

THE HARROGATE
DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Trustees Report and Financial Statements

31 May 2025

Charity No: 500318

THE HARROGATE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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
Katie Andrew	- Secretary
John Glyn Jones	- Treasurer
Judith Howe	- Vice Chair
Mel James	- Publicity Secretary
Tony Fennerty	
Angela Ponsford	
Sue Rawson	
Rebecca Albro	

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

Once again the Society has been fully active both dramatically, socially and with fund raising.

We have had a full programme of productions – three in the Studio and one in the Main House all at the Harrogate Theatre. In addition, we entered the All England Drama Festival competing initially in the first round held at Bridlington and as winners of that round we progressed to the second round in Sunderland. We also presented entertainment, twice at Mackenzie's Smokehouse and also at Arkendale Village Hall.

Social and fund raising activities have resulted in our regular monthly coffee mornings, a quiz, Christmas gathering and afternoon tea to celebrate VE Day. All well attended and generating substantial funds for the Society.

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

The Society has made a surplus in the year of £4,079 (2023/24 £3,116 surplus).

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Reserves Policy

The cash reserves as at 31 May 2025 were £48,821 (£48,865 - 2023/24) 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
14 July 2025

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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 2025.

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

14 July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Activities for generating funds: Fundraising receipts		2,016	2,689
Voluntary income		102	-
HMRC gift aid		592	636
Local lotto		618	804
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Box office receipts		29,538	25,404
Programme sales & advertising		1,096	562
Wardrobe		50	10
Sponsorship & donations		1,343	1,637
Subscriptions received		<u>3,400</u>	<u>3,912</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>38,755</u>	<u>35,654</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Venue hire		11,454	11,418
Printing, royalties & production expenses		7,464	7,560
Property expenses	1	13,912	12,253
Administration expenses	4	<u>1,846</u>	<u>1,307</u>
Total resources expended		<u>34,676</u>	<u>32,538</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		4,079	3,116
Total funds brought forward		<u>58,132</u>	<u>55,016</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>62,211</u>	<u>58,132</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 2025

	Notes	£	2025	£	£	2024	£
FIXED ASSETS	2			6,780			6,981
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors & prepaid expenditure		6,640			2,336		
Cash at bank	3	<u>48,821</u>			<u>48,865</u>		
			55,461			51,201	
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Sundry creditors		<u>30</u>			<u>50</u>		
Net current assets				55,431			51,151
Net assets				<u>62,211</u>			<u>58,132</u>
FUNDS							
Society Funds				<u>62,211</u>			<u>58,132</u>

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

Approved by the trustees on 14 July 2025 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 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
1 PROPERTY EXPENSES		
Rent, rates & insurance	11,329	10,715
Light & heat	1,469	806
Repairs & renewals	1,114	732
	<u>13,912</u>	<u>12,253</u>

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Costumes £	Tools £	Stage Equipment £	Electrical & Heating £	Total £
2 FIXED ASSETS						
Cost at 1 June 2024	1,497	5,000	642	6,643	2,054	15,836
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,497</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>6,643</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>15,836</u>
Balance at 31 May 2025	1,497	5,000	642	6,643	2,054	15,836
	<u>1,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>5,647</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>8,855</u>
Depreciation						
Balance at 1 June 2024	1,477	-	641	5,647	1,090	8,855
Depreciation for year	5	-	-	100	96	201
	<u>1,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>5,747</u>	<u>1,186</u>	<u>9,056</u>
Balance at 31 May 2025	1,482	-	641	5,747	1,186	9,056
	<u>15</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6,780</u>
Book value at 31 May 2025	15	5,000	1	896	868	6,780
	<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 2024	20	5,000	1	996	964	6,981

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025 (cont'd)

	2025 £	2024 £
3 CASH AT BANK		
Current account	48,821	48,865
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	2025 £	2024 £
4 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Printing, postage & stationery	109	35
Sundry expenses	626	632
Zoom subscription	156	144
Festival expenses	20	125
Website fees	574	-
Bank charges	160	146
Depreciation	201	225
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	1,846	1,307
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PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	£	£
HOME I'M DARLING:-		
Receipts		4,160
Hire of venue	936	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>957</u>	
		<u>(1,893)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>2,267</u>
HAUNTING OF HILL HOUSE:-		
Receipts		20,429
Hire of venue	8,610	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>3,140</u>	
		<u>(11,750)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>8,679</u>
WOMEN IN MIND:-		
Receipts		3,610
Hire of venue	936	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>2,012</u>	
		<u>(2,948)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>662</u>
ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST:-		
Receipts		3,778
Hire of venues	972	
Printing, royalties & other expenses	<u>1,355</u>	
		<u>(2,327)</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>1,451</u>