

WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 274853

Details

Other names WCS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1978-01-27

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIC, IN THE PRESENTATION OF CONCERTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Activities: The Objects of Wokingham Choral Society are to educate the public in the art and science of music, in the presentation of concerts and other activities. WCS is an auditioned choir which rehearses weekly during academic term times at a local senior school. Four concerts a year are performed and the choir is financed from annual subscriptions, ticket sales and its own fund raising.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£50,328	£49,905	-	-
2024-06-30	£41,112	£43,607	-	-
2023-06-30	£47,327	£44,513	-	-
2022-06-30	£40,594	£46,048	-	-
2021-06-30	£22,082	£13,902	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Katy Lethbridge	Chair	2022-07-07
Caroline Fulton		2020-07-09
Christopher Dunning		2022-07-07
Dr Penelope Ward		2018-07-05
Fiona Butler		2024-08-27
Hilary Blake		2022-07-07
Phaedra Ashford		2025-07-10
Ralph Jaconello		2022-07-07
Richard Payler		2022-07-07
Timothy Iles		2023-07-06

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Trustees' Annual Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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Structure and management of Wokingham Choral Society

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Achievements and Performance of Wokingham Choral Society

At the 2024 AGM of the Society (hereafter referred to as "the choir"), our Librarian stepped down from the role and the Committee, and a new Librarian was elected to the Committee by the choir's membership. There were no other changes to the makeup of the Committee. Our professional Musical Director and our professional Rehearsal and Concert Accompanist continued in post throughout 2024-25 season.

Our Autumn Concert, entitled *English Masters*, was a collaboration with pupils from St George's School Windsor Castle. The main work performed was Britten's cantata *Saint Nicolas*, which features a children's choir. In the first half of the concert, there were

performances of works by Purcell and of contemporary English composers by both the choir and pupils from St George's School. The concert was held in the refurbished All Saints Church, Wokingham, which has now become our main concert venue; the church was filled with a capacity audience, which included friends and supporters of the choir, and parents and other relatives of the pupils from St George's School. The Autumn Concert was followed in December by our annual, popular Christmas Carol Concert.

The Spring Concert was another collaboration, this time with Bracknell Choral Society. The two choirs joined forces to give a performance of Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius*, which neither choir could feasibly mount independently. The work requires a large choir, which includes a semi-chorus, and also a large orchestra. We also needed to find a venue large enough to accommodate the ca. 180 singers, 60-piece orchestra and – it was hoped – large audience for this popular work. In the event, we chose to perform the work in Guildford Cathedral. Planning for this concert had begun in the previous season, and involved a considerable amount of additional work. Therefore, it was gratifying that the concert was a great success, attracting an audience of nearly 480 people.

We were back in All Saints Church, Wokingham for our Summer Concert, which included Mozart's Coronation Mass and pieces by Parry, Haydn, Brahms and Handel. The concert also showcased four young soloists, who, for the main part, were still studying music at undergraduate level. Again, audience numbers for this concert were relatively healthy, further vindicating our move to a performance venue in Wokingham from Reading, where we'd customarily performed in previous seasons.

Membership numbers were again down on the previous year, from the mid-nineties to 90 by the end of the 2024-25 season. This is concerning, not least because of the impact on income from subscriptions. However, it is hoped this number will increase next season.

Wokingham Choral Society is a hard-working, welcoming and forward-looking choral society and though an auditioned choir, it is open to anyone from 16 years upwards who meets the musical standard required.

Now in its eighth decade, the choir continues its long tradition of bringing high quality performances of classical choral works to the residents of Wokingham and the surrounding area. The 2025/26 season will start with a concert of works by the Baroque masters, Bach and Handel, featuring five soloists and a period-performance orchestra.

