



HAMPSHIRE POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

FOR ANNUAL MEETING



Registered Charity No 1139635



Annual Report and Accounts 2025/2026

Reference and Administrative Information

Hon Chairman

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Committee Members and Charity Trustees 2025/26

Chairman	Richard Ironmonger
Section Leaders	Philip Wade Mike Mortimore Terry Stevens Malcolm Walbridge (from 30/07/2025)
Data/Technical Officer	Geoff Culbertson
Treasurer	Colin Thorpe
Secretary	Roger Rixon
Librarian	Jim Travers (to 30/07/2025) Paul Smallman (from 30/07/2025)
Vice Chairman	Nigel Cooper
Concert Secretary	Martin Lewis
Social Secretary	Ed Kopinski

Other Choir Officers:

Ticket Coordinator	
Choir Marshall	Christopher Holland
Welfare Officer	(Section Leaders)
Quartermaster	Malcolm Wallbridge (to 30/07/2025) Graham Burrows (from 30/07/2025)
Social Media	Colin Thorpe/ Geoff Lawton

Bank:

LloydsTSB
St John's Centre
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Music Team:

Musical Director	Geoff Porter B.Ed (Hons) (to 30/07/2025) Anatole Myint (from 01/01/2026)
Accompanists	Nigel Smith Sian Bibby-Hsia (also Assistant Musical Director)

Patron - Lady Louisa Portal MBE DL
Musical Director – Anatole Myint
Chairman – Richard Ironmonger
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

The Choir's Constitution was adopted on 28th July 2010 and updated in November 2010, July 2013, July 2014, November 2014, July 2015, July 2016, July 2017, July 2019 and July 2022 at the respective Annual and Special General Meetings. The organisation and administration of the Choir are the responsibility of the Executive Committee elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting held in July each year. The Committee members are Trustees of the Choir as a charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

The Objects of the Choir are 'To promote, improve, develop and maintain public interest in choral music by the presentation of concerts and other activities involving or relating to choral music'.

The Choir rehearses weekly and presents approximately 8 to 10 concerts a year, usually in conjunction with a charity or local organisation. The host charity/organisation is responsible for booking an appropriate venue (with the advice and approval of the Choir) and for selling tickets and programmes. The host charity/organisation retains the concert receipts, making an agreed contribution towards the Choir's expenses. On occasions the Choir organises a concert on its own behalf. The Choir has taken part in choral festivals, competitions and exchanges with other choirs, in the United Kingdom and abroad.

REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE:

The concert programme during the concert year to 31st July 2026 included:-

2025

12 October; South Parade Pier Southsea in aid of The Rowans Hospice

16 November; Hampshire Constabulary Road Deaths Memorial Service

13 December; Christmas Concert at St. Paul's Church Sarisbury Green with guest soloist Veronica Folkard

2026

25 April; Concert at St. John's Church Hedge End

03 June; Waterloo Music Festival

10 July; Concert at Warners Norton Grange Isle of Wight

11 July; Concert at Christ Church Totland Isle of Wight

12 July; Royal Isle of Wight County Show

The choir keeps no record of the amounts raised by the charities which host its concerts.

Each year the choir nominates a charity for which it raises funds. Every other year the choir sponsors a young singer, providing singing opportunities and help with development.

Other events included Quiz Night, Christmas Soiree and Summer Party. The Choir has also successfully recruited five new members during the year.

The Income and Expenditure Accounts, Notes and Financial Review are included.



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The Choir would like to thank the Music Team, without whom successful concerts and events could not take place.

Richard Ironmonger
Chairman
July 2026

FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2025-2026

The Choir began its financial year with total unrestricted funds of £18,265 and ended the year with total unrestricted funds of £20,048 an increase of £1,783. Designated funds at the end of the year include funds received for the July 2026 Tour to the Isle of Wight. As the annual turnover of the Choir was over £25,000 in 2025-2026 Independent Examination of the Accounts is legally required by the Charity Commission.

On 3 October 2011 the Committee adopted the following policy on reserves and also an expenses policy:

“The target range for reserves will be in the range £5,000 - £15,000. At least £5,000 will be held in readily accessible deposits to meet the cash flow needs and risks in relation to receipts. Where the reserves exceed £5,000 the Committee will consider the specific reasons for the excess and for what period that excess sum may be invested to achieve optimum investment returns.”

