

AXMINSTER AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 900458

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1990-04-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE TO PROMOTE, IMPROVE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN 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 SHALL DETERMINE FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: Axminster & District Choral Society is a small, local choral choir, averaging 80 singers, with a musical director. We perform three concerts yearly, in December, April, and June to a local audience of approximately 250, as well as 1 or 2 singing workshops.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£26,616	£27,805	-	-
2024-07-31	£21,331	£21,389	-	-
2023-07-31	£18,832	£20,147	-	-
2022-07-31	£14,474	£17,624	-	-
2021-07-31	£331	£3,939	-	-
2020-07-31	£18,754	£13,839	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna Crabbe		2023-10-24
Christine Ashford		2024-10-01
Daryl Pearce		2025-11-01
Elizabeth Twining		2014-01-28
Jeremy Williams		2025-08-01
Nicola Johnson		2024-10-15
ROZANNE BULMER		
Ray Tomes		2015-10-01

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Accounts

AXMINSTER AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 AUGUST 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

The object of the Society as stated in its constitution is to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in appreciation of the art and science of music by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the committee may determine. The Society was originally established in 1985. Since its inception it has been based in the Minster Church, Axminster, by agreement with the Parochial Church Council.

This has been a very mixed year. It started by being plunged into the consequences of the decision – at very short notice – by the Minster to proceed with some reordering. This took away all the space where the choir has always stored its chairs and staging. Alongside having to agree where things could go in the interim we had to start planning, and agreeing with the Minster authorities, the long term arrangements which have finally resulted in our new cupboards at the back of the Minster. To add to the challenges, two leading members of the committee had to leave quite close together and at very short notice, the Treasurer because of her sudden illness, and the Secretary to care for her husband following his serious illness. We are very grateful to those who stood in to cover those roles pending recruitment of replacements.

Celebrating the fortieth anniversary year

During 2024 the committee decided that it wanted to celebrate the choir's 40th anniversary in 2025. In addition to the music which had already been selected we arranged some special activities, encompassing both current members and others who had sung with the Society many years ago. This resulted in a special leaflet advertising the year's concerts to be distributed widely throughout the area, and two social events. The first was a buffet dinner for current members, the second a tea party for long standing members and former members who had been singing with the choir in many cases for over thirty years. Finally, the committee decided that the website needed to be refreshed. A member of the choir who is also a marketing professional is taking on the job of creating and maintaining a brand new site. We plan that she will train volunteers from the membership to help with maintenance.

Music matters

Since the last AGM, the choir has performed four concerts, all of which have been warmly received if the reviews and individual comments are anything to go by. A Mozart programme in the autumn featured his well-known *Requiem* alongside his *Solemn Vespers* with its famous setting of *Laudate Dominum*. Following that, there was just enough time to prepare the repertoire for a Christmas concert, which featured Pergolesi's (or Durante's) setting of the *Magnificat* alongside some shorter choral favourites. Our anniversary year began in April 2025 with a performance of Haydn's Oratorio *Creation* – a fitting way to start our 40th anniversary year and a work that has been performed in every decade of the choir's history. A full summer concert followed, featuring Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's now little-performed *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast* alongside *From the Bavarian Highlands* by Sir Edward Elgar. In all these concerts the choir sang their hearts out, coping well with some challenging repertoire and supported by excellent professional soloists.

It has been heartening to see the arrival of several new singers over the course of the past year who, we hope, have felt welcomed and supported. There is no doubt that the Society faces its challenges, as do all organisations of this sort. Nevertheless, we can feel satisfied with having over the year presented a varied programme of enjoyable and well supported concerts, meeting our public educational aims.

Looking forward

The programme for 2025-26 will continue to present audiences with a wide range of music, starting in November with a concert featuring two modern British composers, Sir John Rutter and Bob Chilcott. Our anniversary year will conclude with a Come and Sing *Messiah* in Seaton. The spring concert in 2026 will include Vivaldi's famous *Gloria* as well as CPE Bach's *Magnificat*.

The trustees would like to express their thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make this a successful year for the Society. Most of all we thank our Music Director, Assistant Music Director and our accompanist. We are fortunate to have such talented people at our musical helm.

Presented on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael King
ADCS Chairman 2023-25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Axminster & District Choral Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

900458

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 July 2025

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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.

**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 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:

Paul Hazell

Date:

18th MAY 2026

Name:

PAUL HAZELL

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (RETIRED)

Address:

KEATES FARMHOUSE BROOK LANE

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DEVON EX 13 7AZ

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

AXMINSTER & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY: ANNUAL ACCOUNTS : 1 August 2024 - 31 July 2025

	2024-25	2023-24
INCOME		
non-concert activities		
Subs	£6,950.00	£6,244.00
Gift Aid	£1,875.00	£1,731.19
Sponsors/Ads/Patterns	£3,800.00	£3,025.00
Friends	£550.00	£550.00
concerts		
Autumn Concert: tickets, programme sales, drinks sales	£2,682.88	£2,400.05
Christmas concert: tickets, programme sales, drinks sales	£1,503.34	£36.15 (1)
Spring Concert: tickets, programme sales, drinks sales	£1,978.73	£1,484.29
Summer concert: tickets, programme sales, drinks sales	£1,164.51	£1,539.73
(1) "informal performance" - no tickets; drinks sales		
Other		
Donations	£2,590.00	£2,005.00
Misc inc sale of folders, music etc	£165.00	£104.00
Bank interest	£156.92	£206.56
40+ plus club	£820.00	
Refrite	£1,089.80	£956.00
40th anniversary meal	£1,490.00	£1,029.16
other fundraising (trumpet performance, dog show etc)		
TOTAL INCOME	£26,616.18	£21,331.13

SURPLUS/DEFICIT -£1,189.31

	2024-25	2023-24
BANK ACCOUNTS		
deposit ac	£17,179.05	
cheque ac	£2,127.16	
opening balance	£19,306.21	
add income	£26,616.18	
less expenditure	£27,805.49	
Balance	£18,116.90	
Deposit a/c at 31 July	£16,443.61	
Cheque a/c at 31 July	£1,699.43	
TOTAL	£18,143.04	
less unrepresented cheque	£26.14	
TOTAL	£18,116.90	

Marian King
 CHAIRMAN
 14/10/25

	2024-25	2023-24
EXPENDITURE		
Honoraria		
Music Director	£4,323.93	£3,397.28
Accompanist	£3,168.50	£2,914.30
Concerts		
Autumn	£6,147.87	£4,944.56
Christmas Concert	£1,219.45	£5,344.86
Spring Concert	£5,877.77	£1,503.60
Summer Concert	£1,503.60	£602.50
future concerts	£602.50	£160.00
last year concert - delayed cheque	£160.00	
fundraising performance		£147.96
Non-concert		
Music Library Sub	£80.00	£275.19
Premises Hire	£745.00	£740.00
Making Music membership, PMS & Insurance	£596.19	£440.78
Misc	£13.68	£590.00
Gifts & donations	£75.00	£285.64
40+ club prizes	£135.00	£250.00 (2)
web site	£473.58	£395.55
music hire and purchase	£566.90	£125.00
40th anniversary events	£1,996.34	
admin	£200.18	£90.00
subs refund		
(2) 100 club stopped in 2024 replaced by 40+ club		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£27,805.49	£21,389.71

Auditor's Report
 I certify that the attached accounts are in agreement with the books and records presented to me.

P. Russell
 P Russell
 Hon Auditor
 Keates Farmhouse
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 25/09/2025
 date