Financial Review:

Wokingham Choral Society has continued to face rising costs. In response to this, we increased our standard ticket prices for the 2024/25 season, such that they are in line with the prices charged by other local choirs. These price increases do not appear to have negatively impacted ticket sales; indeed, these have probably received a boost from the change of performance venue to Wokingham. Despite ongoing financial pressures, the choir finished the season with a relatively modest profit, thanks in large part to the hard work and generosity of its members.

Wokingham Choral Society's Reserves at 30 June 2025 stood at £44,689 and accounts are available to support this figure.

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

<u>2024</u>			<u>2025</u>
£		£	£
	Income:		
	Concerts:		
9,938	Ticket Sales	14,577	
532	Programmes	449	
2,604	Music - Choral	<u>2,365</u>	17,391
	Subscriptions:		
18,278	Members	17,370	
644	Patrons	500	
210	Friends	<u>270</u>	18,140
	Fund Raising:		
890	Coffee Sales	1,033	
577	100 Club	628	
862	Raffles	1,038	
41	Easy Fundraising	26	
---	Bingo Evening	882	
7	Miscellaneous Fund Raising	<u>---</u>	3,607
	Other:		
52	Folders	23	
876	Donations	2,286	
3,134	Gift Aid	3,090	
1,200	Sponsorship	1,025	
---	Grants	1,000	
567	Bank Interest	1,243	
700	Charity Collections	2,132	
---	Miscellaneous Income	<u>391</u>	11,190
	Total Income c/f		
£ <u>41,112</u>			£ 50,328

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>
£		£
41,112	Income b/f	50,328
	Less Expenditure	
	Concerts:	
2,700	Conductor	2,553
1,490	Accompanist	1,541
2,900	Soloists	2,100
9,350	Orchestras	9,583
3,249	Venue	3,258
---	Cathedral Expenses (Gerontius)	757
348	Green Room	---
50	Music Stands	---
250	Instrument Hire	157
---	Instrument Tuning	130
450	Music : Orchestral	259
2,548	Choral	2,539
398	Printing: Programmes	693
208	Flyers & Posters	251
63	Tickets	66
13	Miscellaneous	62
---	Postage: Orchestral	---
---	Choral	17
182	Gifts	154
986	Stage Transport	789
---	Stage Hire	2,574
295	PRS Fees	649
580	Miscellaneous	---
		28,132
	Rehearsals:	
6,243	Musical Director	6,596
5,204	Accompanist	5,493
3,182	Venue	3,524
---	Gerontius Workshop Rehearsal	<u>721</u>
		16,334
	Fund Raising:	
107	Coffee	121
315	100 Club	315
29	Raffles	---
---	Bingo Evening	<u>428</u>
		864
£ <u>41,140</u>	Expenditure c/f	£ <u>45,330</u>
£ <u>41,112</u>	Income c/f	£ <u>50,328</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

<u>2024</u>				<u>2025</u>
£		£	£	£
41,112	Income b/f			50,328
41,140	Expenditure b/f		45,330	
256	General Administration;			
---	Advertising	229		
276	Printing, Postage & Stationery	99		
537	Insurance	286		
164	Subscriptions	451		
---	Meeting Venue	60		
	Miscellaneous	---	1,125	
	Other:			
72	Card Commission	128		
49	Folders	23		
---	Hospitality	114		
700	Charity Payments	2,132		
152	Making Music Platform (website)	113		
---	Voice Balancing	570		
---	Gerontius Photographer	240		
261	Miscellaneous	<u>130</u>	3,450	
<u>43,607</u>				<u>49,905</u>
£ (-2,495)	Excess Income over Expenditure/ Expenditure over Income			<u>£ 423</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>
£		£
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
---	Stock	38
3,935	Debtors and Pre-payments	637
3,770	Bank Accounts: Current Account	9,739
39,218	Reserve Accounts	37,462
<u>40</u>	Cash in Hand	<u>40</u>
£ 46,963		£ 47,916
	<u>Less:</u>	
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>2,857</u>	Creditors, Accruals and Receipts in Advance	<u>3,227</u>
£ <u>44,106</u>		£ <u>44,689</u>
	<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	
£		£
46,601	Accumulated Funds at 1 July 2024	44,106
	Plus: Capital Introduced	160
<u>---</u>	Profit for the Year	<u>423</u>
46,601		44,689
<u>2,495</u>	Minus: Loss for the Year	<u>---</u>
£ <u>44,106</u>	Accumulated Funds at 30 June 2025	£ <u>44,689</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE ACCOUNTS OF
WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2025, and the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025. I have also reviewed the accounting records kept by the charity. My examination was carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and was conducted in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

