

# FARNWORTH LITTLE THEATRE TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023

## Background

Farnworth Little Theatre was established in 1948 with our first main production at the local Co-op hall the following year. We moved into the King's Hall in 1952 then into our current premises a declining Church Army mission, on a long lease in the early 60s. In 1997 an agreement was reached with the Parish Church on a price for the building, and purchase was completed at the end of 2001. The auditorium has been completely refurbished and a disabled toilet installed.

Farnworth Little Theatre became a registered charity on 30 June 1981 and has since provided open membership to the people of Farnworth and district for the purpose of educating the public in the art of drama and the furtherance of public appreciation and taste in drama by studying and regularly performing plays of merit in our own permanent theatre.

## Current Trustees

Phil Brookes - Pam Massey - Adrian Mottram - Chris Norris

## Officers

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**Membership Fees:** £10.00; youth under 18: £5

**Bar:** Premises license

**Charity Reg. No.:** 511428

## Summary of the year

We started our 2022/23 season with a comedic blockbuster in 'The 39 Steps' which was well received by attendances and reviewers alike. We followed this up with a thought provoking and humorous take on Sunday Pub league football team, in 'Jumpers for Goalposts' with many eighties hits played, and a live performance of 'You'll Never Walk Alone' to finish.

Next up was J.B. Priestly's 'Dangerous Corner', and altogether more sedate play with a more serious note. Next up was a powerhouse of performance acting and thought provocation in Ronald Harwood's 'Taking Sides' which dealt with such issues as the USA denazification and investigations of German conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler.

To finish our season, we performed four dramatic monologues by Alan Bennett.

With excellent attendances throughout the year our finances continue a sound footing.

## **Plans for 2023/24**

Our play selection committee have selected a fantastic mix of plays for the coming season with a good mix of old and new: A Party to Murder by Marcia Kash & Douglas E. Hughes, The Lonely Bones by Alice Sebold adapted by Bryony Lavery, A Comedy of Tenors by Ken Ludwig, Educating Rita by Willy Russell & Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller.

## **Conclusion**

The trustees, having had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance are confident that Farnworth Little Theatre is being managed effectively and is fulfilling its' obligations to our members and the wider community.

**Farnworth Little Theatre**  
Registered Charity No 511428

**Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of Farnworth Little Theatre for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

I have reviewed the accounts on a prima facie basis from the invoices, bank statements, Nominal Activity Lists, Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet provided to me by the Honorary Treasurer.

These include the following accounts:

- Current account
- Bar account
- Business Reserve (Deposit) account
- Petty Cash
- Bar Cash
- Box Office Cash

I have not carried out a full financial audit and have not confirmed that the amounts are correctly attributed to each category, but I have undertaken the following checks:

1. Checked the debits and credits in the Nominal Activity lists to the debits and credits in the bank statements for the Current account, the Bar account and the Deposit account.
2. Checked that there are invoices to match the majority of the debit items in the Nominal Activity lists for the Current account and the Bar account. Where there are no invoices - including those for Opus Energy - I have checked the amounts debited are consistent with expected expenditure.
3. Undertaken a visual check of the items in the Nominal Activity lists for the three Cash accounts to ensure they are reasonable and consistent with expected expenditure. I have also checked that the cash amounts paid into the bank appear on the bank statements.
4. Checked that the difference between the opening and closing bank and cash balances is equal to the net profit of £6130.55 shown in the Profit & Loss account.

Following these checks, I concur that the income and expenditure shown in the Profit & Loss Account tallies with the bank statements and the Nominal Activity lists, that the Balance Sheet figures are correct and that the net profit for the year of £6130.55 is correct.

Congratulations on maintaining such meticulous accounts and on a very successful year!



Steve Benson  
Hon Auditor

**Farnworth Little Theatre**  
**Profit & Loss Account**  
**For the Year to 30th June 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Sales</b>		
Bar Sales	8,361.20	6,787.71
Ticket Sales	24,941.52	16,114.43
Memberships	540.00	525.00
Flutter Income	1,681.50	1,605.00
Tea & Coffee Sales	842.78	530.60
Ice Cream Sales	1,167.00	709.50
Programme Sales	765.69	439.20
Programme Advertising	100.00	100.00
Theatre Hire	100.00	
Script Hire	40.00	
Pat's Books	195.88	185.96
Costume & Props Hire	80.00	
Bank Interest Received	294.37	7.00
Donations and Grants	1,303.50	10.00
	137.19	22.59
	40,413.44	27,014.41
<b>Purchases</b>		
Bar Purchases	4,346.67	4,040.27
Flutter Prizes & Expenses	1,241.48	1,571.84
Tea & Coffee Purchases	219.99	236.33
Ice Cream Purchases	712.72	372.11
Programme Printing	598.00	351.67
	7,118.86	6,572.22
<b>Direct Expenses</b>		
Sets, Props & Costumes	3,306.90	3,661.02
Publicity	1,526.89	1,011.22
Scripts	586.44	440.96
Licences	4,023.36	1,946.61
Miscellaneous Expenses	299.85	484.64
	9,743.44	7,544.45
<b>Gross Profit/(Loss):</b>	23,551.14	12,897.74
<b>Overheads</b>		
Rates & Insurance	5,406.77	3,985.60
Heat, Light and Power	6,200.05	6,662.03
Printing and Stationery	45.47	11.92
Telephone and Computer charges	718.16	438.42
Professional Fees		
Maintenance	4,391.38	1,653.22
Bank Charges and Interest	230.48	232.15
Donations		50.00
Subscriptions	121.00	226.00
Adjudications & Entry Fees	307.28	
	17,420.59	13,259.34
<b>Net Profit/(Loss):</b>	6,130.55	(361.60)

**Farnworth Little Theatre  
Balance Sheet  
At 30th June 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Property	37,000.00	37,000.00
	37,000.00	37,000.00
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Debtors</b>		
Deposits and Cash	94,877.72	90,066.96
Debtors	-	-
	94,877.72	90,066.96
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	588.00	1,907.79
	588.00	1,907.79
<b>Current Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>	94,289.72	88,159.17
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities:</b>	131,289.72	125,159.17
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities:</b>	<u>131,289.72</u>	<u>125,159.17</u>
<b>Capital &amp; Reserves:</b>		
Reserves	124,875.17	125,236.77
Youth Group	284.00	284.00
P & L Account	6,130.55	( 361.60 )
	<u>131,289.72</u>	<u>125,159.17</u>