

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC021116

HUTCHESONS' CHORAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2025

Hutchesons' Choral Society

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 August 2025

Hutchesons' Choral Society is governed by a constitution which is available for inspection.

Object

The object of The Society shall be to educate the public in the arts and sciences, and in particular the art or science of choral music, by the presentation of concerts and other activities.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As usual the choir restarted rehearsals at the beginning of September after the summer break. Recruitment of new members to the choir was quite successful and the total number of members in the choir increased to 78, up by 6 on the previous year.

The season of 2024-25 was the third year following the period of the Covid pandemic in which the operation of the choir could be considered to be completely normal in terms of the attendance of rehearsals and the performing of concerts.

The autumn concert was performed on 24th November 2024 at St Margaret's Church in Newlands, Glasgow. The programme of music was comprised of 'Magnificat' by J S Bach and excerpts from 'The Christmas Oratorio', also by Bach. The concert was well attended and generated concert receipts of £1726. Feedback from the audience was enthusiastic and very positive.

The spring concert was performed on 30th March 2025 at St Margaret's Church in Newlands, Glasgow. The programme of music was comprised of a selection of opera choruses. The concert was again well attended and generated concert receipts of £2609.

Since choir funds were in a healthy state, there was only minor fundraising activity during the year.

The general view of the committee is that the choir has weathered the storm of the pandemic and has emerged in a healthy state and able to continue our development. The choir has an excellent musical director in Tim Rhodes, excellent piano accompanist in Jane Williamson, a strong and active committee and an enthusiastic membership. Recruitment of new members is looking encouraging for the coming year and finances are in good shape.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Resources

Many of the resources used by the Choral Society are provided free by Hutchesons' Grammar School. This normally includes the performance and social event venues and janitorial support. The Choral Society is extremely grateful to Hutchesons' Grammar School for their continued support.

The major weekly rehearsal costs for the choral society are normally:

Musical Director: £80 / rehearsal

Piano Accompanist: £50 / rehearsal

The other main costs are associated with paying for the services of soloists and orchestra at the concerts in November and March and for the provision of musical scores.

Finances (2024/25)

Total Receipts	£11,567	(£11,566.67)
Total Payments	£11,175	(£11,174.60)
Surplus for year:	£392	(£392.07)
General Funds	£12,933	(£12,933.34)
Estimated Liabilities	£0	

For the reported year 2024/2025 the accounts show a healthy surplus and the general funds are sufficient to give the choir long-term stability. The aim of the committee is to maintain funds at a level approximately equal to the level of annual payments, which is now about £11,000. This ensures that significant setbacks or unexpected circumstances, as experienced during the pandemic, can be managed without the choir having to stop operating. The above stated policy has been maintained for many years now with good success.

Committee:

Conductor/Musical Director

Tim Rhodes

Chairperson:

Chris Thomson

Treasurer:

Robert Hoare

Secretary:

Suzy Batters

Concert Manager:

Theresa Hoare

Media:

Lindsey-Anne Purdie-Gore

Member:

David Cameron

By order of the committee

R G Hoare, Treasurer

Dated: 27th May 2026

R. G. Hoare 27/5/26

Hutchesons' Choral Society

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st August 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	5595.00	4905.00	3417.50	0.00	0
Ticket Sales	4334.60	4825.36	4095.00	1345.00	0
Sale of Music	0.00	0.00	776.00	0.00	345.62
Friends and donations	181.00	131.00	0.00	120.00	0
Fund Raising	205.00	1725.40	1524.25	30.00	0
Bank Interest....	187.82	438.49	351.16	35.43	0
Gift Aid Receipts	1063.25	1000.25	728.13	283.92	0
Total Receipts	11566.67	13025.50	10892.04	1814.35	345.62
Payments					
Concert / orchestra, soloist fees	7123.38	5192.34	5083.63	1554.00	0
Rehearsal / accompanist, choirmaster fees	3120.00	2990.00	2990.00	2000.00	485
Concert / other expenses / catering	0.00	170.20	0.00	55.50	0
Music / purchase, hire	483.30	1040.33	869.83	0.00	29
Charitable Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	1325.00	0
Audit Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Admin / Printing / Marketing / SUM fee	447.92	541.61	297.71	417.27	55.98
Total Payments	11174.60	9934.48	9241.17	5351.77	569.98
Surplus for Year	392.07	3091.02	1650.87	-3537.42	-224.36

Statement of Balances as at 31st August 2025

Reserves					
Bank Account - Opening Balance	14621.27	11930.25	10818.08	11284.50	11638.86
Cash in Hand - Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
adj - consolidate unrepresented cheques	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-130.00
adj- various (prepaid sub later repaid)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
adj - Pre-paid for subs for current year	-2080.00	-2480.00	-3071.00	0.00	0.00
Surplus/Deficit for Year	392.07	3091.02	1650.87	-3537.42	-224.36
General Funds	12933.34	12541.27	9397.95	7747.08	11284.50
Represented by					
Bank Closing Balance	15071.34	14621.27	11930.25	10818.08	11284.50
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
adj - Unrepresented cheques	0.00	0.00	-52.30	0.00	0.00
adj - pre-paid music hire	77.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
adj - Pre-paid subs etc for next year	-2215.00	-2080.00	-2480.00	-3071.00	0.00
Total	12933.34	12541.27	9397.95	7747.08	11284.50
Estimated Liabilities					
Audit fee for previous year's accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Money owed for music scores	0	0	0	0	0
Total estimated liabilities	0	0	0	0	0

All funds are unrestricted

To be approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

R G HOARE, Treasurer.

31st August 2025

R. G. Hoare 27/5/26

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hutchesons' Choral Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities

Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date:

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