

HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 276220

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1978-09-14

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE, IMPROVE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN, AND APPRECIATION OF, THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIC IN ALL ITS ASPECTS BY ANY MEANS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT INCLUDING THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC CONCERTS AND RECITALS.

Activities: aim :to make high quality choral singing an accessible and enjoyable experience for the people of Hertford and beyond, either as members of the Society, singers who are non-members or of the audience

Classification

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

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-21	£65,901	£58,484	-	-
2024-07-21	£96,107	£96,649	-	-
2023-07-21	£70,234	£78,795	-	-
2022-07-21	£58,335	£54,166	-	-
2021-07-21	£12,095	£12,922	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Patricia Mary Galloway	Chair	2019-04-29
Ann Shirley Kimpton		2022-05-09
Christine Muskett		2022-01-10
KATHARINE ROSALIND PAINTER		2012-05-29
Paul Attridge		2024-06-25
Simon Bedford		2023-07-04

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Accounts

HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report

for

Year ended 21st July 2025

Charity Name: Hertford Choral Society

Registered Charity Number: 276220

Principal Address: 7 Cedar Road, Enfield, EN2 0TH

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 21 July 2025

Trustees

The Officers and Trustees in post at 21 July 2025 are listed below:

Ms Trish Galloway	Chair	29 April 2019, Chair 2 July 2019
Ms Kathie Painter	Treasurer	12 May 2012
Ms Christine Muskett	Secretary	10 January 2022, Secretary 22 February 2022
Ms Anne Kimpton	Trustee	9 May 2022
Mr Simon Bedford	Trustee	4 July 2023
Mr Paul Attridge	Trustee	25 June 2024

Other Officers and Trustees who served during the year are listed below:

None

Musical Director

The Society's Musical Director is Dr Manvinder Rattan.

Independent Examiner

Anne McGeachin, 14 Ware Park Manor, Ware Park, Hertford, SG12 0DX

Bankers

HSBC
36 Fore Street
Hertford
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COIF Charity Funds
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80 Cheapside
London EC2V 6DZ

Section A: Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution last amended on 25 June 2013. Overall responsibility for the management of all aspects of the Society's affairs and control of finances is undertaken by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are elected by the membership.

Section B: Objects

The **objects** of the Society, as written in the constitution, are to advance, develop and maintain education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the Trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

The Society's **mission** is to make high quality choral singing an accessible and enjoyable experience for the people of Hertford and beyond, whether as members of the Society, as singers who are not members of the Society, as audience or participating in some other way. High standards are achieved through regular rehearsals led by the Society's Musical Director and Accompanist, and by involving professional musicians in our various musical activities.

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Having regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on **public benefit**, the Society presents regular public concerts, featuring a wide range of music. In addition, singing activities open to non-members, such as its annual workshop and other smaller group singing. Full time students under 30 are offered concessionary ticket prices.

The Society remains a non-auditioned, community choir and continues to offer financial support to those who would otherwise feel unable to join. The Society continues its policy of encouraging new members by offering a first term's membership for a nominal fee of £20, while under-30s pay £60 for the season. The full annual subscription for the season 2024-25 was £275, with no change for the season 2025-26. The Society also offers a range of singing opportunities open also to non-members which are self-funding and may also have other conditions depending on the specific activity.

The Society appointed a Conducting Fellow again for the season, as well as Choral Scholars, to enrich the musical experience for singers, audience and musicians alike.

Section C: Activities

Rehearsals were held throughout the season on Tuesday evenings at Sele School, Hertford. An all-day workshop based around our work for the spring concert was held on 22 February 2025 at Presdales School, Ware where we were pleased to welcome other local singers.

HCS held its usual four concerts in All Saints' Church Hertford. We were pleased to be joined for a second year by the choir of Benington C of E Primary School at our Christmas concert:

26 October 2024	Fauré <i>Requiem</i> , Nunes Garcia <i>Missa Pastoril</i>
14 December 2024	Christus Natus Est: McDowall, <i>Christus Natus Est</i> , with carols for choir and audience
29 March 2025	F Mendelssohn, <i>Elijah</i>
25 June 2025	Music for choir and strings: Katy Lavinia Cooper <i>Twelve Trees</i> , Ola Gjeilo <i>Sunrise Mass</i>

HCS also promotes smaller group singing, including non-members as well as members. The Hertford Chamber Choir is an auditioned choir which held concerts at St Mary's Welwyn and St Peter's Tewin. Events open to all included leading the singing for the Mayor's Carols at the Castle in Hertford and holding a Singing Day in May at Hertford Prep (St Joseph's in the Park).

