

SOUTH CHILTERN CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 297583

Details

Other names SCCS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1987-09-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 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

Activities: To put on public concerts at least three times per year. To provide music to other choirs/organisations from our extensive library, to raise money for other charities/good causes, to commission works of music, to involve children/school choirs in performance,to organise workshops,to encourage public participation in singing

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bracknell Forest
- Oxfordshire
- Reading
- Slough
- West Berkshire
- Windsor And Maidenhead
- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£27,396	£26,797	-	-
2024-07-31	£28,196	£22,074	-	-
2023-07-31	£50,624	£51,446	-	-
2022-07-31	£21,549	£26,586	-	-
2021-07-31	£6,817	£8,038	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Farley	Chair	2019-09-23
Helen Hobson		2025-11-23
Jane Eyre		2025-11-23
Mary Esslemont		2022-09-12
Raymond Michael Maguire Mr		2023-09-25
Richard Larkin		2020-09-28
Sara Capaldi		2021-10-04

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From August 1st 2024

To July 31st 2025

Charity name: **South Chiltern Choral Society**

Charity registration number: **297583**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and an 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 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	Training of the choir members in choral singing. Public concert performances in December 2024, March 2025 and June 2025. This included singing with the children's choir from The Hill Primary School at the Christmas concert and singing and including performances from students from Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre at the summer concert. Raising funds for selected charities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The choir promotes singing in schools locally and made grants in this financial year to The Hill Primary School and Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre. At our March 2025 concert we gave the opportunity for young, aspiring musicians, to perform. For this we provided a grant towards the cost of their music studies.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All roles within the choir are voluntary, apart from the Music Director, Accompanist and soloists/instrumentalists at concerts.
Other		N/A

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	<p>Singing is beneficial to choir members mentally. Physically and socially.</p> <p>We brought choral singing to audiences in our local area three times in the last year. We have supported local schools by encouraging students to join with us singing and playing instruments.</p> <p>We have loaned choral music from our music library to other choirs.</p> <p>We included a charity collection at our Christmas concert. We sang Christmas carols at Reading Station in aid of Reading Homestart, a local charity supporting young families.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We included a charity collection at our Christmas concert. We sang Christmas carols at Reading Station in aid of Reading Homestart, a local charity supporting young families.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period the choir held net assets of £24,868.42 of which £13,459.42 was current cash. This is an improved situation from 2023-2024 and reflects efforts to strengthen our reserves. Membership remains stable.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The choir aims to hold approximately 50% of annual expenditure as reserve to support the operations of the choir..
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13,459.42
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	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions, concert income, Music loans fees, fundraising.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all amateur choirs we rely on membership subscriptions as our main source of income. We also need to provide concerts that attract an audience and ticket sales. The choir has an active and vibrant membership so risks are limited.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Committee members and trustees are selected from the membership at an annual AGM held in autumn each year. 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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South Chiltern Choral Society
Other name the charity uses	SCCS
Registered charity number	297583
Charity's principal address	Braeburn, Goring Road Woodcote Reading Oxfordshire RG8 0QE

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	Richard Larkin	Chair		
2	Mary Esslemont	Secretary		
3	Raymond McGuire	Treasurer		
4	Anne Farley	Membership Secretary		
5	Jane Pares	Publicity		
6	Sara Capaldi	Committee member		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Financial Examiner	Richard Lonsdale	10 Longhurst Close Caversham Reading RG4 5ER

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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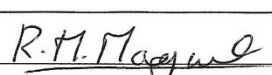
Other optional information

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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)	RICHARD GEORGE LARKIN	RAYMOND MICHAEL MACUIRE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	HON TREASURER
Date	15-12-25	

year

2024-25

Date	Particulars	Method	Pay-in slip number (if rel)	Receipt ref no
1/8/24	Brought Forward			
31/07/24	Cunningham	friends	forgotten in 2023-24	
11/11/24	Caversham heights Church	2/12/2024	£90.50	see aug
11/11/24	Caversham heights Church	6/22/2024	£291.40	see aug
01/08/24	Oxford University Press	6/22/2024	£238	iced retain for
01/08/24	Sue Alexander			
07/08/24	Charitable anonymous donation			
13/08/24	Walton Voices	24/25-038		
14/08/24	Richard Larkin	donation		
15/08/24	Hognaston Music group	24/25-037		
22/08/24	Mary Esslemont	subs		
22/08/24	Richard Larkin	subs		
22/08/24	David Cottam	subs		
22/08/24	David Doidge	subs		
22/08/24	J Adams	subs		

23/08/24	G Little	subs	
23/08/24	Peter Boardley	subs	
23/08/24	C Birchall	subs	
23/08/24	BW& JE Gardener	subs	
27/08/24	D Nicholson	subs	
27/08/24	E Bland	subs	
27/08/24	Shiela Hylton	subs	
27/08/24	Louise Caswell	subs	
27/08/24	C Latto	subs	
27/08/24	Stuart Smith	subs	
27/08/24	Anthony Wilder	subs	
27/08/24	Susie Downer	subs	
27/08/24	Sue Biggs	subs	
27/08/24	Margaret Perry	subs	
28/08/24	Pamela Marie Cunningham	friends	
28/08/24	R Currie	subs	
29/08/24	Sarah Lunn	subs	
29/08/24	Allan Appleby	subs	
29/08/24	M A Eustace	subs	
30/08/24	Peter Williams	subs	
30/08/24	Henry Pares	subs	
02/09/24	Goodwin Publications light in a stable	P147177	purchsae
02/09/24	Sue Alexander	subs	

02/09/24	S King	subs
02/09/24	RG and HE Hobson	subs
02/09/24	Jane Pares	subs
03/09/24	Viner	subs
04/09/24	Farley	subs
04/09/24	Reynolds	subs
05/09/24	Whitehead	subs
06/09/24	Peter Jones	subs
06/09/24	Woodward	subs
09/09/24	Hanks L	subs
09/09/24	Million	subs
09/09/24	Capaldi sarah	subs
09/09/24	Harper	subs
09/09/24	Outram	subs
09/09/24	Eyre	subs
12/09/24	Wendy Cross	subs
12/09/24	Ray Maguire	subs
12/09/24	A Weizmann	subs
13/09/24	MECE 2126551-1	Sept hire
13/09/24	Todd	subs
13/09/24	Kate Gaff	subs
14/09/24	Godalming Choral Society	24/25-031
14/09/24	Great Missenden Choral Society	24/25-035

14/09/24	Taylor	subs	
18/09/24	Mary Esslemont	gift	
18/09/24	Chris Guy	TEN Xmas	
18/09/24	Chris Guy	subs	
18/09/24	Notebene singers	24/25-036	
19/09/24	Lenborough Singers	24/25-034	
23/09/24	W Pugh	subs	
23/09/24	K Dawson	subs	
23/09/24	Birch EM	subs	
23/09/24	Reynolds AJ/P	subs	
23/09/24	Reynolds AJ/P	subs	
23/09/24	Reynolds AJ/P	subs	
23/09/24	Whitmee	subs	
24/09/24	Goodwin Publications light in a stable	P147400	purchase
24/09/24	Dawson K	subs	
30/09/24	Cunninghaam	friends	
01/10/24	Strathendric Singers	24/25-039	
01/10/24	Hopkinson JD	subs	
01/10/24	Parker David	subs	
01/10/24	C MacDonald	subs	
01/10/24	Nigel Bond	subs	
01/10/24	M Holloway	subs	
01/10/24	Sue Alexander	subs	statement

01/10/24	Martin Jones	accompanist		
02/10/24	MECE 2126551-1	rehearsal for Oct		
03/10/24	Freda Miller	subs	100296	cheque
04/10/24	S Pillinger	subs		
04/10/24	St Andrews Church	rehearsal 7/10		
07/10/24	MECE 2126551-1	refund cancellation		
08/10/24	Cantemus	24/25-033		
08/10/24	Barbara Thompson	subs	100297	
08/10/24	Alison Skeels	subs		
08/10/24	Ms F J Clarke	subs		
09/10/24	NexGen Staging	proforma	staging	
09/10/24	Tony Barry	subs		
09/10/24	Linda Rumble	subs		
11/10/24	Miss J C Jager	24/25-040		
21/10/24	Rita McLaughlin Pugh	subs		
21/10/24	T Tucker	friends		
21/10/24	Sarah Todd plus another	carol books		
21/10/24	Corolyn Morton	subs		
23/10/24	Broadbent Karen	friends		
23/10/24	Wilkes Alan	friends		
25/10/24	Cleveland Philharmonic Choir	24/25-032		
25/10/24	Richard Larkin	carol books		
25/10/24	Pamela Marie Cunningham	friends		

