

Lisburn Community Choir

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108427

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-12-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The purposes of the Charity are: The advancement of citizenship and community development, the advancement of education, the advancement of health and the advancement of arts. The charity was established to provide an inclusive community choir open to all, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, disability, class, political or religious beliefs, or musical experience, with the object of contributing to the health, well-being and increased social interaction of its members who learn new skills through singing and performing together in fundraising concerts and shows for local and national charities and at local community events, which in turn fosters public knowledge and appreciation of music. The beneficiaries of the choir are primarily, though not exclusively, from the Greater Lisburn Area

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

How the charity works: Arts

Who the charity helps: Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£37,670	£37,962	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Des Henry		
Fiona Hart		
Lyndsay Millar		
Mrs Janet-Obie Johnson		
Mrs Pat Knowles		
Robert Wilson		
Sharon Stuart		

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For year ended 31st July 2025

Lisburn Community Choir Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31/07/2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Receipts				
Adult Subs	9,274	-	9,274	7,355
Children's Subs	1,110	-	1,110	1,175
Sheet music	855	-	855	1,125
Uniforms	902	-	902	350
Ticket Sales	11,861	-	11,861	16,156
Programme sales	-	-	-	860
Grants (Note 1)	-	-	-	4,790
Fundraising	177	2,601	2,778	2,744
Performance	550	-	550	-
Wales trip	-	10,340	10,340	-
	24,729	12,941	37,670	34,555
Payments				
Management Costs	11,930	-	11,930	9,483
Uniforms	1,104	-	1,104	943
Performance & Venues	8,337	-	8,337	16,432
Refreshments	1,096	-	1,096	870
Donations	-	4,981	4,981	-
Printing	147	-	147	1,240
Music	1,698	-	1,698	-
Insurance & Travel	273	-	273	380
Wales trip	-	6,000	6,000	-
Expenses	2,331	-	2,331	1,307
Bank Fees	66	-	66	61
	26,982	10,981	37,962	30,716
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 2,252	1,960	- 292	3,839

Opening Balance	5,611	2,380	7,991	4,152
Closing reserves	<u>3,359</u>	<u>4,340</u>	<u>7,699</u>	<u>7,991</u>

Balance Sheet

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
<i>Total assets</i>				
Cash at bank	<u>3,359</u>	<u>4,340</u>	<u>7,699</u>	<u>7,991</u>
<i>Reserves</i>				
Opening reserves	5,611	2,380	7,991	4,152
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 2,252	1,960 -	292	3,839
Closing reserves	<u>3,359</u>	<u>4,340</u>	<u>7,699</u>	<u>7,991</u>

Note 1

Grants received	2025	2024
Halifax grant	-	3,660
Black Santa Grant St Annes Cathedral	-	880
Lisburn Rotary club	-	250
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,790</u>

Approved by the trustees on 12-1-26 and signed on their behalf by:

P. Knowles

Chairperson

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Treasurer

Lisburn Community Choir 2023-2024 Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31/07/2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Receipts				
Adult Subs	7,355		7,355	5,923
Children's Subs	1,175		1,175	1,180
Sheet Music	1,125		1,125	-
Fundraising	179	2,380	2,559	1,252
Uniforms	351		351	340
Ticket Sales	16,156		16,156	2,082
Programme sales	860		860	-
Grants	3,910	880	4,790	-
Donations	185		185	-
Total Receipts	31,295	3,260	34,555	10,777
Payments				
Management Costs	9,278	206	9,484	6,358
Uniforms	269	674	943	1,178
Performance & Venues	16,432		16,432	2,620
Refreshments	870		870	1,598
Printing	1,240		1,240	151
Music	-		-	786
Insurance & Travel	380		380	343
Gifts	9		9	1,391
Equipment	-		-	154
Expenses	1,299		1,299	9
Bank Fees	61		61	46
Total Payments	29,837	880	30,717	14,634
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,459	2,380	3,838	- 3,857