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Section D: Risk and Financial Review

The activities of the Society remain centred around the core of four concerts a season for the whole choral society, with many newer members enthusiastically involved alongside longer-standing members. Costs, while increasing, have been covered: membership and ticket income have held up well, while grants from East Herts and Hertford Town Councils and generous donations from individuals were received for which the Society is most grateful. The smaller group singing activities have strengthened, both musically and financially, so leading to a modest surplus; these activities are financially ring-fenced from the core activities, in line with the policy requiring self-funding for these activities, but the financial impact flows through to the financial results for the Society. Overall, the financial results for the year ending 21 July 2025, the Society showed a surplus of £7,416 (2024: deficit of £541). Total assets at 21 July 2025 amounted to £107,510 (2024: £100,093).

The impact of the pandemic is unprecedented and has resulted in a lingering impact on the Society's risk exposure and financial position. The Trustees keep under review major risks which could affect the activities of the Society. The Society continues its policy of maintaining reserves to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and to provide a sound financial basis for the Society's activities. Particular attention is paid to the setting of the budget to ensure that the Society is reasonably well placed to deal with adverse factors. Overall, based on the projected expenditure and information available to date, as well as the reserves available, the Society's financial position is expected to remain sound.

Full accounts for the year and the Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees are attached.

Section E: Thanks and Appreciation

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the active participation of the many members, as well as partners of members, the Friends of HCS, and the many ways in which help is provided at rehearsals, on concert and event days, and behind the scenes, without which the Society could not function.

The Trustees, and the Society as a whole, are pleased to have Manvinder Rattan as our Musical Director and thank him for his contribution through the season, and also extend our thanks to Tammias Slater our Accompanist, as well as Alex Hardy as Conducting Fellow and Choral Scholars Henry Liu and Zoe Nendick. The Society appreciates its close ties with All Saints' Church Hertford, the Society's principal concert venue with which it works in partnership to the benefit of performers, audience and Church members. The Society also appreciates its close links with Sele School Hertford, its primary rehearsal venue, as well as other local schools and churches.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by

T Galloway

Trish Galloway, Chairman



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

21/07/25

Charity no
(if any)

276220

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

ANNE McGEACHIN

Date:

13/12/25

Name:

ANNE McGEACHIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW ACA

Address:

**14 Ware Park Manor, Ware Park,
Hertford, SG12 0DX**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Hertford Choral Society			Charity No (if any)	276220	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	22/07/2024	To	Period end date	21/07/2025	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year	
			Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds			
			£	£	£	£	£	
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05	
Incoming resources (Note 3)								
incoming resources from generated funds								
Voluntary income		S01	36,375	-	-	36,375	34,563	
Activities for generating funds		S02	1,773	-	-	1,773	1,652	
Investment income		S03	2,724	-	-	2,724	2,800	
Incoming resources from charitable activities		S04	25,028	-	-	25,028	57,093	
Other incoming resources		S05	-	-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources			S06	65,901	-	-	65,901	96,107
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)								
Costs of Generating Funds								
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-	
Fundraising trading costs		S08	169	-	-	169	234	
Investment management costs		S09	63	-	-	63	79	
Charitable activities		S10	57,483	-	-	57,483	95,426	
Governance costs		S11	769	-	-	769	910	
Other resources expended		S12	-	-	-	-	-	
Total resources expended			S13	58,484	-	-	58,484	96,649
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers			S14	7,416	-	-	7,416	- 541
Gross transfers between funds			S15	-	-	-	-	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)			S16	7,416	-	-	7,416	- 541
Other recognised gains/(losses)								
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-	
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds			S19	7,416	-	-	7,416	- 541
Total funds brought forward			S20	100,093	-	-	100,093	100,635
Total funds carried forward			S21	107,510	-	-	107,510	100,093

Section B Balance sheet

		Restricted					
Note	Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year		
	£	£	£	£	£		
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05		
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	(Note 9)	B01	3,171	-	-	3,171	-
		B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B04	3,171	-	-	3,171	-
Current assets							
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 11)	B06	140	-	-	140	470
(Short term) investments		B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		B08	108,069	-	-	108,069	102,051
Total current assets		B09	108,209	-	-	108,209	102,520
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 12)	B10	3,870	-	-	3,870	2,427
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	104,339	-	-	104,339	100,093
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	107,510	-	-	107,510	100,093
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	107,510	-	-	107,510	100,093
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted funds		B16	107,510			107,510	100,093
		B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)		B18		-		-	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)		B19			-	-	-
Total funds		B20	107,510	-	-	107,510	100,093

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Kathie Painter</i>	K Painter	13/01/2026

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with* Accounting Standards;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick “Accounting Standards”;
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick “Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)”.

