



Burgess Hill Choral Society

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Report to Charity Commission

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This aim has been met over the last year in very successful concerts which have attracted large audiences and received much critical acclaim. In December 2023 the Society performed Ritter's *Magnificat* and Vaughan Williams *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* as well as carols for choir and audience. In April 2024, the choir performed Haydn's *The Creation*. Soloists from the Royal Academy of Music were engaged for these concerts and we were accompanied by a full orchestra. Feedback suggests that such events are highly valued for their contribution to local cultural life

In addition to these concerts, the Society hosted a well evaluated and attended Come and Sing Day in June 2024 when there was a focus on choruses from Handel's *Messiah*. In addition to choir members themselves, this Day attracted participants from across the locality.

A range of social events, including, for example a Bring and Share evening and annual dinner, were held throughout the season and these events have added much to the wellbeing of the Society.

BHCS continues to attract robust membership figures and is led by a strong committee with a clear focus on the sound governance of BHCS. We are delighted to retain the services of Michael Stefan Wood BEM as our musical director and Jonathan Summers OAM as our President.

The priorities for the current season are to maintain excellence in performance, continue to grow the Society's membership and its audience at concerts as well as ensure the group's financial security.

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