

Streatham Choral Society - registration no. 802195

Streatham Choral

**Report and Annual Accounts
for the year ended 31 July 2023**

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Annual Report for the year to 31 July 2023

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

The AGM was held on 4 July 2022. The trustees elected for the year to 31 July 2023 or co-opted subsequently were:

Chair	Alice Turvey	
Secretary	Martin Gresty	
Treasurer	Carol Harrison	
Membership Secretary	Heloise Anderson	
Librarian	Pete Johnson	
Concert Manager	Hannah Taylor	
Social Secretary	Robin Hartland	
Soprano representatives	Charlotte Reynard	
Alto representative	Kirsty Gelsthorpe & Christina Crook	(until 18/1/2023)
Alto representative	Kirsty Gelsthorpe	(from 18/1/2023)
Tenor representative	Ignacio Jimenez	(until 17/4/2023)
Acting Tenor representative	Ed Mulcahy	(from 17/4/2023)
Bass representative	David Bunbury	
Publicity Manager	Adam Whittaker	(until 18/1/2023)
Publicity Manager	Christina Crook	(from 18/1/2023)

Ex Officio

Musical Director Calum Fraser

Address

The Society meets at St Leonard's Church, Tooting Bec Gardens, Streatham London SW16. Any correspondence should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary at 16 Wentworth Court, 26 Maldon Road, Wallington SM6 8BX

Bankers

The bankers are CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner

The Independent Examiner is Tim Brown ACMA.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Streatham Choral Society is a registered charity governed by a constitution adopted on 20 March 1989, as amended 28 February 2000, 11 November 2002 and 9 May 2018.

Elections and Committee

The trustees of the Society are a Committee elected annually by members of the Society at their annual General Meeting. The Committee holds several meetings a year and is responsible for deciding what bank and building society accounts the Society should hold, and for approving levels of expenditure and reserves.

Objectives and activities

Objects

The objects of the Society are to "promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the Society through its committee may decide from time to time".

In planning our activities the Committee have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging. The Society relies on income from ticket sales and subscriptions to cover its running costs. In setting the level of ticket sales, membership subscriptions and the concessionary rates, the Committee gives careful consideration to those on low incomes.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Accessibility to our concerts is important to us and is reflected in our pricing structure set out in the notes.

We aim to promote and foster knowledge of and appreciation of the arts by putting on Concerts. By this we contribute to the quality of life of the people of Streatham and its environs through the provision of high quality musical events. The Society runs a website and continues to seek other publicity opportunities ensuring that concert details are promoted in the locality. The Society is on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Achievements and performance

During the year to 31 July 2023 the Society performed four concerts, the first full year since Covid. These were:

12 November 2022:	Brahms - Ein Deutsches Requiem and works by Clara Schuman & Fanny Mendelssohn
17 December 2022:	Carols, Songs and Readings
1 April 2023:	Handel - Dixit Dominus, Durante - Magnificat plus orchestral pieces
1 July 2023:	Songs of the Fleet' - works by Vaughan Williams, Stanford and Ireland

This year's music began with Brahms' lyrical Ein Deutsches Requiem followed by two very popular Christmas concerts which raised £1,567.25 for Rape Crisis South London. This enhanced publicity both for the Society and for the charity.

There was also a successful all day 'Come & Sing' in January 2023 working with vocal coaches and culminating in a performance of Rutter's Gloria.

The Spring concert performance of Handel's Dixit Dominus plus orchestral works including Eine Kleine Nachtmusik was very well received. After the Summer concert, the choir rounded off the year with its second tour, this time to Liverpool, with 45 singing members going.

Membership numbers began exceedingly well at 155, remained at that level in the Spring term and then, as is traditional during the Summer term, tailed off a little to end with 134 members.

This leaves us well placed well for the coming 2023/24 season which will include the Mozart Requiem at the Cadogan Hall and a specially commissioned Christmas piece, thanks to a very generous donation.

Financial review

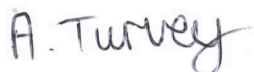
The Society's main source of funds is the income raised by membership subscriptions and ticket sales. Subscriptions are bundled so that they include two free tickets for each concert.

