TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT December 2024-November 2025

Buxton Festival Fringe (Charity Number 1202904)

Apartment 6, Serpentine Court, 51 St Johns Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6XA

Trustees: Ian Bowns (Chair)
Carole Garner (Secretary), Jeanette Hamilton (Vice-Chair), Rob Harrison, Sandra Jowett (Treasurer), Pam Mason, Stephanie Osborne, Linda Rolland, Stephen Walker

We are led by a team of nine Trustees, ably supported and advised by other committee members. We also have a committed network of people who support us in a variety of ways, particularly during the Festival in July. We work in partnership with a range of local stakeholders and venues.

The Fringe committee (Trustees and supporters) meets monthly (apart from August). We reflect thoroughly on each Festival – from the perspectives of performers and the audience and we celebrate successes and make changes where required. Trustees are recruited from people who have demonstrated their support for the Fringe in various ways and who want to take a more formal role and to be involved in planning and taking us forward. We also run a range of publicity and social events throughout the year to promote the Fringe and to thank volunteers – launching our programme, hosting an Awards Ceremony etc.

The 2025 Fringe was very well received with almost 200 entrants, across a wide range of visual, musical and performing arts. We delivered in a wide variety of venues. Our community outreach is developing well, taking performances into residential homes, schools and areas under-represented in terms of engagement with live performance. We demonstrated our commitment to widening participation and to public benefits. These ambitions are factored into our planning and decision-making.

Our entry fees are £55 (entry by end of February), £77 (by end of March) and £88 beyond that. (Entrants have the option to have ticket sales processed through the Buxton Opera House for an additional payment of £10).

We are very appreciative of our Fringe Friends who support us through their annual payments. Individual membership is £15 and for two people living at the same address it is £25. Thanks are due to the Fringe Friends who add a donation when they pay their subscription. We sell a small amount of Fringe merchandise and value the support of those taking our orange message out and about in T-shirt and tote bag form!

We are very appreciative of the grant we received again from High Peak Borough Council. We also received a generous donation from the Buxton Brewery. All this support enables us to keep entry fees low, to promote the Fringe far and wide, to offer free events and to contribute to the cultural offerings of Buxton and beyond.

Buxton Festival Fringe December 2024 - November 2025	
Bank Statement: 1 December 2024	£14607.10
Cash in Hand	£253.12
Uncashed Cheques	£0.00
Transfer (in)	£1574.16
Start of Year Total	£13286.06
Income	£20786.77
Expenditure	£13121.06
(Income - Expenditure)	£7665.71
Transfer (in)	£3759.97
Carried Forward	
Bank Statement: 30 November 2025	£19200.04
Cash in Hand	£253.12
Uncashed cheques	£0.00
Transfer (in)	£2261.36
End of Year Total	£17191.80
Savings Account (Reserves)	
Bank Statement:1 December 2024	£13893.35
Interest Earned	£238.03
Transfer (out)	£238.06
Carried Forward 30 November 2025	£13893.32
MAIN INCOME	
Fringe Friends - £2525	
Entry fees - £11428	
Grant of - £500 Donations - £522.80	
MAIN EXPENDITURE	
Programme printing - £4598 Promotions - £1510	
Fringe Desk - £2223	