



# Ipswich Choral Society

## Trustees' Annual Report 2023-24

Charity registered number: 278866

Registered address: 39 Sidegate Avenue  
Ipswich  
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Trustees	Philip Powditch	Chair
	Michael Robertson	Vice chair
	Kit Handscombe	Secretary (up to 9/5/2023)
	Pamela Sutton	Secretary (from 9/5/2023)
	Linda Scott	Treasurer
	Fenella Andrews	
	Graham Popple	
	Kate Dixon	
	Maureen Fell	
	Joanne Rogers	
	James Skellorn	
	Stephen Hubbard	(up to 9/5/2023)
	Alan Way	(from 9/5/2023)

Structure The Society is managed by a committee which is elected annually by the members at the AGM. The duties of the committee include:

- Appointment of the Music Director
- Planning of rehearsals and concerts
- Setting subscriptions

### Activities and Objectives

The purposes of Ipswich Choral Society are to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects through the presentation and/or performance of concerts and associated activities, subject to any legal restrictions that from time to time may be in force.

#### Public benefit

In pursuing our aims for public benefit, the choir believes it impacts on people's lives in two ways. First, for participants (young and old), we involve people in a creative, enjoyable and fulfilling educational activity, providing them with an opportunity to develop vocal technique and musical repertoire.

Second, for audiences, we present exciting, innovative and high-quality performances which should always be a pleasurable cultural experience but will sometimes challenge them and educate them by extending their musical knowledge.

In addition to the public educational benefits to participants and audiences mentioned above, the trustees are conscious that its activities must be affordable, so both membership subscriptions and audience ticket prices are regularly reviewed so as to be sustainable. Any member with financial difficulties can privately discuss a special reduced subscription arrangement with the Treasurer.

## **Achievements and performance**

Two main public concerts were performed during 2023/24:

May 2023 Celebrating Britten, a concert featuring music by Benjamin Britten at St Mary le Tower Church, Ipswich, offering choir members the opportunity to understand how a past president of the society composed his music, and the audience a chance to hear music that is not frequently performed.

December 2023 Christmas Concert, a performance of festive music at Ipswich Corn Exchange. Two local schools and a brass band also performed in the concert giving the school children and musicians the opportunity to work with the choir outside a classroom environment and perform in front of a large audience.

In June 2023 the choir gave a smaller lunchtime concert as part of the Ipswich Arts Association regular series of events. Audience members can attend the concerts free of charge and get to speak with the conductor and choir members after the performance to learn more about choral singing and the music performed.

The choir sang during the laying of wreaths at the civic service of remembrance organised by Ipswich Borough Council and the Royal British Legion.

The choir also sang Christmas carols at two local events and performed at Ipswich Music Day

## **Financial review**

Overall income reduced to £28,722 compared to £31,916 the previous year. This was due to a large fall in the takings from concerts (£4,581 compared with £9,600); ticket sales included £1,628 for the Snape concert held after the end of the year and £330 from the concert at Ely held before the start of the year; however two thirds of the income (£3,565) from the Christmas 2023 concert was not received until after the end of the accounting year.

Thanks to a growth in membership, subscription income (including Gift Aid) increased from £15,301 to £18,104. Donations also increased from £132 to £1,340; however overall fund raising reduced from £4,276 to £3,791, of which £866 was for other charities.

Total expenses reduced very significantly from £31,503 to £19,426. This was driven by a large reduction in concert expenses, from £18,651 to £2,940. As with the income, 80% of the costs (£1,874) of the Christmas 2023 concert were not invoiced until after the end of the year; however the figures do include £553 from the Ely concert in January 2023.

Operating expenses, covering the costs of regular rehearsals, increased from £11,418 to £12,907, and administration expenses from £972 to £1,288. The total also included £940 paid in deposits for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner being held in September 2024.

The two concerts in the year generated a surplus of £1,004, while including income and expenses falling after the year end the surplus was £2,695.

The overall result was a surplus of £9,296; total funds held increased from £64,764 to £74,060.

Reserves are the result of accumulated surpluses. The trustees do not have a reserves policy, but monitor the level of reserves.

#### **Funds held as a custodian trustee**

None.

**Approved by the Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

Phil Powditch

Chair



# IPSWICH CHORAL SOCIETY

## Statement of financial affairs for year ending 29th February 2024

2022-23	RECEIPTS	2023-24	2022-23	PAYMENTS	2023-24
12,570.00	Members subscription	14,914.00	8,524.85	Hall hire	3,630.48
2,680.76	Gift aid	2,579.71	6,222.00	Conductor	8,395.50
9,599.61	Ticket sales	4,580.67	2,421.00	Accompanist	1,992.90
175.00	Programme sales	-	717.70	Music	277.50
125.00	Misc sales	495.00	9,179.00	Musicians	485.00
395.00	Participation money	160.00	592.20	Printing	605.00
80.00	Programme advertisements	80.00	39.32	Performing rights	70.85
1,515.00	Concert misc income	1,200.00	1,907.83	Concert misc expenses	36.96
-	Workshop	585.00	-	Adverts & publicity	311.00
3,148.29	Fund raising	3,107.96	484.99	Fund raising expenses	366.07
50.00	Friends, patrons & sponsorship	25.00	491.00	Fees	636.00
132.00	Gifts and donations	140.00	46.00	Insurance	79.00
53.82	Amazon commission	27.35	476.87	Office overheads	572.70
24.95	Investment income	326.61		Gifts	41.88
-	Misc income	335.57	-		-
1,366.89	Charity fund raising	165.20	400.00	Charity donations	985.00
<b>31,916.32</b>	<b>Total operating receipts</b>	<b>28,722.07</b>	<b>31,502.76</b>	<b>Total operating payments</b>	<b>18,485.84</b>
	<b>Non operating receipts</b>			<b>Non operating payments</b>	
				Member events	940.00
	<b>Total non- operating receipts</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>Total non- operating payments</b>	<b>940.00</b>
<b>31,916.32</b>	<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>28,722.07</b>	<b>31,502.76</b>	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,425.84</b>
-	<b>Operating loss in year</b>		413.56	<b>Operating gain in year</b>	9,296.23
<b>31,916.32</b>	<b>Receipts plus losses</b>	<b>28,722.07</b>	<b>31,916.32</b>	<b>Payments plus gains</b>	<b>28,722.07</b>

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

#### Monetary assets

##### Balance @ 28/02/2023

Current account	4,612.04
Deposit account	60,026.44
Cash In Hand	125.64

**Total assets 64,764.12**

#### Accumulated funds

Balance brought forward	64,350.56
Op. gain for the year	413.56

**Balance carried forward 64,764.12**

#### Monetary assets

##### Balance @ 29/02/24

Current account	18,550.70
Deposit account	55,353.05
Cash In Hand	156.50

**Total assets 74,060.25**

#### Accumulated funds

Balance brought forward	64,764.12
Op. gain for the year	9,296.23

**Balance carried forward 74,060.35**

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the charity at 29/02/2024 and reflects receipts & payments together with assets and liabilities



L Mackay (Treasurer)

2 September 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Ipswich Choral Society

On accounts for the year  
ended

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

278866

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **29 /02 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Name:

Ian Kennedy

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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