Trustees report for Dryburn Theatrical Workshop registered charity number 1164968

01/09/2025 to 31/08/2026.

Registered Address:
18 Sinclair Drive,
Chester Le Street,
DH3 4BJ

Trustees:
Annette Morris
Michelle Coulson
Karen Scott
Sarah Hutchinson
Brian Pennick

Who we are:
Dryburn Theatrical Workshop is an enthusiastic amateur theatre group, based in Chester-le-Street, County Durham, which has been performing for over 45 years. We perform a pantomime in January, a musical in June and a play in September. We have over 70 members, aged 11 and upwards. As a group, we bring together an eclectic mix of talented local people, keen to learn and entertain.

The charity is funded by member subscriptions, fundraising activities, gift aid and grants, and ticket sales from productions. The charity has no debts.

Trustees meet monthly to plan the charities activities and review the charities finances. The trustees budget carefully for each production and obtain several quotes for production costs.

We have performed the following shows during this period to fulfil our purpose of providing affordable, quality theatre for the Chester-Le-Street area Sept 2025 We Will Rock You, January 2026 Mother Goose and June 2026 Shrek. This includes payments for theatre hire, costumes, sound and light, rehearsal space rent, scenery and other costs.

We estimate that 2800 people have benefitted from this charity.

Dryburn Theatrical Workshop - Income and Expenditure
From 1st of September 2025 to 31st of August 2026

Profit for the year		2024 / 2025		2025 / 2026
Total		**9,650.53**		**- 4,896.77**
Profit break down:				
General		8,333.91		6,033.75
September show	Allo Allo 2	- 1,599.97	We Will Rock You	- 3,386.83
Pantomime	Robin Hood	4,326.88	Mother Goose	2,208.56
Musical	Rock of Ages	- 1,410.29	Shrek*	- 9,752.25

Income		
	2024 - 2025	**2025 - 2026**
Weekly Subs	3,944.94	3,848.00
Annual Subs	1,946.00	1,720.00
Gift Aid	1,376.50	1,437.00
Matched Funding - Lloyds	1,000.00	1,000.00
Matching Funding - Barclays	1,000.00	-
Donation- Christ Church	100.00	-
Brownrigg Deposit	1,227.00	
Carol Singing	71.41	155.90
Christmas Fayre	1,473.72	1,166.50
Merchandise	1,208.87	-
NODA Awards	300.00	350.00
Karaoke Night	72.00	-
Ceilidh	773.00	737.20
Long Service Awards	15.00	30.00
Savings Interest	145.10	176.94
Sale of LM Props	175.00	-
Easy Fundraising	222.42	416.39
Theatre Tickets - Hamilton	2,767.00	-
Theatre Tickets - Miss Saigon	2,530.00	-
Theatre Tickets - Panto	962.00	1,300.00
Theatre Tickets - Moulin rouge	-	4,346.00
Theatre Tickets - JCSS	-	63.00
Theatre Tickets - Starlight	-	248.00
Cinema - Wicked	209.38	230.82
NODA Medal	-	45.00
Total General Income	**21,519.34**	**17,270.75**

Expenditure		
	2024 - 2025	**2025 - 2026**
Room Hire	1,932.40	2,348.00
Insurance	524.03	560.37
Gambling / Alcohol License	20.00	20.00
Website	192.00	192.00
Brownrigg Deposit	1,227.00	-
Gifts	51.20	-
NODA Membership	237.50	250.00
Anniversary Party	-	100.00
Christmas Fayre	111.30	88.29
Merchandise	1,421.02	-
NODA Awards	330.00	448.00
Karaoke Night	26.95	-
Ceilidh (Band, Hall, Exp)	544.99	556.66
Long Service Awards	15.00	30.00
Boiler	93.62	-
Choreo app	19.99	19.99
Bank Charges	-	111.20
Theatre Tickets - Hamilton	2,747.00	-
Theatre Tickets - Miss Saigon	2,497.50	-
Theatre Tickets - Panto	951.20	1,318.60
Theatre Tickets - Moulin rouge	-	4,340.00
Theatre Tickets - JCSS	-	-
Theatre Tickets - Starlight	-	-
Cinema - Wicked	202.23	223.72
NODA Medal	-	47.99
Trophy	35.50	-
Van Hire	5.00	5.00
Account Audit	-	50.00
Costume Railing	-	35.00
Drum Shield	-	477.00
Mirrors	-	15.18
Total General Expenditure	**13,185.43**	**11,237.00**

Income: From Productions

Income: Allo Allo 2 / We Will Rock You		
	2024 - 2025	**2025 - 2026**
Scripts	180.00	-
Tickets	3,970.20	10,250.31
Front of House	505.30	660.83
Raffle / Programmes	400.00	729.75
Donation: Freddie Mercury Trust	-	546.00
Programme Adverts	-	250.00
Aftershow Party	-	186.00
Merchandise (WWRY PIA)	762.06	-
Total Play Income	**5,817.56**	**12,622.89**

