



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1/07/24 To
Period end date 30/06/25

Charity name: Davenham Players

Charity registration number: 504475

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the Society is to entertain and educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Main activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• four drama productions a year• monthly creative groups open to all: play-reading, writing, acting, improvisation.• Weekly technical and backstage working party• monthly comedy club• venue hire for monthly jazz club and annual literary festival• annual venue hire for primary school production• occasional venue hire for folk groups, youth productions, book launches, film screenings
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	As charity trustees we are satisfied that all activities undertaken by the charity have been for the public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We have produced four largely sold-out plays ranging from new drama to classics. Our comedy club audiences continue to build, and we introduced a monthly Improvisation group which has been very popular. Refurbishments in the building have included lining the walls of the auditorium and replacing older cabling in the lighting rig and we have overseen repairs to the flat roof above the bar. We have continued with fundraising for our proposed extension and are close to the point for grant applications.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Cash at Bank total of £34,474 shows a substantial increase over the previous year's total of £20,466, which, if continued, sets us on course to make a start on realizing our extension project.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	CAF Project Account is intended for a proposed extension to the theatre which we hope to action in the next two years. Nat West Current Account and Lloyds Bar account are held in respect of annual expenditure and cost of maintenance of the building.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£ 34474.50
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are primarily raised through ticket sales for productions, bar sales, raffles, ice-cream and programme sales, gift aid and venue hire.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None known
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Nominated and seconded by members then voted by majority at AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Davenham Players
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	504475
Charity's principal address	59 Church Street Davenham Cheshire CW9 8NF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Almquist	Chair		Members
2	Helen Small	Treasurer	From October 24	Members
3	Paulette Anderson	Secretary		Members
4	Jane Barrie			Members
5	Denise Barry			Members
6	Bernadette Bebbington			Members
7	Sheila Hetherington			Members
8	Arthur Jones			Members
9	Michael Linsell			Members
10	Pamela Malloy-Lownds			Members
11	Peter Lownds			Members
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Robert Almquist		
Paulette Anderson		
Sheila Hetherington		
Graham Hough		
Janet Illidge		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Davenham Players Theatre 59 Church Street Davenham CW9 8NF
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JANE EVE BARRIE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	26/04/26	

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DAVENHAM PLAYERS

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Year ended 30/06/25			Year ended 30/06/24		
	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/(Loss)	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/(Loss)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Productions	19992.01	8516.29	11475.72	17745.17	7964.46	9780.71
Bar	13774.75	4815.86	8958.89	13782.99	5014.38	8768.61
Front of House	3623.14		3623.14			
	37389.90	13332.15	24057.75	31528.16	12978.84	18549.32
Subscriptions	1120.00		1120.00	1076.00		1076.00
Grant & Donations	0.00		0.00	295.00		295.00
Theatre Hire	2885.72		2885.72	2867.50		2867.50
Other income	0.00		0.00	528.78		528.78
	41395.62	13332.15	28063.47	36295.44	12978.84	23316.60
Interest income	349.95		349.95	239.29		239.29
Facilities Costs						
Heating & Lighting		3238.58		2727.77		
Water		735.38		683.94		
Broadband		500.57		418.83		
Insurance		1907.91		1669.00		
Cleaning		376.00		453.57		
Bar roof repair		960.00		0.00		
Sound & Lighting		1083.13		0.00		
Other Property Maintenance		1073.08		4090.65		
Subscriptions & Licences		1117.11		769.03		
Fees to outside productions		1294.08		0.00		
Website		168.00		168.00		
Extension project		557.54		0.00		
Fire alarm		245.40		0.00		
Bank charges		0.00		60.00		
Ice cream		489.50		0.00		
Depreciation		4131.00		2103.82		
			-17877.28			-13144.61
Surplus for the year			10536.14			10411.28

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2025

	30/06/2025			30/06/2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASSETS						
Fixed Assets						
Property (at cost)	10951.00			10951.00		
Extension project	<u>48424.78</u>			<u>48424.78</u>		
		59375.78			59375.78	
Equipment & Fittings - cost	41310.83			14281.43		
Additions	0.00			27029.40		
less depreciation	<u>-12249.88</u>			<u>-8118.88</u>		
		29060.95			<u>33191.95</u>	
			88436.73			92567.73
Bar Stock			1015.39			822.91
Cash at Bank						
Natwest Current Account		5778.80			5144.93	
Lloyds Bar Account		4236.49			3353.19	
CAF Project Account		23567.46			11217.33	
CAF Gold Account		16.00			45.18	
Cash in hand		875.75			<u>706.30</u>	
			34474.50			20466.93
Creditor			0.00			-467.09
			<u>123926.62</u>			<u>113390.48</u>
FUNDS						
General						
Balance at 1 July 2024		113390.48			102979.20	
Surplus for the year		<u>10536.14</u>			<u>10411.28</u>	
			123926.62			113390.48
			<u>123926.62</u>			<u>113390.48</u>

RSA Almquist

R Almquist Treasurer

7 October 2025

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Accounts for year ended 30 June 2025

Productions

	Invisible	Revlon	Earnest	Pelican	Mr Wonderful	Comedy Nights	Jazz	Other	Total
Ticket Sales	3392.69	3000.79	3825.18	3242.37		6530.98			19992.01
Production costs	687.06	845.21	1313.76	1421.56	888.40	3360.30			8516.29
	2705.63	2155.58	2511.42	1820.81	-888.40	3170.68			11475.72
Bar takings	1130.17	1047.32	1194.41	1038.88		3257.98	2900.81	3205.18	13774.75
Bar goods	395.12	366.16	417.58	363.21		1139.04	1014.17	1120.58	4815.86
	735.05	681.16	776.83	675.67	0.00	2118.94	1886.64	2084.60	8958.89
Front of House	935.78	598.22	800.28	681.14	0.00	39.50	452.73	115.49	3623.14
	4376.46	3434.96	4088.53	3177.62	-888.40	5329.12	2339.37	2200.09	24057.75

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DAVENHAM PLAYERS (Registered Charity no. 504475)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Simon Batey MA FCA

7 October 2025

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