



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

Charity name: Walton Voices

Charity registration number: 277148

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the society shall be to promote, improve and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of choral music in all its aspects by presentation of public choral concerts and by such other ways as the Society through its committee shall determine from time to time.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The society holds rehearsals to learn music and performs that music in termly concerts. It also takes part in other musical events in the local community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and concluded that, in teaching and presenting choral music in person and online, the charity provides a benefit and that, through not requiring auditions for members, having a policy of equal opportunities and making its performances available to the public.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>After feeling their way cautiously through the post-lockdown year of 2021 / 22, Walton Voices went full throttle in the choir year recently ended with more concerts and activities. This started in November with a 'Wassail' workshop led by its composer Alexander L'Estrange himself, in which we were joined by the Cleves Upper School Choir and Egham Choral. Then the Walton Festival of Light was back and so were we, headlining on the main stage just before the lights went on. It was fun and a good way to show our role as a choir for the community.</p> <p>The Christmas concert was a triumph, joined by the Cleves Upper School Choir and singing a good mix of music including our best-ever performance of 'Wassail', to a full house. We followed it with our Christmas social, a fine meal with good food, fun performances and quality jokes.</p> <p>In February we joined a number of choirs for the RC Sherriff Elmbridge Choirs Festival, which marked the 30-year anniversary of the RC Sherriff Trust. We had half an hour to show what we could do and performed some movements from Messiah, including the rousing Hallelujah Chorus.</p> <p>Our Easter concert this year settled some major unfinished business for those of us who were in Walton Voices before the pandemic, because we finally got to perform the Messiah. It may have been our biggest and best concert since we re-branded as Walton Voices under our musical director, Johnny Kilhams.</p> <p>The summer was busy. At the beginning of July we performed with the wonderful Southdowns Concert Band and helped them to raise £2,145 for the Sussex Snowdrop Trust, their best ever result for the charity. We combined this with the Sussex tour, which was greatly enjoyed and for which the weather was kind.</p> <p>Our own concert came two weeks later and featured a wide variety of music which illustrated the range that we can do, from the traditional Byrd to the uplifting South African 'Modimo', in which we captured the joyful spirit of how 'it should be performed.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At 31 July 2023, the charity had cash of £14,081.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has a reserves policy of holding at least £10,000, the purpose of which is to act as a buffer that permits the trustees to take remedial action in the event that the charity suffers difficulties or to permit its orderly closure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At 31 July 2023, the charity had cash of £14,081.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees do not presently consider that there is any uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity is governed by its constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is an unincorporated association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Under the charity's constitution; (1) The Society in a general meeting shall elect the trustees and may elect the officers. (2) The trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee. They may also appoint trustees to act as officers. (3) At each annual general meeting a third of committee members shall retire and be eligible for re-election up to a fixed number of three-year terms as set out in the Society's rules and regulations. (4) In case of a vacancy arising on the committee, the committee may co-opt a new trustee who shall then stand for election by members at the next annual general meeting.


Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Walton Voices
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	277148
Charity's principal address	Bell Farm Primary School, Hersham Road, Walton-on-Thames KT12 5NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David James	Chair		
2	Maria Schild	Secretary		
3	John Bowden	Treasurer		
4	Tim Willetts			
5	Carol Robbins			
6	Pamela Pitcher			

Declarations

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	David James
Position	Chair
Date	9 November 2023

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1. Receipts & Payments Account (General Fund)

2021/2022		2022/2023
£		£
	RECEIPTS	
8,970.00	Member Subscriptions	13,675.00
5,512.62	Ticket & Programme Sales	8,252.06
-	Refreshments	528.42
100.00	Returned Deposit	100.00
	Donation	36.00
1,507.50	Inland Revenue Tax Repayment	3,938.43
24.00	Member Music Hire	24.00
-	Summer Tour	2425.00
	Come and Sing Workshop	1367.19
3.37	Bank Interest	69.19
-	Xmas Social	1,383.00
<u>16,117.49</u>	TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	<u>31,798.29</u>
	PAYMENTS	
9,233.00	Rehearsals	11,435.34
6,122.03	Concert Payments	7,875.69
1,052.24	Printing/Publicity/Advertising	1,940.68
1,944.11	Music Hire/Purchase	2,043.34
183.00	Making Music (insurance)	46.00
320.20	Supplies	258.03
-	Memberships	200.00
135.00	Masks	
-	Xmas Social	1,496.25
-	PRS	141.56
-	Summer Tour	2,431.61
556.02	Podium	
	Come and Sing Workshop	1,360.46
-	logo	360.00
-	Publicity general	613.55
108.09	Web Domain Renewal	80.12
<u>19,653.69</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>30,282.63</u>
<u>(3,536.20)</u>	NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>1,515.66</u>
16,746.12	Monetary Assets at beginning of Year (Unrestricted Funds)	12,565.42
<u>12,565.42</u>	Monetary Assets as at year end (Unrestricted Funds)	<u>14,081.08</u>
<u>(4,180.70)</u>	Effective Change in Monetary Assets over the year	<u>1,515.66</u>
<u>(644.50)</u>	Change in receivables and payables	<u>(405.50)</u>
<u>(3,536.20)</u>	Change in Net Assets	<u>1,110.16</u>

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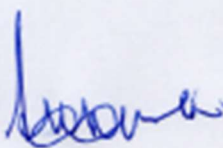
2. Statement of Assets & Liabilities at year end

2021/2022 £		2022/2023 £
	Monetary Assets	
-	Cash on hand	-
3,830.65	Bank Current Account as at 31 July	5,277.12
8,734.77	Bank Deposit Account as at 31 July	8,803.96
<u>12,565.42</u>		<u>14,081.08</u>
	Prepayments & Accrued Income	
1,507.50	Gift Aid applied for not yet received	
-	Music purchased for the autumn 2023 term	214.00
<u>1,507.50</u>		<u>214.00</u>
	Accruals/Deferred Income	
888.00	Bell Farm Summer Term	
<u>888.00</u>	Concert programme advertising prepaid	<u>-</u>

To Members of Walton Voices

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Account (General Fund and Concert Fund) and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and found them to be in accordance with the books and records of the Society and with the explanations given to me.

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H. Akhtar
Independent Examiner

Dated: 14th September 2023

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3. Receipts & Payments Account analysis by concert

	Christmas Concert £	Easter Concert £	Summer Concert £	Festival of Light £	RC Sherriff Festival £	Total £
RECEIPTS						
Fee						-
Tickets	2,821.32	3,626.78	1,803.96			8,252.06
Programme Sponsorship						-
Refreshments		322.67	205.75			528.42
	2821.32	3949.45	2009.71	0.00	0.00	8780.48
PAYMENTS						
Soloists & other performers		1,200.00	-			1,200.00
Conductor	380.00	380.00	380.00	225.00	225.00	1,590.00
Orchestra/Accompanist	996.00	1,981.00	200.00	125.00	200.00	3,502.00
Refreshments		237.1	117.99			355.09
Publicity	292.16	700.41	444.11			1,436.68
Sundries & Administration	43.00	84.62	32.98			160.60
Hire of Church & Hall	385.00	400.00	383.00			1,168.00
	2096.16	4983.13	1558.08	350.00	425.00	9412.37
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	725.16	(1,033.68)	451.63	(350.00)	(425.00)	(631.89)