In connection with my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act have not been met; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Neil Coupe ACA

21 August 2025
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Date

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WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

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Accounts

Trustees Annual Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Wokingham Choral Society
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Charity address: is as reported

Trustees: are as reported

Structure and management of Wokingham Choral Society

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Objectives and Activities of Wokingham Choral Society

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Achievements and Performance of Wokingham Choral Society

There were unexpected changes at the start of the 2023/24 season. Our new Chairman, elected at the 2023 AGM, had to step down because of pressure of work. However, our newly elected Deputy Chair was able to step up and take his place. Shortly thereafter, our Musical Director, who had joined the Society (hereafter referred to as "the choir") just the previous January, stepped down to take up the role of conductor with a local symphony orchestra. We agreed with him that he could leave immediately after our Autumn Concert and before the start of rehearsals for the Christmas concert. Fortunately for the choir, our Accompanist, who had been appointed about 14 months previously, is also an accomplished choral conductor and was willing and available to take on the role of Musical Director. He

was formally appointed to this role following a consultation with the membership of the choir.

This, of course, left the choir without an Accompanist. We were again fortunate in being able to appoint to the role of permanent Accompanist someone already known to the choir, who had acted as stand-in accompanist on a number of previous occasions.

Our Autumn Concert was of Classical pieces: Beethoven's *Opferlied*, Mozart's Symphony No. 39 (orchestra only) and Haydn's *Theresienmesse*. This was followed in December by our annual, popular Christmas Carol Concert (under our newly appointed Musical Director).

The Spring Concert was of two twentieth century choral classics: Finzi's *Lo, the full, final sacrifice* and Durflé's *Requiem*. This concert also included Mendelssohn's beautiful and much-loved *Hear my prayer*, and Elgar's popular orchestral piece, *Serenade for Strings*.

Our lighter Summer Concert, entitled *A Song for Summer*, featured John Rutter's folk song settings, *The Sprig of Thyme*, and also included pieces by Elgar, Dyson, Sullivan and others.

Audience numbers for the Autumn and, in particular, the Spring Concert were disappointingly low. The Committee concluded that the location of the venue for these concerts, in Reading, was inconvenient for our largely Wokingham-based audience, and that we would in future make more use of All Saints Church in Wokingham, which had recently undergone extensive refurbishment, making it a much more attractive concert venue for both audience and performers.

Membership numbers were down slightly on the previous year, from just over one hundred to the mid-nineties.

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Financial Review:

Along with other organisations, Wokingham Choral Society has faced rising costs. In response to this, we reviewed and increased our tickets prices, effective from the last concert of the 2023/24 season; this has brought our ticket prices into line with the prices charged by other local choirs, and we shall monitor what impact this has on ticket sales. The choir finished the season with a relatively modest loss.

Wokingham Choral Society's Reserves at 30 June 2024 stood at £44,106 and accounts are available to support this figure.