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

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Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Subscriptions	23,310	21,354
	Donations and grants	7,349	7,253
	Gift Aid	5,716	5,956
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	36,375	34,563
Activities for generating funds	Self Help activities	1,773	1,652
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	1,773	1,652
Investment income	Bank interest	2,724	2,800
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	2,724	2,800
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Concert Income	14,947	13,716
	Singing Events Income*	9,517	42,677
	Singing Day Income	564	700
		-	-
	*includes income which falls under the Tour Operator Margin Scheme (TOMS), VAT Notice 709/5	-	-
		Total	25,028

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 4 **Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	Self-help expenses	169	234
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	169	234
Investment management costs	Bank charges	63	79
		-	-
	Total	63	79
Charitable activities	Concert costs	30,072	31,208
	Singing Events costs*	7,420	40,071
	Rehearsal costs	18,007	22,600
	Equipment, publicity and general costs	1,525	1,548
	Depreciation charge	459	-
	*includes costs which fall under the Tour Operator Margin Scheme (TOMS), VAT Notice 709/5		
	Total	57,483	95,426
Governance costs	Insurance, Making Music membership, admin costs	769	910
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	769	910

Note 9**Tangible fixed assets**

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

9.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Additions	-	-	-	3,630	-	3,630
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	25,660	-	25,660

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB
** Rate				8	

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	459	-	459
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	22,489	-	22,489

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	3,171	-	3,171

9.4 Revaluation

If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation

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* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	140	470.0	-	-
Total	140	470	-	-

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	570	407	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	3,300	2,020	-	-
Total	3,870	2,427	-	-

12.2 Security over assets

If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.

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Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties*If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in***28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**This
yearNone of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from *In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal*

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

Last
yearNone of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from *In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal*

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
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		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

28.2 Trustees' expenses*If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be*No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-

	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has This

year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) **TRUE**

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the

For any related party,

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) **TRUE**

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the

For any related party,

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28 October 2023	Colours of Autumn: Duruflé <i>Requiem</i> , Maurice Ravel arr. Rupert Gough <i>Requiem aeternam</i> , Benjamin Britten <i>A Charm of Lullabies</i> , Josef Rheinberger <i>Stabat Mater</i>
16 December 2023	This Joyous Night: Wood, <i>This Joyous Night</i> , with carols for choir and audience
23 March 2024	G F Handel, <i>Saul</i>
25 June 2024	Songs from the West End: choral arrangements from <i>Phantom of the Opera</i> , <i>Les Misérables</i> , <i>Evita</i> , <i>Wicked</i> and <i>Mamma Mia</i>

HCS also promotes smaller group singing, including non-members as well as members. Hertford Chamber Choir is an auditioned choir which held concerts locally as well as in Bath.

Events open to all included leading the singing for the Mayor's Carols at the Castle in Hertford and taking a group to sing in Vivaldi in Venice in May, while HCS as a whole performed the same repertoire in All Saints' Hertford in April.

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Section D: Risk and Financial Review

The activities of the Society have rebuilt after the covid pandemic, with renewed enthusiasm from singers, whether long-standing members or those new to HCS. Costs have, however, increased faster than income so increasing the financial challenge and Trustees decided to make some investment in the main choir activities to allow a full season of concerts, while retaining the policy of self-funding for smaller group singing activities. In addition to member subscriptions and ticket income, HCS received a number of donations, including from The Arts Society East Herts, as well as financial support from Hertford Town Council, for which HCS is most grateful. Overall, the financial results for the year ending 21 July 2024, the Society showed a deficit of £541 (2023: deficit of £8,562). Total assets at 21 July 2024 amounted to £100,093 (2023: £100,634).

The impact of the pandemic is unprecedented and has resulted in a lingering impact on the Society's risk exposure and financial position. The Trustees keep under review major risks which could affect the activities of the Society. The Society continues its policy of maintaining reserves to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and to provide a sound financial basis for the Society's activities. Particular attention is paid to the setting of the budget to ensure that the Society is reasonably well placed to deal with adverse factors. Overall, based on the projected expenditure and information available to date, as well as the reserves available, the Society's financial position is expected to remain sound.

Full accounts for the year and the Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees are attached.