The chief item of expenditure is the cost of hiring musicians for concerts followed by the cost of rehearsals. The Society aims to cover its costs each year and adjusts prices as necessary.

Increased numbers led to a 40% increase in subscription income. This meant a budgeted loss became a surplus despite £15k being spent on concerts.

The overall unrestricted surplus was £5,224 (2022 - surplus £2,301) taking unrestricted reserves up to £35,695. Total unrestricted income amounted to £44,593 (2022 - £37,986) against unrestricted expenditure of £39,369 (2022 - £35,685).

On behalf of the Committee:



Alice Turvey, Chair

Date: 25 September 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF STREATHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

On accounts for the year ended 31 July 2023 (Charity no 802195) set out on pages 4 to 7.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("Streatham Choral Society") for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Streatham Choral Society, 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 Streatham Choral Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:



Name: Timothy Brown ACMA

Address: 18 Beverley Road
Kirk Ella
East Yorkshire
HU10 7QA

Date: 25 September 2023

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 July 2023

	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2021/22
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
<i>Raising funds and other income</i>				
Commission donation	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Raffles and refreshments	2,118.73	-	2,118.73	1,570.95
Charity collection (Christmas & summer concerts)	-	1,817.48	1,817.48	-
Donations	62.50	-	62.50	54.00
Bank deposit & other interest	86.13	-	86.13	3.61
	2,267.36	7,817.48	10,084.84	1,628.56
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Membership subscriptions	29,088.75	-	29,088.75	20,837.50
Gift aid tax recovery against subscriptions	2,859.88	-	2,859.88	1,864.19
Concert income				
Ticket sales	6,183.70	-	6,183.70	11,994.06
Refreshment sales	3,003.70	-	3,003.70	987.50
Programme donations & other	876.47	-	876.47	467.33
Sales of folders	313.13	-	313.13	207.03
	42,325.63	-	42,325.63	36,357.61
Total income	44,592.99	7,817.48	52,410.47	37,986.17
Expenditure on:				
<i>Raising funds</i>				
Raffles and refreshments costs	(185.17)	-	(185.17)	(5.99)
Costs of Social Evening	(99.82)	-	(99.82)	-
	(284.99)	-	(284.99)	(5.99)
<i>Donations made to charity</i>				
Charity donations Rape Crisis South London & St Leonard's Church	-	(1,817.48)	(1,817.48)	-
	-	(1,817.48)	(1,817.48)	-
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Concert costs</i>				
Orchestra, instrumentalists & keyboard players	(5,148.00)	-	(5,148.00)	(6,371.00)
Vocal soloists	(2,400.00)	-	(2,400.00)	(2,500.00)
Conductor	(2,550.00)	-	(2,550.00)	(1,950.00)
Vocal coach	(500.00)	-	(500.00)	-
Concert venues	(2,585.00)	-	(2,585.00)	(7,748.00)
Concert staging	(5,664.00)	-	(5,664.00)	(2,268.00)
Concert hire of instruments & keyboards	(460.00)	-	(460.00)	(848.00)
Vocal assistant	(100.00)	-	(100.00)	-
Concert gifts	(102.68)	-	(102.68)	(147.39)
Music hire - vocal	(1,237.91)	-	(1,237.91)	(910.67)
Concert performing rights fees via Making Music	(226.78)	-	(226.78)	(19.20)
Refreshment costs	(1,218.57)	-	(1,218.57)	(414.87)
Programme costs	(771.87)	-	(771.87)	(644.50)
Costs of folders	(375.24)	-	(375.24)	-
General publicity costs	(294.70)	-	(294.70)	(200.00)
Concert publicity, tickets and posters costs	(2,071.79)	-	(2,071.79)	(594.85)
Concert photography	-	-	-	(200.00)
Concert review	-	-	-	(180.00)
<i>Event/Rehearsal costs</i>				
Conductor	(4,720.00)	-	(4,720.00)	(4,134.00)
Accompanist & vocal sessions	(3,423.00)	-	(3,423.00)	(2,925.00)
Hire rehearsal venues	(3,638.96)	-	(3,638.96)	(3,147.16)
<i>Commission expenditure</i>				
Advance re commission		(3,300.00)	(3,300.00)	-
Committee and secretarial expenses	(329.72)	-	(329.72)	(265.46)
Conductor's podium	(974.00)	-	(974.00)	-
Website & membership costs inc brochures	(84.48)	-	(84.48)	(16.79)
Public liability insurance	(109.20)	-	(109.20)	(92.83)
Bank charges	(86.81)	-	(86.81)	(101.50)
Music lost/late returned	(10.99)	-	(10.99)	-
Old stock written off	-	-	-	-
	(39,083.70)	(3,300.00)	(42,383.70)	(35,679.22)
Total expenditure	(39,368.69)	(5,117.48)	(44,486.17)	(35,685.21)
Net movement in funds	5,224.30	2,700.00	7,924.30	2,300.96
Reconciliation of funds				
Fund balances brought forward at 1 August 2022	30,471.02	-	30,471.02	28,170.06
Fund balances carried forward at 31 July 2023	35,695.32	2,700.00	38,395.32	30,471.02

