

Antrim Community Choir

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101327

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-02-16

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Activities

Purposes: The Choir is established to run an all inclusive, all ability community choir accessible to all, irrespective of musical experience, without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, class, marital status, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary and community sector organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance learning, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts, Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Disability, General charitable purposes, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Carers, Ethnic minorities, General public, Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Physical disabilities, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£19,704	£18,459	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Adele Carroll		
Mr Geoff Aiken		
Mr Patrick Brannigan		
Mrs Eileen Stevens		
Mrs Marie T Mulholland		
Mrs Noreen Friel		
Patricia Mc Auley		

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Accounts

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mrs N Friel
Miss A Carroll
Mrs E Stevens
Mrs M Mulholland
Mr P Brannigan
Mrs P McAuley (Appointed 8 October 2024)
Mrs M A McAuley (Appointed 8 October 2024)

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices in our community. Singing together we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground. Everyone over the age of 18 years old is welcome. We have a Voluntary Committee of 7 choir members and a self-employed dynamic Musical Director.

Our voluntary committee is very capably run by Noreen Friel (Voluntary Secretary), Adele Carroll (Voluntary Treasurer), Eileen Stevens (Voluntary Committee Member), Mabel Jenkins (Voluntary committee member), Kenny Grant (Voluntary Committee Member) and Paddy Brannigan (Committee Member).

All committee members are elected by The Choir members and a Chairperson is elected by the newly elected committee at every A.G.M. presently being myself; Marie T Mulholland.

Our musical director is the one and only Una McCann who has been with us since the beginning of this singing journey. She not only teaches us all how to sing like we never thought we could but comes to all committee meetings on her own time in an advisory capacity. We all deeply appreciate her time, advice and input to all discussions on projects and public performances, suggestions and her unique insight on how everything we get involved in musically should work. We call it the Una Touch. It never fails.

We all take our roles and responsibilities seriously and do our best for the good of everyone involved in Antrim Community Choir. The trustees all truly love to sing with a group of like-minded people but have also selflessly stepped up to help with the running of the choir. Most importantly, we still find time to sing.

As charity regulations insist, we meet 4 times a year, one of which is our A.G.M..

The Choir rehearses every Monday night from 7:15pm to 9:15pm in St Joseph's Community Hall in Antrim with a short tea break during it.

We acknowledge that sometimes people may occasionally become fundraising weary so we have made the conscious decision to remain as independent as possible. This independence allows us the freedom to determine what, when and where we perform.

We do apply to funders who are working with publicly donated funds to help when we are organising projects. We have been successful with applications with these funders in the past and hopefully will be just as successful in the future. Such funding is often restricted and typically cover project-related costs and frequently exclude core running expenses. As such, continued fundraising remains essential to sustaining the choirs day-to-day operations. This is a shared responsibility and an inherent part of being a member of Antrim Community Choir.

A monthly member subscription is now £25 which is greatly appreciated as this pays for our monthly running expenses which include the rent of the hall, public liability insurance, monthly agreed fees to our dynamic Musical Director, printing and annual accountancy fees.

The procedure to pay membership of Antrim Community Choir is by bank transfer into our ACC Bank Account, cheque or by 4 weekly payments of £6.25. All bank account details are on the membership forms.

The choir rehearses for ten months of the year, from January to June and again from September to December, with a scheduled summer break of eight weeks during July and August.

Una has established a WhatsApp group for Antrim Community Choir, which has proven invaluable for efficiently sharing information with members. Any member who wishes to be added to the group is encouraged to provide their mobile number to Una at a convenient time.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The use of WhatsApp has also enhanced our musical preparation. Una shares harmonies and lyrics in the group, enabling members to familiarise themselves with the material at their own pace. While this is entirely optional, many find it an enjoyable and relaxing way to engage with the music—singing along from the comfort of their own kitchen, perhaps with only the birds for an audience.

Acknowledgements and Thanks

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the following individuals and organisations:

Howdens, Antrim

The Whyte Family cash donation enabled Antrim Community Choir to purchase a new portable defibrillator. Antrim Community Choir paid £85 towards cost of the defibrillator.

Nanabelle's, Antrim

This support enables us to continue our work and expand our reach within the community.

Reflections and Gratitude

2024 was a rewarding and dynamic year for Antrim Community Choir, filled with meaningful performances, new partnerships, and deepened community ties. We offer our heartfelt thanks to our Musical Director, Una McCann, whose talent, vision, and dedication have been instrumental in shaping the choir's success and spirit.

We also extend our appreciation to the voluntary committee for their tireless work behind the scenes, and to every member of the choir for their commitment, enthusiasm, and generosity of spirit. Together, we continue to demonstrate the transformative power of music — ordinary people achieving extraordinary things.



Marie T Mulholland
Chairperson

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices of our community to share the joy of music, gaining the physical and mental wellbeing which singing with a group of like-minded people develops, having fun as a group with this non-audition choir. Singing together, we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground, while offering dignity and respect to all. Every voice is welcome. The Community Choir is not limited to those from Antrim but encompasses all of Northern Ireland and has members of all abilities and ages travelling from Ballyclare, Ballymena, Broughshane, Belfast, Crumlin, Dundrum, Newtownabbey, Randalstown, Toomebridge and Magherafelt.

It is governed by a constitution which was formally adopted on 8th February 2012. It is an association open to any individual over the age of 18 irrespective of ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class, marital status, political or religious opinion who support the aims of the Choir.

It is managed and controlled by a voluntary committee which consists of three office bearers; Honorary Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four ordinary members who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the choir should undertake.

Main Activities:

Antrim Community Choir aim to be as independent as possible. They apply to funders when they are organising specific programmes.

Monthly choir member fees are currently £25 and these were paid during the year by bank transfer, cheque or cash on the first Monday of each month. This can be broken down for those who wish to pay gift aid into £5 fee and £20 gift aided donation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Summary of Main Achievements during the year:

March 2024 – "We Can Sing" Festival, Derry~Londonderry

In March, members of Antrim Community Choir travelled to Derry to participate in the "We Can Sing" festival. This uplifting event brought together choirs from across the region and was a valuable opportunity to collaborate and perform under the direction of our Musical Director, Una McCann.

May 2024 – Support Performance for Lore

On Saturday 4th May, the choir had the honour of performing as the support act for Lore at a community concert held in Antrim Courthouse. This event offered a valuable performance platform and was warmly received by the local audience.

June 2024 – "Sing for Joy" and "Northern Sounds"

On Saturday 15th June, Antrim Community Choir hosted "Sing for Joy" in the Community Hall at St. Joseph's, Antrim. This celebratory event welcomed choirs from across Northern Ireland and included the Sound Route Singers from Glasgow as our featured international guests. The day concluded with an evening concert featuring performances by all participating choirs, and special guests The Henry Girls, whose appearance was a particular highlight.

Later that month, on 20th June, choir members joined singers from across Northern Ireland to participate in "Northern Sounds," a collaborative choral performance held in the iconic Guildhall, Derry~Londonderry. This event further strengthened inter-choir relationships and showcased the power of communal singing in a historic setting.

November 2024 – Community Engagement Events

The second half of the year saw the return of our much-loved Vintage Tea Afternoon, held on Saturday 9th November in St. Joseph's Community Hall. The relaxed and welcoming atmosphere provided an enjoyable afternoon of music and refreshments, with guest performances by Una McCann and Colin Reid, alongside the choir. On Saturday 23rd November, the choir hosted its annual Candlelit Concert in All Saints Church, Antrim. This special evening featured performances by Antrim Community Choir and a roster of distinguished Northern Irish musicians, including:

Suzann Savage – Internationally acclaimed soprano

Ruth McGinley – Renowned concert pianist

Claire Creelman – All-Ireland champion harpist

Cri – A vocal group featuring Sheenagh and Aileen from the renowned Weir family of Maghera

We extend our sincere thanks to Archdeacon Stephen McBride, Rev. Peter Blake, Mrs. Irene Gates, and the All Saints Church community for their invaluable support in hosting and facilitating this event.

December 2024 – Community Outreach

Antrim Community Choir remains committed to giving back through music. In December, the choir dedicated its three weekly rehearsals to community outreach performances at the following venues:

Antrim Library (2nd December)

Antrim Area Hospital Palliative Care Unit (9th December)

The Simon Community, The Foyer, Belfast (16th December)

These visits allowed us to bring comfort, connection, and joy through music to audiences who may not otherwise have access to live performance.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial review

The main source of income was from donations of £9,635 and in addition the Choir also received grant funding of £880.

Despite grant funding being greatly reduced overall income only slightly reduced to last year.

There was a decrease in expenses in the year and this has resulted in a surplus of £1,215 in the year. Restricted reserves at the year end were £0 (£0 in 2023) and unrestricted reserves were £1,439 (£224 in 2023).

Risk Management:

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error.

Risk is reviewed on a regular basis and actions and controls to mitigate against risk are developed and agreed by the Trustees.

Reserve Policy:

The trustees wish to establish and maintain a level of reserves that it requires to enable on-going delivery of its operations and services. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gap between spending and receiving resources. The trustees would wish to have 3 months operating costs in reserves.

The actual unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2024 was £1,439 (2023 £0). This is evidently less than one usual months reserves. The Trustees will continue to strive to accumulate the desired level of reserves.

Volunteers:

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and we would like to acknowledge their commitment in terms of time, energy and expertise.

Everything I have just related could never happen without a great many people all working voluntarily for the good of us all. On behalf of Antrim Community Choir I want to say a very sincere thank you to you all, for your time effort commitment and support.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs N Friel	
Miss A Carroll	
Mrs M Jenkins	(Resigned 16 September 2024)
Mrs E Stevens	
Mrs M Mulholland	
Mr P Brannigan	
Mr Kenneth Grant	(Resigned 16 September 2024)
Mrs P McAuley	(Appointed 8 October 2024)
Mrs M A McAuley	(Appointed 8 October 2024)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs M Mulholland

Trustee

9 June 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the choir and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the choir and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

I report on the Antrim Community Choir of the choir for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph 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 the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.


