### Join the Choir!



### A great opportunity to be part of a friendly team



Typical rehearsal night!

Sunderland Male Voice Choir evolved from the former Shiney Row Male Voice Choir in July 2022.

The Choir has recorded and performed some great material over the years at venues across the region and nationally.
Recently, it has embarked on a programme of creating new musical material based upon local heritage and people.

Formed originally in 1959, the Choir performs in churches, community, and concert halls.

The Choir also participates in formal civic events, such as Citizenship Ceremonies and The Mayor's Civic Services.

Engaging with and supporting local communities have always been a high priority for the Choir, who support local charities and groups wherever practical.

This information sheet provides you with general details on how you can Join the Choir and become a member of this great community choir.

# A Community Choir with a Strong Regional Tradition

Sunderland Male Voice Choir is a friendly community choir, which has been promoting the benefits of male voice singing for over 60 years.

The choir originally adopted the Latin 'motto', 'Gaudeamus Canentas' (We Rejoice in Singing), as the members do not just get personal pleasure from singing but enjoy and take pride in entertaining the many and varied audiences within the community and at prestigious events.

The 'motto' and associated logo have been retained for the new Sunderland Male Voice Choir as the choir aims to be more inclusive of all communities in the Sunderland region and beyond. The logo recognises the major postal code of Sunderland, 'SR'.

### **Building Sustainability for the Future!**

We are always keen to strengthen the choir and will consider suitable new members at any time. The choir is always interested in hearing from anyone who may be interested in joining a great bunch of guys.

Whether you are tenor, baritone or bass, we would love to hear from you.

As a friendly group of 'nonprofessional' like-minded singers, we consider ourselves approachable should you decide to apply for membership.

### **Previous Experience is Not Essential!**

To join you do not have to be able to read music or have previous experience of singing in a choir. What we are looking for is your enjoyment of singing and eagerness to join and sing with us.

If you think you are interested, then please turn over and learn about some of the health and wellbeing benefits of singing in a choir.

You will also find information on where we rehearse and how you can register to join.

#### **Sunderland Male Voice Choir**

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**Entertaining residents at Springfield House Care Home** 

# The Benefits for Your Health and Wellbeing!

Singing in a choir can have many benefits for you:

- 1. It can release or improve your singing skills,
- 2. It can build your self-confidence and release emotions,
- 3. It can generally improve your wellbeing and research indicates benefits for mental health,
- 4. It can be a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a new social experience,
- 5. It can also be great fun and develop your teamwork skills.

### When and where does the Choir Rehearse?

The choir rehearses each Friday evening between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

During July and August, we normally only meet every two weeks and take a break in January.

We rehearse at St. Chad's C of E Church Community Hall, Charter Drive/Durham Road, East Herrington, Sunderland, SR3 3PG.

# The Premiership Choir of Sunderland!

## Where can I learn more about Joining the Choir?

You can learn more about 'Joining the Choir' by following this link, Welcome (sunderlandmyc.org.uk).

### How can I Listen to the Choir!

Sunderland Male Voice Choir has recorded many songs over the years which are available on CD.

The Choir is also producing an extensive range of musical videos; many of which are recorded live at concerts. You can check out these videos by following this link, Welcome (sunderlandmyc.org.uk).

You can also come along to one of our concerts and listen to us. Please check our Calendar for more details, Welcome (sunderlandmyc.org.uk).

### How can I Join the Choir?

If you would like to join Sunderland Male Voice Choir, then please contact the Choir as quickly as is practical. We are waiting for you!

You can complete the on-line application form on the Choir website or contact our Secretary, Kevin Lillie, on Tel. No. 0783 728 2202 or Email at info@sunderlandmvc.org.uk.



Relaxing at Beamish Museum

### **Sunderland Male Voice Choir Information Sheets**

Sunderland Male Voice Choir is producing a range of information sheets on its new music creation, project work and support services. These sheets will be published within the 'Project' page of the Choir website.