01/11/24	Susan Alexander	subs	17672.52
01/11/24	MECE hire	rent	
01/11/24	Ralston	subs	
04/11/24	D Cooke	friends	
11/11/24	Lorenc AC & F	friends	
11/11/24	QAS	LT510	
11/11/24	Richard Larkin	cover	
12/11/24	Tony Barry	postage etc	
12/11/24	Richard Harrison	subs	
12/11/24	Liz Harrison	subs	
15/11/24	Rabble Theatre	sccs-001	
15/11/24	A4 metal recycle	24/25-043	
18/11/24	Whitmee	carol books	
19/11/24	Viv Vincent	carol books	
18/11/24	St Andrews Caversham	rehearsal	
20/11/24	MECE	refund for 18/11	
20/11/24	H Cooke	ticket payment	
25/11/24	R Whitehead	friends	
25/11/24	Richfield Print Xmas leaflets	inv 15728	
19/11/24	Ticket Tailor tickets for friends	#51099492	
25/11/24	Aliquando Choir advert	Prog040SCCS	
25/11/24	Making Music	PRS charge	
25/11/24	Stripe	ticket sales	

25/11/24	J Howles	subs	
26/11/25	Stripe	tickets	
27/11/24	N Stanley YCS	24/25-041	
27/11/24	Stripe	tickets	
28/11/24	P Cunningham	friends	
28/11/24	Stripe	tickets	
29/11/24	QAS	LT562	17514.88
30/11/24	AnneFarley	book	
30/11/24	Making Music insurance and membership	inv 50790	
02/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
02/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
02/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
02/12/24	MECE dec payments AV hire	hire	
02/12/24	Sue Alexander	subs	
03/12/24	sTRIPE	tickets	
03/12/24	Broadbent Karen	ticket friend	
04/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
04/12/24	Valerie Sansom	subs	
04/12/24	SCCS friends tickets	tickets	
05/12/12	Vivian Vincent	subs	
05/12/24	Vera Butler	friends	
07/12/24	NFMS website invoice	2024693	
05/12/24	Stripe	tickets	

06/12/24	Stripe	tickets
06/12/24	Alan Wilkes	ticket
09/12/24	Gardeners Homecare Ltd	SCCS-003
09/12/24	stripe	tickets
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10/12/24	stripe	tickets
11/12/24	stripe	tickets
12/12/24	Richard Larkin black folders	folders
13/12/24	stripe	tickets
14/12/24	Mandy Murphy first aid	Invoice 6
14/12/24	Cash from concert	
16/12/24	sum up ray	tickets
16/12/24	sum up Ray	tickets
16/12/24	square	tickets
16/12/24	D Cooke donation to The Chiltern Society:concert donation	
16/12/24	Rosie Harrison	subs
16/12/24	Stripe	tickets
16/12/24	Stripe	tickets
16/12/24	Stripe	tickets
16/12/24	sum up ray	refreshments
16/12/24	sum up richard	refreshments
16/12/24	Accomp fees	concert

16/12/24	The Chiltern Centre donation Cooke	donation	
17/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
18/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
18/12/24	Richfield Print Xmas programs	15823	
19/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
19/12/24	Jane Eyre concert refreshmnts etc		
20/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
20/12/24	Helen Bilkey MD fees		
20/12/24	Miss J C De Jager	24/25-046	
23/12/24	Stripe	tickets	
24/12/24	S Ingram	staging hire	sccs-002 pt
06/01/25	Piano Services	tuning	inv 10080

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			GENERAL			
Barclays Account	Petty Cash	TOTAL	Debtors to 2024 account	Membership Fees	Music Hire Out	Other Income
			advance payments			
12,872.49	169.71	13,042.20				
5.00		5.00		5		
-90.50			-90.50			
-291.40			-291.40			
r 2025-6						
11.00		11.00		11.00		
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400.00		400.00				400.00
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150.00		150.00	150.00	
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78.75		78.75			
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47.22		47.22			

150.00	150.00	150.00
61.25	61.25	
26.90	26.90	26.90
318.26	318.26	
5.00	5.00	5.00
307.14	307.14	
-250.00	-250.00	
-16.97	-16.97	
-468.00	-468.00	
110.62	110.62	
93.54	93.54	
160.34	160.34	
-78.75	-78.75	
11.00	11.00	11.00
62.46	62.46	
12.00	12.00	
93.56	93.56	
150.00	150.00	150.00
-32.00	-32.00	
50.00	50.00	50.00
15.00	15.00	15.00
-124.00	-124.00	
63.14	63.14	

93.50		93.50	
12.00		12.00	
25.00		25.00	
124.87		124.87	
123.06		123.06	
62.57		62.57	
265.73		265.73	
169.94		169.94	
-37.95		-37.95	
51.58		51.58	
	-90.00	-90.00	
	196.60	196.60	
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46.69		46.69	
5.00		5.00	
150.00		150.00	150.00
75.40		75.40	
95.38		95.38	
139.67		139.67	
93.92		93.92	
47.19		47.19	
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94.33	94.33					
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INCOME

CONCERT

Fund Raising

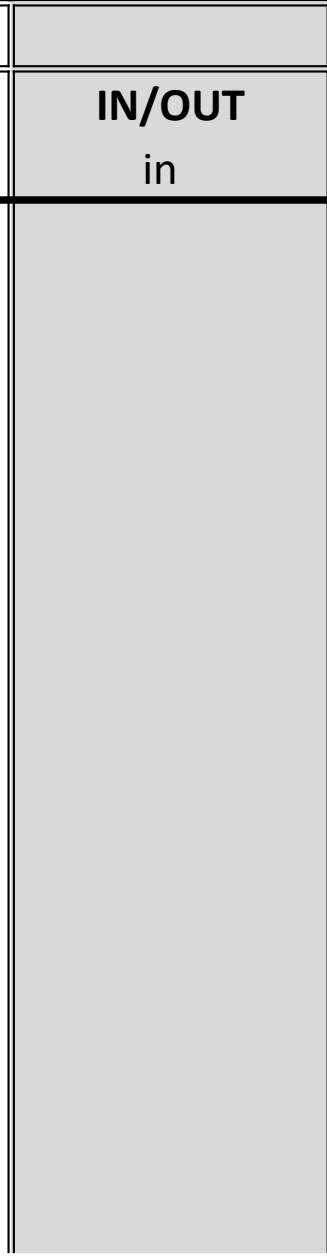
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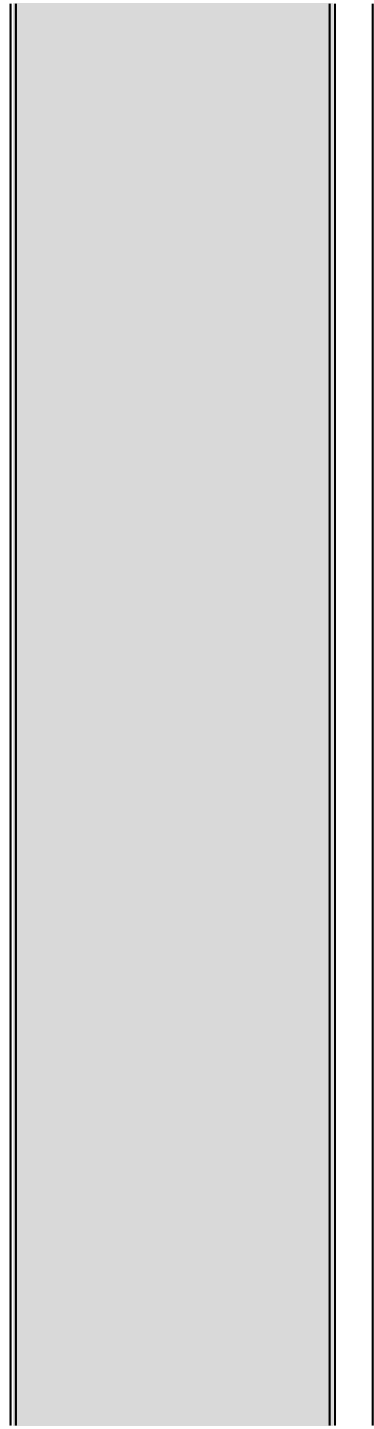
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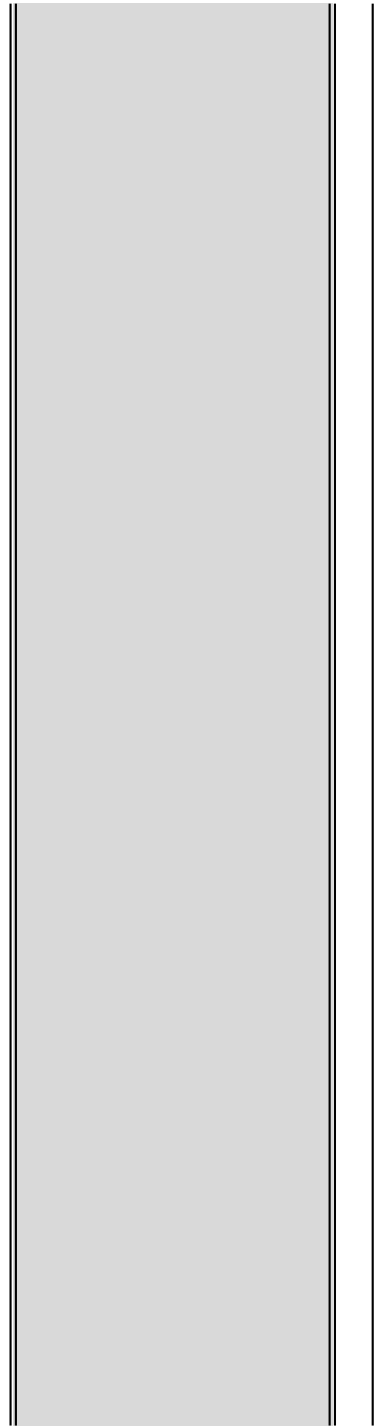
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in**

