



# Ashington & District Male Voice Choir

# The Cramlington Support Project for 2024-2025



## The 80 VEP Concert, Cramlington in June 2025

The Choir was founded originally in October 1916 by Mr. W. H. Batey as Ashington Male Voice Choir.

He laid the foundations of successful choral singing of a high standard winning many contests and earning a fine reputation for the Choir.

After surviving the 1926 General Strike and the Second World War, the Choir amalgamated in 1956 with the depleted Morpeth and Newbiggin Male Voice Choirs to form Ashington & District Male Voice Choir.

The Choir has entertained audiences across the region and overseas and performs a varied selection of songs. It is appropriate that several numbers are about coal mining as Ashington was once famous as 'the largest coal mining village in the world'.

Surviving the Covid pandemic, which impacted on many community choirs, this traditional male voice choir from Ashington continues to flourish and attract new members.

This information sheet reviews 'The Cramlington Support Project for 2024-2025'.

## Strong and Appreciated Support from the Town Council

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir has been developing its links with the key stakeholders in Southeast Northumberland as the Choir looks to maintain the proud tradition of male voice singing.

### Cramlington Town Council

The Choir has been establishing its links with the Town Council to consider areas of mutual benefit for the people of Cramlington.

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir was delighted when they were awarded a grant of £900 from the Council.

The grant will support the Choir during 2024 -2025 to:

- Help to raise the profile of the Choir in Cramlington
- Enhance community engagement in the town
- Help the Choir in its recruitment drive for new members

### Raising the Profile of Ashington & District MVC

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir was committed during 2024-2025 to raise the profile of the Choir in local communities and with stakeholders to try and attract new members to the Choir.

New digital platforms have been created. The grant from Cramlington Town Council has assisted the Choir to raise its profile and further engage with the local community.



St. Nicholas Church



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