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

<u>2023</u>			<u>2024</u>
£		£	£
	Income:		
	Concerts:		
9,744	Ticket Sales	9,938	
604	Programmes	532	
120	Concert Refreshments	---	
2,289	Music - Choral	<u>2,604</u>	13,074
	Subscriptions:		
18,935	Members	18,278	
594	Patrons	644	
210	Friends	<u>210</u>	19,132
	Fund Raising:		
673	Coffee Sales	890	
580	100 Club	577	
11	Book Sales	---	
558	Raffles	862	
14	Easy Fundraising	41	
36	Amazon Smiles	---	
4,105	Come & Sing	---	
7	Miscellaneous Fund Raising	<u>7</u>	2,377
	Other:		
77	Folders	52	
1,072	Donations	876	
3,378	Gift Aid	3,134	
1,000	Sponsorship	1,200	
1,000	Grants	---	
165	Bank Interest	567	
1,655	Charity Collections	700	
375	Leaving Collection	---	
125	Miscellaneous Income	<u>---</u>	<u>6,529</u>
£ <u>47,327</u>	Total Income c/f		£ <u>41,112</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>
£		£
47,327	Income b/f	41,112
	Less Expenditure	
	Concerts:	
2,800	Conductor	2,700
1,720	Accompanist	1,490
2,300	Soloists	2,900
7,006	Orchestras	9,350
3,275	Venue	3,249
348	Green Room	348
100	Music Stands	50
565	Instrument Hire	250
438	Music : Orchestral	450
2,525	Choral	2,548
67	Concert Refreshments	---
354	Printing: Programmes	398
160	Flyers & Posters	208
71	Tickets	63
---	Miscellaneous	13
38	Postage: Orchestral	---
37	Choral	---
135	Gifts	182
796	Stage Transport	986
269	PRS Fees	295
165	Miscellaneous	<u>580</u>
		26,060
	Rehearsals:	
5,942	Musical Director	6,243
4,958	Accompanist	5,204
3,142	Venue	<u>3,182</u>
		14,629
	Fund Raising:	
10	Coffee	107
315	100 Club	315
86	Raffles	29
2,366	Come & Sing	---
		<u>451</u>
£ <u>39,988</u>	Expenditure c/f	£ <u>41,140</u>
£ <u>47,327</u>	Income c/f	£ <u>41,112</u>

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<u>2023</u>				<u>2024</u>
£		£	£	£
47,327	Income b/f			41,112
39,988	Expenditure b/f		41,140	
	General Administration;			
271	Advertising	256		
20	Printing, Postage & Stationery	---		
263	Insurance	276		
533	Subscriptions	537		
144	Zoom	---		
75	Meeting Venue	164		
---	Miscellaneous	<u>---</u>	1,233	
	Other:			
76	Card Commission	72		
86	Folders	49		
1,655	Charity Payments	700		
375	Leaving Gift	---		
527	New MD Expenses	---		
202	Website Building	152		
298	Miscellaneous	<u>261</u>	1,234	
<u>44,513</u>				<u>43,607</u>
£ <u>2,814</u>	Excess Income over Expenditure/ Expenditure over Income			<u>(2,495)</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>
£		£
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
259	Stock	---
2,120	Debtors and Pre-payments	3,935
5,132	Bank Accounts: Current Account	3,770
40,728	Reserve Accounts	39,218
<u>49</u>	Cash in Hand	<u>40</u>
£ 48,288		£ 46,963
	<u>Less:</u>	
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>1,687</u>	Creditors, Accruals and Receipts in Advance	<u>2,857</u>
£ <u>46,601</u>		£ <u>44,106</u>
	<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	
£		£
43,787	Accumulated Funds at 1 July 2023	46,601
<u>2,814</u>	Plus: Profit for the Year	<u>---</u>
46,601		46,601
<u>---</u>	Minus: Loss for the Year	<u>2,495</u>
£ <u>46,601</u>	Accumulated Funds at 30 June 2024	£ <u>44,106</u>

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Trustees Annual Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Wokingham Choral Society Registered Charity No. 274853

The Trustees: are as reported.

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Achievements and Performance of the Charity:

The 2022/23 season has been one of change with a new accompanist starting at the beginning of the season and the appointment of a new Director of Music. Unfortunately he was not able to start with The Society until the New Year, so guest Musical Directors were invited to take charge of the first two concerts, one being Brahms' wonderful Ein Deutsches Requiem and the other our traditional Christmas concert.