Balance Sheet

	2024	2023
Cash at bank	7,991	4,152
Total assets	7,991	4,152
Opening unrestricted reserves	4,152	8,009
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,459 -	3,857
Closing unrestricted reserves	5,611	4,152
Opening restricted reserves	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,380	-
Closing restricted reserves	2,380	-
Total reserves	7,991	4,152

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SIGNED: Gavin Webb DATE: 22/3/25 (chair)

SIGNED: P. Rozes DATE: 22.3.25 (Sec)

LISBURN COMMUNITY CHOIRS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

**Mrs K Webb
Mrs Carol Johnston
Mrs L Cunningham
Mrs P Knowles
Mr Robert Wilson
Ms Marian Mateer
Mr Des Henry**

Chair

Mrs K Webb

Secretary

Mrs L Cunningham

Treasurer

Mr R Wilson

Choir Administrator

Mr Tim Webb

Finance Administrator

Mr R Wilson

Musical Director

Mr Tim Reynolds

Deputy Musical Director

Mrs Sharon Hodgins

Independent Examiner

Mrs V Thompson

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CHAIR'S REPORT

For year ended 31st July 2024

Introduction:

This Annual Report for the year ending 31st July 2024 begins with our new Musical Director, Tim Reynolds gathering us all together in September for a year of amazing singing, and opportunities. We were delighted to welcome both old and new members and the term got off to a great start with our first 'Super' Saturday on 14th October in Emmanuel Church, Portadown. This gave us the opportunity to practise our songs, and to have a bit of social time together.

December was a busy month for the choirs. We started off with our concert in Lisburn Cathedral on 2nd December entitled 'Tis the Season. It was a great success with a packed Cathedral, a lovely way to start the Christmas season. We then had the privilege of singing again at the Cathedral, with the Lisburn Community Orchestra on 16th December. Great fun was had by those who made it to the Ulster Radio live in Lisburn's Lagan Island. Thanks to Caroline Stewart for arranging our guest appearance. We were very ready for our Christmas break!

In January, we were back to prepare for our big Ulster Hall concert in April. Another 'Super' Saturday was held on 17th February in Bangor this time – and didn't we have a lovely time! We held up the Bangor station with our flash mob singing. It wasn't long until our concert on 27th April in the Ulster Hall – 'Chart Toppers'. It was a huge success, and we were delighted to welcome Laura Kerr as our MC.

Charities:

At the beginning of this choir year, we had nominated 2 charities to support through our Concert, Pretty'n'Pink and Angel Wishes. We were delighted to raise awareness and money for such worthy causes. One of our choir members, Samantha Connor, organised the charity collections for both, and her company, John Thompson & Sons Ltd. Match funded up to £2000. We were able to give both charities £2000 each.

Socials:

We finished off our choir year with Breakfast at Café Vic Ryn. But we were not quite finished yet – on 23rd June some of the choir members went to the new garden space at the Musgrave Park Hospital to sing. It was a scorching hot day, and it was well received by all who were there.

Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees, work tirelessly in the background. Not only do each of them bring their own unique gifts and skills, but they also sing, learn words and in Dessie's case, also do the PPT at the Ulster Hall!

I would like to thank all of them, they are what makes this choir work smoothly, including my husband, Tim, who has taken the minutes for us since Jane Dawson left. I know I am leaving it all in very good and capable hands. Carol Johnston is also stepping down this year, and we want to thank her for her commitment to the children's choir especially.

I can't mention the Trustees without mentioning our dear friend, Liz Cunningham. Liz had been involved since the beginning of Lisburn Community Choirs, and it was such a privilege to sing at her funeral. I think for all of us, the most poignant moment was the softly sung 'Fix You' as the coffin was taken out of the Cathedral. The whole service was a real tribute to Liz, who she was, as a friend, mum, nana and choir member. Liz had planned to step down from the Board of the choir this AGM. She leaves a big hole in our lives, we will miss her, but know she is singing with the angels, and her beloved husband.

Thanks and final remarks

Finally, thanks to our musical director, Tim Reynolds and his accompanist, Sharon Hodgins. Without you both, and your gifts and skills, we would be a bunch of people croaking out notes randomly! You get the best out of us all, and we thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm.