Pantomime Income: Robin Hood / Mother Goose		
	2024 - 2025	**2025 - 2026**
Tickets	10,589.39	11,508.30
Front of House	741.47	1,617.89
Raffle / Programmes	853.72	245.00
Tombola	184.00	227.00
Scripts	89.50	80.90
Programme Adverts	50.00	200.00
Total Pantomime Income	**12,508.08**	**13,879.09**

Expenses: From Productions

Expenses: Allo Allo 2 / We Will Rock You		
	2024 - 2025	**2025 - 2025**
Front of House	71.16	353.54
Gifts	221.83	343.59
Theatre Hire	800.00	1,500.00
Programmes + Leaflets	-	369.71
Set / Video Wall	2,035.00	3,710.00
Licence	1,512.03	2,748.70
Scripts	-	45.00
Costumes	695.20	684.93
Sound + Lights	900.00	2,200.00
Publicity Photos	60.00	175.00
Posters	45.00	-
Props	25.58	264.86
Van Hire	243.21	-
Wigs	16.00	67.40
Merchandise (WWRY PIA)	792.52	-
Band + MD	-	2,760.00
Ratchet Straps	-	24.99
Donation: Freddie Mercury Trust	-	546.00
Aftershow Party	-	216.00
Total Play Expenditure	**7,417.53**	**16,009.72**

Pantomime Expense: Robin Hood / Mother Goose		
	2024 - 2025	**2025 - 2026**
Costumes	268.44	2,904.48
Script	125.40	122.10
Tracks	35.70	67.39
Props	174.06	215.49
Licence	350.00	350.00
Publicity Photos	120.00	175.00
Sound + Lights	1,800.00	1,800.00
Scenery	2,748.80	2,868.00
Posters / Leaflets	171.00	195.00
Programme	279.00	279.00
Front of House	465.12	585.62
Gifts	285.21	286.52
Theatre Hire	1,200.00	1,800.00
Tickets	96.00	
Award	-	13.50
After show party	62.47	8.43
Total Pantomime Expenditure	**8,181.20**	**11,670.53**

Musical Income: Rock of Ages / Shrek		
	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
Tickets	8,150.88	14,800.48
Programme Adverts	100.00	175.00
Front of House	547.65	993.48
Raffle	450.00	557.00
Programmes	260.67	297.00
After Show Party	100.00	120.00
Merchandise	1,063.10	960.83
FOH Merchandise	-	239.50
Donation: NE Childrens Trust	-	50.00
Total Musical Income	**10,672.30**	**18,193.29**

Musical Expense: Rock of Ages / Shrek		
	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
Theatre Hire	1,500.00	1,200.00
Publicity Photos	160.00	175.00
Licence + Lib hire	2,557.15	4,414.32
Scenery	374.00	5,675.13
Band + MD Fee	2,300.00	5,750.00
After Show Party	100.00	120.77
Merchandise	1,097.14	957.23
Programmes + Leaflets	449.71	552.40
Front of House	-	604.15
Gifts	364.06	475.50
Costumes	496.51	5,655.97
Sound + Light (RoA paid 25/26)	-	4,000.00
Van Hire	312.31	-
Props	249.29	236.76
Wigs	122.42	68.98
Donation: NE Childrens Trust	-	50.00
Make up + Prosthetics	-	550.35
FOH Merchandise	-	100.00
Ice Vests	-	53.98
Travel Expenses	-	105.00
Total Musical Expenditure	**10,082.59**	**30,745.54**

Expected costume deposit refund		800.00

Total Annual Income	**50,517.28**	**61,966.02**

Total Annual Expenditure	**38,866.75**	**69,662.79**

	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026
Profit for the year	**11,650.53**	**- 7,696.77**
Differences due to :		
Rock of Ages re-allocated	2,000.00	- 2,000.00
Shrek Costume Deposit		800.00
Actual Profit	**9,650.53**	**- 4,896.77**

Balance Reconciliation	
2025 Balance C/F	22,187.51
Plus Income	61,966.02
Less Expenditure	- 69,662.79
Total	**14,490.74**
Reconciliation	
Account Balance	13,330.63
Plus Advance Payments	1,249.34
Less Advance Income	- 89.23
Total	**14,490.74**

Savings Account Balance		
Invested until January 2027		15,000.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dryburn Theatrical Workshop

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of **Dryburn Theatrical Workshop**

For the year ended 31st August 2026

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: _____

Name of Independent Examiner: DEREK J SMITH

Date: 22 October 2026

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