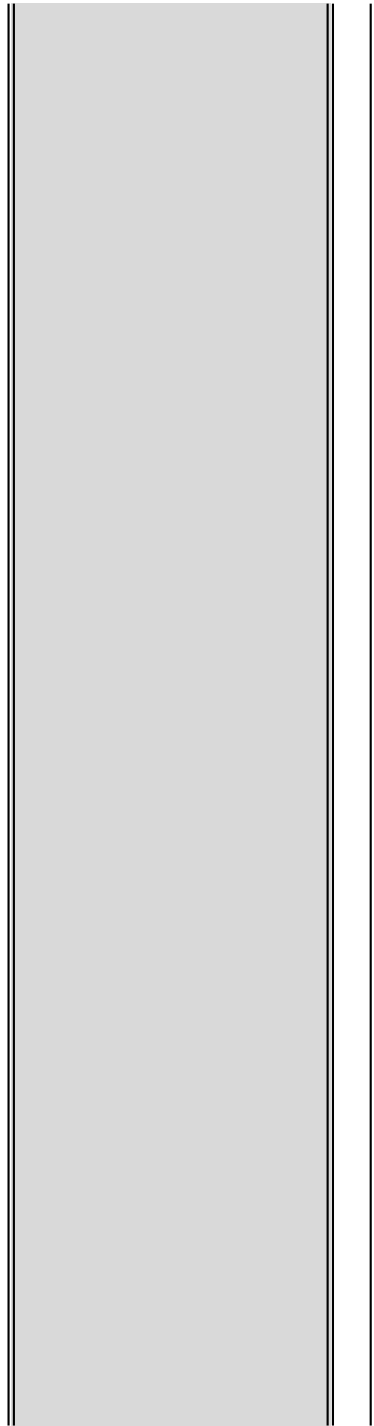
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Hall Hire**