The Spring Concert was one of Baroque music by Vivaldi, Pergolesi and Monteverde, whilst the lighter Summer Concert was of Operatic and Musical Choruses.

Audience numbers remained low at the beginning of the season but by the end had picked up quite substantially.

Membership numbers were a little higher than for the previous season and it is hoped this trend will continue and The Society get back to its pre-Covid numbers.

Once again The Society was pleased to take part in town activities at Christmas when some of its members led the carol singing in the Market Place for the annual event of Dressing the Christmas Tree.

Wokingham Choral Society is a friendly and forward-looking choral society and though an auditioned choir it is open to anyone from 16 years upwards who meets the musical standard required.

Now in its eighth decade The Society strives to continue its long tradition of bringing high quality performances of the classical repertoire to the residents of Wokingham and its surrounds and to this end the 2023/24 season will start with a performance of Haydn's Theressienmesse and other smaller works.

Financial Review:

As ever and with continual rising costs, budgeting for a choral society is a concern so it is a relief to have finished the season with a modest profit.

The Society Reserves at 30 June 2023 stood at £46,601.00 and accounts are available to support this figure.

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
£		£	£
	Income:		
	Concerts:		
7,989	Ticket Sales	9,744	
591	Programmes	604	
---	Concert Refreshments	120	
1,347	Music - Choral	<u>2,289</u>	12,757
	Subscriptions:		
17,920	Members	18,935	
544	Patrons	594	
150	Friends	<u>210</u>	19,739
	Fund Raising:		
333	Coffee Sales	673	
656	100 Club	580	
54	Book Sales	11	
370	Raffles	558	
43	Easy Fundraising	14	
20	Amazon Smiles	36	
---	Come & Sing	4,105	
1,479	Quiz	---	
10	Miscellaneous Fund Raising	<u>7</u>	5,984
	Other:		
114	Folders	77	
1,423	Donations	1,072	
3,276	Gift Aid	3,378	
2,000	Sponsorship	1,000	
---	Grants	1,000	
5	Bank Interest	165	
1,645	Charity Collections	1,655	
600	Leaving Collection	375	
25	Miscellaneous Income	<u>125</u>	
		<u>8,847</u>	<u>8,847</u>
£ <u>40,594</u>	Total Income c/f		£ <u>47,327</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>
£		£
£ 40,594	Income b/f	47,327
	Less Expenditure	
	Concerts:	
2,700	Conductor	2,800
1,620	Accompanist	1,720
3,500	Soloists	2,300
10,522	Orchestras	7,006
2,280	Venue	3,275
714	Green Room	348
100	Music Stands	100
870	Instrument Hire	565
210	Pre-Concert Talk	---
150	Music : Orchestral	438
1,228	Choral	2,525
---	Concert Refreshments	67
452	Printing: Programmes	354
88	Flyers & Posters	160
74	Tickets	71
15	Miscellaneous	---
---	Postage: Orchestral	38
---	Choral	37
71	Gifts	135
518	Stage Transport	796
207	PRS Fees	269
714	Miscellaneous	<u>165</u>
		23,169
	Rehearsals:	
5,776	Musical Director	5,942
5,016	Accompanist	4,958
3,470	Venue	<u>3,142</u>
		14,042
	Fund Raising:	
---	Coffee	10
315	100 Club	315
---	Raffles	86
---	Come & Sing	2,366
977	Quiz	<u>---</u>
		<u>2,777</u>
£ <u>41,587</u>	Expenditure c/f	£ <u>39,988</u>
£ <u>40,594</u>	Income c/f	£ <u>47,327</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

