

Barrow Male Voice Choir
Charity No 1186272
Registered Office :7 Crosslands Park Road, Barrow in Furness LA13 9LA
Trustees Annual Report for **March 2019-March 2020**

The Choir became a charity on 30th September 2019 with the following objective:
The object of the Choir is to further the cause of Choral Music for the Male voice by its study and practice and by its public performance in order to foster public appreciation of such music and for the public benefit.

This report describes how the choir has met this charitable objective in the period March 2019- March 2020. (That is the period between our annual general meetings and although we have only been a charity for part of that time we are reporting a full year for the sake of completeness and to align this report with our AGM)

On 30th March the choir performed at a public competition event hosted by South Cumbria Musical Festival and were awarded the Rose Bowl for best Male Voice Choir.

In April the choir performed a public concert at Barrow Baptist Church to raise funds for Barrow Food Bank, over **£400** was raised.

In May we entertained shoppers in Barrow Market with a Saturday Morning Concert.

The Choir performed a public concert at St Mark's, Barrow on a fine Summer evening in June, the concert was a fund raiser for South Cumbria Musical Festival, over **£240** was raised for this deserving local charity.

Praise on the Lake gave us an opportunity to Sing on Windermere on board MV Tern in an event organised by South Lakes Methodist Circuit Churches. On board were an enthusiastic singing audience and Preston Salvation Army Brass Band.

On Saturday 14th September the Choir sang in Ramsden Square, Barrow at public event for the re-dedication of the Australian Submariners Memorial.

Our annual concert was on 28th September and showcased our new songs for this year.

Our musical director introduced each piece describing the musical context and history of the item. The concert had an audience of over 80 people and raised **£918** to help meet our operating costs for this year.

The choir performed a public concert at Coniston Methodist Church in October, entry to the concert was free but a retiring collection for church funds was made.

The choir performed in a public concert entitled " Music for an Autumn Evening "at St Mary and St Michael's Church, Urswick, and raised **£354** for Church renovation work .

Christmas themed concerts in care homes were a feature in December and the choir performed at six local homes.

The Choir held a taster evening on Monday 13th January 2020 and seven prospective new members came along and are showing signs of becoming regular singers with the Choir.

At St Mary's Church Walney, Music Marathon on Saturday 8th February 2020 There were public events throughout the day and the choir perform at 6.00 pm in a joint concert with The Ghyll Singers. This was a fantastic event with **£2,400 raised** towards funding for a new roof for the parish centre, including **over £900** raised while the choirs were performing.

The Trustees believe our performances in the above concerts, meets our requirement for providing public benefit.

Financial Summary

For the year 1st Jan 2019 - 31st Dec 2019

Total Income £6,070

Total Expenditure £6,169

Deficit for the Year £99

This deficit has been met from reserves.

Trustees are all members of the choir and were elected at Annual General Meeting, for the period of this report they were:

Peter Kelly

Bernard David Beckett

David Parratt

Kenneth Wilson Corlett

Christopher Noblin

Frank Randall

Raymond Hugh Dunford

Ian Hutt

Charles Graham Parker

David Hill

*Peter Kelly, 28th March 2020
on behalf of the trustees.*