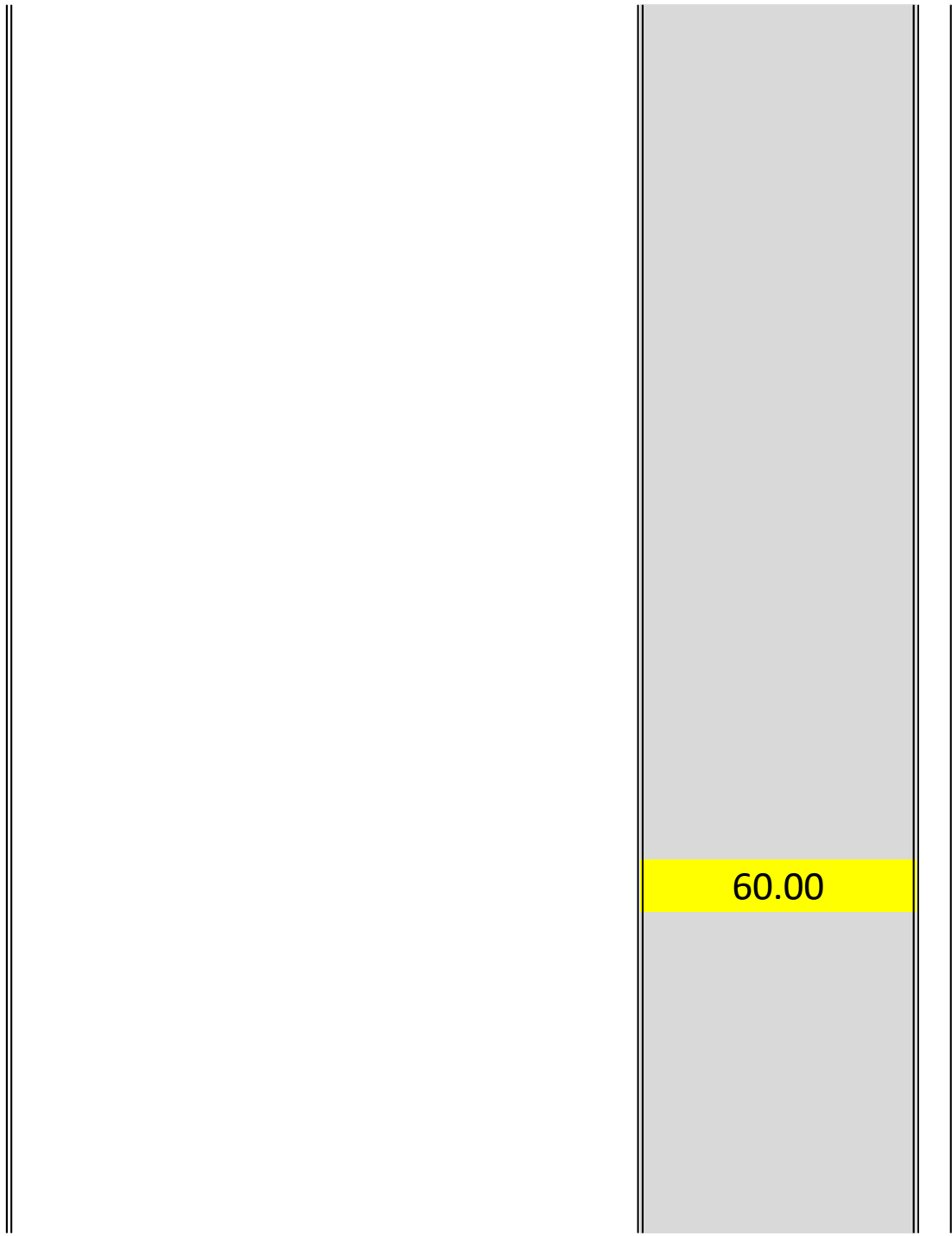






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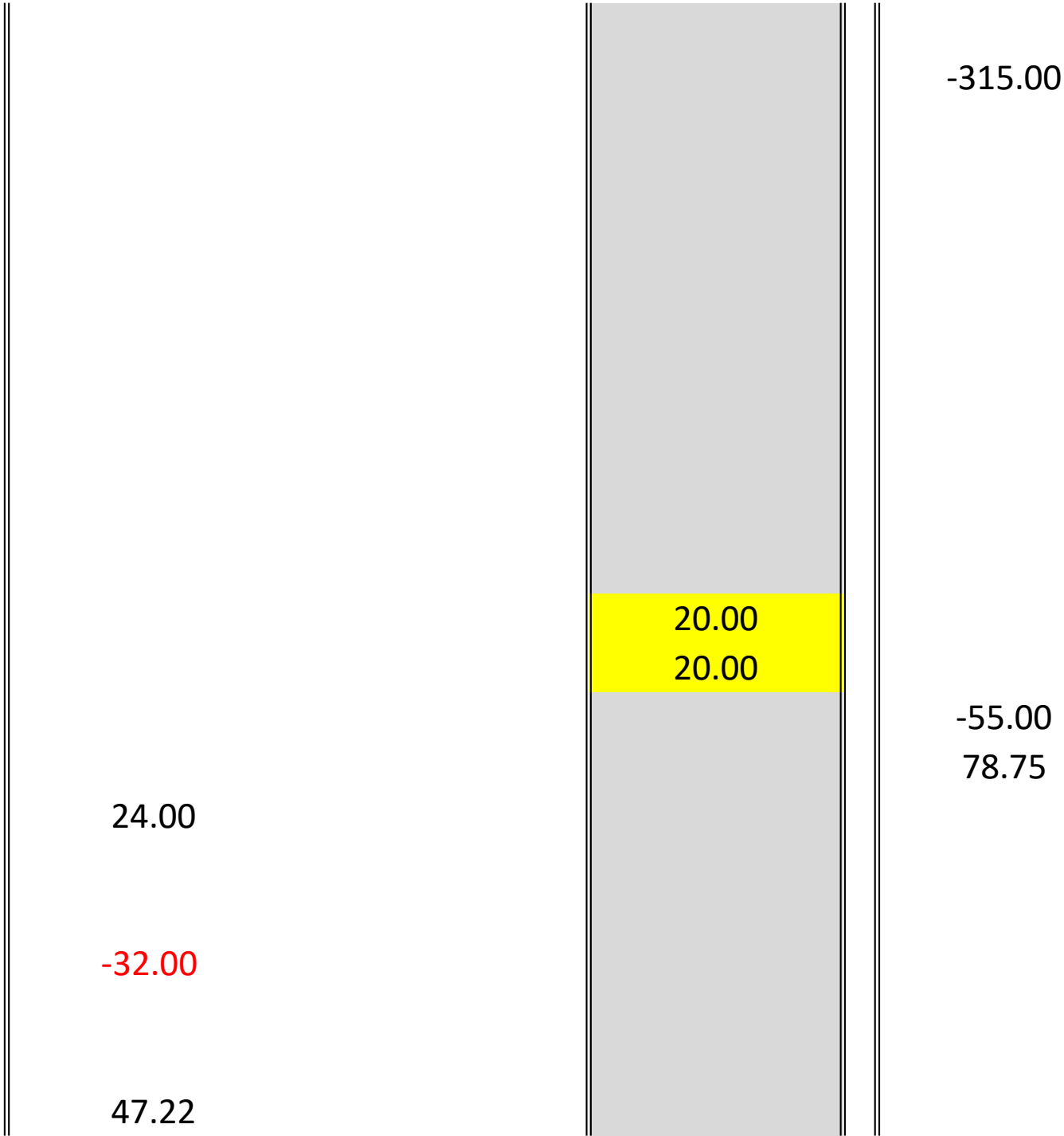


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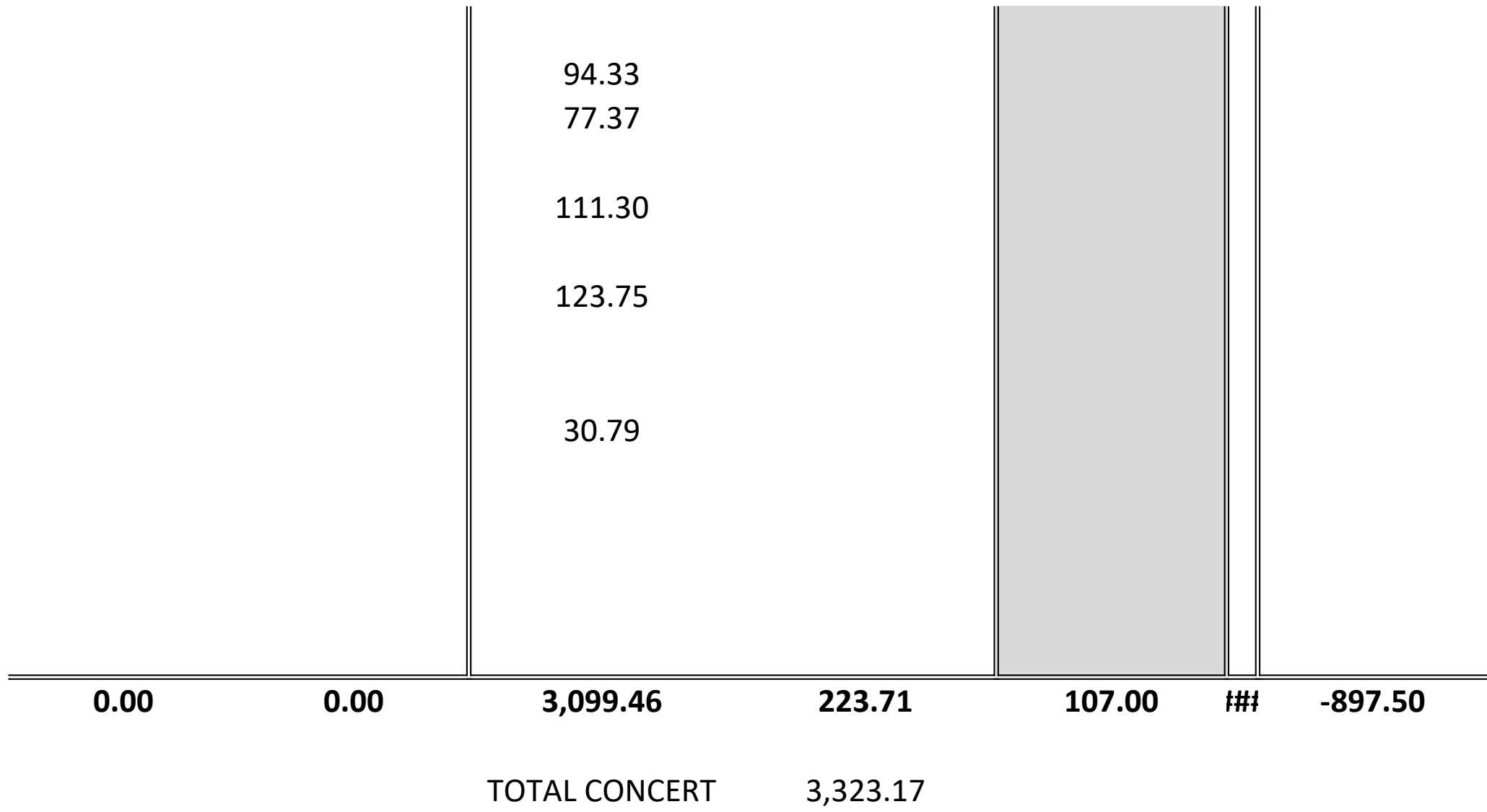
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GENERAL

**Music Hire
Purchase**

**Musical Directors
Fees**

**Accompanist
Fees**

Piano Tuning

new staging

Social Events

-837.95

-111.00

-240.00

-5,170.00

-102.90

-200.00

-720.00

-960.00

-1,051.85

-1,160.00

-960.00

0.00

-5,170.00

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TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES

EXPENSES (Negative)