Section E: Thanks and Appreciation

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the active participation of the many members, as well as partners of members, the Friends of HCS, and the many ways in which help is provided at rehearsals, on concert and event days, and behind the scenes, without which the Society could not function.

The Trustees, and the Society as a whole, are pleased to have Manvinder Rattan as our Musical Director and thank him for his contribution through the season, and also extend our thanks to Charlie Penn our Accompanist, as well as Adam Hilton as Conducting Fellow and Choral Scholars Susanna Farrell, Rebecca German, Henry Liu and Antonio Oliviera. The Society appreciates its close ties with All Saints' Church Hertford, the Society's principal concert venue and works in partnership to the benefit of performers, audience and Church members. The Society also appreciates its close links with Sele School Hertford, its primary rehearsal venue, as well as other local schools and churches.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 11 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Trish Galloway

Trish Galloway, Chairman



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

21/07/24

Charity no
(if any)

276220

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

ANNE McGEACHIN

Date:

21/01/2025

Name:

ANNE McGEACHIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA member of ICAEW

Address:

**14 Ware Park Manor, Ware Park,
Hertford, SG12 0DX**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Hertford Choral Society			Charity No (if any)	276220	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	22/07/2023	To	Period end date	21/07/2024	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £	
			Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £			
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05	
Incoming resources (Note 3)								
Incoming resources from generated funds								
Voluntary income		S01	34,563	-	-	34,563	32,957	
Activities for generating funds		S02	1,652	-	-	1,652	1,868	
Investment income		S03	2,800	-	-	2,800	1,413	
Incoming resources from charitable activities								
		S04	57,093	-	-	57,093	33,996	
Other incoming resources								
		S05	-	-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources			S06	96,107	-	-	96,107	70,234
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)								
Costs of Generating Funds								
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-	
Fundraising trading costs		S08	234	-	-	234	60	
Investment management costs		S09	79	-	-	79	99	
Charitable activities								
		S10	95,426	-	-	95,426	77,720	
Governance costs								
		S11	910	-	-	910	917	
Other resources expended								
		S12	-	-	-	-	-	
Total resources expended			S13	96,649	-	-	96,649	78,795
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers			S14	- 541	-	-	- 541	- 8,562
Gross transfers between funds			S15	-	-	-	-	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)			S16	- 541	-	-	- 541	- 8,562
Other recognised gains/(losses)								
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-	
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds			S19	- 541	-	-	- 541	- 8,562
Total funds brought forward			S20	100,635	-	-	100,635	109,196
Total funds carried forward			S21	100,093	-	-	100,093	100,635

Section B Balance sheet

		Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total this	Total last
			funds	income	funds	year	year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	(Note 9)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
		B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B04	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 11)	B06	470	-	-	470	-
(Short term) investments		B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		B08	102,051	-	-	102,051	102,265
Total current assets		B09	102,521	-	-	102,521	102,265
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 12)	B10	2,427	-	-	2,427	1,631
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	100,093	-	-	100,093	100,634
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	100,093	-	-	100,093	100,634
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	100,093	-	-	100,093	100,634
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted funds		B16	100,093			100,093	100,634
		B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)		B18		-		-	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)		B19			-	-	-
Total funds		B20	100,093	-	-	100,093	100,634

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Kathie Painter</i>	K Painter	11/03/2025

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with* Accounting Standards;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick “Accounting Standards”;
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick “Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)”.

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

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Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

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Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Subscriptions	21,354	22,345
	Donations	7,253	5,262
	Gift Aid	5,956	5,351
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	34,563	32,957
Activities for generating funds	Self Help activities	1,652	1,868
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	1,652	1,868
Investment income	Bank interest	2,800	1,413
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	2,800	1,413
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Concert Income	13,716	12,737
	Singing Events Income*	42,677	20,104
	Singing Workshop Income	700	1,155
		-	-
	*includes income which falls under the Tour Operator Margin Scheme (TOMS), VAT Notice 709/5	-	-
		-	-
	Total	57,093	33,996

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 4 **Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	Self-help expenses	234	60
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	234	60
Investment management costs	Bank charges	79	99
		-	-
	Total	79	99
Charitable activities	Concert costs	31,208	37,041
	Singing Events costs*	40,071	17,799
	Rehearsal and Workshop costs	22,600	19,810
	Equipment, publicity and general costs	1,548	3,070
	Depreciation and stage storage	-	-
	*includes costs which fall under the Tour Operator Margin Scheme (TOMS), VAT Notice 709/5		
	Total	95,426	77,720
Governance costs	Insurance, Making Music membership, admin costs	910	917
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	910	917

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 9 **Tangible fixed assets**
Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

9.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB
** Rate				10	

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

9.4 Revaluation

If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation

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* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	470	-	-	-
Total	470	-	-	-

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	407	1,581	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,020	50	-	-
Total	2,427	1,631	-	-

12.2 Security over assets

If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.

