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Choral Director : Ian Wright

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## Supporting choral music in Cumbria

I am writing to invite you to become a **Patron** of Cumbria Rural Choirs.

Cumbria Rural Choirs represents a unique professional / amateur partnership which enhances Cumbria's music scene and provides enormous benefits for the Cumbrian community.

Founded in 1950, Cumbria Rural Choirs consists of three small choirs and other individual singers, based in rural communities across North Cumbria. With nearly one hundred members it is one of the largest amateur choirs in the county.

The Rural Choir's repertoire focuses on large scale, complex choral works which would be too demanding for the individual choirs to undertake on their own.

This enables the performers to develop their musical skills and provides the opportunities for audiences to hear music which is rarely performed outside large urban conurbations.

Throughout the season from Sept – March, the individual choirs have rehearsals in their own localities but also regularly attend 'joint rehearsals' under the direction of our Choral Director : Ian Wright and two Choral days with Andrew Padmore.

The unusual combination of 'amateur local singers' and professional musicians has meant that each of our concerts has been recognised as providing an exceptionally high quality musical experience for both the singers and the audience. It has also generated positive publicity for the places in which we have performed.

*Opportunities for young people:* We encourage young singers/ instrumentalists to develop their musical talent. This year, for example, we are providing a unique opportunity for six young Cumbrian brass players to perform alongside six professional players. They will also receive pre-concert coaching from these professionals at rehearsals scheduled for this purpose.

By becoming a Patron you will help us to maintain the involvement of professional conductors and musicians. Patrons make a donation a £100 or more . As well as being acknowledged in the concert programme, patrons are offered one complimentary ticket for the concert and receive invitations to the choirs' social events and 'Come and Sing' workshops when they take place.

I do hope you will feel able to support us. Please find an application form attached.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Bowles (Chair)



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**PATRONS**

To become a Patron of Cumbria Rural Choirs please complete the form below and return it to the CRC Treasurer : Clive Riches .

If you pay income tax, then we will be able to claim back the tax paid, thereby increasing the value of your gift.

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I would like to become a Patron of Cumbria Rural Choirs.

Name: .....

Address:.....

Postcode: .....

Tel: .....

E mail (please print) .....

I enclose a cheque for £.....

*Cheques should be made payable to 'Cumbria Rural Choirs'.*

I pay income tax and would like CRC to claim Gift Aid on my donation *tick the box if this applies*

*Please send this form and your cheque to:  
Mr. C.N. Riches, 16, Byrnes Close, Plumpton, Penrith, CA 11 9PE*

**Thank you.**