Overheads

**Concert
Hall Hire**

**Lighting
Staging**

**Orchestra musi
hire**

**Musical
Directors Fees**

**Accompanist
Fees**





-18.99





-23.99

-1,055.00

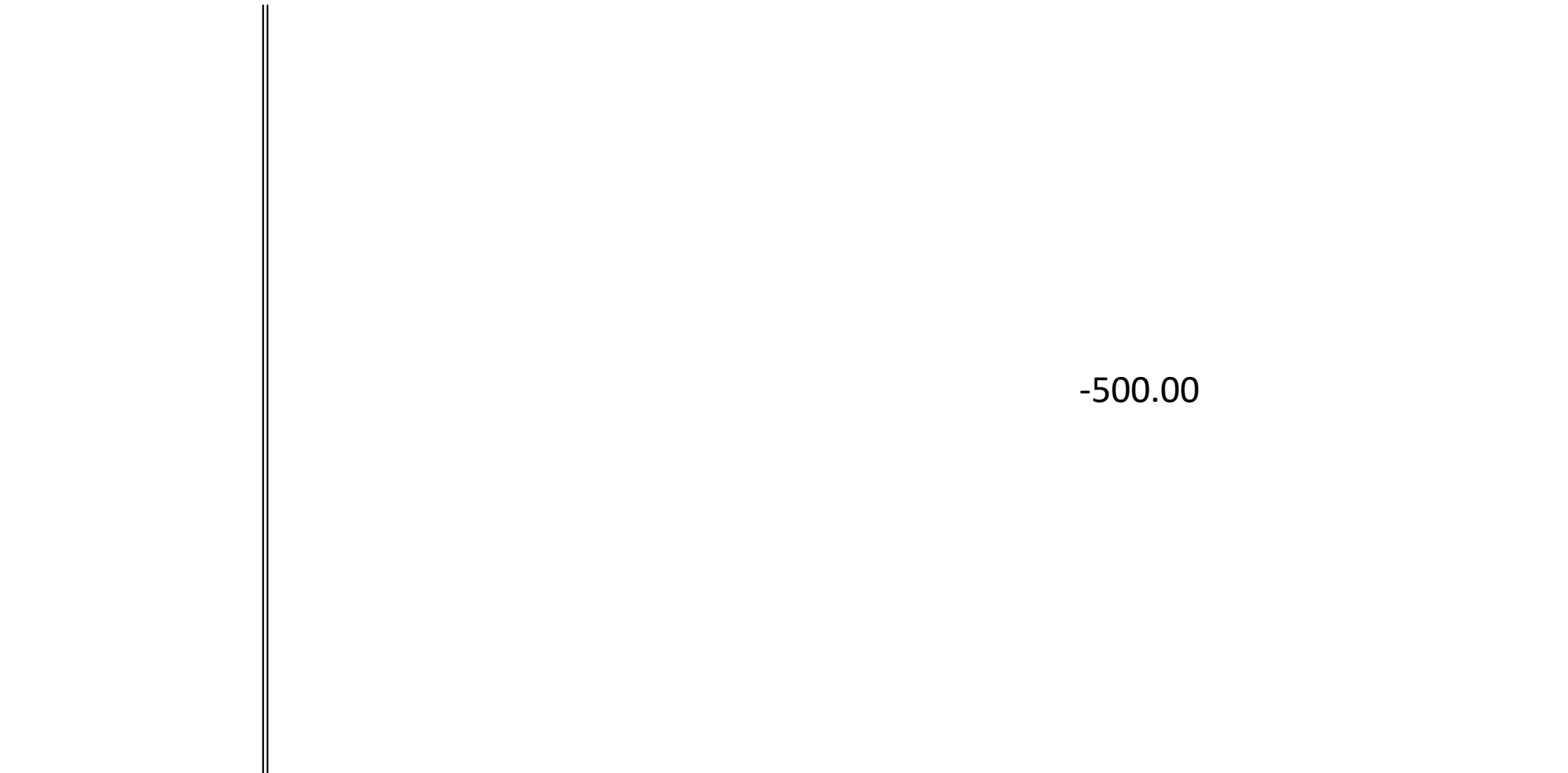
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-400.00

-10,234.17

-500.00

CONCERT

**Concert
Refreshments**

**Orchestra
Fees**

Soloists

**Publicity &
Programmes**

**HS
+ First Aid**

Other





-21.00



-55.00

-60.00





25.00

-90.00



-182.35

-103.00

-75.00

-182.35

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0.00

-193.00

-90.00

-96.00

TOTAL CONCERT

-2,516.35

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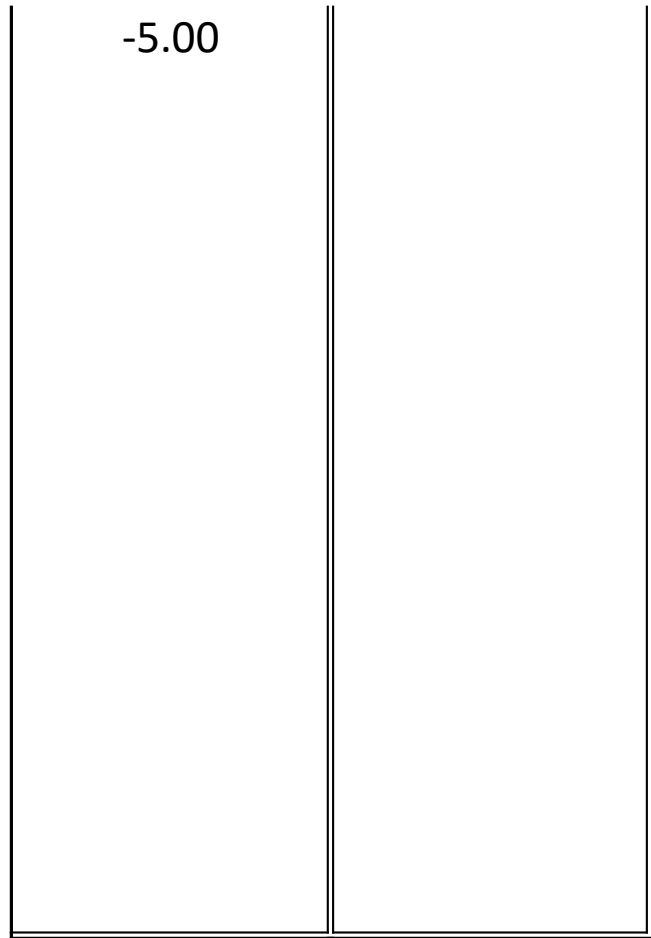
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47.19	0.00
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-5.00

-107.00

-250.00

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0.00	0.00

4,243.42

0.00

Date	Particulars	Method	Pay-in slip number (if rel)	Receipt ref no
4/4/24	Brought Forward			
10/2/25	St Andrews Church	hire charge		
10/2/25	St Andrews Church	deposit for hire		
23/3/25	St Andrews Church	hire charge	P0024	
1/4/25	MECE	hall hire	14020.06	
30/4/25	MECE	hal hire	may	
30/4/25	Covea Insurance	lost music claim		
1/5/25	Antonian Margaret	subs		
1/5/25	Llewellyn Lucy	subs		
1/5/25	Sue Alexander	subs		
7/5/25	Rolf Lamsdale	subs		
7/5/25	Olivia Keegan obrien	subs		
8/5/25	Livesey	subs		
14/5/25	Stieger Nikki	subs		
19/5/25	Jackie Outram	subs		

21/5/25	Parenthesis	hire charge	24/25-052
27/5/25	M V Jones	accompanist fee	
28/5/25	Sum Up Larkin machine	flower sale	
28/5/25	Richard Larkin	flower sale	
28/5/25	Cunningham	friends	
30/5/25	MECE	rehearsal hall hire	14238.23
2/6/25	Susan Alexander	subs	
3/6/25	Tony Barry	postage and music	
8/6/25	Covea Insurance	repayment claim	
12/6/25	Stripe	concert tickets	
16/6/25	Andrew Phillips	hire and lost fee	
17/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
19/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
20/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
23/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
24/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
25/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
26/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
27/6/25	Stripe	tickets	
27/6/25	R Larkin	postsers	
28/6/25	Jane Eyre	gifts	
28/6/25	cash payment	tickets	
28/6/25	card payments smart	tickets	