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Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties*If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance***28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**

This

year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an *In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal*

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing authority)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

Last

year

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		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

28.2 Trustees' expenses*If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be*No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-

	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a This

year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) **TRUE**

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the

For any related party,

Last year

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In relation to the

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for

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Charity Name: Hertford Choral Society
Registered Charity Number: 276220

Principal Address: 7 Cedar Road, Enfield, EN2 0TH

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 21 July 2023

Trustees

The Officers and Trustees in post at 21 July 2023 are listed below:

Ms Trish Galloway	Chair	29 April 2019, Chair 2 July 2019
Ms Kathie Painter	Treasurer	12 May 2012
Ms Christine Muskett	Secretary	10 January 2022, Secretary 22 February 2022
Ms Anne Kimpton	Trustee	9 May 2022
Ms Emma Nixon	Trustee	28 June 2022
Mr Simon Bedford	Trustee	4 July 2023

Other Officers and Trustees who served during the year are listed below:

Mr Frank Hills	Trustee	To 4 July 2023
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Musical Director

The Society's Musical Director is Dr Manvinder Rattan.

Independent Examiner

Anne McGeachin, 14 Ware Park Manor, Ware Park, Hertford, SG12 0DX

Bankers

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29 October 2022	Toward the Unknown Region Vaughan Williams <i>Te Deum in G, Toward the Unknown Region</i> ; Bruch, <i>1st Violin Concerto</i>
17 December 2022	A Christmas Celebration Chilcott <i>Wenceslas</i> , with carols for choir and audience
26 March 2023	J S Bach <i>St Matthew Passion</i>
25 June, 2023	Choral Fanfare!

HCS also promotes smaller group singing, including non-members as well as members, and this season events included joint singing with other choirs from Hertford twin towns, with a trip to Evron in September and from the choir in Wildeshausen a visit in May that include a joint concert at St Andrew's Church Hertford. In November Hertford Chamber Choir held concerts at St Andrew's Church as well as in Vienna, participated for the second time in the Hertfordshire Festival of Music in June and sang evensong at Westminster Cathedral. HCS was also pleased to lead the singing for the Mayor's Carols at the Castle.

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Section D: Risk and Financial Review

The activities of the Society have rebuilt after the covid pandemic, with renewed enthusiasm from singers, whether long-standing members or those new to HCS. Costs have, however, increased faster than income so increasing the financial challenge and Trustees decided to make some investment in the main choir activities to allow a full season of concerts, while retaining the policy of self-funding for smaller group singing activities. In addition to member subscriptions and ticket income, HCS received a number of donations as well as financial support from Hertford Town Council, for which HCS is most grateful. Overall, the financial results for the year ending 21 July 2023, the Society showed a deficit of £8,562 (2022: surplus of £4,169). Total assets at 21 July 2023 amounted to £100,634 (2022: £109,196).

The impact of the pandemic is unprecedented and has resulted in a lingering adverse impact on the Society's risk exposure and financial position. The Trustees keep under review major risks which could affect the activities of the Society. The Society continues its policy of maintaining reserves to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and to provide a sound financial basis for the Society's activities. Particular attention is paid to the setting of the budget to ensure that the Society is reasonably well placed to deal with adverse factors. Overall, based on the projected expenditure and information available to date, as well as the reserves available, the Society's financial position is expected to remain sound.

Full accounts for the year and the Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees are attached.

Section E: Thanks and Appreciation

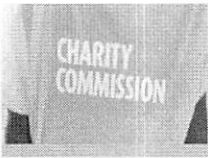
The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the active participation of the many members, as well as partners of members, the Friends of HCS, and the many ways in which help is provided at rehearsals, on concert and event days, and behind the scenes, without which the Society could not function.

