

## **Musical Director – West Dorset Singers (Bridport)**

**Starting September 2027**

West Dorset Singers (WDS) are seeking an inspiring and accomplished Musical Director to lead one of Dorset's largest and most established choral groups into the next exciting chapter of our musical journey.



For 60 years, WDS has been a welcoming, ambitious choir performing a wide range of choral repertoire—from Baroque masterpieces to contemporary works—based in the heart of Bridport. We bring choral music to life through concerts, collaborations with professional soloists and orchestras, community events, and private occasions such as weddings, funerals and other functions that celebrate the joy of singing.

Following the decision of our current Musical Director, Matthew Kingston, to step down after 15 successful years, we are looking for a leader who can inspire, motivate and develop singers of varied backgrounds and abilities.

The successful applicant will be an experienced and confident choral leader who can:

- Lead engaging, enjoyable and productive rehearsals
- Develop vocal technique and musical understanding across the choir
- Work collaboratively with our accompanist and committee
- Prepare the choir for high-quality performances
- Bring energy, encouragement, patience and a sense of fun to rehearsals

Experience of directing both choir and orchestra is essential.

The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at Bridport United Church, Bridport, DT6 3LJ.

This is a paid position, with remuneration negotiated according to experience and responsibilities. Further information, including the job description and person specification, is available at [www.westdorsetsingers.org/](http://www.westdorsetsingers.org/)

To apply, please send your CV, a covering letter outlining your relevant experience and interest in the role, and the contact details of two referees to Sarah Stamford at [secretary@westdorsetsingers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@westdorsetsingers.co.uk). Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview and to direct part of a rehearsal with the choir as part of the selection process.

**Application deadline: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2027**