



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 2023 TO 30TH JUNE 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name: Fakenham Choral Society

Charity registration number: 278713

Trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Roger Burbidge	Chair	Until 1 st October 2024
Rosemary Dear	Vice Chair	
Tracey Thompson	Secretary	Until 1 st October 2024
Gillian Ashby	Treasurer	
Tim Burton		
Louise Myhill	Membership Secretary	
Diana Lyons		
Colin Blackmore		
Sonia Radley	Librarian	
Jean Mayne		

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The choir is a society governed by a constitution (adopted 2021). It is managed by a committee of trustees who are each elected for a period of 3 years by and out of the Society's members at each Annual General Meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the charity:

The objects of the Society shall be 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

Fakenham Choral Society is a varied repertoire choir, with membership open to the local community, aiming to perform three public concerts a year. This offers opportunities to the general public to hear affordable live choral music in Fakenham and the surrounding areas. Choir members have the opportunity to perform with professional musicians, both solo singers and orchestral players. In addition, there is an annual Come and Sing event open to the community, which provides an opportunity for education in voice technique and to sing with a large group of people.

Rehearsals take place weekly during term time and include vocal exercises and learning musical works to performance level with a professional music director. The variety of music encourages appreciation across a variety of genres. There are also recognised social and therapeutic benefits of singing for the members.

The Society maintains a public presence through its website and social media, and detailed publicity and programmes for each concert.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Society was proud to celebrate its 50th anniversary with various celebratory initiatives.

Three concerts were held during the year.

Christmas Concert: *Messe de Minuit*, Charpentier, and *Magnificat* by Pergolesi, with traditional carols and choral favourites. This was held on Saturday 16th December 2023 in Fakenham Parish church, with a small guest orchestra.

Spring concert: Verdi's *Requiem* on Saturday 20th April 2024 at Fakenham Parish Church, with 4 professional soloists and a guest orchestra. This concert was sold out in advance.

Summer concert: *Songs of the Sea* including *Pirates of Penzance* and other themed music. This was held on Saturday 22nd June 2024 in Fakenham Parish church, with 3 professional soloists.

The Society is indebted to a group of volunteers who run front of house at concerts, and to the Friends of Fakenham Choral Society who support the society.

A successful and well attended Come and Sing day of famous chorus classics was held on Saturday 16th March 2024, culminating in a free performance at Fakenham Academy. This raised funds for both the Society and MNDA (Motor Neurone Disease Association).

The Society was delighted to have the continued support of Sarah, Countess of Leicester, as their President.

The Society was pleased to participate once again in the Fakenham Christmas Tree festival, giving the opportunity to raise funds and also increase their public profile.

FINANCIAL REVIEW INCLUDING RESERVES POLICY


The trustees consider that the financial situation is satisfactory, that the funds are sufficient for contingencies, and should be maintained at an absolute minimum of £15000. The amount currently held in reserve (£24782) is higher than the minimum due to an exceptionally successful 50th anniversary season. This has enabled the committee to have more flexibility in programming and plan some larger concerts in the coming year.

There is no separate reserves fund.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature	
Full name	Gillian Ashby
Position	Treasurer
Date	13.1.25

	FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY							
	Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June 2024							
				Note	2024	2023		
INCOME	Members subscriptions				11256.00	9177		
	Grants:	NNDC			3351.00	0		
		Fakenham Market Tolls			1000.00	0		
	Concert income			1	9977.04	8555		
	Friends of FCS				540.00	452		
	Donations				1234.40	1211		
	50th anniversary			2	1903.50	0		
	Sale of folders and music				96.00	144		
	Garden Party				245.00	195		
	Fund raising			3	850.47	904		
	Interest				259.76	54		
	Come and sing				2767.00	2889		
	Gift aid				1236.41	1640		
					34716.58	25221		
EXPENDITURE	Concert expenses			1	14749.36	8854		
	MD and accompanist's fees				7599.00	6390		
	Music hire/purchase				705.42	264		
	Come and sing				1978.33	1805		
	Hire rehearsal and meeting rooms				1401.25	1160		
	Website				230.40	154		
	MM insurance + PRS				766.98	489		
	50th anniversary costs			2	121.54	0		
	Admin expenses and Zoom				425.06	368		
	Staging storage rent				350.00	0		
	Staging items, PAT, batteries, storage				316.90	28		
	Sundries				157.28	39		
	Piano tuning				0.00	75		
	Fund raising costs (CTF)				3.43	15		
	Garden party				280.68	196		
	Folders				75.90	160		
	Fees (card and ticket sales)				121.15	58		
					29282.68	20055		
					5433.90	5166		
	Add: prior year adjustment				50.00	0		
	Surplus for the year				£5,483.90	£5,166		
	Balance sheet as at 30th June 2024							
	Current Assets							
	Deposit Account				19444.77	13121		
	Main Current account				1649.52	2904		
	Friends account				3528.85	3004		
	No. 3 account (Come and Sing)				200.00	200		
	Cash				0.00	195		
	Total cash and bank				24823.14	19424		
	Creditors				-41.27	-126		
					£24,781.87	£19,298		
	Represented by:							
	General funds at the beginning of the year				19297.97	14132		
	Surplus/deficit for the year				5483.90	5166		
					£24,781.87	£19,298		

FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY								
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024								
1. Concerts		Dec-23		Apr-24		Jun-24		TOTAL
		Christmas		Verdi Requiem		Songs of the Sea		
Receipts								
Sponsorship		570.00		900.00		300.00		1770.00
Tickets		0.00		4182.00		1734.00		5916.00
Donations		667.11		159.50		28.70		855.31
Refreshments		393.50		390.00		212.00		995.50
Programmes		306.66		19.55		114.02		440.23
		1937.27		5651.05		2388.72		9977.04
Expenses								
Venue(s*)		300.00		392.80 *		300.00		992.80
Musical Director		580.00		580.00		580.00		1740.00
Accompanist		200.00		0.00		300.00		500.00
Vocalists		684.00		2492.00		1275.00		4451.00
Instrumentalists		785.00		4170.00		0.00		4955.00
Printing and advertising		228.28		327.35		207.64		763.27
Orchestral scores		336.70		27.00		0.00		363.70
Presentations		36.75		23.37		29.76		89.88
Cost of refreshments (pro rata)		126.36		126.36		126.36		379.08
Parking		22.50		19.50		45.00		87.00
Staging costs		106.30		108.90		139.90		355.10
Consumables		5.97		32.20		34.36		72.53
		£3,411.86		£8,299.48		£3,038.02		£14,749.36
Surplus/deficit		-£1,474.59		-£2,648.43		-£649.30		-£4,772.32
Offset by grant income	NNDC	53.27		2648.43		649.30		3351.00
	Fakenham MT	1000						1000
Surplus/deficit after offset		-£421.32		£0.00		£0.00		-£421.32
2. 50th anniversary						3. Fund raising income		
	Received	Spent						
Donations	251.00				Sale of books/music		133.87	
Quiz	200.00	16.74			Carol Singing		41.00	
Book	255.00				Open garden		574.85	
stools	116.50				Christmas tree festival		100.75	
Grand draw	1081.00	104.80					850.47	
	1903.50	121.54						
3. FCS Assets						Estimated current		
				Cost £		value £		
Keyboard				699		109		
Lighting				421		99		
Staging				11494		2267		
Conductor's podium (Nov 19)				1279		839		
Orchestra lights				201		41		
Chairs				1,903		486		
Music stands				330		81		
Keyboard Amp Cable				56		33		
Speakers/stands (Feb 15)				400		122		
Keyboard (Mar 16)				1314		405		
Carbon dioxide monitor (Sep 21)				150		122		
				£18,247		£4,604		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fakenham Choral Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

278713

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 Jun 2024**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

Date:

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Name:

ANDREW STEWART

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

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