

During 2022 Cumbria Rural Choirs, which was originally formed in 1950, was relaunched as Cumbria Singers. Information about Cumbria Rural Choirs, including a list of the concerts that were performed between 1950-2022, can be found at [www.cumbria-rural-choirs.org](http://www.cumbria-rural-choirs.org)

Cumbria Singers draws its membership from across Cumbria and beyond. With over 100 singers, it is the largest amateur choir in north Cumbria.

In 2023 it successfully performed Haydn's Creation in Carlisle Cathedral. This was followed in 2024 by a performance of 'The Music Makers' by Elgar and Faure's 'Requiem' & 'Cantique de Jean Racine'

**In the words of the independent reviewer:**

*Elgar's The Music Makers, challenging to perform and relatively unfamiliar compared to his best-known works, was a courageous opening choice for the annual concert given by this choir of 100 singers. They definitely rose to the occasion.... and responded with energy, vibrancy and lyricism as required. I imagine, for the chorus members at least, the second half of the programme brought a feeling of 'now we are on familiar ground' with Fauré's much-loved setting of the Requiem. Nevertheless, this work's mainly restrained and contemplative mood brings its own challenges in terms of the breath control needed in held notes and extended melodic lines. This was ably achieved by the choir including the sections for sopranos or tenors alone.... We were finally offered one more treat, almost an encore, in Fauré's setting of the prayer known as the Cantique de Jean Racine. This brief gem, by the 19 year old composer, brought a memorable concert to a fitting close.*

Cumbria Singers are looking forward to their next concert in  
**Carlisle Cathedral on 26th April, 2025**

Performing:

Five Mystical Songs' by Vaughan Williams; ; Bob Chilcott's 'Requiem' and 'Gloria' by John Rutter. The Conductor will be Matthew Owens who is also Cumbria Singers' Music Director for 2024-25 season. The choir will be accompanied by professional musicians and soloists.

Rehearsals begin in September 2024.

They will be held at Ullswater Community College, Penrith.

The rehearsal accompanist will be David Shingler.

For further information about this concert and other events in 2025, visit  
[www.cumbriasingers.org.uk](http://www.cumbriasingers.org.uk)



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## Becoming a Friend of Cumbria Singers

Cumbria Singers provides opportunities for people of all ages and experience to come together to perform large scale choral works under the leadership of an internationally renowned conductor, accompanied by a professional orchestra, in a high profile concert venue.

Singers will develop their vocal skills and self confidence. The quality of their singing will improve and this will enhance their performance in any other choir to which they already belong or may join in the future.

Its members have the opportunity to perform in the **BIG SING** of at least one major choral work each season in its annual concert. Social events are also arranged to enable those associated with Cumbria Singers to enjoy making and listening to music together in different ways.

*Cumbria Singers  
needs support to  
achieve these aims*

*We are inviting you to  
become a 'Friend of  
Cumbria Singers'*



# Why should I become a Friend of Cumbria Singers?

## FRIENDS OF CUMBRIA SINGERS HAVE:

- **Priority booking for the Cumbria Singers annual concert.**
- **An invitation to join other special guests for complimentary refreshments during the interval.**
- **Advance notice of other events and other updates.**
- **The satisfaction of knowing that they are ensuring the continuation of choral music of the highest quality across Cumbria.**

# How can I become a Friend of Cumbria Singers?

Friends of Cumbria Singers are invited to make a donation of £20 or above.

For every £68 donated as a Friend of Cumbria Singers, you will be entitled to one free ticket for the annual concert.

**Gift aiding your donation will increase its value by 25%.**

Donations can be made online or by post.

Sponsorship of the concert and other events is always welcome. Please let us know if this is of interest to you.

# Application to become a Friend of Cumbria Singers

**I wish to donate £ ..... to Cumbria Singers**

*Please tick whichever statement is applicable*

I am a UK taxpayer and wish to use gift aid.

A cheque is enclosed for £..... It is payable to Cumbria Rural Choirs, the registered account for Cumbria Singers.

My payment will be made by BACS to: Cumbria Rural Choirs CAF Bank  
Sort Code: **40-52-40** Account: **00013018** Please ref: **Name + FCS**

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Name:** *(Please print)* .....

**Address:** .....

**Postcode:** ..... **Tel:** .....

**Email:** .....

We will use your contact details solely for administration purposes and will never share them with a third party.

**Please post the form above, with your cheque, to:**  
**Clive Riches Treasurer, 16 Byrnes Close, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9PE**

Or if you are making a BACS payment either post the form to the above, or scan and attach it to an email to: **cnriches@gmail.com**

**THANK YOU**