<u>2022</u>				<u>2023</u>
£		£	£	£
40,594	Income b/f			47,327
41,587	Expenditure b/f		39,988	
123	General Administration;			
36	Advertising	271		
253	Printing, Postage & Stationery	20		
509	Insurance	263		
144	Subscriptions	533		
51	Zoom	144		
	Meeting Venue	<u>75</u>	1,306	
	Other:			
73	Card Commission	76		
97	Folders	86		
1,645	Charity Payments	1,655		
600	Leaving Gift	375		
---	New MD Expenses	527		
845	Website Building	202		
85	Miscellaneous	<u>298</u>	3,219	
<u>46,048</u>				<u>44,513</u>
£ (<u>5,454</u>)	Excess Income over Expenditure/ Expenditure over Income			£ <u>2,814</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>
£		£
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
564	Stock	259
5,125	Debtors and Pre-payments	2,120
2,381	Bank Accounts: Current Account	5,132
37,742	Reserve Accounts	40,728
<u>20</u>	Cash in Hand	<u>49</u>
£ 45,832		£ 48,288
	<u>Less:</u>	
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>2,045</u>	Creditors, Accruals and Receipts in Advance	<u>1,687</u>
£ <u>43,787</u>		£ <u>46,601</u>
	<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	
£		£
49,241	Accumulated Funds at 1 July 2022	43,787
<u>---</u>	Plus: Profit for the Year	<u>2,814</u>
49,241		46,601
<u>5,454</u>	Minus: Loss for the Year	<u>---</u>
£ <u>43,787</u>	Accumulated Funds at 30 June 2023	£ <u>46,601</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE ACCOUNTS OF
WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
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Dr F Curtis Ed D

5/8/23
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Date

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WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 274853

Accounts

**Trustees Annual Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

**Wokingham Choral Society
Registered Charity No. 274853**

The Trustees: are as reported.

The Objectives and Activities of the Society: The objectives of the Society are to educate the public in the art and science of music, the presentation of concerts and other activities.

To achieve the objectives, funds are raised by charging annual subscriptions to the members, the sale of concert tickets to the public and society fund raising to enable the society to employ the services of the best possible professional Musical Directors, Rehearsal and Concert Accompanists, Concert Orchestras and Soloists.

Achievements and Performance of the Charity:

The 2021/22 season was very different from the previous one as The Society was able to return to live singing and concert performances. However, it took time for confidence to return to both members and audiences regarding attendance at group activities and as a consequence, the income was down compared with that of pre-Covid times. Membership numbers did return to approaching past levels but ticket sales were well short of pre-covid figures.

The Society was pleased, though, to be able to take part in town activities at Christmas when some of its members sang carols in the Market Place for Dressing the Christmas Tree; an annual event pre-Covid.

Wokingham Choral Society is an auditioned choir and by the end of the season membership numbers had risen to just over 100 singers but this was a reduction of approaching 1% on the pre-covid membership. With reduced numbers and still some residual effects from Covid, these factors impinged on the Fund Raising income, which was less than half that of the 2018/19 season. The 'other sources' of income wasn't quite so badly affected but the amount of Gift Aid reclaimable was down compared with that of pre-Covid claims, because of the reduced membership.

Despite the reduction in the season's income, The Society went ahead with its planned celebrations for its 70th Anniversary year as it had the funds, due to the generosity of the membership during Lockdown.

The first concert of the season was Handel's Messiah, a great work with which to start back after the depressing eighteen months before. We performed a Christmas concert and a smaller spring concert in a local church and finished the Anniversary season with Bach's great B Minor Mass. As anticipated, the season saw a financial loss and though that loss was substantial, it was less than originally budgeted and affordable for the one season.

The 2022/23 season will be one of new beginnings as both the Musical Director and Accompanist are moving on to other things. A new Accompanist will start the season but a new Musical Director will not be in place until the New Year. This will not make any difference to the planned programme and The Society will start the concert season with Brahms wonderful Ein Deutsches Requiem and continue with a concert of Baroque music, Vivaldi, Pergolesi and Monteverde, in the spring. There will also be the traditional Christmas concert and light summer concert; and members will, again be singing for the town at Christmas.