30/6/25	Pamela Marie Cunningham	friends		
30/6/25	Stripe	tickets		
1/7/25	Susan Alexander	subs	14247.48	
1/7/25	Stripe	tickets		
2/7/25	St Andrews Church	returned deposit		
2/7/25	St Andrews Church	returned deposit		
3/7/25	Stripe	tickets		
7/7/25	St Andrews Church	returned fee		
10/7/25	Dunfermline Choral Society	msic hire	24/25-053	179
12/7/25	Reading Bach Choir	SCCS-005	hire of organ	50
12/7/25	Helen Bilkey	MD fees		
12/7/25	Ian Westley	Accom fees		
15/7/25	MECE	nov rehearsal		
15/7/25	MECE	sept rehearsals		
28/7/25	Pamela Marie Cunningham	friends		

Check all columns add up

Barclays Account	Petty Cash	B/FWD TOTAL	debtors 2023-24	Membership Fees	Music Hire Out
14,209.13	379.31	14,588.44			
-55.00		-55.00			
-150.00		-150.00			
-55.00		-55.00			
-78.75		-78.75			
-157.50		-157.50			
379.60		379.60			
50.00		50.00		50.00	
50.00		50.00		50.00	
11.00		11.00		11.00	
50.00		50.00		50.00	
50.00		50.00		50.00	
50.00		50.00		50	
50.00		50.00		50.00	
50.00		50.00		50.00	

96.00		96.00		96.00
-80.00		-80.00		
120.94		120.94		
-120.94		-120.94		
5.00		5.00	5.00	
-236.25		-236.25		
11.00		11.00	11.00	
-198.24		-198.24		-33.05
-379.60		-379.60		
19.49		19.49		
-81.48		-81.48		
10.09		10.09		
197.55		197.55		
78.44		78.44		
29.51		29.51		
19.42		19.42		
38.82		38.82		
205.60		205.60		
10.09		10.09		
-41.28		-41.28		
-35.00		-35.00		
	100.00	100.00		
78.57		78.57		

5.00		5.00		5.00	
30.27		30.27			
11.00		11.00		11.00	
27.56		27.56			
150.00		150.00			
150.00		150.00			
96.30		96.30			
84.58		84.58			
179.19		179.19			179.19
50.00		50.00			
-1200.00		-1,200.00			
-1060.00		-1,060.00			
-405.00		-405.00			
-405.00		-405.00			
5.00		5.00		5.00	
		0.00			
		0.00			
11,920.11	479.31	12,399.42	0.00	398.00	242.14
-2,189.02					TOTAL INCOME

INCOME

GENERAL

CONCERT

Other Income

Fund Raising

gift aid

Concert Ticket Sales

**refreshment
sales**

in/out

379.60

120.94

19.49

10.09

197.55

78.44

29.51

19.42

38.82

205.60

10.09

100.00

78.57

50.00

30.27

27.56

96.30

150.00

150.00

84.58

50.00

0.00

0.00

941.71

0.00

885.12

690.14

TOTAL CONCERT

941.71

GENERAL

**Rehearsal
Hall Hire**

**Music Hire
purchase**

**Musical
Directors Fees**

**Accompanist
Fees**

Piano Tuning

**New
staging**

-55.00

-55

-78.75

-157.50

-80.00

-236.25

-165.19

-81.48

-700.00

-660.00

-582.50	-246.67	-700.00	-740.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES

-2,269.17

EXPENSES (Negative

Social Events

Overheads

**Concert
Hall Hire**

**Lighting
Staging**

**orchestra
music hire**

**Musical
Directors Fees**



-500.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

-500.00

TOTAL CONCERT

-976.28

e)

CONCERT

**Accompanist
Fees**

**Concert
Refreshments**

**Orchestra
Fees**

Soloists

**Publicity &
Programmes**

-41.28

-400.00

-400.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

-41.28

			96.00	0.00
			-80.00	0.00
			120.94	0.00
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			5.00	0.00
			-236.25	0.00
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			78.57	0.00
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				84.58	0.00
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				-1,060.00	0.00
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				5.00	0.00
				0.00	0.00
				0.00	0.00
0.00	-35.00	-810.00	-650.54	-2,189.02	0.00

AUTUMN TERM

as at

INCOME	General	General Budget	Concert	Concert Budget
Membership Fees	11,055.00	10,800.00		
Music Hire Out	1,169.07	1,250.00		
Other Income/ donations	2,078.60	1,400.00		
Fund Raising	0.00			
gift aid	0.00			<u>200@16</u>
Concert Ticket Sales			3,099.46	3,040.00
Miscellaneous Sales etc			223.71	350.00
TOTAL INCOME	14302.67	13450	3323.17	3390

EXPENSES

Rehearsal Hall Hire	-897.50	-945.00		
Music Hire/Purchase	-1,051.85	-950.00		
Musical Director's Fees	-1,160.00	-1,200.00		
Accompanists's Fees	-960.00	-960.00		
Piano Tuning	0.00	-80.00		
Staging purchase	-5,170.00	-5,000.00		
Social Events	0.00			
Overheads	-994.82	-896.00		
Concert Hall Hire			-1,055.00	-1,332.00
Lighting/Staging			0.00	
Orchestra music hire			0.00	0.00
Musical Directors Fees			-500.00	-500.00
Accompanist's Fees			-400.00	-400.00
Concert Refreshments			-182.35	-200.00
Orchestra Fees			0.00	
Soloists			0.00	
Publicity & Programmes			-193.00	-245.00
HS + First Aid			-90.00	-95.00
Other			-96.00	-21.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-10234.17	-10,031.00	-2516.35	-2793

Surplus / Deficit

4068.5

806.82

597

Budget

South Chiltern Choral Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of South Chiltern Choral Society ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: *R. J. Lonsdale*

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10 Longhurst Close
Caversham
Reading
RG4 5ER

SOUTH CHILTERN CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 297583

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **August 1st 2023** To **July 31st 2024**

Charity name: South Chiltern Choral Society

Charity registration number: 297583

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.17	To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and an 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, recitals and workshops.
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	Training of the choir membership in choral singing. Public concert performances in December 2023, March 2024 and July 2024, including children from The Hill Primary School at the Christmas concert. Raising of funds for selected charities. Public workshop with a national composer in July 2024.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	YES

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The choir promotes signing in schools. In this financial year the choir granted £200 to The Hill Primary School.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All roles within the choir are voluntary, except for the Music Director, Accompanist and Soloists / Instrumentalists at concerts.

Other		N/A
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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	<p>The singing has benefited our members both physically and mentally.</p> <p>We brought choral music to audiences of 100 to 200 members of the local community three times per year. We have also supported the Hill Primary School in their singing and some young instrumentalists in taking part in our supporting orchestras.</p> <p>We have loaned choral music to other choirs from our extensive library.</p> <p>We sing Christmas carols at Reading station in aid of Reading Homestart which supports young families in the town.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The choir raised funds for a selected local charity at our Christmas concert.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period the choir held £21,546 of assets of which £13042 was current cash. This is a much improved cash balance from year 2022-2023 and reflects significant efforts to strengthen our reserves Membership remains stable.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The choir aims to hold approximately 50% of the annual expenditure as reserve to support the operations. Our expenditure in 2023-2024 amounted to £ 28,000, meaning that we hold approximately 46% reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13042
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	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions, concert income and fund-raising activities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all amateur choirs, we rely on members subscriptions as their main source of income. We also require to raise funds from ticket sales to fund our public concerts. The choir has a vibrant and active membership and this risk is therefore minimal
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Trustees are elected at the annual AGM held in September each year. At each annual general meeting a third of the committee shall retire and be eligible for re-election up to a fixed number of three year terms.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South Chiltern Choral Society
Other name the charity uses	SCCS
Registered charity number	297583
Charity's principal address	Braeburn, Goring Road, Woodcote Reading Oxon RG8 0QE

