

**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.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

<u>2021</u>			<u>2022</u>
£		£	£
	Income:		
	Concerts:		
---	Ticket Sales	7,989	
---	Programmes	591	
<u>792</u>	Music - Choral	<u>1,347</u>	
			9,927
	Subscriptions:		
13,722	Members	17,920	
494	Patrons	544	
<u>225</u>	Friends	<u>150</u>	
			18,614
	Fund Raising:		
---	Coffee Sales	333	
530	100 Club	656	
37	Book Sales	54	
384	Raffles	370	
16	Easy Fundraising	43	
35	Amazon Smiles	20	
---	Quiz	1,479	
<u>9</u>	Miscellaneous Fund Raising	<u>10</u>	
			2,965
	Other:		
---	Folders	114	
582	Donations	1,423	
2,503	Gift Aid	3,276	
1,000	Sponsorship	2,000	
1,000	Grants	---	
26	Bank Interest	5	
---	Charity Collections	1,645	
725	Retirement Collection	---	
	Leaving Collection	600	
<u>3</u>	Miscellaneous Income	<u>25</u>	
			<u>9,088</u>
£ <u>22,082</u>	Total Income c/f		£ <u>40,594</u>

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<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>

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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>
13,902			46,048
£ <u>8,180</u>	Excess Income over Expenditure/ Expenditure over Income		£ (<u>5,454</u>)

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

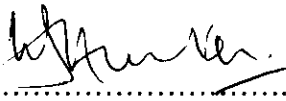
<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
£		£
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
43	Stock	564
1,567	Debtors and Pre-payments	5,125
1,044	Bank Accounts: Current Account	2,381
46,560	Reserve Accounts	37,742
<u>27</u>	Cash in Hand	<u>20</u>
£ 49,241		£ 45,832
	<u>Less:</u>	
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>---</u>	Creditors, Accruals 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>

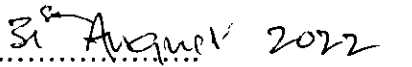
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE ACCOUNTS OF
WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2022, and the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022. I have also reviewed the accounting records kept by the charity. My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Charities Act 1993.

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
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Date

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