Wokingham Choral Society is a friendly and forward-looking choral society and though an auditioned choir it is open to anyone from 16 years upwards who meets the musical standard required.

It is hoped that the forthcoming season will see an increase in both membership and audience numbers as The Society heads into its eighth decade.

Financial Review:

Budgeting for a choral society is always a concern as rehearsal and performance costs are forever increasing but it is hoped that this season will, at least, see The Society break even. Fortunately, it has good reserves.

The Reserves at 30 June 2022 stood at £43,787.00 and accounts are available to support this figure.

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
£		£
22,082	Income b/f	£ 40,594
	Less Expenditure	
	Concerts:	
---	Conductor	2,700
---	Accompanist	1,620
-175	Soloists	3,500
---	Orchestras	10,522
---	Venue	2,280
---	Green Room	714
---	Music Stands	100
---	Instrument Hire	870
---	Pre-Concert Talk	210
---	Music : Orchestral	150
798	Choral	1,228
---	Printing: Programmes	452
---	Flyers & Posters	88
---	Tickets	74
---	Miscellaneous	15
---	Gifts	71
---	Stage Transport	518
-6	PRS Fees	207
---	Miscellaneous: (Anniversary Costs)	<u>714</u>
		26,033
	Rehearsals:	
4,794	Musical Director	5,776
4,146	Accompanist	5,016
529	Venue	3,470
525	Live Streaming	---
115	Zoom	<u>---</u>
		14,262
	Fund Raising:	
270	100 Club	315
---	Quiz	<u>977</u>
		<u>1,292</u>
£ <u>10,996</u>	Expenditure c/f	£ <u>41,587</u>
£ <u>22,082</u>	Income c/f	£ <u>40,594</u>

Wokingham Choral Society

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

<u>2020</u>				<u>2021</u>
£		£	£	£
22,082	Income b/f			40,594
10,996	Expenditure b/f		41,587	
	General Administration;			
---	Advertising	123		
---	Printing, Postage & Stationery	36		
248	Insurance	253		
509	Subscriptions	509		
---	Zoom	144		
---	Meeting Venue	<u>51</u>		
			1,116	
	Other:			
---	Card Commission	73		
---	Folders	97		
160	Equipment	---		
---	Charity Payments	1,645		
725	Retirement Gift	---		
---	Leaving Gift	600		
800	Staging Storage	---		
370	Recording Fees	---		
---	Website Building	845		
94	Miscellaneous	<u>85</u>		
			<u>3,345</u>	
<u>13,902</u>				<u>46,048</u>
£ <u>8,180</u>	Excess Income over Expenditure/ Expenditure over Income			£ (<u>5,454</u>)

Wokingham Choral Society

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

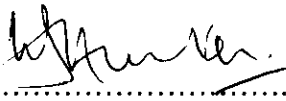
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£		£
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
43	Stock	564
1,567	Debtors and Pre-payments	5,125
1,044	Bank Accounts: Current Account	2,381
46,560	Reserve Accounts	37,742
<u>27</u>	Cash in Hand	<u>20</u>
£ 49,241		£ 45,832
	<u>Less:</u>	
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>---</u>	Creditors, Accruals and Receipts in Advance	<u>2,045</u>
£ <u>49,241</u>		£ <u>43,787</u>
	<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	
£		£
41,061	Accumulated Funds at 1 July 2021	49,241
<u>8,180</u>	Plus: Profit for the Year	<u>---</u>
49,241		49,241
<u>---</u>	Minus: Loss for the Year	<u>5,454</u>
£ <u>49,241</u>	Accumulated Funds at 30 June 2022	£ <u>43,787</u>

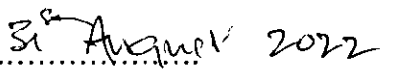
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