Laven Webb

(Chair of LCC)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the charity trustees of LCC

For year ended 31st July 2023

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Lisburn Community Choir

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 30 July 2024, which are set out on page 1.
Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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 I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Vivienne Thompson

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Chartered Accountants in Ireland Address: 18 Mount Royal, Lisburn, BT27 5BF Date: 26 November 2024

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Lisburn Community Choir 2022 - 2023

Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31/07/2023

			2022/23	2021/22
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Adult Subs	5,923		5,923	5,599
Children's Subs	1,180		1,180	990
Fundraising	-		-	23
Uniforms	340		340	30
Ticket Sales	2,082		2,082	2,220
Grants	-		-	-
Collections	1,252		1,252	-
Performance	-		-	-
Interest	-		-	4
			-	
Total Receipts	10,777	-	10,777	8,865
			-	
			-	
Payments				
Management Costs	6,358		6,358	3,435
Uniforms	1,178		1,178	1,251
Performance & Venues	2,620		2,620	7,506
Refreshments	1,598		1,598	117
Printing	151		151	21
Music	786		786	94
Insurance & Travel	343		343	327
Equipment	154		154	837
Donations	-		-	273
Gifts	1,391		1,391	901
Expenses	8		8	4
Bank Fees	46		46	40
			-	
Total Payments	14,633	-	14,633	14,805
			-	
			-	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 3,857	- -	3,857 -	5,940

Assets and Liabilities

	2023	2022
Cash in hand	-	-
Cash at bank	4,152	8,009
Total assets	<u>4,152</u>	<u>2,069</u>
Opening unrestricted reserves	8,009	13,949
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	- 3,857 -	5,940
Closing unrestricted reserves	<u>4,152</u>	<u>8,009</u>
Opening restricted reserves	-	-
Deficit for the year	-	-
Closing restricted reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Reserves	<u>4,152</u>	<u>8,009</u>

Note 1**Grants Received**

None

2023

-
-
-

Note 2**Payments to Trustees****2023**

Carol Johnston	236.39
Pat Knowles	179.37
Richard Thompson	107.95
Marion Mateer	185.15
Karen Webb	235.00
	<u>943.86</u>

All payments to trustees were reimbursement for expenditure they incurred on behalf of the choir.

The above receipts and payments account and assets and liabilities were

approved by the Trustees on 30th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature**Print Name**

Chair

Karen WebbKAREN WEBB

Treasurer

R. ThompsonR. Thompson

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Mrs J Dawson (until 2/3/23)

Finance Administrator

Mr R Thompson

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Mrs J Harper (until 2/4/23)

Deputy Musical Director

Mr Tim Reynolds

Independent Examiner

Mrs F. Jones FCA

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CHAIR'S REPORT

For year ended 31st July 2023

Introduction & roundup:

This year, we have managed, with great delight all around, to be back in Lisburn Cathedral for our rehearsals. After over 2 years of uncertainty and lockdown – everyone was pleased to be back.

We started our first night with a Registration evening and a BBQ on Monday 5th September 2022. Great time had by all and wonderful to see so many people back together. Julie, of course, doesn't let the grass grow under her feet, had everyone up singing and getting started on our repertoire for the coming year.

We performed a wonderful Christmas Concert in Lisburn Cathedral on Monday 12th December, and as a special treat for the whole choir, we had Pizzas and S'Mores served in the Church Hall afterwards.

We were back into rehearsals in January, preparing for our big night at the Musicals concert on Saturday 25th March 2023 at Lisburn Cathedral. Sadly, for all of us, Julie Harper, founder and Director of the Lisburn Community Choirs had announced that she would be stepping down after this concert. As a choir we are so thankful to Julie for 10 years of hard work and inspiring us all to sing, regardless of ability or talent! We all went to the Premier Inn after the concert to spend some quality time together, and to say a proper thanks and farewell to our wonderful leader! There was a special song, thanks and gifts, we miss you, Julie.

