



Falkirk Caledonia Choir

**Annual Report & Accounts
For
Year Ending 31st March 2026**



Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Falkirk Caledonia Choir

Charity Registration Number: SC000411

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Alison Cassells
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Principal Office-bearers

President: Alison Cassells
Secretary: Gail Barton
Treasurer: Fiona Conboy

Independent Examiner: Donald Paterson
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Treasurers Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2026

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Choir is administered in accordance with the terms of the Falkirk Caledonia Choir Constitution and Rules (Revised 2025).

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Each member of the Committee will be elected for a maximum period of 2 years and will not serve on the Committee in that capacity for a consecutive period of more than 6 years unless in exceptional circumstances and agreed by the Committee.

The Committee will meet as required, and at least 3 times in any session. Committee meetings will be chaired by the President, whom failing a Committee member nominated by the President, whom failing a Chair elected by those present at the meeting.

A quorum will be 5 members, including the Chair. Votes will be by simple majority. The Chair will be entitled to vote and will have an additional casting vote in the event of a tie. The Committee will have the power to co-opt Choir members to fill vacancies on the Committee, subject to such co-options being intimated to the Choir within one month.

Organisational Structure

The business of the Choir will be conducted by a Committee comprising the following: -

- a) President
- b) Secretary
- c) Assistant Secretary
- d) Concert Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Librarian
- g) Assistant Librarian
- h) Publicity Coordinator
- i) First Soprano Steward
- j) Second Soprano Steward
- k) Alto Steward
- l) Tenor Steward
- m) Bass Steward

Objectives and Activities

The object of the Choir shall be to foster and inculcate an appreciation of Part Songs, Psalm Tunes, Solos and other Music by private practice and public performance.

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Achievements and Performances

The Spring Concert for 2025, held in May last year returned to Trinity Church and was a roaring success, enjoyed by the choir and audience alike. Profit from this event was £879. At time of writing we are looking forward to our Spring 2026 concert, also to be held at Trinity Church.

The format of last year's Christmas concerts was so well received that we repeated the format this year although we moved the venue of the Family concert to Upper Braes Parish Church. Profit from these concerts provided the choir with £1,510, from which we have donated £800 to various organisations – Larbert East Church and Tearfund – on behalf of Upper Braes Parish Church.

Financial Review for 2025-26

Principal sources of funds for the Choir come from choir member subscriptions, surplus income from the concerts we present, ad-hoc fund raisers and weekly income from the raffle at rehearsals.

Total income for this year is £16,801.93 compared with £19,996.24 the previous year. The drop in income is mainly due to the lack of social / fundraising events this year. Last year we held both a Burns Supper and a Quiz night – both very well attended. I would suggest that we hold at least one social / fundraising event each year – possibly alternating between these two popular events - to not only bring in additional funds, but also as an opportunity for choir members to get to know each other better.

Expenditure for this year is £15,104.44 compared to £17,066.65 the previous year. Last year's accounts were still covering the high costs incurred during the Centenary concert. This year, thanks to a grant from Falkirk Council's UKSPF scheme we have also been able to purchase some high cost items from the Choir's wish list:

- Purchase of a second Pull Up display
- Purchase of a new keyboard and mic lead

In March – just in time for the Spring Concert, we also purchased our own ticket printer and a stock of blank tickets. This will mean that a more professional ticket can be produced for in-house sales for future events.

This year's surplus amounts to £1,697.49. I would like to propose that we set aside £1,000 from this year's surplus for donations to charities as proposed by the Choir members. It is wonderful that as a community choir we are able to put something back.

Reserves Policy

The Choir likes to retain a reserve to cover at least six months of expenditure.

Honoraria and Fees

Honoraria paid this year amounts to:

Conductor: £3,578

Accompanist: £2,469

As standard practice, I propose an increase to the Honoraria in line with annual inflation (currently 3%) to:

Conductor: £3,685

Accompanist: £2,543

Also as agreed at last year's AGM, I propose to also increase fees in line with inflation. Payment options for 2026-27 session will be:

One payment of £107; Two payments of £53.50; or Ten payments of £10.70 (August to May).

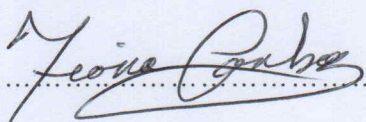
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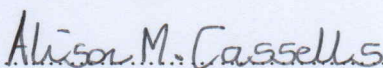
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Treasurer of the Choir who is also a Charity Trustee must prepare financial statements which give sufficient detail to enable an appreciation of the transactions of the Choir during the financial year. The Treasurer / Trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which, on request, must reflect the financial position of the Choir at that time. This must be done to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Choir and must take reasonable steps for the prevention and / or detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

..... Fiona Conboy (Treasurer)

..... Alison Cassells (President)

Date: 20/04/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Office Bearers of Falkirk Caledonia Choir

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out in the accompanying Financial Report pages.

Respective responsibilities of Treasurer and Examiner

The charity's Treasurer is 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.

The charity's Office Bearers consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006. 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 Treasurer 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 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, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.