Aidan Corrigan, ACA

Corrigan CA Limited, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN

Dated: 9 June 2025

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,103		13
Current assets					
Debtors	13	418		418	
Cash at bank and in hand		468		313	
		<u>886</u>		<u>731</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(520)</u>		<u>(520)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>366</u>		<u>211</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,469</u>		<u>224</u>
The funds of the choir					
Unrestricted funds	15		<u>1,469</u>		<u>224</u>
			<u>1,469</u>		<u>224</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 9 June 2025

Adele Carroll

Miss A Carroll
Trustee

Mrs M Mulholland

Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	4	10,950	1,865	12,815	14,654
Charitable activities	3	6,889	-	6,889	4,708
Other income	5	-	-	-	418
Total income		<u>17,839</u>	<u>1,865</u>	<u>19,704</u>	<u>19,780</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	15,314	-	15,314	18,873
Charitable activities	7	2,265	880	3,145	3,290
Total resources expended		<u>17,579</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>18,459</u>	<u>22,163</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		260	985	1,245	(2,383)
Gross transfers between funds		985	(985)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		1,245	-	1,245	(2,383)
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		224	-	224	2,607
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		<u>1,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,469</u>	<u>224</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the choir's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Antrim Community Choir is an all inclusive, all-ability, non-audition choir accepting ages 18 and over..

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The choir is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The choir has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the choir. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

The choir meets its day to day working capital requirements through the money raised and grants receivable.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the choir is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the choir has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the choir reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.9 Financial instruments

The choir has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the choir's balance sheet when the choir becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the choir's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the choir is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2.11 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Charitable Activities		
Sale of services	6,889	4,708

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	8,650	985	9,635	11,489
Grants receivable	-	880	880	1,700
Membership Donations	2,300	-	2,300	1,465
	<u>10,950</u>	<u>1,865</u>	<u>12,815</u>	<u>14,654</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2023	<u>13,454</u>	<u>1,200</u>		<u>14,654</u>

Grants receivable for core activities

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	-	-	-	350
Black Santa	-	880	880	850
ASDA Foundation	-	-	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>1,700</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023
	£	£
Other income	-	418
	<u>-</u>	<u>418</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Other fundraising costs	15,314	-	15,314	18,873
	<u>15,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,314</u>	<u>18,873</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2023				
Fundraising and publicity	18,448	425		18,873
	<u>18,448</u>	<u>425</u>		<u>18,873</u>

Musical Direction in year £ 8,040 (2023-£5,700)

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7 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 1 £	Charitable expenditure 7 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	-	50	50	-
Charitable expenditure	3,095	-	3,095	3,290
	3,095	50	3,145	3,290
	3,095	50	3,145	3,290

Included in expenditure are the following:

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance	422	402
Rent	1,405	1,247
Printing, postage & stationery	-	246
Computer Running	247	297
Sundry	29	37
Accountancy	654	624
Bank Charges	92	147
Depreciation	276	290
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	50	-

8 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	276	290

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

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10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	none	none
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	1,487
Additions	1,365
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2024	2,852
	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2024	1,473
Depreciation charged in the year	276
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2024	1,749
	<u> </u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	1,103
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2023	13
	<u> </u>

13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	418	418
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	520	520
	<u>520</u>	<u>520</u>

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	224	17,839	(17,579)	985	1,469
	<u>224</u>	<u>17,839</u>	<u>(17,579)</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>1,469</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,354	18,580	(20,710)	-	224
	<u>2,354</u>	<u>18,580</u>	<u>(20,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	1,103	-	1,103
Current assets/(liabilities)	336	-	366
	<u>1,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,469</u>

17 Related party transactions

No related party transactions in the period

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mrs M Jenkins
Mrs E Stevens
Mrs M Mulholland
Patrick Brannigan
Kenneth Grant

Charity number

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Chairperson's Report

"People, People who need people,
Are the luckiest people in the world?"
From The Musical Funny Girl

A few of us, 7 in total came together in November 2011 always having wanted to sing but for all sorts of reason never did so. This is a challenge, possibly for many men and women of a certain age who in early life were told they couldn't sing. Many of our members are now realising that dream in an all inclusive, non audition Community Choir. The Choir helps to bring about social interaction, physical and mental health and wellbeing, enjoyment and fun with like-minded people. As our membership increased we quickly became a constituted group at our first AGM 8th February 2012, gaining Charity status in Feb.2015 with the then newly formed Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices in our community. Singing together we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground. Everyone over the age of 18 years old is welcome. We have a Voluntary Committee of 7 choir members and a self-employed dynamic Musical Director.

Our voluntary committee is very capably run by Noreen Friel (Voluntary Secretary), Adele Carroll (Voluntary Treasurer), Eileen Stevens (Voluntary Committee Member), Mabel Jenkins (Voluntary committee member), Kenny Grant (Voluntary Committee Member) and Paddy Brannigan (Committee Member).

All committee members are elected by The Choir members and a Chairperson is elected by the newly elected committee at every A.G.M presently being myself; Marie T Mulholland. Our musical director is the one and only Una McCann who has been with us since the beginning of this singing journey. She not only teaches us all how to sing like we never thought we could but comes to all committee meetings on her own time in an advisory capacity. We all deeply appreciate her time, advice and input to all discussions on projects and public performances, suggestions and her unique insight on how everything we get involved in musically should work. We call it the Una Touch. It never fails.

We all take our roles and responsibilities seriously and do our best for the good of everyone involved in Antrim Community Choir. The trustees all truly love to sing with a group of like-minded people but have also selflessly stepped up to help with the running of the choir. Most importantly, we still find time to sing.

As charity regulations insist we meet 4 times a year one of which is our A.G.M..

We all truly love to just sing, with like-minded people like yourselves, but selflessly have all stepped up to help with the running of the choir and for the better good of all. And most importantly we still find time to sing.

Until June 2023 the Choir rehearsed on Wednesday evenings in Stiles Community Centre, Antrim but after using the community hall at St Josephs for our FANTASTIC Banish The Winter Blues project in February 2023 we just knew we would be on the move again as Una was excited with the fantastic acoustics in that hall. This is a busy popular community hall and did not become available immediately until September 2023. The Choir changed their weekly rehearsals to Monday evenings in the community hall at St Joseph's, Greystone Road, Antrim from September 2023.

After careful research and deliberation it was agreed that Our Candlelit Concert would be performed in St Joseph's Church, Antrim in November 2023. There was a lot of hard work and determination by so many people from the end of September 2023 to make the venue look and feel magical for the event. It was unforgettable!

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

It is a moment in time that anyone who attended will never forget, it was just amazing. The words thank you are certainly not adequate to convey how much all those who made it all possible are appreciated.

Rehearsals are now fully committed to Monday nights, where we meet and greet each other and enjoy the learning process for our songs because Una has a unique talent to teach all people. In her own words, "If you have a voice and YOU WANT to sing I can teach you". She definitely does that and with incredible patience.

When we raise the roof after each group, eventually achieve all harmonies to her standard, AND WE ALL SING AS ONE, we are reminded of HOW WE ALL DEPEND ON EACH OTHER, just what a team we all are and at moments like that we realise, our confidence, our happiness and our sense of achievement that makes us all feel we could do any project or public performance. These positive well being thoughts are what keep us all coming every Monday night for amazing singing and social experiences. We all leave with a lilt on our lips and a smile on our faces.



Marie T Mulholland
Chairperson

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices of our community to share the joy of music, gaining the physical and mental wellbeing which singing with a group of like-minded people develops, having fun as a group with this non-audition choir. Singing together, we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground, while offering dignity and respect to all. Every voice is welcome. The Community Choir is not limited to those from Antrim but encompasses all of Northern Ireland and has members of all abilities and ages travelling from Ballyclare, Ballymena, Broughshane, Belfast, Crumlin, Dundrum, Newtownabbey, Randalstown, Toomebridge and Magherafelt.

It is governed by a constitution which was formally adopted on 8th February 2012. It is an association open to any individual over the age of 18 irrespective of ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class, marital status, political or religious opinion who support the aims of the Choir.

It is managed and controlled by a voluntary committee which consists of three office bearers; Honorary Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four ordinary members who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the choir should undertake.

Main Activities:

Antrim Community Choir aim to be as independent as possible. They apply to funders when they are organising specific programmes.

Monthly choir member fees are currently £25 and these were paid during the year by bank transfer, cheque or cash on the first Monday of each month. This can be broken down for those who wish to pay gift aid into £5 fee and £20 gift aided donation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Summary of Main Achievements during the year:

February 2023:- "Banish The Winter Blues": A Celebration Of The Life Of Robbie Burns and Scottish Culture Through Poetry, Prose, Song and Dance performed in The Community Hall at St Josephs. A full capacity of people enjoyed a wonderful momentous night.

June 3rd and 4th 2023: Antrim Community Choir accepted an invitation from Soundroutesingers Glasgow. This was a great experience for everyone who went. We visited AND SANG at Robbie Burns Museum Ayre Scotland before returning home on a ferry. This was unforgettable. Davy McBride, a photographer, travelled with us and captured our escapades and performances in Glasgow and at The Robbie Burns Museum. We intend to organise a night to share all these videos and photographs with our members. We would like to thank Davy for his commitment, time and effort. This will help hold our singing performances memories as the years fly past.

November 2023: Antrim Community Choir performed at their Light Up Winter Candlelit Concert bringing together audiences from all grass root community groups. This was unforgettable and a great achievement for Antrim Community Choir. It was a wonderful success.

Each year we all feel very privileged to sing in the Palliative care unit in Antrim Area Hospital. This experience concentrates all of our minds on the real meaning of Christmas.

On Saturday 16th December 2023, all wrapped up, we supported the Black Santa Sit out Christmas appeal and sang on the steps of St Anne's Cathedral.

Lastly on 18th December 2023 in the community hall in St Josephs we held an event for the senior members of our community. Una and the choir members provided a Kaleidoscope of the colours of Christmas in music, song, stories and poetry all enjoyed with a little Christmas Cuppa and sweet treat supper. People just need to feel wanted, loved and welcome. They need to share happiness, peace and joy together with others. This is so badly needed in this world we all live in!

As an all inclusive community choir we try to make the spirit of Christmas every single week when we all get together at rehearsals. Each member goes home each week from rehearsals hopefully with renewed hope and feeling more energised for whatever struggles we face.

Successful funding applications were made during the year to St Anne's Cathedral for Sit Out Santa and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

This past year, Antrim Community Choir has scaled greater heights. Singing further than ever before over glens and dales, rivers and valleys throughout this beautiful land we call home. It's all about connection with people, voices, smiles and laughter all shining through the good times and not so good.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Financial review

The main source of income was from donations of £11,489 and in addition the Choir also received grant funding of £1,700.

Despite grant funding being greatly reduced overall income increased in the year due primarily due to an increase in donations received.

Income includes an amount of £418 which is expected to be received after the year end in relation gift aid claims being submitted to HMRC.