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	Richard Larkin	Chair		
2	Mary Esslemont	Secretary		
3	Raymond Maguire	Treasurer		
4	Anne Farley	Membership Secretary		
5	Jane Pares	Publicity		
6	Sara Capaldi	Committee member		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Financial Examiner	Richard Lonsdale	10, Longhurst Close Caversham Reading RG4 5ER

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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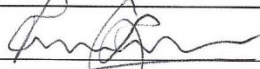
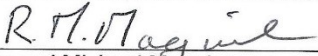
Other optional information

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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)	Richard George Larkin	Raymond Michael Maguire
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date

16/12/24

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Designated	2024 Total	2023 Total
INCOME FROM:				
Voluntary Income				
Membership Subscriptions	11,657.00		11,657.00	10,803.24
Friends	185.00		185.00	279.00
Donations	20.00		20.00	5,774.04
Gift Aid	1,804.64		1,804.64	1,689.13
Charitable activities				
Concert tickets and programmes	8,656.34		8,656.34	7,393.84
Chilcott	1,748.24		1,748.24	330.00
Sundry income			0.00	0.00
Other activities				
Choir tour (1)			0.00	20,460.00
Fundraising activities	2,634.00		2,634.00	3,139.00
Sale & Hire of Music	1,490.41		1,490.41	755.60
TOTAL INCOME:	28,195.63	0.00	28,195.63	50,623.85
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Costs of raising voluntary income				
Raising funds			0.00	2,306.68
Charitable activities				
Administration Fees and Insurance	809.75		809.75	994.23
Concert payments	9,934.43		9,934.43	16,503.36
Rehearsals	7,879.59		7,879.59	9,546.00
Donation	200.00		200.00	
Chilcott	1,954.91		1,954.91	
Other activities				
Choir tour			0.00	19,717.89
Purchase & Hire of Music	1,295.26		1,295.26	2,378.26
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	22,073.94	0.00	22,073.94	51,446.42
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE):	6,121.69	0.00	6,121.69	(822.57)
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward	16,897.39			19,498.30
Total funds carried forward	20,926.30			16,897.39

South Chiltern Choral Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of South Chiltern Choral Society ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

Richard Lonsdale MAAT

10 Longhurst Close

Caversham

Reading

RG4 5ER

15th Febraury 2024



South Chiltern Choral Society
For the Year Ended 31 July 2023

BALANCE SHEET

	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS:		
Music Library	4,184.00	4,503.00
Equipment - Piano	3,000.00	4,000.00
Equipment - Staging	500.00	1,000.00
Equipment - Organ & Misc	750.00	1,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	70.00	93.78
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:	<u>8,504.00</u>	<u>10,596.78</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Debtors	0.00	305.00
Cash	169.71	130.65
Bank account	12,872.49	10,913.30
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	<u>13,042.20</u>	<u>11,348.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	21,546.20	21,945.73
LIABILITIES:		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	619.90	5,048.34
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES:	<u>619.90</u>	<u>5,048.34</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	<u>20,926.30</u>	<u>16,897.39</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:		
Unrestricted Funds	20,926.30	16,897.39
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	<u>20,926.30</u>	<u>16,897.39</u>
Reconciliation of funds		
total brought forward	16897.39	19498.3
total funds carried forward	20926.3	16897.39

Richard Larkin - Chair

Raymond Maguire- Treasurer

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South Chiltern Choral Society
For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

Notes to the Accounts

1 Membership subscriptions

	2024	2023
Number of members paying subscriptions	83	82

Voluntary income:

Membership fees received	11,657.00	10,803.24
Friends fees received	185.00	279.00
Sub-total Voluntary income:	<u>11,842.00</u>	<u>11,082.24</u>

Charitable activities:

	income	expenditur	surplus	
Chilcott W/shop	1748.24	1954.91	(206.67)	330.00
donation		200	(200.00)	
			<u>(406.67)</u>	
			<u>11,435.33</u>	<u>11,412.24</u>

2 Donations

	2024	2023
General donations	20.00	5,774.04

3 Gift Aid

	2024	2023
Income Tax refunded	1,804.64	1,689.13



South Chiltern Choral Society

For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

Notes to the Accounts (contd)

4 Concert Income and Expenditure

	Xmas Concert	Spring Concert	Summer Concert	Total 2024	Total 2023
INCOME:					
Charitable activities					
Tickets	3,606.88	3,042.49	1,430.04	8,079.41	7,393.84
Misc Sales	237.31	187.47	152.15	576.93	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>3,844.19</u>	<u>3,229.96</u>	<u>1,582.19</u>	<u>8,656.34</u>	<u>7,393.84</u>
EXPENDITURE:					
Charitable activities					
Hall Hire	1,349.60	1,399.50	900.00	3,649.10	3,685.87
Staging / Lighting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,587.38
Music Hire	0.00	335.00	37.85	372.85	1,865.14
Musical Director	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
Accompanist	350.00	350.00	350.00	1,050.00	1,125.00
Soloists/ orchestra	125.00	1,815.00	0.00	1,940.00	2,644.45
Piano Tuning / First Aid	160.00	90.00	90.00	340.00	410.00
Publicity/Programmes	224.00	174.00	156.00	554.00	553.00
Miscellaneous	55.74	21.00	21.00	97.74	0.00
Refreshments	265.50	89.84	75.40	430.74	832.52
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	<u>3,029.84</u>	<u>4,774.34</u>	<u>2,130.25</u>	<u>9,934.43</u>	<u>16,503.36</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	<u>814.35</u>	<u>(1,544.38)</u>	<u>(548.06)</u>	<u>(1,278.09)</u>	<u>(9,109.52)</u>

Note 1

Programmes were free for Easter and Summer concerts.



South Chiltern Choral Society

For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

Notes to the Accounts (contd)

5 Fundraising	2024 Income	2024 Expenditure	2024 Surplus	2023 Surplus
quiz/barn			0.00	787.67
Promises	2,634.00	0.00	2,634.00	
Gifts				44.65
TOTAL	2,634.00	0.00	2,634.00	832.32

6 Sale and hire of music	2024 income	2024 expenditure	2024 surplus	2023
Income from sale and hire of music	1,490.41		1,490.41	755.60
Expenditure on purchase and hire of music		(1,295.26)	(1,295.26)	(2,378.26)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,490.41	(1,295.26)	195.15	(1,622.66)

7 Choir Tour	2024	2023
		Bruges
Income	0.00	20,460.00
Expenditure	0.00	(19,717.89)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	0.00	742.11

8 Administration Expenses	2024	2023
Publicity		51.07
Other (1)	98.34	355.82
General Overheads	711.41	587.34
TOTAL	809.75	994.23

Trustees are entitled to claim reasonable expenses for travel to committee meetings.

However, no payments were made in the year

9 Remuneration to trustees

No remunerations were made to trustees in the year

10 Cost of rehearsals	2024	2023
Rehearsal hall hire fees (2)	2,224.59	2,996.00
Music director's / voice training fees (2)	2,960.00	3,810.00
Accompanists's fees	2,540.00	2,660.00
Piano tuning	155.00	80.00
TOTAL	7,879.59	9,546.00

note 1 2023 Included a donation to Hills School. This year treated as charitable activity

note 2 the hall hire fees and MD charge include the voice training in 2022-3
Chilcott for this year has been treated as a charitable activity

South Chiltern Choral Society
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

R. J. Lonsdale

Richard Lonsdale MAAT
10 Longhurst Close
Caversham
Reading
RG4 5ER
20 September 2024

SOUTH CHILTERN CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 297583

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **August 1 2022** To **July 31 2023**

Charity name: South Chiltern Choral Society

Charity registration number: 297583

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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 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	Training of the choir membership in choral singing. Public concert performances in December 2022, March 2023 & July 2023, including children from The Hill Primary School at the Christmas concert. Raising of funds for selected charities
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	YES

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The choir promotes singing in schools. In this financial year the choir granted £ 200 to The Hill Primary School
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All roles within the choir are voluntary, except for the Music Director, Accompanist and Soloists / Instrumentalists at concerts.

