

## Phoenix Singers – Notes on 2021/22Accounts

Phoenix Singers 2021/22 season was the first season since the Covid pandemic in which we have been able to present a full programme of concerts. Overall the choirs finances have seen a small decline for the reasons set out below. I consider that our financial position is sustainable for the forthcoming season but I remain vigilant for changes that may impact us.

1. The choir promoted three concerts all of which attracted smaller audiences than anticipated and ran at a greater deficit than budgeted. It remains to be seen whether this is a post-Covid phenomenon and whether any action needs to be taken.
2. I submitted our Gift Aid claim according to the normal timetable but HMRC needed to check the choirs' new HSBC account and as a consequence the re-imbusement was not received until the new financial year.
3. Subscriptions for the year exceeded expectations and the choir welcomed several new members. I am grateful that members are increasing paying their subscriptions by internet banking which reduces administration and gives a stronger audit trail.
4. The choir is a member of Making Music which provides insurance facilities, performing rights transactions and other resources. During the pandemic fees were reduced but in 2021/22 returned to their normal level.
5. Friends donations reached the budgeted levels but the activities of the Firebirds which this income supports were still adjusting to the post-pandemic situation. It is anticipated that the Firebirds will return to their normal number of meetings and we look forward to them joining us at Christmas for our Community Carols celebration.

Keith Barton

Treasurer

23 September, 2022