

HEREFORD CHORAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE'S REPORT 2022/23 SEASON

1. The Society is a registered charity (No 508140) whose management is in the hands of a committee elected annually by the members.

2. **Managing Committee 22/23**

Chairman	Mrs P White	Hon Librarian	Mrs F Roper
Hon Secretary	Mr M Ewins	Hon Advertising Secretary	Vacant
Hon Treasurer	Mrs R Soble	Hon Assistant Secretary	Mrs A Wright
Hon Friends' Secretary	Mrs Nia O Byrne	Hon Concert Manager	Mr David Laws
Hon Publicity Secretary and Vice -Chair	Mr Mark Ewins	Hon Deputy Concert Manager	Mr Michael Hasler
Hon Programme Editor	Dr Ian Roper	Hon Ticket Secretary	Mrs H Yellin
Hon Press Secretary	Mrs Jenni Axtell		

Musical advice is given by the Society's Conductor, Mr Geraint Bowen and by the Accompanist, Mr Peter Dyke.

3. The Society can be contacted through the Hon Secretary at Marlands, Longtown, HR2 0PD.
4. The Society's banker is Santander Business Banking, Sunderland SR43 4FW.

5. **Objectives**

To Educate the public in the Arts and the Sciences, in particular the art of Music, by the presentation of concerts and by the preparation of members for participation in the annual meetings of The Three Choirs Festivals of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester. To also provide an annual choral workshop to which non-members are invited.

6. During the year the Society gave three concerts:

Nov 2022 *Walton-Balshazzar's Feast, Vaughan-Williams-Toward The Unknown Region*
 Stamford-Songs of the Fleet

Dec 2022 *Handel-Messiah*

March 2023 *Monteverdi-Vespers of 1610*

March 2023 *Sing for Fun Workshop, Beethoven-Mass in C*

A total of 1114 people attended the concerts (994 for 2021/2022).
110 attended the workshop (120 for 2022)

7. **Financial Report**

- a) The attached accounts are not-statutory accounts
- b) The accounts comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2000
- c) The Financial Year End for Hereford Choral Society is to 31st July

Assets

Staging £400
Stands £400

- d) Income is recognised when it becomes due to the Society. Donations are taken into account in the financial year to which they refer
- e) Netting expenditure against related income has not occurred this year

f) Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st July 2023

Resources Arising	Year Ended 31/07/22	Year Ended 31/07/23
Concert Income	18352	21610
Subscriptions	16430	19240
Bank Interest	0	0
Gift Aid Refund	3771	3746
Fundraising	5476	4728
Major Donations	0	0
Corporate Members and Sponsors	1750	3000
Donations	0	0
Sing for Fun Workshop	1365	1690
Resources arising in the year	47144	54014
Resources Used		
Concert Expenditure	44381	44338
General (room hire honoraria etc)	7365	7659
Sing for Fun Workshop	1143	1074
Resources used in the year	52889	53071
Increase (Decrease) in resources	-5745	943

g) In 2022-2023 There were no corporate members, no major donations and no bequests

h) Reconciliation of Funds

	Year Ended 31/7/22	Year Ended 31/7/23
Balance brought forward at 1st August	43219	37474
Decrease in resources retained	-5745	
Increase in resources retained		943
	37474	38417
Represented by		
Tangible fixed assests	800	800
Bank Balances	36674	33846
Nominal gift aid due		3771
	37474	38417

P. White

P White Hon Chairman

17.5.24

R Soble

R Soble Hon Treasurer

20th May '24

HEREFORD CHORAL SOCIETY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31st JULY 2023

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		2023	2022	2021
INCOME				
Concerts	Tickets	19,752	16,502	
	Programmes & Adverts	1,858	1,850	
		21,610	18,352	-
General	Subscriptions	16,165	16,430	
	Friends and Patrons	3,075	2,945	1,980
	Bank Interest	-	-	
	Gift Aid	3,746	3,771	3,969
	Sponsorship	3,000	-	
	Open Garden	3,946		
	Workshops	1,690	1,365	
		31,622	24,511	5,949
Fundraising	200 Club			
	Raffle	569		50
	Other - fund raising	213	4,281	
		782	4,281	50
		£54,014	£47,144	£5,999
EXPENDITURE				
Concert Fees	Orchestra & Lay Clerks	17,898	18,467	120
	Soloists	6,600	7,700	
	Conductor & Accompanist	7,080	4,265	2,693
	Orchestral & Choral Parts	1,387	679	
	Chamber Organ	640	765	
	Printing	996	1,273	68
	Hire of Cathedral & storage of staging	9,737	11,002	
	First Aid	-	230	
		44,338	44,381	2,881
Fundraising	200 Club	-	-	
	Cost of sales at rehearsals	21	-	
		21	-	
General	Rehearsal Rooms	956	-	
	Honoraria	3,991	5,385	
	Auditions	474	-	
	Publicity	997	123	
	PRS	-	324	
	Making Music - Insurance	508	502	497
	Admin	0	831	533
	Phone line	42		
	Charitable Donations Close House	110		
	Sum up Machines	120		
	Workshops	1,074	1,143	
	Accountancy	440	200	200
		8,712	8,508	164
		£53,071	£52,889	£3,045
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		£943	(£5,745)	£2,954

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st JULY 2023

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TANGIBLE ASSETS	2023	2022
Staging	400	400
Less: Depreciation	-	-
	400	400
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock of Stands	400	400
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	3,771	3,771
	4,171	4,171
Bank Accounts		
Girobank	33,839	32,896
Barclays 10 Day Deposit	6	6
Barclays Bond Maturity	1	1
	33,846	32,903
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Income in advance	-	-
Accruals	-	-
	£38,417	£37,474

RESERVES

General Account		
Opening balance	37,474	43,219
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	943	(5,745)

TOTAL FUNDS

£38,417

£37,474

Signed: *P. White*
Dated: *9th Oct. 2023*
Pamela White - Chairperson

Signed: *Rachel Soble*
Dated: *9th October 2023*
Rachel Soble - Hon Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF HEREFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st July 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act; and
 - ii) to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CHRIS HAYWOOD ASSOCIATES
Clodock
Herefordshire

Dated: *25/9/2023*

Chris Haywood