

Chairman

**Risca Male Choir
Year Ended 31 March 2024**

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Risca Male Choir

Trustees annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Risca Male Choir (hereinafter referred to as RMC) are based at St Mary's Street, Risca, and are registered with the Charity Commissioners (513058), and are governed by their constitution as revised and adopted 15th August 2019.

The management committee comprises four officers (the trustees) and twelve general committee members.

Officers and Trustees

Chairman	Paul Phillips
Secretary	David Tutton
Treasurer	David Rowlands
Vice Chairman	Leigh Tucker

The twelve general committee members between them, take on the duties of cashier/subscriptions, patrons administration, ticket sales, concert secretary, publicity/PR coordination, recordings sales coordination, librarian, janitor, stage manager, social secretary, transport coordination, staging and concert equipment coordination, welfare, wardrobe coordination, membership administration and website/social media administration.

Election of officers

The positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are held for a nominal renewable term of three years. The position of chairman and vice chairman come up for election in June 2025, the position of secretary and the position of treasurer continue, thereby giving continuity to the office of RMC.

Election of general committee members

Election of the general committee members is timed such that approximately half of the positions become vacant each year thereby giving further continuity to the control and administration of RMC.

Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of RMC are to foster and promote the appreciation of music in all aspects, coordinating with local authorities, educational institutions and cultural societies to achieve successful outcomes, and to promote male choral work both nationally and internationally.

The committee make all efforts to adhere to the guidance given by the Charity Commission re public benefit when planning activities. RMC welcomes all male singers regardless of personal background. RMC will consider all requests to raise funds for any public or private organization that cares to approach the organization. RMC will make all effort to ensure that members of the public have a pleasurable experience whilst attending our events.

The choir is essentially a body of volunteers that endeavors to give concerts and events of high quality to a wide audience. At all times RMC is keen to recruit new members to experience good music, to help raise funds for needy causes, to experience the comradeship from other choristers, and the appreciation from those who attend our events.

The choir has no employees, however nominal honoraria payments are made to the Music Director, the concert and rehearsal accompanist and to the four officers and trustees. No other payments were made to any other RMC member. A nominal fee to cover expenses, is made to the independent examiner of the accounts.

Risca Male Choir has recorded a very busy year. We are a community choir, some mid-fifties strong and also have a strong backing of patrons living in the vicinity of Risca.

In May the choir visited Chester where we arranged two charity concerts held in High Bebbington, Wirral and Hoole, Chester, in support of local causes. In July RMC successfully competed in the equal voice choir section at the International Elsteddfod in Llangollen

Other charity concerts were at in St. Basils Church, Bassaleg for Ty Hafon, Memorial Concert, Cardiff for emergency services, Children's Wish at Moriah Chapel, Risca, and in November two remembrance services, again at Moriah Chapel Risca and Abercarn for the Royal British Legion.

Throughout the year, the choir has attended services at funerals and weddings as called upon within the local community.

The annual concert in October was followed by a Christmas themed concert in December at the Coleg Gwent, Crosskeys, as fund raising events. These concerts help to ensure that fees for the membership of Risca Male Choir are held as low as possible. Additionally, the choir has visited the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport to entertain corporate functions as a means of choir fund raising.

In January 2024, with the dual purpose of fund raising and also attracting new members, a major charity fund raising effort was begun for the MND Association. This event involved recruiting a new choir specially set up to sing for a one-off concert to be held in May at Rougemont School, Newport, in May 2024. This brilliant one-off event proved very successful and will be reported in the next financial year.

David Rowlands - Treasurer
For and on behalf of the Management Committee of RMC

David Rowlands

P. Phillips

P. Phillips . Chairman RMC

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Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Year Ended 31 March 2023 £	Year Ended 31 March 2024 £	Variance £
Subscriptions	5,983.00	6,167.50	184.50
Patrons Club Membership	685.00	1,385.00	700.00
Ticket and Programme Sales	2,181.00	4,933.79	2,752.79
Concert Fees	2,250.00	6,500.00	4,250.00
Weddings / Functions /Funerals	2,640.00	6,400.00	3,760.00
CD Sales	126.00	267.00	141.00
Donations	3,060.80	2,328.02	-732.78
Sponsors Adverts	100.00	970.00	870.00
Gift aid	3,062.87	0	-3,062.87
Tour Contributions	14,665.00	8,105.05	-6,559.95
MND	0	227.60	227.60
Miscellaneous Sales	530.00	319.72	-210.28
Interest Received	200.84	785.23	584.39
Total Choir Receipts for the Year	35,484.51	38,388.91	2,904.40

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Receipts and Payments Account continued...