The Trustees, and the Society as a whole, are pleased to have Manvinder Rattan as our Musical Director and thank him for his contribution through the season, and also extend our thanks to Charlie Penn our Accompanist, as well as Tristan Weymes as Conducting Fellow and Choral Scholars Susanna Farrell and Meghan Goguen. The Society appreciates its close ties with All Saints' Church Hertford, the Society's principal concert venue and works in partnership to the benefit of performers, audience and Church members. The Society also appreciates its close links with Sele School Hertford, its primary rehearsal venue, as well as other local schools and churches.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Trish Galloway

Trish Galloway, Chairman



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

21/07/23

Charity no
(if any)

276220

Set out on pages

1 - 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

ANNE McGEACHIN

Date:

16/12/23

Name:

ANNE McGEACHIN

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ICAEW ACA

Address:

**14 Ware Park Manor, Ware Park,
Hertford, SG12 0DX**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Hertford Choral Society			Charity No (if any)	276220	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	22/07/2022	To	Period end date	21/07/2023	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £	
			Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £			
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05	
Incoming resources (Note 3)								
Incoming resources from generated funds								
Voluntary income		S01	32,957	-	-	32,957	36,499	
Activities for generating funds		S02	1,868	-	-	1,868	2,053	
Investment income		S03	1,413	-	-	1,413	80	
Incoming resources from charitable activities								
		S04	33,996	-	-	33,996	19,703	
Other incoming resources								
		S05	-	-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources			S06	70,234	-	-	70,234	58,335
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)								
Costs of Generating Funds								
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-	
Fundraising trading costs		S08	60	-	-	60	46	
Investment management costs		S09	99	-	-	99	55	
Charitable activities								
		S10	77,720	-	-	77,720	53,067	
Governance costs								
		S11	917	-	-	917	998	
Other resources expended								
		S12	-	-	-	-	-	
Total resources expended			S13	78,795	-	-	78,795	54,166
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers			S14	- 8,562	-	-	- 8,562	4,169
Gross transfers between funds			S15	-	-	-	-	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)			S16	- 8,562	-	-	- 8,562	4,169
Other recognised gains/(losses)								
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-	
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds			S19	- 8,562	-	-	- 8,562	4,169
Total funds brought forward			S20	109,196	-	-	109,196	105,028
Total funds carried forward			S21	100,634	-	-	100,634	109,196

Section B Balance sheet

		Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
			Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	(Note 9)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
		B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B04	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 11)	B06	-	-	-	-	12,703
(Short term) investments		B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		B08	102,265	-	-	102,265	111,648
Total current assets		B09	102,265	-	-	102,265	124,351
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year							
	(Note 12)	B10	1,631	-	-	1,631	15,154
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	100,635	-	-	100,635	109,196
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	100,635	-	-	100,635	109,196
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year							
	(Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges							
		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	100,635	-	-	100,635	109,196
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted funds							
		B16	100,634			100,634	109,196
		B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)							
		B18		-		-	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)							
		B19			-	-	-
Total funds		B20	100,634	-	-	100,634	109,196

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Kathie Painter</i>	K Painter	30/01/2024

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with* Accounting Standards;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick “Accounting Standards”;
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick “Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)”.

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

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Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Subscriptions	22,345	24,928
	Donations	5,262	5,455
	Gift Aid	5,351	6,116
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	32,957	36,499
Activities for generating funds	Self Help activities	1,868	2,053
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	1,868	2,053
Investment income	Bank interest	1,413	80
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	1,413	80
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Concert Income	12,737	12,093
	Singing Events Income	20,104	6,778
	Singing Workshop Income	1,155	833
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	33,996	19,703

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 4 **Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	Self-help expenses	60	46
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	60	46
Investment management costs	Bank charges	99	55
		-	-
	Total	99	55
Charitable activities	Concert costs	37,041	33,055
	Singing Events costs	17,799	6,356
	Rehearsal and Workshop costs	19,810	13,534
	Equipment, publicity and general costs	3,070	122
	Depreciation and stage storage	-	-
Total	77,720	53,067	
Governance costs	Insurance, Making Music membership, admin costs	917	998
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	917	998

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 9 **Tangible fixed assets**
Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

9.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB
** Rate				10	

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

9.4 Revaluation

If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation

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* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	445	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	12,257.6	-	-
Total	-	12,703	-	-

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	1,581	2,818	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	50	12,336	-	-
Total	1,631	15,154	-	-

12.2 Security over assets

If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.