Other		N/A
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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	<p>The choir has managed to continue operating during the COVID epidemic, including rehearsals via Zoom.</p> <p>The singing has benefited our members both physically and mentally.</p> <p>We brought choral music to audiences of 100-200 members of the local community three times per year. We have also supported The Hill Primary School in their singing</p> <p>We have loaned choral music to other choirs from our extensive library.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The choir raised funds for a selected local charity at the Christmas concert.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the end of the period the choir held £ 16,897 of assets of which £ 6,300 was current cash (cash)</p> <p>This is a relatively low cash balance at the end of the year and the choir is taking steps to increase reserves during 2023-2024.</p> <p>Membership remains strong.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The choir only holds sufficient reserves for its operation.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£ 6,300
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any	Para 1.23	N/A

uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions, concert income and fund-raising activities
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Like all amateur choirs, we rely on members' subscriptions as their main source of our income. We also require to raise funds from ticket sales to fund our public concerts. The choir has a vibrant and active membership, and this risk is therefore minimal
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Trustees are elected at the annual AGM meeting held in September each year. 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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South Chiltern Choral Society
Other name the charity uses	SCCS
Registered charity number	297583
Charity's principal address	Braeburn, Goring Rd Woodcote Reading Oxon RG8 0QE UK map

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	Richard Larkin	Chair		
2	Mary Esslemont	Secretary		
3	Raymond Maguire	Treasurer		
4	Anthony Barry	Librarian		
5	Anne Farley	Membership Secretary		
6	Jane Pares	Publicity		
7	Sara Capaldi			
8				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and	N/A

segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Financial Examiner	Richard Lonsdale	10 Longhurst Close Caversham Reading RG4 5ER

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Richard George Larkin	Raymond Maguire
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
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Date

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	Total
INCOME FROM:				
Voluntary Income				
Membership Subscriptions	10,803.24		10,803.24	9,060.83
Friends	279.00		279.00	inc
Donations	5,774.04		5,774.04	0.00
Gift Aid	1,689.13		1,689.13	1,115.27
Charitable activities				
Concert tickets and programmes	7,393.84		7,393.84	8,446.39
Members tuition fees	330.00		330.00	0.00
Sundry income	0.00		0.00	0.00
Other activities				
Choir tour (1)	20,460.00		20,460.00	1,485.00
Fundraising activities	3,139.00		3,139.00	130.21
Sale & Hire of Music	755.60		755.60	1,311.18
TOTAL INCOME:	50,623.85	0.00	50,623.85	21,548.88
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Costs of raising voluntary income				
Raising funds	2,306.68		2,306.68	0.00
Charitable activities				
Administration Fees and Insurance	994.23		994.23	691.92
Concert payments	16,503.36		16,503.36	15,414.59
Rehearsals	9,546.00		9,546.00	9,097.09
Other activities				
Choir tour	19,717.89		19,717.89	0.00
Purchase & Hire of Music	2,378.26		2,378.26	1,382.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	51,446.42	0.00	51,446.42	26,586.00
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE):	(822.57)	0.00	(822.57)	(5,037.12)
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward	19,498.30			26,781.98
Total funds carried forward	16,897.39			19,498.30

Note 1

There was no choir tour in 2022, but the choir received a £ 1,485 rebate on unsued airline vouchers

South Chiltern Choral Society

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Signed:

Richard Lonsdale MAAT

10 Longhurst Close

Caversham

Reading

RG4 5ER

15th February 2024



South Chiltern Choral Society
For the Year Ended 31 July 2023

BALANCE SHEET

	2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS:		
Music Library	4,503.00	4,540.00
Equipment - Piano	4,000.00	7,731.10
Equipment - Staging	1000	inc
Equipment - Organ & Misc	1,000.00	inc
Furniture & Fixtures	93.78	104.02
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:	<u>10,596.78</u>	<u>12,375.12</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Debtors	305.00	0.00
Cash	130.65	102.50
Bank account	10,913.30	7,020.68
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	<u>11,348.95</u>	<u>7,123.18</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	21,945.73	19,498.30
LIABILITIES:		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5,048.34	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES:	<u>5,048.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	<u>16,897.39</u>	<u>19,498.30</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:		
Unrestricted Funds	16,897.39	19,498.30
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	<u>16,897.39</u>	<u>19,498.30</u>

Richard Larkin - Chair

Raymond Maguire- Treasurer

The Examiner's report is on Page 2 of this report

Notes to the Accounts

1 Membership subscriptions

	2023	2022
Number of members paying subscriptions	82	84
Voluntary income:		
Membership fees received	10,803.24	9,060.83
Friends fees received	279.00	inc above
Sub-total Voluntary income:	<u>11,082.24</u>	<u>9,060.83</u>
Charitable activities:		
Tuition fees received	330.00	0.00
Total	<u>11,412.24</u>	<u>9,060.83</u>

2 Donations

	2023	2022
General donations	5,774.04	0.00

3 Gift Aid

	2023	2022
Income Tax refunded	1,689.13	1,115.27



South Chiltern Choral Society

For the Year Ended 31 July 2023

Notes to the Accounts (contd)

4 Concert Income and Expenditure

	Xmas Concert	Spring Concert	Summer Concert	Total 2023	Total 2022
INCOME:	Charitable activities				
Tickets	2,722.98	2,765.00	1,905.86	7,393.84	8,172.84
Programmes (1)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	273.55
Refreshments (1)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>2,722.98</u>	<u>2,765.00</u>	<u>1,905.86</u>	<u>7,393.84</u>	<u>8,446.39</u>
EXPENDITURE:	Charitable activities				
Hall Hire	781.00	1,845.17	1,059.70	3,685.87	11,747.73
Staging / Lighting	524.38	3,063.00		3,587.38	inc
Music Hire	824.42	1,040.72		1,865.14	1,382.40
Musical Director	600.00	600.00	600.00	1,800.00	1,350.00
Accompanist	350.00	350.00	425.00	1,125.00	600.00
Soloists		2,644.45		2,644.45	1,175.00
Piano Tuning / First Aid	160.00	90.00	160.00	410.00	70.00
Publicity	180.00	295.00	78.00	553.00	541.86
Refreshments	241.42	484.50	106.60	832.52	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	<u>3,661.22</u>	<u>10,412.84</u>	<u>2,429.30</u>	<u>16,503.36</u>	<u>16,866.99</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	<u>(938.24)</u>	<u>(7,647.84)</u>	<u>(523.44)</u>	<u>(9,109.52)</u>	<u>(8,420.60)</u>

Note 1

Programmes and concert refreshments were free in the 2022-2023 season



South Chiltern Choral Society

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Notes to the Accounts (contd)

5 Fundraising	2023 Income	2023 Expenditure	2023 Surplus	2022 Surplus
Quizes	1,749.00	688.58	1,060.42	0.00
Barn Dance	585.00	857.75	(272.75)	0.00
Gifts	805.00	760.35	44.65	130.21
TOTAL	3,139.00	2,306.68	832.32	130.21

6 Sale and hire of music	2023	2022
Income from sale and hire of music	755.60	1,311.18
Expenditure on purchase and hire of music	(2,378.26)	(1,382.40)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(1,622.66)	(71.22)

7 Choir Tour	2023 Bruges	2022
Income (1)	20,155.00	1,485.00
Expenditure	(2,378.26)	0.00
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	17,776.74	1,485.00

8 Administration Expenses	2023	2022
Publicity	51.07	0.00
Other	355.82	0.00
General Overheads	587.34	691.92
TOTAL	994.23	691.92

Trustees are entitled to claim reasonable expenses for travel to committee meetings. However, no payments were made in the year

9 Remuneration to trustees

No remunerations were made to trustees in the year

10 Cost of rehearsals	2023	2022
Rehearsal hall hire fees	2,996.00	2,664.00
Music director's / voice training fees	3,810.00	3,571.00
Accompanists's fees	2,660.00	2,722.00
Piano tuning	80.00	140.00
TOTAL	9,546.00	9,097.00

Note 1

There was no choir tour in 2022, but the choir received a £ 1,485 rebate on unsued airline vouchers

South Chiltern Choral Society Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of South Chiltern Choral Society ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for 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 Charity'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.

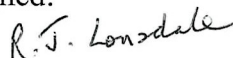
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



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15 February 2024