However, we are so blessed to have our Deputy Musical Director take up the reins and from Sept 2023, Tim Reynolds is the new Musical Director.

Board of Trustees

Our voluntary committee is made up of 6-8 Trustees. For the past year since the last AGM, the Board members are as follows: Karen Webb (Chair), Liz Cunningham (Secretary), Paul Snape, Des Henry, Pat Knowles, Marian Mateer, Carol Johnston and Richard Thompson. We also have in attendance, our choir administrator, Jane Dawson. We are now in our second year of being a full Charity, and we were sad to see Jane Dawson, after so many years of administrative support, leave the choir. Thank you, Jane for keeping us all right with the intricacies of being a charity. Tim Webb has stepped into the role of administrator at our Board meetings. Paul Snape and Richard Thompson have also decided to step down, and we are so grateful to them both for all hard work and support over the past few years. You will hear from Richard in a moment as he presents his report for the last time.

Media/ IT Sub committee

This group was formed involving interested choir members, to refresh Facebook page; construct a web page; sign up on Instagram. The following choir members are involved in this group - Marian Mateer & Lynsey Davidson. When the group was set up, we had no idea just how important social media would be.

Thanks and final remarks

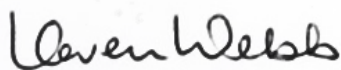
Firstly, I want to thank the Board of Trustees for all their support and hard work. Particular thanks go to Jane Dawson, for all her administration and help with setting us up as a Charity, Richard Thompson, for all his work with our finances.

The choir is made up of so many people with so many gifts and skills. Behind the scenes, I am ever amazed and challenged by the commitment of busy people, who support the choir in the background, in places unseen. Special thanks to the following:

- Richard Thompson for the tea/coffee each week.
- Des Henry for supporting us all with backing tracks and parts.
- Pat Knowles for being like a dog with a bone, tracking down funding for our choirs.
- For Natalie Williams, Liz Cunningham, Carol Johnston and team for all they have done last year for the Kid's choir.
- Carol Johnston, for taking up the reins of the children's choir and sorting out ticket source!
- Lisa Harper, for taking on the onerous task of providing choir uniform for everyone.
- Ali, John and Marian for being a contact in each of the parts of the choir.
- Media team for keeping our social media fresh and interesting!

Finally, thanks must go to our amazing Musical Directors – Tim Reynolds and Julie Harper – last year has seen a lot of changes, some good – being in the Cathedral again, and some sad – losing Julie as our musical director and Jane and Richard from our administration team and Board. We are delighted that Tim Reynolds has agreed to take up the reins of the choir and we look forward to a new era with Tim and his accompanist, Sharon Hodgins.

So, I would like to finish by saying thank you to all of you. For sticking with the choir each week, for practising your songs, parts and words. For sticking with the choir in good and bad times. Keep on singing!



(Chair of LCC)

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The Choir Year of 2022-2023, saw a tentative return to the beginnings of normal operations and return to buildings, events and 'normal' choir life. As we got going, the Board were keen to keep spirits up and provide additional social opportunities alongside regular choir. To meet this a number of small events with additional catering were run, that incurred some costs. Building slowly over the year only a couple of singing events were run, and these while wholly successful, were accepted as being more about the choir performance, than revenue generation, as such these did not fully cover their costs.

With funds in the bank, this was not a major issue in the context of the year, but it did reduce the reserves slightly. Looking forward to the coming year, some costs have already been incurred in preparation for the planned Spring concert in the Ulster Hall, which is expected to fully cover its costs as a minimum. With careful management of ongoing discretionary costs and some work to secure grants/fundraising to cover some of the essential fixed costs like insurance, music and so on, I fully expect the choir to be in a comfortable position to continue to function in its current form.

Following an increasingly busy year and looking forward to what will be an even busier year to come, I have decided to step down as Treasurer and pass the baton on, at this natural point of the financial year end.

Richard Thompson

Treasurer

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Name: Fiona Jones
Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland
Address: 38 Drumsallagh Road, Banbridge, BT323NS
Date: 02 September 2023