

**Charity no: 1187483**

**OUR DEMENTIA CHOIR**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
**Year ended 31 August 2021**

## **Our Dementia Choir**

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## **Our Dementia Choir**

### **Reference and administrative details**

#### **For year ended 31 August 2021**

The organisation registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission on 19 September 2019, charity number 1187483.

#### **Registered office and operational address:**

19-21 Nile Street, London, N1 7LL

#### **Trustees:** Trustees, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Vicky McClure  
Grace Meadows  
Mark DeLisser  
Karen Bonser  
Peter Coventry  
Marc Wall  
Paul Day  
Camilla Lewis

#### **Bankers:**

NatWest, Muswell Hill, 190 Muswell Hill Broadway, London

#### **Independent Examiner:**

Kristi Johnson FCCA  
The Laurels,  
Church Street  
Woodhurst,  
PE28 3BN

**Website:** <https://www.ourdementiachoir.com>

**Our Dementia Choir  
Report of the Trustees  
Year ended 31 August 2021**

***Objectives for the public benefit***

Our Dementia Choir offers a choir for a wide range of age groups who are living with dementia.

The charity's object is for the public benefit, to preserve and protect good health among people with dementia, their families and carers particularly, but not exclusively through the provision of a choir. The Trustees have considered the guidance issues by the Charity commission on public benefit and consider this charity to comply with the requirements.

***Activities during the year***

During the year we have supported people affected by dementia and their carers through the provision of a choir that is specifically organised for people living with dementia to join. The charity provides help with the logistics and expenses involved with getting members of the choir to rehearsals and performances. We aim to provide a safe and suitable environment for choir members to come together and practise and perform. Members of the choir have direct benefits which flow from this that include a sense of purpose and well-being, an increase in self-esteem and confidence and the great bond of friendship. We raise awareness of dementia for the public benefit by setting up the choir to perform at concerts and events nationwide. We support other dementia charities by performing at their events and hence contributing to their fundraising efforts. The beneficiaries are the individual members of the choir, their carers and relatives as well as the general public who attend or view the choir's performances.

During the year the charity was grateful to receive contributions to the activities of the charity by 6 volunteers.

***Achievements and performance***

There are 850,000 people in the UK who live with a form of dementia and despite the progress being made in the search for a cure, it is unlikely to come quick enough to help them. For these people, what's essential is to find the best way of living with their dementia.

The formation of the Choir and is now established as what is now known as the 'Dementia Choir Family. The choir has been involved in various high profile, televised performances raising awareness of the difficulties for those living with dementia. It participated in a part documentary featuring Vicky McClure 'My Dementia Choir' this aired in September 2019 with a Christmas Special in December 2020. The current production is to be aired in October 2022. The charity has been involved in dementia research with medical professionals to understand and see the power of music for those living with dementia.

Public events have been attended raising the profile and awareness of the choir and charity, as well as removing the stigma of those living with dementia. We were proud to appear at Dementia Choir Christmas Concert, Children in Need–Royal Concert Hall and various performances for charitable projects/funerals.

We have participated at several events throughout the year such as Nottinghamshire DA Caravan and Camping Club, Mid Notts/Dream Project online performance, Festivals, Private Concerts and Easter Concerts.

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**Report of the Trustees - continued**  
**Year ended 31 August 2021**

***Financial Review***

During the year, the charity raised funds totalling £33,015, (2020 : £12,267 ) of the funds generated £11,651 was from Justgiving donations received through our website as a result of the public relations worked undertaken with the BBC.

At the year end the charity held unrestricted reserves of £ 29,595 (2020: £7,447). The Trustees have established a 3-year strategy that is on target and being developed as the charity becomes more established. Budget planning has shown that the choir requires £35k per annum to run successfully. This is being maintained at present.

The Trustees consider that the charity should carry reserves equal to one and a half times the total expenditure of the charity.

***Structure, governance and management***

All Trustees are given an induction pack and an individual introductory session. All Trustees are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct which sets out Trustees responsibilities to the Charity.

The Trustees have a strategic vision for the organisation that is articulated in a plan. The plan ensures compliance with regulators' requirements (Charity Commission), the Trustees monitor financial performance and projections on a regular basis. Trustees ensures that obligations to funders are fulfilled through the monitoring and evaluation of the performance of the director / head of staff on a regular basis.

The Trustees ensures that there are adequate operational policies and procedures in place in relation to employment law, volunteers, health and safety, children, and vulnerable adults. Although not arising often, the board of Trustees will deal with conflicts of interest on the committee in a way that is consistent with current requirements and the organisations constitution. It is important to the board of Trustees to ensure there is an appropriate range of expertise, experience, and diversity to make it an effective governing body and that it receives adequate information in the right format and at the right time to make informed decisions

The Charity works with a wide range of external organisations to support the members, carers and wider communities.

These include:

- Alzheimer's Society
- Universities for medical research
- Dementia Connect
- Social Prescribing
- BBC and Curve Media
- Music for Dementia
- Inspire Music
- Local NHS and Local Authorities
- Young Dementia Network

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Report of the Trustees - continued  
Year ended 31 August 2021**

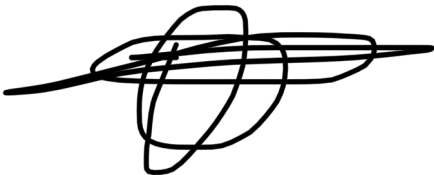
***Outlook ahead***

The Trustees are looking forward to growing the charity within the 3-year strategy.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

**Chairman  
Vicky McClure**

**29 June 2022**

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**Our Dementia Choir  
Report of the Independent Examiner  
Year ended 31 August 2021**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 19.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's consolidated accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

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



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Woodhurst  
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Dated: 29 June 2022

**Our Dementia Choir**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations		17,779	-	17,779	12,267
Grants		4,000	-	4,000	-
Merchandise sales and other fundraising		11,235	-	11,235	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>33,014</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,014</b>	<b>12,267</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities		10,867	-	10,867	4,820
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>10,867</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,867</b>	<b>4,820</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>22,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,147</b>	<b>7,447</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>7,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,447</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<b>29,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,595</b>	<b>7,447</b>

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. The charity has no recognised gains or losses, other than the deficit for the above two financial years.



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**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		29,595	7,447
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		-	-
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>29,595</u>	<u>7,447</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u><b>29,595</b></u>	<u><b>7,447</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>			
General reserve		<u>29,595</u>	<u>7,447</u>
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Approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 29 June 2022

On Behalf of the Trustees

**Vicky McClure**  
**Chairman**

## Our Dementia Choir

### Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 August 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### a Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity'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 published in October 2020.

##### b Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of restricted funds on projects are set out in the notes to the financial statements

##### d Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 2 Funds

	<b>Balance at 1 September 2020</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at 31 August 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General reserve	7,447	33,014	10,867	-	29,595

There have been no major donations exceeding £10,000