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Charity Commission Annual Return 2024

WITHAM AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY
Charity registration number: 265029

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2024.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date
01/01/2024

Financial period end date
31/12/2024

Income and spending

Income £
£ 137,084

Spending £
£ 130,316

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?
0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?
0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)
£ 0

Charitable activities
£ 136,051

Other trading activities

£ 0

Investments

£ 1,033

Other

£ 0

Corporate donations

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a corporate donor during the financial period of this return?

£ 0

Donations from individuals

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from an individual during the financial period of this return?

£ 0

Donations from related parties

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a related party during the financial period of this return?

£ 0

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).
Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Charity contact details correct

Is the contact address displayed from the Register of Charities, correct?

Yes

Charity headquarters details correct

Is this the same address that you use as your charity's administrative headquarters?

Yes

Charity contact address

Address Line 1

133 Highfields Road

Address Line 2

WITHAM

Address Line 3

Essex

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

CM8 2HQ

Country

Charity Headquarters address

Address Line 1

133 Highfields Road

Address Line 2

WITHAM

Address Line 3

Essex

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

CM8 2HQ

Country

Property

Were any of your charity's properties held by holding or custodian trustees on behalf of your charity (excluding the Official Custodian) during the financial period for this return?

No

Membership type

Is your charity part of a wider group structure with a parent body and subsidiary bodies?

no, the charity is not part of a wider group structure

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures

Yes

Complaints policy and procedures

Yes

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

Yes

Internal risk management policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

Yes

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Yes

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

No

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

No

Social media policy and procedures

No

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

No

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

No

Serious Incidents

Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?

There were no incidents to report

External risk and impact

Donations

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - grants

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on overheads

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of volunteers

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of employees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of trustees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Fundraising activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Capacity to deliver services

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Total service demand

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

60

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

· you have consented to their release; or

· we are legally obliged to disclose them; or

· we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

· we can lawfully do so; and

· we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

(a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;

(b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;

(c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
- WITHAM AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY Witham Operatic Workshop (WOW)	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
9782	9,224	-	-	9,224	-
6471	40,794	-	-	40,794	-
9766	81,674	-	-	81,674	-
3401	4,359	-	-	4,359	-
5309	495	-	-	495	-
771	201	-	-	201	-
9770	165	-	-	165	-
2972	171	-	-	171	-
		-	-	-	-
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	137,084	-	-	137,084	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	137,084	-	-	137,084	-
A3 Payments					
9782	13,891	-	-	13,891	-
6471	42,211			42,211	
9766	74,056	-	-	74,056	-
3401	158	-	-	158	-
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
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		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	130,316	-	-	130,316	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	130,316	-	-	130,316	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,768	-	-	6,768	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	83,161	-	-	83,161	-
Cash funds this year end	89,929	-	-	89,929	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	WAOS - 60959766	17,494	-	-
	WAOS - 80613401	12,365	-	-
	WAOS -13562972	11,561		
	WOW - 30036471	10,475		
	WOW - 83199770	11,115		
	WOW - 33590771	13,565		
	WAOS - 60959782	-		
	WOW - 40765309	13,354	-	-
	Total cash funds	89,929	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	WAOS - COIF CHARITIES	10,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		MICHAEL SILVESTER	22/5/25
		ANITA GOOLD	22/5/25

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	WITHAM AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY Witham Operatic Workshop (WOW)		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2024	**Charity no (if any)**	265029
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	A Lawfield	**Date:**	29/9/2026
Name:	Alison Lawfield		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	Castle Precincts Cottage		

Castle Precincts
Lewes East Sussex BN7 1YT

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.