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Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties*If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance***28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**

This

year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an *In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal*

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing authority)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

Last

year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an *In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal*

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing authority)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

28.2 Trustees' expenses*If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be*No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-

	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of

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28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a

This

year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the

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For any related party,

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Last

year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the

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For any related party,

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HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 276220

Accounts

HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report

for

Year ended 21st July 2022

Charity Name: Hertford Choral Society

Registered Charity Number: 276220

Principal Address: 7 Cedar Road, Enfield, EN2 0TH

HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 21st July 2022

Trustees

The Officers and Trustees in post at 21st July 2022 are listed below:

Ms Trish Galloway	Chairman	29 April 2019, Chairman 2 July 2019
Ms Kathie Painter	Treasurer	12 May 2012
Ms Christine Muskett	Secretary	10 January 2022, Secretary 22 February 2022
Mr Frank Hills	Trustee	28 June 2022
Ms Anne Kimpton	Trustee	9 May 2022
Ms Emma Nixon	Trustee	28 June 2022

Other Officers and Trustees who served during the year are listed below:

Ms Maria Tate	Secretary	To 22 February 2022
Mr Alan Cropp	Trustee	To 28 June 2022
Ms Jane Turner	Trustee	To 28 June 2022

Musical Director

The Society's Musical Director, Mr Manvinder Rattan started at the beginning of the season as Musical Director for the Society.

Independent Examiner

Anne McGeachin, 14 Ware Park Manor, Ware Park, Hertford, SG12 0DX

Bankers

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CCLA Investment Management Ltd
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Section A: Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution last amended on 25th June 2013. Overall responsibility for the management of all aspects of the Society's affairs and control of finances is undertaken by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are elected by the membership.

Section B: Objects

The **objects** of the Society, as written in the constitution, are to advance, develop and maintain education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the Trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 21st July 2022

The Society's **mission** is to make high quality choral singing an accessible and enjoyable experience for the people of Hertford and beyond, whether as members of the Society, as singers who are not members of the Society, as audience or participating in some other way. High standards are achieved through regular rehearsals led by the Society's Musical Director and Accompanist, and by involving professional musicians in our various musical activities.

Having regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on **public benefit**, the Society presents regular public concerts, featuring a wide range of music, in addition singing activities open to non-members, such as its annual workshop and other smaller group singing. Full time students under 30 are offered concessionary ticket prices.

The Society remains a non-auditioned, community choir and continues to offer financial support to those who would otherwise feel unable to join. The Society continues its policy of encouraging new members by offering a first term's membership for a nominal fee of £20, while under-30s pay £60 for the season. The full annual subscription for the season 2021-22 was £225 (£230 for 2019-20, none for 2020-21 because of the pandemic disruption) and will remain at this level for the season 2022-23. The Society also offers a range of singing opportunities open also to non-members which are self-funding and may also have other conditions depending on the specific activity.

Section C: Activities

Rehearsals were held throughout the season on Tuesday evenings at Sele School, Hertford. An all-day workshop was held on 26 February 2022 at Morgans School, Hertford where we were pleased to welcome other local singers; the workshop received financial support from Hertford Town Council towards the cost of this event for which HCS is most grateful.

Four concerts were held, all in All Saints' Church Hertford. HCS was very pleased to receive financial support from The Williams Church Music Trust towards the cost of its spring concert:

30 October 2021	<i>Haydn Creation</i>
11 December 2021	<i>Christmas Magic</i> , Rutter <i>Gloria</i> , Gabrieli <i>O Magnum Mysterium</i> with carols for choir audience
26 March 2022	Elgar <i>Dream of Gerontius</i>
25 June, 2022	Jazzing it up

Additional, smaller group, singing involving non-members as well as members was undertaken, notably a singing day on 20 November 2021 and the setting up of an auditioned chamber choir, Hertford Chamber Choir, which participated in the Hertfordshire Festival of Music concert on 3 June 2022 as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 21st July 2022

Section D: Risk and Financial Review

The Trustees keep under review major risks which could affect the activities of the Society. The Society continues its policy of maintaining reserves to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and to provide a sound financial basis for the Society's activities. Particular attention is paid to the setting of the budget to ensure that the Society is reasonably well placed to deal with adverse factors.

The disruption to the Society's activities caused by the pandemic was very significant. Although recovery since has been slow Covid-19 is no longer considered to have a specific impact and therefore the remaining provisions made have been released. For the financial results for the year ending 21 July 2022, the Society showed a surplus of £4,169 (2021: deficit of £2,031). Total assets at 21 July 2022 amounted to £109,196 (2021: £105,028).

The impact of the pandemic on the Society's activities is unprecedented, with some inevitable impact on its risk exposure and financial position. As the activities of the Society re-commenced in 2021-22, expenditure increased more quickly than the recovery of income, as anticipated. Singers and audience have been cautious about returning so membership and ticket sales have fallen short. The recovery through 2021-22 was slow so increasing the risk that some similar impact of higher costs and lower income will continue into 2022-23. However, overall, based on the projected expenditure and information available to date, as well as the reserves available, the Society's financial position is expected to remain sound.