There was however a greater increase in expenses in the year and this has resulted in a negative movement of -£2,383 in the year. Restricted reserves at the year end were £0 (£253 in 2022) and unrestricted reserves were £224 (£2,354 in 2022).

Risk Management:

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error.

Risk is reviewed on a regular basis and actions and controls to mitigate against risk are developed and agreed by the Trustees.

Reserve Policy:

The trustees wish to establish and maintain a level of reserves that it requires to enable on-going delivery of its operations and services. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gap between spending and receiving resources. The trustees would wish to have 3 months operating costs in reserves.

The actual unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2023 were a minus figure of £224 (2022 £2,354). This is evidently less than one usual months reserves. The Trustees will continue to strive to accumulate the desired level of reserves.

Volunteers:

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and we would like to acknowledge their commitment in terms of time, energy and expertise.

Everything I have just related could never happen without a great many people all working voluntarily for the good of us all. On behalf of Antrim Community Choir I want to say a very sincere thank you to you all, for your time effort commitment and support.

Future Plans:

Looking forward to 2024 the Trustees plan to:

- Organise A Sing For Joy event in June 2024 bringing together 3 choirs and their choir leaders and our friends from Scotland, The Should Route Singers, who we visited in Glasgow in 2023. This will be a day of singing full of joy to help bring mental health and suicide awareness to everyone's mind
- Host our Winter Candlelit concert this year in All Saints Church in Antrim in November 2024
- Support the Sitout Santa Appeal by singing with the Dean on the steps of St Anne's Cathedral
- Sing in The Palliative Care Unit at Antrim Area Hospital in December 2024.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs N Friel
Miss A Carroll
Mrs M Jenkins
Mrs E Stevens
Mrs M Mulholland
Patrick Brannigan
Kenneth Grant

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

5 July 2024

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

I report on the Antrim Community Choir of the choir for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

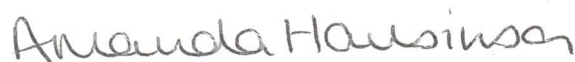
Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph 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 the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.



Amanda Harbinsn, FCA
Corrigan CA Limited, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN
Dated: 5 July 2024

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		13		302
Current assets					
Debtors	13	418		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		313		2,918	
		<u>731</u>		<u>2,918</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(520)</u>		<u>(613)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>211</u>		<u>2,305</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
			<u><u> </u></u>		<u><u> </u></u>
The funds of the choir					
Restricted income funds	15		-		253
Unrestricted funds			<u>224</u>		<u>2,354</u>
			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
			<u><u> </u></u>		<u><u> </u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 5 July 2024

Adele Carroll
Miss A Carroll
Trustee

Mrs M Mulholland
Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	4	13,454	1,200	14,654	16,333
Charitable activities	3	4,708	-	4,708	903
Other income	5	418	-	418	600
Total income		<u>18,580</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>19,780</u>	<u>17,836</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	18,448	425	18,873	15,140
Charitable activities	7	2,262	1,028	3,290	2,112
Total resources expended		<u>20,710</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>22,163</u>	<u>17,252</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(2,130)	(253)	(2,383)	584
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>2,354</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>2,607</u>	<u>2,023</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>224</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>224</u></u>	<u><u>2,607</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the choir's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Antrim Community Choir is an all inclusive, all-ability, non-audition choir accepting ages 18 and over..

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The choir is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The choir has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the choir. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

The choir meets its day to day working capital requirements through the money raised and grants receivable.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4 Incoming resources

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Income is recognised when the choir is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the choir has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the choir reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.9 Financial instruments

The choir has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the choir's balance sheet when the choir becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the choir's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.10 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Charitable Activities		
Sale of goods	4,708	903

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4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	11,489	-	11,489	3,427
Grants receivable	500	1,200	1,700	9,189
Membership Donations	1,465	-	1,465	3,717
	<u>13,454</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>14,654</u>	<u>16,333</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2022	<u><u>6,844</u></u>	<u><u>9,489</u></u>		<u><u>16,333</u></u>

Grants receivable for core activities

Halifax Foundation	-	-	-	4,000
Enkalon trust	-	-	-	600
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	-	350	350	484
St Annes Cathedral	-	-	-	1,000
The Community Foundation	-	-	-	3,490
Black Santa	-	850	850	-
ASDA Foundation	500	-	500	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>9,189</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
	£	£
Other income	<u>418</u>	<u>600</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Other fundraising costs	18,448	425	18,873	15,140
	<u>18,448</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>18,873</u>	<u>15,140</u>

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6 Raising funds (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Fundraising and publicity	6,292	8,848	15,140
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Musical Direction in year £ 5,700 (2022-£5,890)

7 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable expenditure	3,290	2,112

Included in expenditure are the following:

	2023 £	2022 £
Insurance	402	396
Rent	1,247	593
Printing, postage & stationery	246	48
Computer Running	297	-
Sundry	37	25
Accountancy	624	625
Bank Charges	147	128
Depreciation	290	297

8 Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	290	298
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9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	none	none

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	1,486
At 31 December 2023	1,486
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	1,183
Depreciation charged in the year	290
At 31 December 2023	1,473
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	13
At 31 December 2022	302

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	418	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	24
Accruals and deferred income	520	589
	<u>520</u>	<u>613</u>

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
	253	1,200	(1,453)	-	-
	<u>253</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(1,453)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
	1,537	9,489	(9,808)	(965)	253
	<u>1,537</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>(9,808)</u>	<u>(965)</u>	<u>253</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,354	18,580	(20,710)	-	224
	<u>2,354</u>	<u>18,580</u>	<u>(20,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	486	8,347	(7,444)	965	2,354
	<u>486</u>	<u>8,347</u>	<u>(7,444)</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>2,354</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	13	-	13
Current assets/(liabilities)	211	-	211
	<u>224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>

18 Related party transactions

No related party transactions in the period

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mrs E Stevens
Mrs M Mulholland
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Kenneth Grant

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Chairperson's Report

"People, People who need people,
Are the luckiest people in the world?"
From The Musical Funny Girl

A few of us, 7 in total came together in November 2011 always having wanted to sing but for all sorts of reason never did so. This is a challenge, possibly for many men and women of a certain age who in early life were told they couldn't sing. Many of our members are now realising that dream in an all inclusive, non audition Community Choir. The Choir helps to bring about social interaction, physical and mental health and wellbeing, enjoyment and fun with like-minded people. As our membership increased we quickly became a constituted group at our first AGM 8th February 2012, gaining Charity status in Feb.2015 with the then newly formed Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices in our community. Singing together we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground. Everyone over the age of 18 years old is welcome. We have a Voluntary Committee of 7 choir members and a self-employed dynamic Musical Director.

Our voluntary committee is very capably run by Noreen Friel (Voluntary Secretary), Adele Carroll (Voluntary Treasurer), Eileen Stevens (Voluntary Committee Member), Mabel Jenkins (Voluntary committee member), Kenny Grant (Voluntary Committee Member) and Paddy Brannigan (Committee Member).

All committee members are elected by The Choir members and a Chairperson is elected by the newly elected committee at every A.G.M presently being myself; Marie T Mulholland. Our musical director is the one and only Una McCann who has been with us since the beginning of this singing journey. She not only teaches us all how to sing like we never thought we could but comes to all committee meetings on her own time in an advisory capacity. We all deeply appreciate her time, advice and input to all discussions on projects and public performances, suggestions and her unique insight on how everything we get involved in musically should work. We call it the Una Touch. It never fails.

We all take our roles and responsibilities seriously and do our best for the good of everyone involved in Antrim Community Choir. The trustees all truly love to sing with a group of like-minded people but have also selflessly stepped up to help with the running of the choir. Most importantly, we still find time to sing.

As charity regulations insist we meet 4 times a year one of which is our A.G.M..

We all truly love to just sing, with like-minded people like yourselves, but selflessly have all stepped up to help with the running of the choir and for the better good of all. And most importantly we still find time to sing.

Until June 2023 the Choir rehearsed on Wednesday evenings in Stiles Community Centre, Antrim but after using the community hall at St Josephs for our FANTASTIC Banish The Winter Blues project in February 2023 we just knew we would be on the move again as Una was excited with the fantastic acoustics in that hall. This is a busy popular community hall and did not become available immediately until September 2023. The Choir changed their weekly rehearsals to Monday evenings in the community hall at St Joseph's, Greystone Road, Antrim from September 2023.

After careful research and deliberation it was agreed that Our Candlelit Concert would be performed in St Joseph's Church, Antrim in November 2023. There was a lot of hard work and determination by so many people from the end of September 2023 to make the venue look and feel magical for the event. It was unforgettable!

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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It is a moment in time that anyone who attended will never forget, it was just amazing. The words thank you are certainly not adequate to convey how much all those who made it all possible are appreciated.

Rehearsals are now fully committed to Monday nights, where we meet and greet each other and enjoy the learning process for our songs because Una has a unique talent to teach all people. In her own words, "If you have a voice and YOU WANT to sing I can teach you". She definitely does that and with incredible patience.

When we raise the roof after each group, eventually achieve all harmonies to her standard, AND WE ALL SING AS ONE, we are reminded of HOW WE ALL DEPEND ON EACH OTHER, just what a team we all are and at moments like that we realise, our confidence, our happiness and our sense of achievement that makes us all feel we could do any project or public performance. These positive well being thoughts are what keep us all coming every Monday night for amazing singing and social experiences. We all leave with a lilt on our lips and a smile on our faces.



Marie T Mulholland
Chairperson

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices of our community to share the joy of music, gaining the physical and mental wellbeing which singing with a group of like-minded people develops, having fun as a group with this non-audition choir. Singing together, we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground, while offering dignity and respect to all. Every voice is welcome. The Community Choir is not limited to those from Antrim but encompasses all of Northern Ireland and has members of all abilities and ages travelling from Ballyclare, Ballymena, Broughshane, Belfast, Crumlin, Dundrum, Newtownabbey, Randalstown, Toomebridge and Magherafelt.

It is governed by a constitution which was formally adopted on 8th February 2012. It is an association open to any individual over the age of 18 irrespective of ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class, marital status, political or religious opinion who support the aims of the Choir.

It is managed and controlled by a voluntary committee which consists of three office bearers; Honorary Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four ordinary members who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the choir should undertake.

Main Activities:

Antrim Community Choir aim to be as independent as possible. They apply to funders when they are organising specific programmes.

