

CHARITY NUMBER 501134

THE HERON THEATRE

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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THE HERON THEATRE
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 501134
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

Address: Stanley Street, Beetham, Cumbria LA7 7AS.

Charity correspondent: Peter Mann, 20 Brantwood Avenue, Morecambe LA4 6HB

History

Founded in 1948 as the South Westmorland Stage and Screen Society, the organisation adopted a constitution on 11th May 1973 and gained charitable status on 19th June 1973. The name was changed to "The Heron Theatre". The constitution was adopted in June 2007 and amended in 2015, 2019 and 2024.

The Object of the Charity

The object of the Heron Theatre is the presentation of performances of drama and music as well as films, exhibitions of art and other cultural activities. The building is also available for use by the community.

Governance

The Heron Theatre is open to all people. It is licenced by Westmorland and Furness Council for the provision of public entertainment and sale of alcohol under the terms of the licencing act 2003. The trustees of the charity are the licence holders and the designated premises supervisor for the sale of alcohol is Peter Mann. The authorised capacity of the theatre is 78. The charity has a safeguarding policy that is reviewed annually.

There is a membership scheme totalling 537.

The charity is administered by a management committee for trustees elected from and by the members at the annual meeting.

In the year to May 31st 2025 the trustees were:

David Broadhurst (Chairperson)

Brendan Bolland (Treasurer)

Peter Mann (Secretary)

Amanda Bingley

Kenneth Forster

Lesley Gill

Andrew Horton (appointed 06/02/2025)

Peter Kay (appointed 03/10/2024)

Sandra Kay (appointed 03/10/ 2024)

Marion Plowright

The management committee met 11 times during the year and all meetings were quorate.

**THE HERON THEATRE
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 501134
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)
for the year ended 31 May 2025**

ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025 are set out on pages 6 - 8.

They have been independently examined by R Musetti FCCA of Accountants for Small Business, whose report appears on page 5.

There are no liabilities. Assets comprise monetary items £63110 and non monetary assets total of £553700 (2024: £56856 and £553700).

DECLARATION

The accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025 set out on pages 6 -8 are approved by The Trustees.

David Broadhurst

4 September 2025

Chairperson



Brendan Bolland

27 August 2025

Treasurer



**THE HERON THEATRE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE HERON THEATRE**

Year ended 31 May 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on pages 6 – 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention 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 the 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.

R Musetti FCCA
Accountants for Small Business
Low House Business Centre
WINDERMERE LA23 3NA



Date:

18/8/2025

**THE HERON THEATRE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
year ended 31 May 2025**

		2025		2024	
	Page	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Total Receipts	7	48691	0	48691	58002
Total Payments	8	42436	0	42436	46194
Net Surplus for year		6255	0	6255	11808
Cash funds at 1 June 2024		56856	0	56856	45048
Cash funds at 31 May 2025		63110	0	63110	56856
Treasurer's Account		37925	0	37925	31671
COIF General Funds		14968	0	14968	14279
COIF Charities Global Equity Income Fund at cost		10752	0	10752	10906
Total Cash Funds		63110	0	63110	56856

Non Monetary Assets

The Heron Theatre and Sculpture	460000	460000
Contents	85000	85000
Car Park	8500	8500
Consumable Supplies at cost	200	200

Total Fixed Assets

£553700 £553700

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

**David Broadhurst
Chairperson**

David Broadhurst

4 September 2025

**Brendan Bolland
Treasurer**

Brendan Bolland

27 August 2025

**THE HERON THEATRE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 May 2025**

RECEIPTS	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
General Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	4319	0	4319	4222
Donations	160	0	160	0
Gift Aid	849	0	849	828
Gift Aid (prior year)	1121	0	1121	0
Tickets Sales	36790	0	36790	43988
Grants	1984	0	1984	1395
Refreshment Sales	3203	0	3203	3427
Investment income	265	0	265	1105
Gain or realised investment	0	0	0	3037

Total Receipts	£ 48691	0	48691	58002
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 Grants: Theatre				
WFDC	1200	0	1200	1395
3R Foundation	784	0	784	0

	£ 1984	0	1984	1395
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THE HERON THEATRE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31 May 2025

PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	2025 Restricted Fund £	Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
General Expenditure				
Production Costs	23123	0	23123	27061
Refreshment Costs	1687	0	1687	2343
Publicity, Newsletters, etc	3427	0	3427	4461
Utilities	3604	0	3604	3384
Licenses, Theatre and Bar	917	0	917	979
Maintenance	6856	0	6856	5045
Insurance	2059	0	2059	1947
General Administration	763	0	763	974
Sundry	0	0	0	0
Total General Expenditure	42436	0	42436	46194
Total Payments	42436	0	42436	46194