Choir members are all volunteers and derive no financial benefit from membership. Choir members paid a subscription of £170 in 2025 (£160 in 2024). The Choir thank Colin Thorpe, who acted as Treasurer for the Choir, for his work throughout the year.

The Accounts for the year have been approved by the Trustees.

Signed:

Chairman

Signed:

Treasurer

Dated

8 July 2026



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out in this document.

Respective responsibilities of the Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir and examiner

The trustees of the Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination, although not required by Charity Commission rules, is desirable.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under the Regulations and section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state 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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act:
and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
have not been met: or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Nigel Smith BSc(Econ), CPFA,
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Dated: 9 July 2026

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2026
(see pages 7 and 8 for analysis)

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	£10,664.74	—	—	—	£10,664.74	£12,941.04
Income from charitable activities	£1,856.22	£15,915.00	—	—	£17,771.22	£2,049.00
Other trading activities	£525.00	—	—	—	£525.00	£590.00
Investments	£48.66	—	—	—	£48.66	£43.58
Other income	£159.00	£4,904.00	—	—	£5,063.00	£3,228.25
Total income	£13,253.62	£20,819.00	—	—	£34,072.62	£18,851.87
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	£100.00	—	—	—	£100.00	£100.00
Expenditure on charitable activities	£10,354.84	£930.00	—	—	£11,284.84	£21,397.62
Other expenditure	£1,015.51	£4,063.00	—	—	£5,078.51	£2,925.31
Total expenditure	£11,470.35	£4,993.00	—	—	£16,463.35	£24,422.93
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	£1,783.27	£15,826.00	—	—	£17,609.27	(£5,571.06)
Net movement in funds	£1,783.27	£15,826.00	—	—	£17,609.27	(£5,571.06)
Total funds brought forward	£18,265.41	—	—	—	£18,265.41	£23,836.47
Total funds carried forward	£20,048.68	£15,826.00	—	—	£35,874.68	£18,265.41

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2026
(see pages 9 – 12 for notes)

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Debtors	£2,000.00	£2,412.50
Cash at bank and in hand	£35,354.68	£16,078.51
	£37,354.68	£18,491.01
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£1,480.00	£225.60
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Net current assets less current liabilities	£35,874.68	£18,265.41
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Represented by:-		
Unrestricted		
General fund	£20,048.68	£18,265.41
Designated		
Social and Raffles	£841.00	—
Tours	£14,985.00	—
Total Funds	£35,874.68	£18,265.41

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2026**INCOME****Donations and legacies**

				Total		
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Members Subscriptions	£7,939.00	—	—	—	£7,939.00	£7,920.00
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	£2,062.74	—	—	—	£2,062.74	£2,148.04
Donations from Members	£163.00	—	—	—	£163.00	£765.00
Donation - Hampshire Police Authority	—	—	—	—	—	£2,000.00
Donation - Southampton Police Trust Fund	—	—	—	—	—	£108.00
Other donations	£500.00	—	—	—	£500.00	—
Total	£10,664.74	—	—	—	£10,664.74	£12,941.04

Income from charitable activities

		Total				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Concert income	£880.00	—	—	—	£880.00	£1,205.00
Concert Tours	—	£15,915.00	—	—	£15,915.00	—
Music Sales	£956.22	—	—	—	£956.22	£787.00
Uniforms	£20.00	—	—	—	£20.00	£57.00
Total	£1,856.22	£15,915.00	—	—	£17,771.22	£2,049.00

Other trading activities

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Quiz night	£525.00	—	—	—	£525.00	£590.00
Total	£525.00	—	—	—	£525.00	£590.00

Investments

						Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year	
Interest	£48.66	—	—	—	£48.66	£43.58	
Total	£48.66	—	—	—	£48.66	£43.58	

Other income

		Total				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Raffle and other fundraising income	—	£841.00	—	—	£841.00	£655.00
Annual Dinner	—	£2,039.00	—	—	£2,039.00	£2,412.00
Other Social Events	£174.00	£2,024.00	—	—	£2,198.00	—
Sundry Income	(£15.00)	—	—	—	(£15.00)	£161.25
Total	£159.00	£4,904.00	—	—	£5,063.00	£3,228.25

INCOME TOTAL	£13,253.62	£20,819.00	—	—	£34,072.62	£18,851.87
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EXPENDITURE**Raising funds**

		Total	
		Unrestricted	Designated
		Restricted	Endowment
		This year	Last year
Quiz night		£100.00	—
Total		£100.00	—