Full accounts for the year and the Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees are attached.

Section E: Thanks and Appreciation

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the active participation of the many members, as well as partners of members, concert stewards, and the Friends of HCS, without whose willing help the Society could not function. In this season, the Trustees particularly recognise the patience and understanding of all the Society's supporters as we all emerge from such a trying time.

The Trustees, and the Society as a whole, welcome Manvinder Rattan as Musical Director and thank him for his contribution through the season, and also extend our thanks to Charlie Penn our Accompanist. The Society appreciates its close ties with All Saints' Church Hertford, the Society's principal concert venue and works in partnership to the benefit of performers, audience and Church members. The Society also appreciates its close links with Sele School Hertford, its primary rehearsal venue, as well as other local schools and churches.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 3rd February 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Trish Galloway

Trish Galloway, Chairman



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
HERTFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

On accounts for the year
ended

21/07/22

Charity no
(if any)

276220

Set out on pages

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(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

ANNE McGeachin

Date:

13/12/2022

Name:

ANNE McGEACHIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA member of ICAEW

Address:

**14 Ware Park Manor, Ware Park,
Hertford, SG12 0DX**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Hertford Choral Society			Charity No (if any)	276220	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	22/07/2021	To	Period end date	21/07/2022	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
			Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary income		S01	36,499	-	-	36,499	9,540
Activities for generating funds		S02	2,053	-	-	2,053	-
Investment income		S03	80	-	-	80	15
Incoming resources from charitable activities		S04	19,703	-	-	19,703	2,540
Other incoming resources		S05	-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources			58,335	-	-	58,335	12,095
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds							
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		S08	46	-	-	46	-
Investment management costs		S09	55	-	-	55	-
Charitable activities		S10	53,067	-	-	53,067	12,152
Governance costs		S11	998	-	-	998	770
Other resources expended		S12	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended			54,166	-	-	54,166	12,922
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers			4,169	-	-	4,169	- 827
Gross transfers between funds			-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)			4,169	-	-	4,169	- 827
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds			4,169	-	-	4,169	- 827
Total funds brought forward			105,028	-	-	105,028	105,855
Total funds carried forward			109,196	-	-	109,196	105,028

Section B Balance sheet

		Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	(Note 9)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
		B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B04	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 11)	B06	12,703	-	-	12,703	-
(Short term) investments		B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		B08	111,648	-	-	111,648	114,289
Total current assets		B09	124,351	-	-	124,351	114,289
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 12)	B10	15,154	-	-	15,154	9,261
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	109,196	-	-	109,196	105,028
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	109,196	-	-	109,196	105,028
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		B15	109,196	-	-	109,196	105,028
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted funds		B16	109,196			109,196	105,028
		B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)		B18		-		-	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)		B19			-	-	-
Total funds		B20	109,196	-	-	109,196	105,028

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Kathie Painter</i>	K Painter	03/02/2023

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with* Accounting Standards;
- or
- Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- If disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of Incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	<p>Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p>
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Subscriptions	24,928	1,505
	Donations	5,455	7,300
	Gift Aid	6,116	735
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	36,499	9,540
Activities for generating funds	Self Help activities	2,053	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	2,053	-
Investment income	Bank interest	80	15
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	80	15
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Concert Income	12,093	930
	Singing Events Income	6,778	1,600
	Singing Workshop Income	833	10
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	19,703	2,540

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 4 **Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	Self-help expenses	46	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	46	-
Investment management costs	Bank charges	55	-
		-	-
	Total	55	-
Charitable activities	Concert costs	33,055	3,593
	Singing Events costs	6,356	1,043
	Rehearsal and Workshop costs	13,534	5,355
	Equipment, publicity and general costs	122	2,161
	Depreciation and stage storage	-	-
	Total	53,067	12,152
Governance costs	Insurance, Making Music membership, admin costs	998	770
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	998	770

Note 9 Tangible fixed assets*Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB
** Rate				10	

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	22,030	-	22,030

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

9.4 Revaluation*If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation*

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* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	445	-	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	12,257.6	-	-	-
Total	12,703	-	-	-

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	2,818	3,661	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	12,336	5,600	-	-
Total	15,154	9,261	-	-

12.2 Security over assets

If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.

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Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This

year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing a	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

Last

year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing a	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

*Please give details of why
Where an ex gratia*

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-

	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) **TRUE**

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the

For any related party,

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False) **TRUE**

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the

For any related party,