Monthly choir member fees are currently £25 and these were paid during the year by bank transfer, cheque or cash on the first Monday of each month. This can be broken down for those who wish to pay gift aid into £5 fee and £20 gift aided donation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Summary of Main Achievements during the year:

February 2023:- "Banish The Winter Blues": A Celebration Of The Life Of Robbie Burns and Scottish Culture Through Poetry, Prose, Song and Dance performed in The Community Hall at St Josephs. A full capacity of people enjoyed a wonderful momentous night.

June 3rd and 4th 2023: Antrim Community Choir accepted an invitation from Soundroutesingers Glasgow. This was a great experience for everyone who went. We visited AND SANG at Robbie Burns Museum Ayre Scotland before returning home on a ferry. This was unforgettable. Davy McBride, a photographer, travelled with us and captured our escapades and performances in Glasgow and at The Robbie Burns Museum. We intend to organise a night to share all these videos and photographs with our members. We would like to thank Davy for his commitment, time and effort. This will help hold our singing performances memories as the years fly past.

November 2023: Antrim Community Choir performed at their Light Up Winter Candlelit Concert bringing together audiences from all grass root community groups. This was unforgettable and a great achievement for Antrim Community Choir. It was a wonderful success.

Each year we all feel very privileged to sing in the Palliative care unit in Antrim Area Hospital. This experience concentrates all of our minds on the real meaning of Christmas.

On Saturday 16th December 2023, all wrapped up, we supported the Black Santa Sit out Christmas appeal and sang on the steps of St Anne's Cathedral.

Lastly on 18th December 2023 in the community hall in St Josephs we held an event for the senior members of our community. Una and the choir members provided a Kaleidoscope of the colours of Christmas in music, song, stories and poetry all enjoyed with a little Christmas Cuppa and sweet treat supper. People just need to feel wanted, loved and welcome. They need to share happiness, peace and joy together with others. This is so badly needed in this world we all live in!

As an all inclusive community choir we try to make the spirit of Christmas every single week when we all get together at rehearsals. Each member goes home each week from rehearsals hopefully with renewed hope and feeling more energised for whatever struggles we face.

Successful funding applications were made during the year to St Anne's Cathedral for Sit Out Santa and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

This past year, Antrim Community Choir has scaled greater heights. Singing further than ever before over glens and dales, rivers and valleys throughout this beautiful land we call home. It's all about connection with people, voices, smiles and laughter all shining through the good times and not so good.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Financial review

The main source of income was from donations of £11,489 and in addition the Choir also received grant funding of £1,700.

Despite grant funding being greatly reduced overall income increased in the year due primarily due to an increase in donations received.

Income includes an amount of £418 which is expected to be received after the year end in relation gift aid claims being submitted to HMRC.

There was however a greater increase in expenses in the year and this has resulted in a negative movement of -£2,383 in the year. Restricted reserves at the year end were £0 (£253 in 2022) and unrestricted reserves were £224 (£2,354 in 2022).

Risk Management:

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error.

Risk is reviewed on a regular basis and actions and controls to mitigate against risk are developed and agreed by the Trustees.

Reserve Policy:

The trustees wish to establish and maintain a level of reserves that it requires to enable on-going delivery of its operations and services. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gap between spending and receiving resources. The trustees would wish to have 3 months operating costs in reserves.

The actual unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2023 were a minus figure of £224 (2022 £2,354). This is evidently less than one usual months reserves. The Trustees will continue to strive to accumulate the desired level of reserves.

Volunteers:

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and we would like to acknowledge their commitment in terms of time, energy and expertise.

Everything I have just related could never happen without a great many people all working voluntarily for the good of us all. On behalf of Antrim Community Choir I want to say a very sincere thank you to you all, for your time effort commitment and support.

Future Plans:

Looking forward to 2024 the Trustees plan to:

- Organise A Sing For Joy event in June 2024 bringing together 3 choirs and their choir leaders and our friends from Scotland, The Should Route Singers, who we visited in Glasgow in 2023. This will be a day of singing full of joy to help bring mental health and suicide awareness to everyone's mind
- Host our Winter Candlelit concert this year in All Saints Church in Antrim in November 2024
- Support the Sitout Santa Appeal by singing with the Dean on the steps of St Anne's Cathedral
- Sing in The Palliative Care Unit at Antrim Area Hospital in December 2024.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs N Friel
Miss A Carroll
Mrs M Jenkins
Mrs E Stevens
Mrs M Mulholland
Patrick Brannigan
Kenneth Grant

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

5 July 2024

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

I report on the Antrim Community Choir of the choir for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

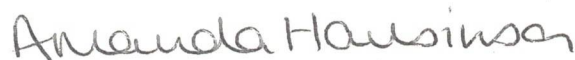
Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph 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 the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.



Amanda Harbinsn, FCA
Corrigan CA Limited, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN
Dated: 5 July 2024

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		13		302
Current assets					
Debtors	13	418		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		313		2,918	
		<u>731</u>		<u>2,918</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(520)</u>		<u>(613)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>211</u>		<u>2,305</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
			=====		=====
The funds of the choir					
Restricted income funds	15		-		253
Unrestricted funds			<u>224</u>		<u>2,354</u>
			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 5 July 2024

Adele Carroll
Miss A Carroll
Trustee

Mrs M Mulholland
Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	4	13,454	1,200	14,654	16,333
Charitable activities	3	4,708	-	4,708	903
Other income	5	418	-	418	600
Total income		<u>18,580</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>19,780</u>	<u>17,836</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	18,448	425	18,873	15,140
Charitable activities	7	2,262	1,028	3,290	2,112
Total resources expended		<u>20,710</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>22,163</u>	<u>17,252</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(2,130)	(253)	(2,383)	584
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>2,354</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>2,607</u>	<u>2,023</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>224</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>224</u></u>	<u><u>2,607</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the choir's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Antrim Community Choir is an all inclusive, all-ability, non-audition choir accepting ages 18 and over..

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The choir is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The choir has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the choir. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

The choir meets its day to day working capital requirements through the money raised and grants receivable.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4 Incoming resources

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2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Income is recognised when the choir is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the choir has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the choir reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.9 Financial instruments

The choir has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the choir's balance sheet when the choir becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the choir's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.10 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Charitable Activities		
Sale of goods	4,708	903

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	11,489	-	11,489	3,427
Grants receivable	500	1,200	1,700	9,189
Membership Donations	1,465	-	1,465	3,717
	<u>13,454</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>14,654</u>	<u>16,333</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2022	<u>6,844</u>	<u>9,489</u>		<u>16,333</u>

Grants receivable for core activities

Halifax Foundation	-	-	-	4,000
Enkalon trust	-	-	-	600
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	-	350	350	484
St Annes Cathedral	-	-	-	1,000
The Community Foundation	-	-	-	3,490
Black Santa	-	850	850	-
ASDA Foundation	500	-	500	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>9,189</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
	£	£
Other income	<u>418</u>	<u>600</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Other fundraising costs	18,448	425	18,873	15,140
	<u>18,448</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>18,873</u>	<u>15,140</u>

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6 Raising funds (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Fundraising and publicity	6,292	8,848	15,140
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Musical Direction in year £ 5,700 (2022-£5,890)

7 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable expenditure	3,290	2,112

Included in expenditure are the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Insurance	402	396
Rent	1,247	593
Printing, postage & stationery	246	48
Computer Running	297	-
Sundry	37	25
Accountancy	624	625
Bank Charges	147	128
Depreciation	290	297

8 Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	290	298
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9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	none	none

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	1,486
At 31 December 2023	1,486
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	1,183
Depreciation charged in the year	290
At 31 December 2023	1,473
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	13
At 31 December 2022	302

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	418	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	24
Accruals and deferred income	520	589
	<u>520</u>	<u>613</u>

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
	253	1,200	(1,453)	-	-
	<u>253</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(1,453)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
	1,537	9,489	(9,808)	(965)	253
	<u>1,537</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>(9,808)</u>	<u>(965)</u>	<u>253</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,354	18,580	(20,710)	-	224
	<u>2,354</u>	<u>18,580</u>	<u>(20,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	486	8,347	(7,444)	965	2,354
	<u>486</u>	<u>8,347</u>	<u>(7,444)</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>2,354</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	13	-	13
Current assets/(liabilities)	211	-	211
	<u>224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>

18 Related party transactions

No related party transactions in the period

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mrs M Jenkins
Mrs E Stevens
Mrs M Mulholland
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Kenneth Grant

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Chairperson's Report

"People, People who need people,
Are the luckiest people in the world?"
From The Musical Funny Girl

A few of us, 7 in total came together in November 2011 always having wanted to sing but for all sorts of reason never did so. This is a challenge, possibly for many men and women of a certain age who in early life were told they couldn't sing. Many of our members are now realising that dream in an all inclusive, non audition Community Choir. The Choir helps to bring about social interaction, physical and mental health and wellbeing, enjoyment and fun with like-minded people. As our membership increased we quickly became a constituted group at our first AGM 8th February 2012, gaining Charity status in Feb.2015 with the then newly formed Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices in our community. Singing together we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground. Everyone over the age of 18 years old is welcome. We have a Voluntary Committee of 7 choir members and a self-employed dynamic Musical Director.

Our voluntary committee is very capably run by Noreen Friel (Voluntary Secretary), Adele Carroll (Voluntary Treasurer), Eileen Stevens (Voluntary Committee Member), Mabel Jenkins (Voluntary committee member), Kenny Grant (Voluntary Committee Member) and Paddy Brannigan (Committee Member).

All committee members are elected by The Choir members and a Chairperson is elected by the newly elected committee at every A.G.M presently being myself; Marie T Mulholland. Our musical director is the one and only Una McCann who has been with us since the beginning of this singing journey. She not only teaches us all how to sing like we never thought we could but comes to all committee meetings on her own time in an advisory capacity. We all deeply appreciate her time, advice and input to all discussions on projects and public performances, suggestions and her unique insight on how everything we get involved in musically should work. We call it the Una Touch. It never fails.

We all take our roles and responsibilities seriously and do our best for the good of everyone involved in Antrim Community Choir. The trustees all truly love to sing with a group of like-minded people but have also selflessly stepped up to help with the running of the choir. Most importantly, we still find time to sing.

As charity regulations insist we meet 4 times a year one of which is our A.G.M..

We all truly love to just sing, with like-minded people like yourselves, but selflessly have all stepped up to help with the running of the choir and for the better good of all. And most importantly we still find time to sing.

