,249
	<u>39,615</u>	<u>14,315</u>

3 Other trading activities - fundraising activities

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
100 Club subscriptions	2,953	3,001
Refreshments	1,236	-
Other fundraising activities	2,230	580
	<u>6,419</u>	<u>3,581</u>

4 Income from investments

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Bank interest	92	252
	<u>92</u>	<u>252</u>

5 Income from Charitable Activities

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Concert income	10,415	-
Harlow Singers: rent and other income	750	-
other income (net)	1,669	-
Music sale & hire	1,597	1,304
Other Misc. Income	335	-
Total	<u>14,766</u>	<u>1,304</u>

Harlow Chorus
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2022 (Continued)

6 Fundraising Costs

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
100 Club prizes / costs	1,100	1,383
Refreshment costs	20	-
Other fundraising costs	119	77
	<u>1,239</u>	<u>1,460</u>

7 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<i>Concert costs</i>	18,777	-
<i>Rehearsal costs</i>		
Conductor's and accompanists' fees	10,779	9,420
Hire of rehearsal venues	5,983	1,528
Music sale & hire	2,035	1,398
Harlow Singers costs	1,800	-
<i>Support costs</i>		
General publicity & marketing	100	486
Depreciation	837	930
General administration costs	395	146
Insurance	443	775
Stage storage costs	830	760
Other donations	419	-
<i>Governance costs</i>	792	720
Total	<u>43,190</u>	<u>16,163</u>

8 Governance Costs

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Independent examiner's fees	792	720
	<u>792</u>	<u>720</u>

The trustees received no remuneration during the year (2021 £nil).
Trustees were reimbursed for administration expenses totalling £Nil (2021 £Nil).

Harlow Chorus
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2022 (Continued)

9 Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixtures and Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
Balance at 31 July 2021 & 31 July 2022	<u>26,217</u>	<u>26,217</u>
Accumulated Depreciation		
Balance at 1 August 2021	17,844	17,844
Charge for the year	837	837
Balance at 31 July 2022	<u>18,681</u>	<u>18,681</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 July 2022	<u>7,536</u>	<u>7,536</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>8,373</u>	<u>8,373</u>
10 Stock	2022	2021
	£	£
Stock comprises:		
Stock of music	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
11 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Sundry debtors	<u>308</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>308</u>	<u>9</u>
12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	<u>1,646</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>1,646</u>	<u>720</u>

13 Related Parties

There were no related party transactions during the year (2021 - none)