Payments	Year Ended 31 March 2023 £	Year Ended 31 March 2024 £	Variance £
MD Fees	9,298.00	8,637.00	-661.00
Accompanist Fees	0.00	4,870.00	4,870.00
Choir Artistes	675.00	2,080.00	1,405.00
Honoraria	750.00	750.00	0.00
Venue Hire	93.00	100.00	7.00
Electricity	279.16	835.01	555.85
Gas	664.38	1,082.33	417.95
Maintenance	1675.13	610.10	-1,065.03
Insurance	1338.17	1454.23	116.06
Watre Rates	136.86	163.70	26.84
Rent CCBC	50.00	50.00	0.00
Legal / Accountancy fees	0.00	50.00	50.00
PR and Publicity	145.00	205.99	60.99
Music	2319.00	871.20	-1,447.80
Uniforms	250.00	3184.99	2,934.99
Office costs (Printing, Postage, Stationery, etc.)	466.82	1282.11	815.29
Travel Costs	0.00	3000.00	3,000.00
Internet / Website	840.00	1558.00	718.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	245.32	1100.61	855.29
Tour Deposits and Balancing Payments	3454.99	24394.00	20,939.01
Donations	354.00	50.00	-304.00
Total Choir Payments for the Year	23,034.83	56,329.27	33,294.44
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	12,449.68	-17,940.36	-30,390.04

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1. Summary of Fund Movements

	Choir Fund
Balance b/f at 31 March 2023	68,461.59
Plus receipts	38,388.91
Less payments	- 56,329.27
Balance c/f at 31 March 2024	<u>50,521.23</u>
Deficit for the year	<u>- 17,940.36</u>

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2024

2.1 Monetary Assets

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
<u>Choir - Cash</u>		
Cash in hand	334.79	250.04
Funds at bank - current account	1,704.20	25,614.54
Funds at bank - deposit account	20,225.50	11,756.67
Funds at bank - MND Fund	227.60	-
Funds at bank - Designated Fund	14,054.02	15,421.02
Funds at bank - clothing a/c	-	1,857.67
Funds at Building Society.	13,975.12	13,561.65
Total	<u>50,521.23</u>	<u>68,461.59</u>
<u>Debtors</u>		
Chorister tour contributions	10,161.20	2,032.00
Chorister tour food contributions	32.50	-
Chorister subscriptions	52.00	-
Gift Aid - to be claimed in 2025 year	2,395.13	-
Total	<u>12,640.83</u>	<u>2,032.00</u>
<u>Creditors</u>		
Tour balance outstanding (incl. food)	19,099.65	20,344.00
Tour refunds owed	-	1,240.00
RMC Uniform - balancing payment	7,650.00	-
Total	<u>26,749.65</u>	<u>21,584.00</u>
Total Monetary Assets	<u>36,412.41</u>	<u>48,909.59</u>

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2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2024 continued...

2.2 Non-Monetary Assets
Stocks

Item	Date Bought	Items	Original Cost Value	Current Sales Value	Current Stock Value at 31 March 2024
C. Discs					
A Classic Collection	Various	309	4.39	6.00	1,356.51
Merry Christmas	Various	100	4.39	6.00	439.00
A Celebration	Various	92	4.39	6.00	403.88
Hiraeth	Jun-07	111	4.39	6.00	487.29
Sin The Movies	Sep-04	379	3.36	6.00	1,273.44
Rolling on the Legacy	Dec-20	61	2.00	6.00	122.00
Lennon & McCartney	Various	86	1.77	6.00	152.22
Seasons Greetings (Black)	Jul-09	51	2.00	6.00	102.00
Sings the Shows	Sep-09	735	2.50	6.00	1,837.50
Mining the Archives VI	Jan-20	618	2.50	10.00	1,545.00
Mining the Archives VII	Sep-10	203	5.00	10.00	1,015.00
Winter Wonderland	Sep-11	768	2.50	6.00	1,920.00
Xmas Variations (Red)	Feb-12	42	2.50	6.00	105.00
Books					
40th Anniversary Book	Dec-12	59	4.33	5.00	255.47
Ties					
All ties	Various	142	Average 4.83	9.00	685.86
		3756		TOTAL	11,700.17

Used stocks of ties (19 items) and choir wear (126 items) deemed to have no realisable value

2.3 Assets

Item	Date Bought/(Years Life)	Number	Original Value £ each	Current Value Factor	Current Net Book Value
Stage - Systems Staging	2015 / 10 (1.5)	1	1,361.56	0.15	204.23
Stepladders	2022 / 5 (2)	2	132.00	0.4	52.80
Yamaha Piano	2023 / 10 (8)	1	2,020.00	0.8	1,616.00
Photocopier	2024 / 5 (4)	1	990.00	0.8	792.00
Sumup Card Machine	2024 / 5 (4)	1	166.80	0.8	133.44
Chorister Folders	2024 / 5 (4)	1	600.00	0.8	480.00
				Net Value	3,278.47

Total Non-Monetary Assets

14,978.64

Net book value in previous year	2,283.50
Add: Additions in year	1,756.80
Less: NBV at 31 March 2024	<u>3,278.47</u>
Depreciation charge 2024	<u>761.83</u>

Assets which have no book value are not shown in the accounts

Total Monetary Assets	36,412.41
Total Non-Monetary Assets	<u>14,978.64</u>
Total Assets of Choir	<u>51,391.05</u>

David Rowlands - Treasurer
For and on behalf of the Management Committee

Ben Masters F.C.A - Independent Reviewer

David Rowlands Date 16.06.2024
Ben Masters Date 24/06/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of RISCA MALE CHOIR

I report on the accounts of the Risca Male Choir for the year ended **31 March 2024** that are set out on pages 1 to 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The trustees are satisfied that the accounts are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of Risca Male Choir'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 Risca Male Choir as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

As the 2023 accounts at this time have not been submitted to the Charities Commission, and given that I did not complete the Independent Review in the previous year, I have been unable to confirm that the comparative figures in the accounts are accurate. I have been provided with the signed Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 which contains no areas of concern, and for that reason I have no cause to doubt the comparative figures provided by the Treasurer, and will accept his assurances on them for the purposes of this review.

I have no other concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 24/06/2024

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