Until June 2023 the Choir rehearsed on Wednesday evenings in Stiles Community Centre, Antrim but after using the community hall at St Josephs for our FANTASTIC Banish The Winter Blues project in February 2023 we just knew we would be on the move again as Una was excited with the fantastic acoustics in that hall. This is a busy popular community hall and did not become available immediately until September 2023. The Choir changed their weekly rehearsals to Monday evenings in the community hall at St Joseph's, Greystone Road, Antrim from September 2023.

After careful research and deliberation it was agreed that Our Candlelit Concert would be performed in St Joseph's Church, Antrim in November 2023. There was a lot of hard work and determination by so many people from the end of September 2023 to make the venue look and feel magical for the event. It was unforgettable!

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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It is a moment in time that anyone who attended will never forget, it was just amazing. The words thank you are certainly not adequate to convey how much all those who made it all possible are appreciated.

Rehearsals are now fully committed to Monday nights, where we meet and greet each other and enjoy the learning process for our songs because Una has a unique talent to teach all people. In her own words, "If you have a voice and YOU WANT to sing I can teach you". She definitely does that and with incredible patience.

When we raise the roof after each group, eventually achieve all harmonies to her standard, AND WE ALL SING AS ONE, we are reminded of HOW WE ALL DEPEND ON EACH OTHER, just what a team we all are and at moments like that we realise, our confidence, our happiness and our sense of achievement that makes us all feel we could do any project or public performance. These positive well being thoughts are what keep us all coming every Monday night for amazing singing and social experiences. We all leave with a lilt on our lips and a smile on our faces.



Marie T Mulholland
Chairperson

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices of our community to share the joy of music, gaining the physical and mental wellbeing which singing with a group of like-minded people develops, having fun as a group with this non-audition choir. Singing together, we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground, while offering dignity and respect to all. Every voice is welcome. The Community Choir is not limited to those from Antrim but encompasses all of Northern Ireland and has members of all abilities and ages travelling from Ballyclare, Ballymena, Broughshane, Belfast, Crumlin, Dundrum, Newtownabbey, Randalstown, Toomebridge and Magherafelt.

It is governed by a constitution which was formally adopted on 8th February 2012. It is an association open to any individual over the age of 18 irrespective of ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class, marital status, political or religious opinion who support the aims of the Choir.

It is managed and controlled by a voluntary committee which consists of three office bearers; Honorary Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four ordinary members who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the choir should undertake.

Main Activities:

Antrim Community Choir aim to be as independent as possible. They apply to funders when they are organising specific programmes.

Monthly choir member fees are currently £25 and these were paid during the year by bank transfer, cheque or cash on the first Monday of each month. This can be broken down for those who wish to pay gift aid into £5 fee and £20 gift aided donation.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Summary of Main Achievements during the year:

February 2023:- "Banish The Winter Blues": A Celebration Of The Life Of Robbie Burns and Scottish Culture Through Poetry, Prose, Song and Dance performed in The Community Hall at St Josephs. A full capacity of people enjoyed a wonderful momentous night.

June 3rd and 4th 2023: Antrim Community Choir accepted an invitation from Soundroutesingers Glasgow. This was a great experience for everyone who went. We visited AND SANG at Robbie Burns Museum Ayre Scotland before returning home on a ferry. This was unforgettable. Davy McBride, a photographer, travelled with us and captured our escapades and performances in Glasgow and at The Robbie Burns Museum. We intend to organise a night to share all these videos and photographs with our members. We would like to thank Davy for his commitment, time and effort. This will help hold our singing performances memories as the years fly past.

November 2023: Antrim Community Choir performed at their Light Up Winter Candlelit Concert bringing together audiences from all grass root community groups. This was unforgettable and a great achievement for Antrim Community Choir. It was a wonderful success.

Each year we all feel very privileged to sing in the Palliative care unit in Antrim Area Hospital. This experience concentrates all of our minds on the real meaning of Christmas.

On Saturday 16th December 2023, all wrapped up, we supported the Black Santa Sit out Christmas appeal and sang on the steps of St Anne's Cathedral.

Lastly on 18th December 2023 in the community hall in St Josephs we held an event for the senior members of our community. Una and the choir members provided a Kaleidoscope of the colours of Christmas in music, song, stories and poetry all enjoyed with a little Christmas Cuppa and sweet treat supper. People just need to feel wanted, loved and welcome. They need to share happiness, peace and joy together with others. This is so badly needed in this world we all live in!

As an all inclusive community choir we try to make the spirit of Christmas every single week when we all get together at rehearsals. Each member goes home each week from rehearsals hopefully with renewed hope and feeling more energised for whatever struggles we face.

Successful funding applications were made during the year to St Anne's Cathedral for Sit Out Santa and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

This past year, Antrim Community Choir has scaled greater heights. Singing further than ever before over glens and dales, rivers and valleys throughout this beautiful land we call home. It's all about connection with people, voices, smiles and laughter all shining through the good times and not so good.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Financial review

The main source of income was from donations of £11,489 and in addition the Choir also received grant funding of £1,700.

Despite grant funding being greatly reduced overall income increased in the year due primarily due to an increase in donations received.

Income includes an amount of £418 which is expected to be received after the year end in relation gift aid claims being submitted to HMRC.

There was however a greater increase in expenses in the year and this has resulted in a negative movement of -£2,383 in the year. Restricted reserves at the year end were £0 (£253 in 2022) and unrestricted reserves were £224 (£2,354 in 2022).

Risk Management:

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error.

Risk is reviewed on a regular basis and actions and controls to mitigate against risk are developed and agreed by the Trustees.

Reserve Policy:

The trustees wish to establish and maintain a level of reserves that it requires to enable on-going delivery of its operations and services. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gap between spending and receiving resources. The trustees would wish to have 3 months operating costs in reserves.

The actual unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2023 were a minus figure of £224 (2022 £2,354). This is evidently less than one usual months reserves. The Trustees will continue to strive to accumulate the desired level of reserves.

Volunteers:

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and we would like to acknowledge their commitment in terms of time, energy and expertise.

Everything I have just related could never happen without a great many people all working voluntarily for the good of us all. On behalf of Antrim Community Choir I want to say a very sincere thank you to you all, for your time effort commitment and support.

Future Plans:

Looking forward to 2024 the Trustees plan to:

- Organise A Sing For Joy event in June 2024 bringing together 3 choirs and their choir leaders and our friends from Scotland, The Should Route Singers, who we visited in Glasgow in 2023. This will be a day of singing full of joy to help bring mental health and suicide awareness to everyone's mind
- Host our Winter Candlelit concert this year in All Saints Church in Antrim in November 2024
- Support the Sitout Santa Appeal by singing with the Dean on the steps of St Anne's Cathedral
- Sing in The Palliative Care Unit at Antrim Area Hospital in December 2024.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs N Friel
Miss A Carroll
Mrs M Jenkins
Mrs E Stevens
Mrs M Mulholland
Patrick Brannigan
Kenneth Grant

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

5 July 2024

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

I report on the Antrim Community Choir of the choir for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

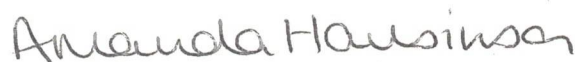
Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph 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 the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.



Amanda Harbinsn, FCA
Corrigan CA Limited, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN
Dated: 5 July 2024

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		13		302
Current assets					
Debtors	13	418		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		313		2,918	
		<u>731</u>		<u>2,918</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(520)		(613)	
Net current assets			<u>211</u>		<u>2,305</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
			=====		=====
The funds of the choir					
Restricted income funds	15		-		253
Unrestricted funds			<u>224</u>		<u>2,354</u>
			<u>224</u>		<u>2,607</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 5 July 2024

Adele Carroll
Miss A Carroll
Trustee

Mrs M Mulholland
Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	4	13,454	1,200	14,654	16,333
Charitable activities	3	4,708	-	4,708	903
Other income	5	418	-	418	600
Total income		<u>18,580</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>19,780</u>	<u>17,836</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	18,448	425	18,873	15,140
Charitable activities	7	2,262	1,028	3,290	2,112
Total resources expended		<u>20,710</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>22,163</u>	<u>17,252</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(2,130)	(253)	(2,383)	584
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>2,354</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>2,607</u>	<u>2,023</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>224</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>224</u></u>	<u><u>2,607</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the choir's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2 Accounting policies

Charity information

Antrim Community Choir is an all inclusive, all-ability, non-audition choir accepting ages 18 and over..

2.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The choir is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The choir has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the choir. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

2.2 Going concern

The choir meets its day to day working capital requirements through the money raised and grants receivable.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.4 Incoming resources

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Income is recognised when the choir is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the choir has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the choir reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2.9 Financial instruments

The choir has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the choir's balance sheet when the choir becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the choir's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2.10 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Charitable Activities		
Sale of goods	4,708	903

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	11,489	-	11,489	3,427
Grants receivable	500	1,200	1,700	9,189
Membership Donations	1,465	-	1,465	3,717
	<u>13,454</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>14,654</u>	<u>16,333</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2022	<u>6,844</u>	<u>9,489</u>		<u>16,333</u>

Grants receivable for core activities

Halifax Foundation	-	-	-	4,000
Enkalon trust	-	-	-	600
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	-	350	350	484
St Annes Cathedral	-	-	-	1,000
The Community Foundation	-	-	-	3,490
Black Santa	-	850	850	-
ASDA Foundation	500	-	500	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>9,189</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
	£	£
Other income	<u>418</u>	<u>600</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Other fundraising costs	18,448	425	18,873	15,140
	<u>18,448</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>18,873</u>	<u>15,140</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Raising funds (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Fundraising and publicity	6,292	8,848	15,140
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Musical Direction in year £ 5,700 (2022-£5,890)

7 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable expenditure	3,290	2,112

Included in expenditure are the following:

	2023 £	2022 £
Insurance	402	396
Rent	1,247	593
Printing, postage & stationery	246	48
Computer Running	297	-
Sundry	37	25
Accountancy	624	625
Bank Charges	147	128
Depreciation	290	297

8 Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	290	298
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9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	none	none

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	1,486
At 31 December 2023	1,486
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	1,183
Depreciation charged in the year	290
At 31 December 2023	1,473
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	13
At 31 December 2022	302

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	418	-

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	24
Accruals and deferred income	520	589
	<u>520</u>	<u>613</u>

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
	253	1,200	(1,453)	-	-
	<u>253</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(1,453)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
	1,537	9,489	(9,808)	(965)	253
	<u>1,537</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>(9,808)</u>	<u>(965)</u>	<u>253</u>

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	2,354	18,580	(20,710)	-	224
	<u>2,354</u>	<u>18,580</u>	<u>(20,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	486	8,347	(7,444)	965	2,354
	<u>486</u>	<u>8,347</u>	<u>(7,444)</u>	<u>965</u>	<u>2,354</u>

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	13	-	13
Current assets/(liabilities)	211	-	211
	<u>224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>

18 Related party transactions

No related party transactions in the period

Antrim Community Choir

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101327

Accounts

Charity registration number NIC 101327

**ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs N Friel Miss A Carroll Mrs M Jenkins Mrs E Stevens Mrs M Mulholland Patrick Brannigan Kenneth Grant	(Appointed 24 April 2022) (Appointed 24 April 2022)
Charity number	NIC 101327	
Principal address	1 Brookvale Antrim BT41 2TU	
Independent Examiner	Amanda Harbinson, FCA Corrigan CA Limited 24 Greystone Road Antrim N Ireland BT41 2QN	

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Chairperson's Report

"People, People who need people,
Are the luckiest people in the world?"
From The Musical 'Funny Girl'

A little background about the choir especially for new members and some who are attending the AGM for the first time. A few of us, 7 in total came together November 2011 always having wanted to sing but for all sorts of reason never did so. We, the Trustees, see the choir as the realisation of a dream for many of a certain age, who were told in their younger days that they couldn't sing. They can become part of our all-inclusive, non - audition choir. The choir helps in so many ways – it provides a forum for social interaction, physical & mental health stimulation and enjoyment and fun .

