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 & unanimously approved by Members.  
2017-2018 Financial Report

## Wincanton Choral Society

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We are very grateful to our Musical Director, Simon Twisleton, and to his professional musician friends for the Music for Music Concert which made a profit of £1171 for our funds. Two of our members have boosted our finances by naming us as their Charity in Sponsored Events; Mark Dickin raised £325 by running a Half-Marathon and Martin Turner swam 5km which raised £570. Our income also benefitted from enthusiastic and successful events run by our Social Sub-Committee; our thanks go to the founder members Jan Botterill, Kate McHugh and Sue Watts who have worked so hard for the last two years. Jan is continuing on this Committee and she will be joined by Jenny Peet and David Peet. Simon's Quiz Night raised £550, a Barbecue Stall £138, two Bring & Buy Sales £193, the Christmas Social Raffle £81 and the Lucky Draw at Rehearsals £430. Donations received at the four 'Drinks & Nibbles' and the Christmas Social totalled £265, which more than covered the cost of these sociable occasions. Our Chairman, Martin Turner, designed an impressive Presentation which he took to a meeting of Wincanton Town Council and he was successful in obtaining a grant of £500 for our Society.

By changing the printers used for producing Posters and Flyers, the cost of advertising our Concerts was reduced; the income from ticket sales was slightly disappointing but revenue from the sale of Programmes and Refreshments remained as usual. For this year's Winter Concert we were joined by Durweston Choral Society. Both Concerts were very well received by our audiences and by using small numbers of Soloists and Orchestral Players we limited the deficits to £228 (Winter) and £1175 (Spring).

At the AGM on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, it was agreed to raise the annual member's subscription to £150. (Attendees were reminded that a reduction is available, in case of financial difficulty, by confidential arrangement with the Membership Secretary.) The subscription change, together with the efforts of existing members to increase our membership next year, should result in an improvement in the total income from subscriptions. Additionally, the Fund-Raising Activities of the Social Sub-Committee, and other generous choir members, will continue next year. So the Society's future financial position seems secure. This has been my fifth and last year as Treasurer. I wish to extend a warm welcome to George Keen who was elected to this post at the recent AGM.

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# Independent Examiner's Report CC57(b) on the Accounts

## Receipts and Payment Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of

WINCANTON CHURCH SOCIETY

Registered charity number (optional)

1 0 2 9 0 0 9

Accounts for the year ended

2 0 1 7 / 1 8

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's  
report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed overleaf):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

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:

\* Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

Keith Yoxall

Date

14.08.2018

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Relevant professional qualification on  
body (if any)

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