In my opinion, there are no other matters to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



..... Donald Paterson

Date:

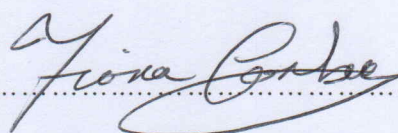
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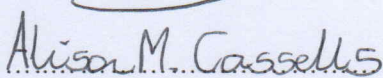
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 Mar 2026			
RECEIPTS	2025-26		2024-25
Subscriptions			
Annual Subscriptions 24/25	✓ £355.14		
Annual Subscriptions 25/26	✓ £6,300.80		
Total Subscriptions		✓ £6,655.94	£6,622.82 ✓
Concerts			
Christmas 2025			
Tickets	✓ £2,168.37		
Donations	✓ £143.96		
Refund on Gifts bought	✓ £38.70		
		✓ £2,351.03	
Spring Concert 2025			
Spring Concert 2025 (To Account)			
Ticket Sales	✓ £1,872.68		
Donations	✓ £193.45		
Spring Concert 2026 (To Account)	✓ £409.62		
		✓ £2,475.75	
Total Concert Income		✓ £4,826.78	£5,353.78 ✓
Raffles			
Weekly Raffle	✓ £1,193.10		
Xmas Raffle	✓ £215.00		
		✓ £1,408.10	£1,274.05 ✓
Donations / Legacies / Grants etc			
Donations	£0.00		£2,122.00 ✓
Grant Funding	✓ £2,570.00		
Gift Aid	✓ £1,332.83		£1,751.68 ✓
Sundry	✓ £8.28		£10.84 ✓
Total		✓ £3,911.11	£3,884.52 ✓
Fundraising		£0.00	£2,861.07 ✓
TOTAL INCOME		✓ £16,801.93	£19,996.24 ✓

PAYMENTS	2025-26		2024-25
Honoraria			
Honorarium (Half Year 23-24)			£2,795.00 ✓
Honorarium (Half Year 24-25)	✓ £2,915.00		£2,915.00 ✓
Honorarium (Half Year 25-26)	✓ £3,023.50		
Total Honoraria		✓ £5,938.50	£5,710.00 ✓
Spring Concert 2024			
2024 Total Costs			£3,798.50 ✓
Spring Concert 2025			
Poster Printing			£30.00 ✓
Venue Hire	✓ £214.00		
Guest Artist	✓ £700.00		
Gifts	✓ £122.50		
Piano Hire	✓ £120.00		
Programme Printing	✓ £78.00		
		✓ £1,234.50	
Xmas Concerts			
Xmas '24 Total Costs			£394.70 ✓
Xmas '25			
Poster & Programme Printing	✓ £282.00		
Guest Artist	✓ £200.00		
Lucky Programme Prizes	✓ £27.50		
Gifts	✓ £281.20		
		✓ £790.70	
Spring Concert 2026			
Printing		✓ £24.00	
Total Concert Costs		✓ £2,049.20	£4,223.20 ✓
Music			
Purchase of Music	✓ £957.48		
Music Move	✓ £90.00		
Music Recording	✓ £52.50		
Total Music Costs		✓ £1,099.98	£1,532.46 ✓
Centenary Dinner			£786.99 ✓
Fundraising			
Burns Supper 2025 Costs			£648.00 ✓
Quiz Night 2025 Costs			£174.62 ✓
Total Fundraising			£822.62 ✓
Rehearsal Room Hire			
Larbert East Church		✓ £1,750.00	£2,030.00 ✓
Gifts & Donations from FCC			
Xmas '23 Donations			£450.00 ✓
Xmas '24 Donations			£750.00 ✓
Xmas '25 Donations	✓ £800.00		
AGM 2025 Donations	✓ £1,500.00		
Total Donations Made		✓ £2,300.00	£1,200.00 ✓
Other Costs			
Making Music insurance & subs	✓ £379.73		£280.00 ✓
Raffle Prizes	✓ 83.48		£33.97 ✓
Pull Up Display & Banners	✓ £174.00		£179.93 ✓
SumUp Machines			£124.79 ✓
John Fletcher Group Membership	✓ £21.75		£81.00 ✓
New Keyboard & Microphone Cable	✓ £681.98		
New Ticket Printing machine & ticket stock	✓ £170.99		
Subscription Refunds	✓ £110.00		
Sundries	✓ £344.83		£61.69 ✓
Total Other Costs		✓ £1,966.76	£761.38 ✓
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		✓ £15,104.44	£17,066.65 ✓
SURPLUS / DEFICIT IN YEAR 8		✓ £1,697.49	£2,929.59 ✓

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED 31.3.26

			2025-26	2024-25
Opening Reserve Balance	✓	£20,216.02		✓ £17,286.43
Add Surplus / Less Deficit in Year	✓	£1,697.49		✓ £2,929.59
Closing Reserve			£21,913.51	£20,216.02
Reconciliation to Bank Statement				
Bank Statement Balance	✓	£21,781.51		✓ £19,720.39
Cash in Hand		£132.00		✓ £495.63
			✓ £21,913.51	£20,216.02

.....  Fiona Conboy (Treasurer)

.....  Alison Cassells (President)

Date: 20/04/26