



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2024 **To** 31st July 2025

Charity name: Walton Voices

Charity registration number: 277148

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the society shall be to promote, improve and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of choral music in all its aspects through weekly rehearsals open to all and by presentation of public choral concerts and by such other ways as the Society through its committee shall determine from time to time.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The society holds weekly rehearsals to learn music and performs that music in termly concerts. It also takes part in other musical events in the local community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and concluded that, in teaching and presenting choral music, and through not requiring auditions for members, having a policy of equal opportunities and making its performances available to the public. the charity provides a public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In preparing for and performing its three termly concerts, the society has encouraged its members to learn a challenging and exciting variety of music and given those members exceptional opportunities to learn from living composers. In each term this year we have organised for the composer of one of the pieces we are performing to meet our members, answer their questions about the piece and the composer's approach, and learn directly from the composers as to how they would like the choir to perform their piece. Donna Deam joined one of our rehearsals during the autumn term to guide us through her BBC Radio 3 Carol Competition finalist carol; Matthew Coleridge and Joanna Forbes L'Estrange both ran full day workshops, which we opened to members of the public for their Requiem (in the spring term) and A Season to Sing, based on Vivaldi's Four Seasons (in the summer term) respectively. One attendee stated the Joanna Forbes L'Estrange workshop was "the best day of his life". The choir not only brings learning, a sense of achievement and pride to its members and the wider community, but also a profound joy. The events brought together other choirs in the local area and expanded our sense of community. Walton Voices has also supported the local community, lending our voices to the Walton Town Centre Armistice Day service; performing in the Cecil Hepworth Playhouse, providing entertainment during their open day to raise awareness of the theatre and to raise funds; and collaborating with the Woking Symphony Orchestra in their performance of the Habanera. All our concerts offer an incredible opportunity for members to work with a wide range of professional musicians, uplifting their performance and providing musical inspiration. In order to be accessible to its members, Walton Voices does not require auditions and,

		as well as keeping its standard membership subscriptions at a level lower than those of many similar choirs, offers a reduced rate for couples from the same household, students and those on low incomes. Increasing its beneficial impact on society, during the period, Walton Voices raised over £2,100 for mainly local charities with collections during its concerts.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At 31 July 2025, the charity had cash of £14,153.94.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has a reserves policy of holding at least £10,000. The purpose of this is to provide a buffer that allows the trustees to take remedial action in the event that the charity suffers difficulties or to permit its orderly closure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At 31 July 2025, the charity had cash of £14,153.94.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees do not presently consider that there is any uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity is governed by its constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is an unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Under the charity's constitution; (1) The Society in a general meeting shall elect the trustees and may elect the officers. (2) The trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee. They may also appoint trustees to act as officers. (3) At each annual general meeting a third of committee members shall retire and be eligible for re-election up to a fixed number of three-year terms as set out in the Society's rules and regulations. (4) In case of a vacancy arising on the committee, the committee may

		co-opt a new trustee who shall then stand for election by members at the next annual general meeting.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Walton Voices
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	277148
Charity's principal address	Bell Farm Primary School, Hersham Road, Walton-on-Thames KT12 5NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

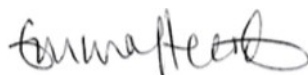
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Heard	Chair	06/11/2024	
2	Katherine Simpson	Secretary (joint)		
3	Stephanie Madden	Secretary (joint)		
4	John Bowden	Treasurer		
5	Tim Willetts			
6	Carol Robbins			
7	Pamela Pitcher			

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Emma Heard

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

12/09/2025

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ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31 July 2025

1. Receipts & Payments Account (General Fund)

2023/2024		2024/2025
£		£
	RECEIPTS	
17,043.00	Member Subscriptions	16,177.00
9,055.00	Ticket & Programme Sales	7070.00
933.56	Refreshments	793.90
83.50	WV Library Music Rental	363.00
100.00	Returned Deposit	
571.00	Donation	0.00
3,054.75	Inland Revenue Gift Aid Payment	2902.75
238.00	Member Music Purchase	925.50
	Workshops	1290.00
197.57	Bank Interest	196.73
300.00	Xmas Social	0.00
31,576.38	TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	29,718.88
	PAYMENTS	
12,987.12	Rehearsals	13,332.92
9,611.70	Concert Payments	7,648.05
855.02	Printing/Publicity/Advertising	833.93
3,208.52	Music Hire/Purchase	4,828.61
79.00	Making Music (insurance)	81.00
456.00	Refreshments	396.88
501.47	Supplies	137.00
392.00	Memberships	411.00
405.00	Xmas /Easter Socials	-
218.75	PRS	335.50
1,499.40	Workshops	2,220.35
	Petty cash	36.03
-	Publicity general	177.40
300.00	New Composition Commission payment	
131.11	Web Domain Renewal	138.64
30,645.09	TOTAL PAYMENTS	30,577.31
931.29	NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	(858.43)
14,081.08	Monetary Assets at beginning of Year (Unrestricted Funds)	15,012.37
15,012.37	Monetary Assets as at year end (Unrestricted Funds)	14,153.94
931.29	Effective Change in Monetary Assets over the year	(858.43)
86.00	Change in receivables and payables	(118.86)
1,017.29	Change in Net Assets	(977.29)

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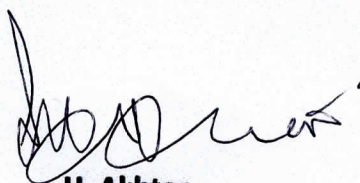
2. Statement of Assets & Liabilities at year end

2023/2024		2024/2025
£		£
	Monetary Assets	
-	Cash on hand	-
1,010.84	Bank Current Account as at 31 July	955.68
14,001.53	Bank Deposit Account as at 31 July	13,198.26
<u><u>15,012.37</u></u>		<u><u>14,153.94</u></u>
	Prepayments & Accrued Income	
	Music purchased for the autumn 2025 term	181.14
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	Accruals/Deferred Income	
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To Members of Walton Voices

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Account (General Fund and Concert Fund) and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and found them to be in accordance with the books and records of the Society and with the explanations given to me.

Robinshill
3 Trotsworth Avenue
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H. Akhtar
Independent Examiner

Dated:

3rd September 2025

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3. Receipts & Payments Account analysis by concert

	Heritage Day £	Christmas Concert £	Easter Concert £	Summer Concert £	Total £
RECEIPTS					
Tickets		2,669.00	2,287.00	2,114.00	7,070.00
Programme Sponsorship					
Refreshments		298.80	237.49	257.61	793.90
	0.00	2967.80	2524.49	2371.61	7863.90
PAYMENTS					
Soloists & other performers		150.00	400.00		550.00
Conductor	150	435.00	435.00	435.00	1,455.00
Orchestra/Accompanist	125	229.00	2,429.00	1,029.00	3,812.00
Refreshments		89.18	181.10	126.60	396.88
Publicity		401.45	303.04	129.44	833.93
Sundries & Administration		274.31	276.00	140.74	691.05
Hire of Church & Hall		350.00	350.00	440.00	1,140.00
	275.00	1928.94	4374.14	2300.78	8878.86
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(275.00)	1,038.86	(1,849.65)	70.83	(1,014.96)

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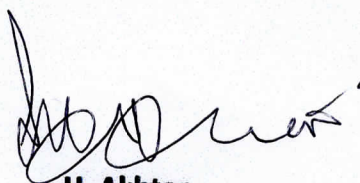
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