

HEREFORD CHORAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE'S REPORT 2023/24 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 23/24**

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	Ms Bea Morris	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 Lucy Walden
Hon Press Secretary	Mrs Jenni Axtell	Hon membership Secretary	Miss Lucy Hargrove

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 2023 *Bach Mass in B Minor*

Dec 2022 *Handel-Messiah*

March 2023 *Mathias-This WordesJoie*

March 2023 Sing for Fun Workshop, *Faure-Requiem*

A total of 1115 people attended the concerts (1114 for 2022/2023).

104 attended the workshop (110 for 2023)

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 2024

Resources Arising	Year Ended 31/07/23	Year Ended 31/07/24
Concert Income	21610	20611
Subscriptions	19240	20119
Bank Interest	0	326
Gift Aid Refund	3746	3962
Fundraising	4728	2150
Major Donations	0	0
Corporate Members and Sponsors	3000	6450
Donations	0	0
Sing for Fun Workshop	1690	2097
Resources arising in the year	54014	57624
Resources Used		
Concert Expenditure	44338	47269
General (room hire honoraria etc)	7659	9895
Sing for Fun Workshop	1074	878
Resources used in the year	53071	58042
Increase (Decrease) in resources	943	-418

g) In 2023-2024 There were no corporate members, no major donations and no bequests

h) Reconciliation of Funds

	<u>Year Ended 31/7/23</u>	<u>Year Ended 31/7/24</u>
Balance brought forward at 1 st August	37474	38417
Decrease in resources retained	0	418
Increase in Resources retained	943	0
Represented by	38417	37999
Tangible fixed assets	800	800
Bank Balances	33846	33099

P White Hon Chairman

R Soble Hon Treasurer

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FOR THE YEAR TO 31st JULY 2024

HEREFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st JULY 2024

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TANGIBLE ASSETS	2024	2023
Staging	400	400
Less: Depreciation		
	400	400
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock of Stands	400	400
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	4,100	3,771
	4,500	4,171
Bank Accounts		
Girobank	8,066	33,839
Barclays 10 Day Deposit	6	6
Barclays Bond Maturity	25,027	1
	33,099	33,846
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Income in advance		
Accruals		
	£37,999	£38,417

RESERVES

General Account		
Opening balance	38,417	37,474
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(418)	943

TOTAL FUNDS

£37,999	£38,417
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Signed *P. White*
 Dated *7.10.24*
 Pamela White - Chairperson

Signed *Rachel Soble*
 Dated *31st Oct 24*
 Rachel Soble - Hon Treasurer

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

Report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st July 2024, 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(2) 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, 23rd September 2024

HEREFORD CHORAL SOCIETY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31st JULY 2024

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		2024	2023	2022
INCOME				
Concerts	Tickets	19,037	19,752	16,502
	Programmes & Adverts	1,574	1,858	1,850
		20,611	21,610	18,352
General	Subscriptions	17,793	16,165	16,430
	Friends and Patrons	2,326	3,075	2,945
	Bank Interest	326	-	-
	Gift Aid	3,962	3,746	3,771
	Sponsorship	6,450	3,000	-
	Stage Hire	745	-	-
	Open Garden	1,164	3,946	-
	Workshops	2,097	1,690	1,365
		34,863	31,622	24,511
Raising	200 Club	-	-	-
	Raffle	634	569	-
	Sponsored Swirl	812	-	-
	Other - fund raising	704	213	4,281
		2,150	782	4,281
		£57,624	£54,014	£47,144

EXPENDITURE

Concert Fees	Orchestra & Lay Clerks	20,109	17,898	18,467
	Soloists	7,750	6,600	7,700
	Conductor & Accompanist	5,160	7,080	4,265
	Orchestral & Choral Parts	1,670	1,387	679
	Chamber Organ	293	640	765
	Printing	1,195	996	1,273
	Hire of Cathedral & storage of staging	11,092	9,737	11,002
	First Aid	-	-	230
		47,269	44,338	44,381
Fundraising	200 Club	-	-	-
	Cost of sales at rehearsals	40	21	-
		40	21	-
Operational	Rehearsal Rooms	1,674	956	-
	Honoraria	5,485	3,991	5,385
	Auditions	436	474	-
	Publicity	337	997	123
	PRS	412	-	324
	Making Music - insurance	675	508	502
	Admin	126	-	831
	Phone line	0	42	-
	Charitable Donations Close House	270	110	-
	Sum up Machines	0	120	-
	Workshops	878	1,074	1,143
	Accountancy	440	440	200
		10,733	8,712	8,508
		£58,042	£53,071	£52,889

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

Surplus / of Income over
Expenditure

£943

HEREFORD CHORAL SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 31st JULY 2024

HISTORY OF PAST PROFITS & LOSSES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>
2024	
BANK BALANCE WAS £33,000	
2023	£ 943
OPEN GARDEN EVENT	
2022	
2021	£ 2,954
(NO EVENTS)	
2020	
2019	£ 16,041
(BIG DONATION)	
2018	£ 4,002
2017	
2016	
2015	
BANK BALANCE WAS £33,000	
2014	
2013	£ 1,452
2012	
2011	£ 1,638
2010	£ 3,995
175 ANNIVERSARY YEAR.	
BANK BALANCE WAS £60,000!	

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