

THE HARROGATE
DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

31 May 2024

Charity No: 500318

THE HARROGATE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

The Harrogate Dramatic Society is governed by the Rules of the Society and is a registered charity (No. 500318). The objects of the charity are to educate the public in the dramatic arts and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in those arts. The address is Rear of 20 Regents Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5AW. The trustees for the year were:

Charity Trustees

Chris Rawson	- Chairman
Alex Bird	- Secretary
John Glyn Jones	- Treasurer
Sue Rawson	- Vice Chair
Mel James	- Publicity Secretary
Judith Howe	
Angela Ponsford	
Tony Fennerty	

An Executive Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting governs the Society and all are automatically charity trustees. The Executive Committee nominates new trustees as necessary. The trustees have considered the induction and training requirements of trustees and ensure ongoing training needs are met.

Public Benefit

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Society's aims, objectives and activities and this report seeks to comply with that guidance by clearly explaining and illustrating how the charity delivers public benefit.

Activities and achievements

The Society has been fully functional again after the constraints of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

A full programme of productions – 3 in the Studio and one in the Main House – has occurred along with a full social & fund raising programme. In addition an entry was made to the Nidderdale Drama Festival and we presented entertainment, twice, at Mackenzies's Smoke House. With Harrogate Civic Society we contributed to the War Memorial Centenary exhibition.

Two grants, for which the Society is most grateful, were obtained from North Yorkshire Council. One contributed towards the cost of costumes for our Main House production of "Shakespeare in Love".

The other was used for Harrogate War Memorial and Vision Support Centre Centenary anniversary event. With Side by Side Concert Group, entertainment was provided at Russell Sergeant House for the visually impaired members, staff, volunteers and invited guests.

Throughout the year we have continued to hold either Zoom or in person Committee meetings.

The Society has made a profit in the year of £3,116 (2022/23 £4,445 loss).

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Reserves Policy

The cash reserves as at 31 May 2024 were £48,865 (£43,059 - 2022/23) which are adequate to enable the Society to continue to carry out its planned productions.

The trustees are grateful for the support of the many volunteers who have enabled the Society to function successfully.

The trustees have approved this report.

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John Glyn Jones for and on behalf of the Executive Committee
10 July 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HARROGATE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Harrogate Dramatic Society for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Michael E Briggs FCA
Crown Chambers
Princes Street
Harrogate

10 July 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	Notes	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Activities for generating funds: Fundraising receipts		2,689	1,786
Voluntary income		-	1,147
HMRC gift aid		636	570
Local lotto		804	863
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Box office receipts		25,404	13,269
Programme sales & advertising		562	262
Wardrobe		10	580
Sponsorship & donations		1,637	-
Subscriptions received		<u>3,912</u>	<u>2,978</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>35,654</u>	<u>21,455</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Venue hire		11,418	8,682
Printing, royalties & production expenses		7,560	3,994
Property expenses	1	12,253	11,726
Administration expenses	4	<u>1,307</u>	<u>1,498</u>
Total resources expended		<u>32,538</u>	<u>25,900</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		3,116	(4,445)
Total funds brought forward		<u>55,016</u>	<u>59,461</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>58,132</u>	<u>55,016</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	2		6,981		6,971
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & prepaid expenditure		2,336		5,020	
Cash at bank	3	<u>48,865</u>		<u>43,059</u>	
		51,201		48,079	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors		<u>50</u>		<u>34</u>	
Net current assets			51,151		48,045
Net assets			<u>58,132</u>		<u>55,016</u>
FUNDS					
Society Funds			<u>58,132</u>		<u>55,016</u>

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 10 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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 John Glyn Jones
 Treasurer

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
1 PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Rent, rates & insurance	10,715	10,516
Light & heat	806	812
Repairs & renewals	<u>732</u>	<u>398</u>
	<u>12,253</u>	<u>11,726</u>

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Costumes £	Tools £	Stage Equipment £	Electrical & Heating £	Total £
2 FIXED ASSETS						
Cost at 1 June 2023	1,497	5,000	642	6,643	1,819	15,601
Additions	-	-	-	-	235	235
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 May 2024	<u>1,497</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>6,643</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>15,836</u>
Depreciation						
Balance at 1 June 2023	1,470	-	641	5,536	983	8,630
Depreciation for year	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>225</u>
Balance at 31 May 2024	<u>1,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>5,647</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>8,855</u>
Book value at 31 May 2024	<u>20</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>964</u>	<u>6,981</u>
Book value at 31 May 2023	<u>27</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,107</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>6,971</u>

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024 (cont'd)

	2024 £	2023 £
3 CASH AT BANK		
Current account	48,865	43,059
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	2024 £	2023 £
4 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Printing, postage & stationery	35	66
Sundry expenses	757	924
Zoom subscription	144	144
Bank charges	146	139
Depreciation	225	225
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	1,307	1,498
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PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

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Receipts		3,984
Hire of venue	936	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>1,068</u>	
		<u>(2,004)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>1,980</u>
SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE:-		
Receipts		17,019
Hire of venue	8,610	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>5,278</u>	
		<u>(13,888)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>3,131</u>
MOTHER:-		
Receipts		3,385
Hire of venue	936	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>843</u>	
		<u>(1,779)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>1,606</u>
THE MECHANICALS:-		
Receipts		3,115
Hire of venues	936	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>371</u>	
		<u>(1,307)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>1,808</u>