

Risca Male Choir
Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Risca Male Choir

Trustees annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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	Timothy Stone

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

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 Leeds where we arranged two charity concerts held in support of local causes. Other charity events include two appearances at community homes for the elderly and appearances at Moriah Chapel for remembrance services for the Royal British Legion.

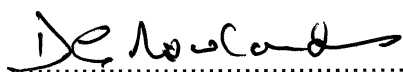
In August, RMC successfully competed at the National Eisteddfod held in Pontypridd, winning the male choral group competition. Matthew Harrison, RMC Musical Director, won best MD in the competition.

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

A Christmas themed concert was held in Cwmbran (November) followed by a similar show 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. Substantial funds were raised for the local MND society in Gwent.

In 2025 a similar project is underway with Prostate Cancer Wales.



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

Date: ...30/06/25.....


Chairman, Risca Male Choir

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Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	Year Ended 31 March 2024 £	Year Ended 31 March 2025 £	Variance £
Subscriptions	6,167.50	11,113.98	4,946.48
Patrons Club Membership	1385.00	1,490.00	105.00
Ticket and Programme Sales	4,933.79	5,111.80	178.01
Concert Fees	6,500.00	6,054.50	-445.50
Weddings / Functions /Funerals	6,400.00	4,070.00	-2,330.00
CD Sales	267.00	412.00	145.00
Donations	2,328.02	721.43	-1,606.59
Sponsors Adverts	970.00	0.00	-970.00
Gift aid	0.00	0	0.00
Tour Contributions	8,105.05	14,254.05	6,149.00
MND	228	11423.34	11,195.74
Miscellaneous Sales	319.72	1222.00	902.28
Interest Received	785.23	886.91	101.68
Total Choir Receipts for the Year	38,388.91	56,760.01	18,371.10

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Receipts and Payments Account continued...

Payments	Year Ended 31 March 2024 £	Year Ended 31 March 2025 £	Variance £
MD Fees	8,637.00	12,340.00	3,703.00
Accompanist Fees	4870.00	5,420.00	550.00
Choir Artistes	2,080.00	1,720.00	-360.00
Honoraria	750.00	500.00	-250.00
Venue Hire	100.00	1,200.00	1,100.00
Electricity	835.01	673.55	-161.46
Gas	1,082.33	1,902.37	820.04
Maintenance	610.10	5207.45	4,597.35
Insurance	1454.23	1828.28	374.05
Water Rates	163.70	171.73	8.03
Rent CCBC	50.00	50.00	0.00
Legal / Accountancy fees	50.00	432.00	382.00
PR and Publicity	205.99	1263.34	1,057.35
Music	871.20	1506.35	635.15
Uniforms	3184.99	2766.96	-418.03
Office costs (Printing, Postage, Stationery, etc.)	1282.11	185.83	-1,096.28
Travel Costs	3000.00	2555.00	-445.00
Internet / Website	1558.00	948.00	-610.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1100.61	389.20	-711.41
Tour Deposits and Balancing Payments	24394.00	22243.50	-2,150.50
MND Fund	0.00	10850.34	10,850.34
Donations	50.00	127.50	77.50
Total Choir Payments for the Year	56,329.27	74,281.40	17,952.13
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(17,940.36)	(17,521.39)	418.97

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Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Summary of Fund Movements

Choir Fund

Balance b/f at 31 March 2024	50,521.23
Plus receipts	56,760.01
Less payments	(74,281.40)
Balance c/f at 31 March 2025	<u>32,999.84</u>
Deficit for the year	<u>(17,521.39)</u>

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2024

2.1 Monetary Assets

31-Mar-25

31-Mar-24

Choir - Cash

Cash in hand	255.97	334.79
Funds at bank - current account	1,374.72	1,704.20
Funds at bank - deposit account	3,736.80	20,225.50
Funds at bank - MND Fund	-	227.60
Funds at bank - Designated Fund	13,180.25	14,054.02
Funds at bank - clothing a/c	-	-
Funds at Building Society.	14,452.10	13,975.12

Total	<u>32,999.84</u>	<u>50,521.23</u>
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Debtors

Chorister tour contributions	9,535.00	10,161.20
Chorister tour food contributions	652.95	32.50
Chorister subscriptions	32.50	52.00
Gift Aid - to be claimed in 2026 year	5,726.48	2,395.13
Total	<u>15,946.93</u>	<u>12,640.83</u>

Creditors

Tour balance outstanding (incl. food)	14,902.95	19,099.65
RMC Uniform - balancing payment	5,178.94	7,650.00
Total	<u>20,081.89</u>	<u>26,749.65</u>

Total Monetary Assets

<u>28,864.88</u>	<u>36,412.41</u>
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Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2025 continued...

2.2 Non-Monetary Assets

Stocks

Item	Date Bought	Items	Original Cost Value	Current Sales Value	Current Stock Value at 31 March 2025	
C. Discs						
A Classic Collection	Various	300	4.39	6.00	1,317.00	
Merry Christmas	Various	93	4.39	6.00	408.27	
A Celebration	Various	82	4.39	6.00	359.98	
Hiraeth	Jun-07	108	4.39	6.00	474.12	
Sing The Movies	Sep-04	373	3.36	6.00	1,253.28	
Rolling on the Legacy	Dec-20	64	2.00	6.00	128.00	
Lennon & McCartney	Various	82	1.77	6.00	145.14	
Seasons Greetings (Black)	Jul-09	51	2.00	6.00	102.00	
Sings the Shows	Sep-09	730	2.50	6.00	1,825.00	
Mining the Archives VI	Jan-20	615	2.50	10.00	1,537.50	
Mining the Archives VII	Sep-10	198	5.00	10.00	990.00	
Winter Wonderland	Sep-11	761	2.50	6.00	1,902.50	
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	91	Average 4.83	9.00	439.53
		3649		TOTAL	11,242.79	

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	0.05	68.08
Stepladders	2022 / 5 (2)	2	132.00	0.2	26.40
Yamaha Piano	2023 / 10 (8)	1	2,020.00	0.7	1,414.00
Photocopier	2024 / 5 (4)	1	990.00	0.6	594.00
Sumup Card Machine	2024 / 5 (4)	1	166.80	0.6	100.08
Chorister Folders	2024 / 5 (4)	1	600.00	0.6	360.00
				Net Value	2,562.56
Total Non-Monetary Assets					13,805.35

Net book value in previous year	3,278.47
Add: Additions in year	-
Less: NBV at 31 March 2025	2,562.56
Depreciation charge 2025	715.92

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

Total Monetary Assets	28,864.88
Total Non-Monetary Assets	13,805.35
Total Assets of Choir	42,670.23

David Rowlands - Treasurer Date

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

Ben Masters F.C.A - Independent Reviewer Date

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Risca Male Choir for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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

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

I have no other 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: 

Date: 30/06/25

Independent Reviewer: **Mr Ben Masters F.C.A**

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