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these accounts

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Balance sheet at 31 July 2023

		2022/23	2021/22
		£	£
Current assets			
Stock	Concert refreshment stock	190.37	194.65
Debtor	2023/24 Concert costs prepayment	42.00	-
Debtor	(2021/22 Gift aid tax recoverable)	-	1,862.58
Creditor	Performing rights fees	(38.99)	(19.20)
Creditor	(2021/22 Concert After Party income)	-	(345.00)
Cash at bank	CAF Bank - current a/c	37,563.94	28,448.90
	CAF Bank - reserve a/c	1,010.67	1,000.71
		38,574.61	29,449.61
Net assets		38,767.99	31,142.64

The funds of the charity

Unrestricted funds	35,695.32	30,471.02
Restricted funds re Commission	2,700.00	-
Restricted funds re Glasgow Tour 2022/23	335.73	671.62
Restricted funds re Liverpool Tour 2022/23	36.94	-
Total charity funds	38,767.99	31,142.64

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2015).

Approved by the Streatham Choral Society Committee on 25 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A. Turvey

Alice Turvey
Chair

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Notes to the accounts

Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, Charities Acts and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities - applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 1 January 2015).

(b) Income and expenditure

Total income as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities is the turnover of the charity. It represents the value of concert ticket sales, members' subscriptions and donations receivable in the ordinary course of activities.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the charity is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Costs of raising funds comprise those operational costs directly attributable to promotional activities and the running of raffles and refreshments.

Charitable activities include the costs of termly rehearsals, the staging of concerts and termly events.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the running of the Society as opposed to its charitable activity.

(c) Concerts and other fund-raising events

Each event is separately identified and all relevant income and expenditure allocated thereto.

(d) Restricted and unrestricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donors. Expenditure which meets this criterion is allocated to a restricted fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or raised for the charity's purposes.

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Membership subscriptions

The year is divided into three terms for each of which members pays subscriptions at rates set by the Committee. The rates for this and previous years were:-

	Per term		Per year	
	full rate	concession	full rate	concession
2022/23	£80	£60	£220	£170
2021/22	£80	£60	n/a	n/a
2020/21	termly subs were collected to support events held			
2019/20	£80	£60	£220	£170
2018/19	£80	£60	£220	£170
2017/18	£60	£41.25	£160	£110
2016/17	£60	£41.25	£160	£110
2015/16	£51	£35	£140	£95
2014/15	£50	£34	£135	£90
2013/14	£47	£26	£125	£62.50
2012/13	£45	£25	£120	£60
2011/12	£45	£25	£120	£60
2010/11	£45	£25	£115	£60

We also offer concessionary rates to members of the same family.

Membership numbers fluctuate - the winter terms normally attract more singers than the summer term, and the nature of the programme can also have an impact on how many attend rehearsals.

Committee members' expenses

Committee members are not paid. Members are reimbursed for expenses they properly incur on behalf of the Society.

Taxation

All the Society's trading activities are exercised in carrying out its primary charitable purposes, and any resulting profits are applied for these purposes. Accordingly these profits are exempt from taxation under Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Related party transactions

The trustees confirm that as far as they are aware, having made due enquiry, there have been no related party transactions during the year which would require disclosure under FRS102.