

THE DURHAM SINGERS

The Appointment of Trustees

The Choir Committee has the authority to appoint and remove trustees of the Durham Singers charity. The following are the normal criteria for the exercise of this authority.

When a member is elected as an officer of the choir, specifically the Chair, Vice-Chair, Honorary Secretary, or Honorary Treasurer, then that member will be appointed as a trustee, subject to meeting the conditions of the Charity Commission regarding trustee eligibility.

Once elected, a trustee will continue in the role whilst they remain an officer of the choir and for a period of four years after their term of office ends, on condition that they continue to be a member of the choir. If the trustee is willing to continue beyond this point, then the Choir Committee may extend the appointment for a further four years, on condition that they continue to be a member of the choir.

The Choir Committee is at liberty to appoint an external (non-choir-member) trustee, if the person appointed would bring an expertise in running the Charity which would not otherwise be found among the Choir's membership.

The Choir Committee will remove a trustee if the trustee fails to fulfil their duties as a trustee, or if the trustee no longer meets the conditions of the Charity Commission regarding trustee eligibility.

The minimum number of trustees is four, and no trustee will be able to resign until a replacement has been appointed, if their resignation would take the number of trustees below four.

The maximum number of trustees is ten. Following the annual election of officers, if the appointment of an officer as trustee would take the total number of trustees above ten, then the longest serving trustee would be asked to resign and then be removed.

Appointed trustees must declare any potential conflicts of interest, for example, through their trusteeship of a related charity. They should make the declaration before their appointment, and all trustees should annually review their initial declaration.