As our membership increased we quickly became a constituted group at our first AGM on 8th February 2012 gaining Charity status in February 2015 with the then newly formed Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Time does really pass quickly when you are enjoying yourself!!

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices in our community. Singing together we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground. Everyone is welcome over the age of 18 years old. We have a Voluntary Committee of 7 people all members of the choir and a self-employed dynamic Musical Director.

Our voluntary committee is very capably run by Noreen Friel (Voluntary Secretary), Adele Carroll (Voluntary Treasurer), Eileen Stevens (Voluntary Committee Member), Mabel Jenkins (Voluntary committee member), Kenny Grant (Voluntary Committee Member) and Paddy Brannigan (Committee Member). All committee members are elected by The Choir members and a Chairperson is elected by the newly elected committee at every A.G.M. The current chairperson is Marie T Mulholland . Our musical director is the one and only Una McCann. We all take our roles and responsibilities seriously and do our best for the good of everyone who make up Antrim Community Choir. We all truly love to just sing with a group of like-minded people but selflessly have all stepped up to help with the running of the choir and for the better good of all. Most importantly, we still find time to sing.

As charity regulations insist we meet 4 times a year one of which is our AGM. The Choir rehearses every Wednesday night from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Stiles Community Centre Antrim with a short tea break on the night. Covering our running costs is a priority. We look forward to a bright new year for Antrim Community Choir and can only thank our members and volunteers for their invaluable support throughout the year.

M. Mulholland
Chairperson

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the choir's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices of our community to share the joy of music, gaining the physical and mental wellbeing which singing with a group of like-minded people develops, having fun as a group with this non-audition choir. Singing together, we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground, while offering dignity and respect to all. Every voice is welcome. The Community Choir is not limited to those from Antrim but encompasses all of Northern Ireland and has members of all abilities and ages travelling from Ballyclare, Ballymena, Broughshane, Belfast, Crumlin, Dundrum, Newtownabbey, Randalstown, Toomebridge and Magherafelt.

It is governed by a constitution which was formally adopted on 8th February 2012. It is an association open to any individual over the age of 18 irrespective of ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class, marital status, political or religious opinion who support the aims of the Choir.

It is managed and controlled by a voluntary committee which consists of three office bearers; Honorary Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four ordinary members who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the choir should undertake.

Main Activities:

Antrim Community Choir aim to be as independent as possible. They apply to funders when they are organising specific programmes.

Monthly choir member subscriptions are currently £20 and these were paid during the year by bank transfer, cheque or cash on the first Wednesday of each month.

Induction and training of new Trustees:

New Trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their obligations under charity, the content of the constitution, the committee and decision making processes, the years plan of activities and financial performance of the charity.

Volunteers:

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and we would like to acknowledge their commitment in terms of time, energy and expertise.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Achievements and performance

Summary of Main Achievements during the year:

The Whatsapp group that was set up by Una has proved invaluable in the last two years for getting information out to members. The Whatsapp group is now used to fine tune harmonies and words of songs as Una uses the group to get this information to choir members.

The Choir hit the ground running in January 2022 as preparation for the Under the Radar Project got underway. This was a digital interactive choral collaboration on a local, regional and international platform and it was decided that the perfect venue for this was in the Glens of Antrim. This project took place between February and June 2022 and involved poetry, story telling and singing among the people in the Glens.

During the year, The Choir received some funding from Asda. The funding was received as a result of people voting for The Choir using Asda's green button instore collection.

In March 2022, The Choir members sang and danced in a carnival whereby all communities were just out celebrating as people from all over the world together as one.

On 3rd December 2022 The Choir performed in Stormont. This was to assist in raising much needed funds for Muscular Dystrophy NI. People from all over NI gave their talent and time freely so that all funds raised could go to the selected charity.

On 7th December 2022 The Choir participated in "Singing Christmas from Our Hearts" in the palliative care unit in Antrim Area Hospital. This was an experience and a privilege. "We may all forget days and dates but we never forget moments."

On Wednesday 14th December 2022 the Choir sang "Christmas Thoughts" to seniors in the community. Antrim Community Choirs Christmas project Hug In A Mug supper involved the 40 members of The Choir and brought 40 senior citizens who, although almost a year had passed since lockdown, were still apprehensive about going out. This was funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and turned out to be a wonderful night. The hall was turned into a magical Christmas scene with laughter, smiles, supper, a sign along to the a Christmas performance by the Pipes and Drums musical director, Heidi Blackwood. Heidi stepped in when our own musical director, Una suffered an accident and had to attend hospital that day.

Successful funding applications were made during the year to St Anne's Cathedral for Sit Out Santa, Enkalon Foundation, Halifax and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

This past year, Antrim Community Choir has scaled greater heights. Singing further than ever before over glens and dales, rivers and valleys throughout this beautiful land we call home. It's all about connection with people, voices, smiles and laughter all shining through the good times and not so good.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial review

The main source of income was from membership donations of £3,717 and in addition the Choir also received grant funding of £ 9,189.

Overall income increased in the year due primarily to grants received. There was a new Halifax grant to fund the Under The Radar Project.

This has resulted in a surplus of £584 in the year. Restricted reserves at the year end were £253 (£1,537 in 2021) and unrestricted reserves were £2,354 (£486 in 2021).

Risk Management:

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error.

Risk is reviewed on a regular basis and actions and controls to mitigate against risk are developed and agreed by the Trustees.

Reserve Policy:

The trustees wish to establish and maintain a level of reserves that it requires to enable On-going delivery of its operations and services. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gap between spending and receiving resources. The trustees would wish to have 3 months operating costs in reserves.

The actual unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2022 were £2,354 (2021 £ 486). This is less than one usual months reserves. The Trustees will continue to strive to accumulate the desired level of reserves.

Future Plans:

Looking forward to 2023 the Trustees plan to :

- Banish The Winter Blues will be performed in February 2023
- They plan to visit Scotland- a project that had been planned in 2020 but delayed because of Covid – but to celebrate Robert Burns
- Support the Sitout Santa Appeal, singing with the Dean on the steps of St Annes Cathedral.
- Participate in the Sing for Joy in Queens University Belfast to enhance awareness of mental health.
- Sing in The Palliative Care Unit at Antrim Area Hospital in December.
- The Choir have been invited to sing at the Donkey Sanctuary in Antrim and plan to do that for a number of years
- From September 2023 they plan to change their venue for meeting to The Community Hall at St Josephs.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs N Friel	
Miss A Carroll	
Mrs M Lipsett	(Resigned 6 April 2022)
Mrs M Jenkins	
Mrs J Andrews	(Resigned 6 April 2022)
Mrs E Stevens	
Mrs M Mulholland	
Patrick Brannigan	(Appointed 24 April 2022)
Kenneth Grant	(Appointed 24 April 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mrs M Mulholland

Trustee

Dated: 25 July 2023

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

I report on the Antrim Community Choir of the choir for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph 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 the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.

Amanda Harbinson

Amanda Harbinson, FCA
Corrigan CA Limited, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN
Dated: 25 July 2023

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	4	6,844	9,489	16,333	7,211
Charitable activities	3	903	-	903	1,095
Other income	5	600	-	600	-
Total income		<u>8,347</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>17,836</u>	<u>8,306</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	6	<u>6,292</u>	<u>8,848</u>	<u>15,140</u>	<u>4,480</u>
Charitable activities	7	<u>1,152</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>2,112</u>	<u>2,269</u>
Total resources expended		<u>7,444</u>	<u>9,808</u>	<u>17,252</u>	<u>6,749</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		903	(319)	584	1,557
Gross transfers between funds		<u>965</u>	<u>(965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		1,868	(1,284)	584	1,557
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		<u>486</u>	<u>1,537</u>	<u>2,023</u>	<u>466</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		<u><u>2,354</u></u>	<u><u>253</u></u>	<u><u>2,607</u></u>	<u><u>2,023</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		302		600
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		2,918		1,967	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(613)</u>		<u>(544)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>2,305</u>		<u>1,423</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,607</u>		<u>2,023</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			253		1,537
Unrestricted funds			<u>2,354</u>		<u>486</u>
			<u>2,607</u>		<u>2,023</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25 July 2023

Adele Carroll

Miss A Carroll
Trustee

Mrs M Mulholland

Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Antrim Community Choir is an all inclusive, all-ability, non-audition choir accepting ages 18 and over..