Expenditure on charitable activities

		Total	
		Unrestricted	Designated
		Restricted	Endowment
		This year	Last year
Concert Expenses		£250.00	—
Concert Tours		—	£930.00
Other Events		—	—
Music		£272.20	—
Uniforms		£599.96	—
Donations		£1,080.00	—
Music Team		£3,839.68	—
Sponsored Singer payments		—	—
Subscriptions		£239.00	—
Insurance		£107.00	—
Piano Tuning		—	—
Hire of Rehearsal Hall		£3,865.00	—
Website Fees		£102.00	—
Total		£10,354.84	£930.00

Other expenditure

		Total	
		Unrestricted	Designated
		Restricted	Endowment
		This year	Last year
Annual Dinner		£560.26	£2,039.00
Social Events		—	£2,024.00
Cards and Gifts		£100.87	—
Printing and Stationery		£182.10	—
Bank Charges		£3.86	—
Sundry Expenditure		£168.42	—
Total		£1,015.51	£4,063.00

EXPENDITURE TOTAL		£11,470.35	£4,993.00	—	—	£16,463.35	£24,422.93
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		£1,783.27	£15,826.00	—	—	£17,609.27	(£5,571.06)



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice with applicable accounting standard FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of investment assets which, if applicable, would be shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available to be used for ordinary choir purposes. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are set out in this report.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purposes specified. In 2025-2026 there were no restricted funds. There are no endowment funds.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the choir is responsible in law.

Incoming resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA,

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

- Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.
- Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.



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Donated services and facilities

These are only included where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but the choir provides much voluntary help to Hampshire Constabulary in its many and varied activities, including attending events and performing on demand, displays and presentations at concerts. In a normal year "volunteer hours" amount to about 7,000 hours. The independent examination of the accounts is carried out on a voluntary basis.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met by the charity.

Support Costs

There are no support costs allocated to headings.

Value Added Tax

Irrecoverable Value Added Tax is included in the cost of items reported in the statement of financial activities

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £2,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. All the assets purchased before 1 April 2012 have been written off to revenue and these include an upright piano (cost not known), PA system (cost approx £500), music stand and some other minor assets including music, sweatshirts and polo shirts. Uniforms are not capitalised.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange would be valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets would be included at trustees' best estimate of market value.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Stocks

There are no material stocks, other than uniforms held by Choristers.

Current Assets

Amounts owing at 31 March are shown as debtors less any necessary provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Cash at the Bank and in hand of £35,354.68 at 31/3/2026 includes a Lloyds Bank current account (£25,744.14), a Lloyds Bank Instant Access account (£3,005.32), a Shawbrook Bank Charities Aid Foundation 60 Day Notice Account (£6,208.00) and cash in hand from music contributions from choristers (£397.22).

2. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES

Payments to Trustees

A total of £27 was paid for expenses incurred by trustees. Trustee expenses paid relate to costs incurred relating to the work of the trustees e.g. printing. In addition trustees were reimbursed for proper invoiced choir expenses initially paid by trustees and then reimbursed.

Employees emoluments

The Choir has no employees

3. DEBTORS

DEBTORS	2026	2025
Gift Aid on subscriptions	£2,000.00	£2,077.50
Prepayment & Accrued Interest	-	-
Other Debtors	-	£335.00
TOTAL	£2,000.00	£2,412.50

4 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

CREDITORS	2026	2025
Deferred Income	-	-
Accruals of Utility & Other Costs	-	-
Other Creditors	£1,480.00	£225.60
TOTAL	£1,480.00	£225.60

5. YEAR END COMMITMENTS

The Designated Funds include receipts which will meet most of the cost of Choir Tour to the Isle of Wight in July 2026 and also £841 from Raffles in 2025 which will be paid to the Choir Charity in 2026.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

6. FUND DETAILS

The following funds are operated:-

General Fund	For all unrestricted funds
Designated	Choir Tours, Major Concerts, Social Events and collections for Choir Charity of the Year
Restricted	There are no restricted funds.
Endowment	There are no endowment funds

7. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE NOTES

Donations are for the Charity of the Year, The Rowans Hospice. In addition to the amount of £1,080 in the accounts £981 was raised for the Charity from the proceeds of the concert at the Gaiety Bar, Southsea.

Music Team expenditure relates to Honoraria and Travelling Expenses for the Musical Director and Assistant Musical Director.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions.

9. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

None