



Burgess Hill Choral Society

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Report to Charity Commission

Burgess Hill Choral Society 2024/2025

The aim of Burgess Hill Choral Society (BHCS), as set out in its Constitution, is to advance education in the art and science of music by the presentation of public concerts and other activities.

This aim has been met over the last year in very successful concerts which have attracted sizeable audiences and received very positive reviews. In December 2024 the Society performed Saint-Saëns *Christmas Oratorio*, Chilcott's *On Christmas Night*, Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and Bryd 's *O Magnum Mysterium* as well as carols for choir and audience.

In April 2025 the choir performed Schubert's *Mass in E Flat Major*. 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 music making.

In addition to these concerts, the Society hosted a successful Come and Sing Day in June 2025 when there was a focus on choruses from Orff's *Carmina Burana*. This event was well attended by choir members themselves and other local singers.

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 life of the Society.

BHCS continues to enjoy sound membership figures and is led by a strong committee with a clear focus on the firm governance of BHCS. We are very pleased 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 our high standards in performance, continue to grow the Society's membership and its audience at concerts as well as sustain the group's sound financial status.

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INCOME		2024-25	
Concerts:		December	April
2534.75	Sale of tickets/programmes	3255.02	2172.64
220.00	Programme Advertisements	90.00	425.00
189.97	Interval Drinks	301.00	284.20
495.00	J.Baker Trust Grant (for soloists)	825.00	495.00
366.15	Raffles at concerts	533.34	387.00
0.00	Refunds	0.00	100.00
3805.87	Totals	5004.36	3863.84
Total for both Concerts		8868.20	
Regular Income:			
	Members' Subscriptions	9046.00	
	Gift Aid Income Tax	1695.00	
	Members' Music Hire payments	651.92	
	Donations	55.00	
	Bank/Building Society Interest	237.21	
	Refreshments during rehearsals	189.21	
	100 Club	522.00	
	Come & Sing Day	1172.72	
	Fund-raising (Quiz Night etc)	921.00	
	Social events	820.00	
	Easy Funding	35.43	
	Patrons		
	Business	1025.00	***
	Individual	490.00	
	Grants:		
	HRTChariti	4000.00	
	Other:		
	Sale of new black folders	14.00	
	Hiring out BHCS scores	239.20	
	Refund	8.00	
Total Income		29989.89	

EXPENDITURE		2024-2	
Concerts:		December	April
	474.13	425.70	Ticket/Programme Printing etc
	800.00	800.00	Transport & erection of staging
	1217.30	1202.30	Use of St Andrews church and facilities
	326.00	60.90	Hire of Orchestral Scores
	2810.00	2700.00	Orchestral Players
	0.00	0.00	Concert Preparation
	750.40	1205.30	Soloists
	7.50	14.00	Flowers/hospitality for soloists
	468.30	416.30	Advertising & Publicity
	103.08	77.00	Interval Drinks
	50.00	50.00	First Aiders
	130.00	130.00	Help at concerts
	0.00	0.00	Hardware
	0.00	75.00	Refunds
	7136.71	7156.50	Totals
	14293.21	Total for both Concerts	
Day to Day costs			
	4400.00		Conductor
	2135.81		Accompanist
	505.00		Deputy Conductor
	1063.90		Come & Sing Day
	1380.69		Social events costs
	248.00		Quiz Night costs
	2116.25		Hire of Halls for weekly Rehearsals
	138.70		Hire of vocal scores
	0.00		Purchase of Music for Choir Library
	449.00		Making Music/ Insurance
	279.00		Advertising/Publicity/Website
	182.21		End of term gifts
	476.00		Refunds of subs & Come&Sing day
	270.00		100 Club Prizes
	316.00		Fixtures&Fittings/Storage
	13.34		Scores/Software etc for MD
	93.74		Administration (stationery etc)
	25.40		Hiring out postage
	0.00		Black folders
	0.00		Charity Donations
	95.88		Subscriptions (Dropbox)
	28482.13	Total Expenditure	
		291	

2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25
ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
320.00 Cash floats for concerts	320.00		
629.97 NatWest Bank Main Account	2944.59		
18500.00 NatWest Savings Account	17000.00		
19449.97	20264.59		
		Accumulated Fund	
		19900.43 Balance at beginning of year	19449.97
		450.46 Surplus/Loss(-) for year	814.62
		19449.97 Balance at end of year	20264.59
		-450.46 Profit/Loss at end of year	814.62

I have independently examined the accounts, together with the books & papers from which they were prepared in my opinion give a true & accurate view of the Society as at 30 June 2025. *AKH* (on behalf)