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The choir is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The choir has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the choir. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The choir meets its day to day working capital requirements through the money raised and grants receivable.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the choir is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the choir has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the choir reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the choir's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the choir's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Fundraising and Grants 2022 £	Fundraising and Grants 2021 £
Sales within charitable activities	903	1,095

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,527	900	3,427	1,188
Grants receivable	600	8,589	9,189	2,084
Membership Donations	3,717	-	3,717	3,939
	<u>6,844</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>16,333</u>	<u>7,211</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>5,127</u>	<u>2,084</u>		<u>7,211</u>
Grants receivable for core activities				
Halifax Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
Enkalon trust	-	600	600	600
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	-	499	499	484
St Annes Cathedral	-	600	600	1,000
The Community Foundation	-	3,490	3,490	-
	<u>600</u>	<u>8,589</u>	<u>9,189</u>	<u>2,084</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other income	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>	6,292	8,848	15,140	4,480
Other fundraising costs	<u>6,292</u>	<u>8,848</u>	<u>15,140</u>	<u>4,480</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>4,480</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>4,480</u>
Fundraising and publicity				

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	1,485
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,485</u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	885
Depreciation charged in the year	298
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,183</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	<u>302</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>600</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	24	24
Accruals and deferred income	589	520
	<u>613</u>	<u>544</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	302	-	302
Current assets/(liabilities)	2,052	253	2,305
	<u>2,354</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>2,607</u>

13 Related party transactions

Each trustee is a member of the choir and pays a membership fee. These were arms length transactions.

Antrim Community Choir

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101327

Annual report

Charity registration number NIC 101327

**ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs N Friel Miss A Carroll Mrs M Jenkins Mrs E Stevens Mrs M Mulholland Patrick Brannigan Kenneth Grant	(Appointed 24 April 2022) (Appointed 24 April 2022)
Charity number	NIC 101327	
Principal address	1 Brookvale Antrim BT41 2TU	
Independent Examiner	Amanda Harbinson, FCA Corrigan CA Limited 24 Greystone Road Antrim N Ireland BT41 2QN	

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Chairperson's Report

"People, People who need people,
Are the luckiest people in the world?"
From The Musical 'Funny Girl'

A little background about the choir especially for new members and some who are attending the AGM for the first time. A few of us, 7 in total came together November 2011 always having wanted to sing but for all sorts of reason never did so. We, the Trustees, see the choir as the realisation of a dream for many of a certain age, who were told in their younger days that they couldn't sing. They can become part of our all-inclusive, non - audition choir. The choir helps in so many ways – it provides a forum for social interaction, physical & mental health stimulation and enjoyment and fun .

As our membership increased we quickly became a constituted group at our first AGM on 8th February 2012 gaining Charity status in February 2015 with the then newly formed Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Time does really pass quickly when you are enjoying yourself!!

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices in our community. Singing together we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground. Everyone is welcome over the age of 18 years old. We have a Voluntary Committee of 7 people all members of the choir and a self-employed dynamic Musical Director.

Our voluntary committee is very capably run by Noreen Friel (Voluntary Secretary), Adele Carroll (Voluntary Treasurer), Eileen Stevens (Voluntary Committee Member), Mabel Jenkins (Voluntary committee member), Kenny Grant (Voluntary Committee Member) and Paddy Brannigan (Committee Member). All committee members are elected by The Choir members and a Chairperson is elected by the newly elected committee at every A.G.M. The current chairperson is Marie T Mulholland . Our musical director is the one and only Una McCann. We all take our roles and responsibilities seriously and do our best for the good of everyone who make up Antrim Community Choir. We all truly love to just sing with a group of like-minded people but selflessly have all stepped up to help with the running of the choir and for the better good of all. Most importantly, we still find time to sing.

As charity regulations insist we meet 4 times a year one of which is our AGM. The Choir rehearses every Wednesday night from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Stiles Community Centre Antrim with a short tea break on the night. Covering our running costs is a priority. We look forward to a bright new year for Antrim Community Choir and can only thank our members and volunteers for their invaluable support throughout the year.

M. Mulholland
Chairperson

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the choir's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices of our community to share the joy of music, gaining the physical and mental wellbeing which singing with a group of like-minded people develops, having fun as a group with this non-audition choir. Singing together, we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground, while offering dignity and respect to all. Every voice is welcome. The Community Choir is not limited to those from Antrim but encompasses all of Northern Ireland and has members of all abilities and ages travelling from Ballyclare, Ballymena, Broughshane, Belfast, Crumlin, Dundrum, Newtownabbey, Randalstown, Toomebridge and Magherafelt.

It is governed by a constitution which was formally adopted on 8th February 2012. It is an association open to any individual over the age of 18 irrespective of ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class, marital status, political or religious opinion who support the aims of the Choir.

It is managed and controlled by a voluntary committee which consists of three office bearers; Honorary Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four ordinary members who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the choir should undertake.

Main Activities:

Antrim Community Choir aim to be as independent as possible. They apply to funders when they are organising specific programmes.

Monthly choir member subscriptions are currently £20 and these were paid during the year by bank transfer, cheque or cash on the first Wednesday of each month.

Induction and training of new Trustees:

New Trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their obligations under charity, the content of the constitution, the committee and decision making processes, the years plan of activities and financial performance of the charity.

Volunteers:

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and we would like to acknowledge their commitment in terms of time, energy and expertise.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Achievements and performance

Summary of Main Achievements during the year:

The Whatsapp group that was set up by Una has proved invaluable in the last two years for getting information out to members. The Whatsapp group is now used to fine tune harmonies and words of songs as Una uses the group to get this information to choir members.

The Choir hit the ground running in January 2022 as preparation for the Under the Radar Project got underway. This was a digital interactive choral collaboration on a local, regional and international platform and it was decided that the perfect venue for this was in the Glens of Antrim. This project took place between February and June 2022 and involved poetry, story telling and singing among the people in the Glens.

During the year, The Choir received some funding from Asda. The funding was received as a result of people voting for The Choir using Asda's green button instore collection.

In March 2022, The Choir members sang and danced in a carnival whereby all communities were just out celebrating as people from all over the world together as one.

On 3rd December 2022 The Choir performed in Stormont. This was to assist in raising much needed funds for Muscular Dystrophy NI. People from all over NI gave their talent and time freely so that all funds raised could go to the selected charity.

On 7th December 2022 The Choir participated in "Singing Christmas from Our Hearts" in the palliative care unit in Antrim Area Hospital. This was an experience and a privilege. "We may all forget days and dates but we never forget moments."

On Wednesday 14th December 2022 the Choir sang "Christmas Thoughts" to seniors in the community. Antrim Community Choirs Christmas project Hug In A Mug supper involved the 40 members of The Choir and brought 40 senior citizens who, although almost a year had passed since lockdown, were still apprehensive about going out. This was funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and turned out to be a wonderful night. The hall was turned into a magical Christmas scene with laughter, smiles, supper, a sign along to the a Christmas performance by the Pipes and Drums musical director, Heidi Blackwood. Heidi stepped in when our own musical director, Una suffered an accident and had to attend hospital that day.

Successful funding applications were made during the year to St Anne's Cathedral for Sit Out Santa, Enkalon Foundation, Halifax and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

This past year, Antrim Community Choir has scaled greater heights. Singing further than ever before over glens and dales, rivers and valleys throughout this beautiful land we call home. It's all about connection with people, voices, smiles and laughter all shining through the good times and not so good.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial review

The main source of income was from membership donations of £3,717 and in addition the Choir also received grant funding of £ 9,189.

Overall income increased in the year due primarily to grants received. There was a new Halifax grant to fund the Under The Radar Project.

This has resulted in a surplus of £584 in the year. Restricted reserves at the year end were £253 (£1,537 in 2021) and unrestricted reserves were £2,354 (£486 in 2021).

Risk Management:

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error.

Risk is reviewed on a regular basis and actions and controls to mitigate against risk are developed and agreed by the Trustees.

Reserve Policy:

The trustees wish to establish and maintain a level of reserves that it requires to enable On-going delivery of its operations and services. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gap between spending and receiving resources. The trustees would wish to have 3 months operating costs in reserves.

The actual unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2022 were £2,354 (2021 £ 486). This is less than one usual months reserves. The Trustees will continue to strive to accumulate the desired level of reserves.

Future Plans:

Looking forward to 2023 the Trustees plan to :

- Banish The Winter Blues will be performed in February 2023
- They plan to visit Scotland- a project that had been planned in 2020 but delayed because of Covid – but to celebrate Robert Burns
- Support the Sitout Santa Appeal, singing with the Dean on the steps of St Annes Cathedral.
- Participate in the Sing for Joy in Queens University Belfast to enhance awareness of mental health.
- Sing in The Palliative Care Unit at Antrim Area Hospital in December.
- The Choir have been invited to sing at the Donkey Sanctuary in Antrim and plan to do that for a number of years
- From September 2023 they plan to change their venue for meeting to The Community Hall at St Josephs.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs N Friel	
Miss A Carroll	
Mrs M Lipsett	(Resigned 6 April 2022)
Mrs M Jenkins	
Mrs J Andrews	(Resigned 6 April 2022)
Mrs E Stevens	
Mrs M Mulholland	
Patrick Brannigan	(Appointed 24 April 2022)
Kenneth Grant	(Appointed 24 April 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mrs M Mulholland

Trustee

Dated: 25 July 2023

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

I report on the Antrim Community Choir of the choir for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
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Dated: 25 July 2023

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		302		600
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		2,918		1,967	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(613)</u>		<u>(544)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>2,305</u>		<u>1,423</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>2,607</u></u>		<u><u>2,023</u></u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			253		1,537
Unrestricted funds			<u>2,354</u>		<u>486</u>
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25 July 2023

Adele Carroll

Miss A Carroll
Trustee

Mrs M Mulholland

Mrs M Mulholland
Trustee

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Antrim Community Choir is an all inclusive, all-ability, non-audition choir accepting ages 18 and over..

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The choir is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The choir has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the choir. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The choir meets its day to day working capital requirements through the money raised and grants receivable.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the choir is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the choir has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the choir reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the choir's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the choir's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Fundraising and Grants 2022 £	Fundraising and Grants 2021 £
Sales within charitable activities	903	1,095

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,527	900	3,427	1,188
Grants receivable	600	8,589	9,189	2,084
Membership Donations	3,717	-	3,717	3,939
	<u>6,844</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>16,333</u>	<u>7,211</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>5,127</u>	<u>2,084</u>		<u>7,211</u>
Grants receivable for core activities				
Halifax Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
Enkalon trust	-	600	600	600
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	-	499	499	484
St Annes Cathedral	-	600	600	1,000
The Community Foundation	-	3,490	3,490	-
	<u>600</u>	<u>8,589</u>	<u>9,189</u>	<u>2,084</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other income	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>	6,292	8,848	15,140	4,480
Other fundraising costs	<u>6,292</u>	<u>8,848</u>	<u>15,140</u>	<u>4,480</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>4,480</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>4,480</u>
Fundraising and publicity				

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	1,485
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,485</u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	885
Depreciation charged in the year	298
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,183</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	<u>302</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>600</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	24	24
Accruals and deferred income	589	520
	<u>613</u>	<u>544</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	302	-	302
Current assets/(liabilities)	2,052	253	2,305
	<u>2,354</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>2,607</u>

13 Related party transactions

Each trustee is a member of the choir and pays a membership fee. These were arms length transactions.

Antrim Community Choir

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101327

Annual return

Charity registration number NIC 101327

**ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs N Friel Miss A Carroll Mrs M Jenkins Mrs E Stevens Mrs M Mulholland Patrick Brannigan Kenneth Grant	(Appointed 24 April 2022) (Appointed 24 April 2022)
Charity number	NIC 101327	
Principal address	1 Brookvale Antrim BT41 2TU	
Independent Examiner	Amanda Harbinson, FCA Corrigan CA Limited 24 Greystone Road Antrim N Ireland BT41 2QN	

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Chairperson's Report

"People, People who need people,
Are the luckiest people in the world?"
From The Musical 'Funny Girl'

A little background about the choir especially for new members and some who are attending the AGM for the first time. A few of us, 7 in total came together November 2011 always having wanted to sing but for all sorts of reason never did so. We, the Trustees, see the choir as the realisation of a dream for many of a certain age, who were told in their younger days that they couldn't sing. They can become part of our all-inclusive, non - audition choir. The choir helps in so many ways – it provides a forum for social interaction, physical & mental health stimulation and enjoyment and fun .

As our membership increased we quickly became a constituted group at our first AGM on 8th February 2012 gaining Charity status in February 2015 with the then newly formed Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Time does really pass quickly when you are enjoying yourself!!

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices in our community. Singing together we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground. Everyone is welcome over the age of 18 years old. We have a Voluntary Committee of 7 people all members of the choir and a self-employed dynamic Musical Director.

Our voluntary committee is very capably run by Noreen Friel (Voluntary Secretary), Adele Carroll (Voluntary Treasurer), Eileen Stevens (Voluntary Committee Member), Mabel Jenkins (Voluntary committee member), Kenny Grant (Voluntary Committee Member) and Paddy Brannigan (Committee Member). All committee members are elected by The Choir members and a Chairperson is elected by the newly elected committee at every A.G.M. The current chairperson is Marie T Mulholland . Our musical director is the one and only Una McCann. We all take our roles and responsibilities seriously and do our best for the good of everyone who make up Antrim Community Choir. We all truly love to just sing with a group of like-minded people but selflessly have all stepped up to help with the running of the choir and for the better good of all. Most importantly, we still find time to sing.

As charity regulations insist we meet 4 times a year one of which is our AGM. The Choir rehearses every Wednesday night from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Stiles Community Centre Antrim with a short tea break on the night. Covering our running costs is a priority. We look forward to a bright new year for Antrim Community Choir and can only thank our members and volunteers for their invaluable support throughout the year.

M. Mulholland
Chairperson

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the choir's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Antrim Community Choir exists to bring together the voices of our community to share the joy of music, gaining the physical and mental wellbeing which singing with a group of like-minded people develops, having fun as a group with this non-audition choir. Singing together, we celebrate our diversity and find our common ground, while offering dignity and respect to all. Every voice is welcome. The Community Choir is not limited to those from Antrim but encompasses all of Northern Ireland and has members of all abilities and ages travelling from Ballyclare, Ballymena, Broughshane, Belfast, Crumlin, Dundrum, Newtownabbey, Randalstown, Toomebridge and Magherafelt.

It is governed by a constitution which was formally adopted on 8th February 2012. It is an association open to any individual over the age of 18 irrespective of ethnic identity, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, class, marital status, political or religious opinion who support the aims of the Choir.

It is managed and controlled by a voluntary committee which consists of three office bearers; Honorary Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four ordinary members who are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the choir should undertake.

Main Activities:

Antrim Community Choir aim to be as independent as possible. They apply to funders when they are organising specific programmes.

Monthly choir member subscriptions are currently £20 and these were paid during the year by bank transfer, cheque or cash on the first Wednesday of each month.

Induction and training of new Trustees:

New Trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their obligations under charity, the content of the constitution, the committee and decision making processes, the years plan of activities and financial performance of the charity.

Volunteers:

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and we would like to acknowledge their commitment in terms of time, energy and expertise.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Achievements and performance

Summary of Main Achievements during the year:

The Whatsapp group that was set up by Una has proved invaluable in the last two years for getting information out to members. The Whatsapp group is now used to fine tune harmonies and words of songs as Una uses the group to get this information to choir members.

The Choir hit the ground running in January 2022 as preparation for the Under the Radar Project got underway. This was a digital interactive choral collaboration on a local, regional and international platform and it was decided that the perfect venue for this was in the Glens of Antrim. This project took place between February and June 2022 and involved poetry, story telling and singing among the people in the Glens.

During the year, The Choir received some funding from Asda. The funding was received as a result of people voting for The Choir using Asda's green button instore collection.

In March 2022, The Choir members sang and danced in a carnival whereby all communities were just out celebrating as people from all over the world together as one.

On 3rd December 2022 The Choir performed in Stormont. This was to assist in raising much needed funds for Muscular Dystrophy NI. People from all over NI gave their talent and time freely so that all funds raised could go to the selected charity.

On 7th December 2022 The Choir participated in "Singing Christmas from Our Hearts" in the palliative care unit in Antrim Area Hospital. This was an experience and a privilege. "We may all forget days and dates but we never forget moments."

On Wednesday 14th December 2022 the Choir sang "Christmas Thoughts" to seniors in the community. Antrim Community Choirs Christmas project Hug In A Mug supper involved the 40 members of The Choir and brought 40 senior citizens who, although almost a year had passed since lockdown, were still apprehensive about going out. This was funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and turned out to be a wonderful night. The hall was turned into a magical Christmas scene with laughter, smiles, supper, a sign along to the a Christmas performance by the Pipes and Drums musical director, Heidi Blackwood. Heidi stepped in when our own musical director, Una suffered an accident and had to attend hospital that day.

Successful funding applications were made during the year to St Anne's Cathedral for Sit Out Santa, Enkalon Foundation, Halifax and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

This past year, Antrim Community Choir has scaled greater heights. Singing further than ever before over glens and dales, rivers and valleys throughout this beautiful land we call home. It's all about connection with people, voices, smiles and laughter all shining through the good times and not so good.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial review

The main source of income was from membership donations of £3,717 and in addition the Choir also received grant funding of £ 9,189.

Overall income increased in the year due primarily to grants received. There was a new Halifax grant to fund the Under The Radar Project.

This has resulted in a surplus of £584 in the year. Restricted reserves at the year end were £253 (£1,537 in 2021) and unrestricted reserves were £2,354 (£486 in 2021).

Risk Management:

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurances against fraud and error.

Risk is reviewed on a regular basis and actions and controls to mitigate against risk are developed and agreed by the Trustees.

Reserve Policy:

The trustees wish to establish and maintain a level of reserves that it requires to enable On-going delivery of its operations and services. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gap between spending and receiving resources. The trustees would wish to have 3 months operating costs in reserves.

The actual unrestricted reserves as at 31st December 2022 were £2,354 (2021 £ 486). This is less than one usual months reserves. The Trustees will continue to strive to accumulate the desired level of reserves.

Future Plans:

Looking forward to 2023 the Trustees plan to :

- Banish The Winter Blues will be performed in February 2023
- They plan to visit Scotland- a project that had been planned in 2020 but delayed because of Covid – but to celebrate Robert Burns
- Support the Sitout Santa Appeal, singing with the Dean on the steps of St Annes Cathedral.
- Participate in the Sing for Joy in Queens University Belfast to enhance awareness of mental health.
- Sing in The Palliative Care Unit at Antrim Area Hospital in December.
- The Choir have been invited to sing at the Donkey Sanctuary in Antrim and plan to do that for a number of years
- From September 2023 they plan to change their venue for meeting to The Community Hall at St Josephs.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs N Friel	
Miss A Carroll	
Mrs M Lipsett	(Resigned 6 April 2022)
Mrs M Jenkins	
Mrs J Andrews	(Resigned 6 April 2022)
Mrs E Stevens	
Mrs M Mulholland	
Patrick Brannigan	(Appointed 24 April 2022)
Kenneth Grant	(Appointed 24 April 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mrs M Mulholland

Trustee

Dated: 25 July 2023

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

I report on the Antrim Community Choir of the choir for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph 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 the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.

Amanda Harbinson

Amanda Harbinson, FCA
Corrigan CA Limited, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
24 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 2QN
Dated: 25 July 2023

ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	4	6,844	9,489	16,333	7,211
Charitable activities	3	903	-	903	1,095
Other income	5	600	-	600	-
Total income		<u>8,347</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>17,836</u>	<u>8,306</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25 July 2023

Adele Carroll

Miss A Carroll
Trustee

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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CHOIR

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Antrim Community Choir is an all inclusive, all-ability, non-audition choir accepting ages 18 and over..

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the choir's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The choir is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The choir has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the choir. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The choir meets its day to day working capital requirements through the money raised and grants receivable.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the choir is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the choir has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on a receipts and payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% Straight Line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the choir reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the choir's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the choir's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Charitable activities

	Fundraising and Grants 2022 £	Fundraising and Grants 2021 £
Sales within charitable activities	903	1,095

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4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,527	900	3,427	1,188
Grants receivable	600	8,589	9,189	2,084
Membership Donations	3,717	-	3,717	3,939
	<u>6,844</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>16,333</u>	<u>7,211</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>5,127</u>	<u>2,084</u>		<u>7,211</u>
Grants receivable for core activities				
Halifax Foundation	-	4,000	4,000	-
Enkalon trust	-	600	600	600
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	-	499	499	484
St Annes Cathedral	-	600	600	1,000
The Community Foundation	-	3,490	3,490	-
	<u>600</u>	<u>8,589</u>	<u>9,189</u>	<u>2,084</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other income	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>	6,292	8,848	15,140	4,480
Other fundraising costs	<u>6,292</u>	<u>8,848</u>	<u>15,140</u>	<u>4,480</u>
For the year ended 31 December 2021	<u>4,480</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>4,480</u>
Fundraising and publicity				

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	1,485
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,485</u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	885
Depreciation charged in the year	298
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,183</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	<u>302</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>600</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	24	24
Accruals and deferred income	589	520
	<u>613</u>	<u>544</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	302	-	302
Current assets/(liabilities)	2,052	253	2,305
	<u>2,354</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>2,607</u>

13 Related party transactions

Each trustee is a member of the choir and pays a membership fee. These were arms length transactions.