



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 - Period start date To: 31/12/2024 - Period end date

Charity name: BLACBURN DRAMA CLUB

Charity registration number: 1060402

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE DRAMATIC ARTS 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	A season of 4 plays was presented in the Blackburn Empire Theatre, Blackburn. These titles were: <i>Railway Children</i>, <i>Nell Gwynn</i>, <i>The Strange Incident of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde</i> and <i>Improbable Fiction</i>. Other social activities for members have taken place in the club's rehearsal room adjacent to the theatre.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit in reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A

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	<p>The charity has successfully delivered 4 productions in the financial year supporting the charities' purpose of educating the public in the dramatic arts.</p> <p>The charity has also continued to support members through various social activities undertaken in the club's rehearsal room.</p> <p>The charity has, and continues, to provide a vital social and arts-based keystone in the local community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity continues to operate with sufficient reserve as a going concern.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity's reserves policy is to hold £10,000 of unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13,212
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	The trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charity and consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, which they regard as at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements. The review considered the current reserves position, committed funding, budgeted income, and expenditure for the forthcoming year.

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	Revenue from 4 productions per year in the Blackburn Empire Theatre.
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	N/A
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution and rules adopted 12th December 1996
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	As per Clause F of the constitution

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	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blackburn Drama Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1060402
Charity's principal address	Blackburn Empire Theatre Aqueduct Road Blackburn Lancashire BB2 4HT

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	MARTIN COTTAM	Chairman	28/05/2024	
2	CLIVE STACK	Vice Chairman	28/05/2024	
3	NEELY JILLINGS	Secretary		
4	PATRICK DARNELL-WALSH	Publicity Officer		
5	SUZANNE NOLAN	Patrons Secretary		
6	PEARCE DARNELL-WALSH	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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
Accountant	Bishops Chartered Accountants	1 Croft Court, Plumpton Close, Whitehills Business Park, Blackpool, FY4 5PR

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

N/A

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)	Pearce Darnell-Walsh
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer
Date	14/10/2025



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Charity Name
Blackburn Drama Club

No (if any)
1060402

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Jan-24

To

Period end date
31-Dec-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Shows & related income	21,734	-	-	21,734	14,613
Donations	1,288	-	-	1,288	1,338
Membership	971	-	-	971	558
NODA & Act events	1,679	-	-	1,679	1,055
Subscriptions	1,547	-	-	1,547	1,553
Props hire	386	-	-	386	160
Legacy	8,176	-	-	8,176	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	35,781	-	-	35,781	19,277
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,781	-	-	35,781	19,277
A3 Payments					
Rehearsal room hire	4,776	-	-	4,776	4,776
Blackburn Empire Theatre costs	10,440	-	-	10,440	2,043
Show related costs	4,781	-	-	4,781	4,790
NODA & Act events	1,596	-	-	1,596	1,560
Insurance	378	-	-	378	250
Donations	52	-	-	52	782
Sundries	1,681	-	-	1,681	1,230
Costume room refurbishment and equipment	1,606	-	-	1,606	-
Sub total	25,310	-	-	25,310	15,411
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Quilter portfolio	16,000	-	-	16,000	-
Sub total	16,000	-	-	16,000	-
Total payments	41,310	-	-	41,310	15,411
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,529	-	-	5,529	3,866
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,741	-	-	18,741	14,875
Cash funds this year end	13,212	-	-	13,212	18,741

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Bank account	13,212	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,212	-	-

CCXX R1 accounts (SS)

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

OK

Restricted funds
to nearest £

OK

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

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B3 Investment assets

Details

Quilter portfolio

Fund to which asset
belongs

Unrestricted

Cost (optional)

-
-
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-
-

Current value
(optional)

138,421
-
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-
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-

**B4 Assets retained for the
charity's own use**

Details

Fund to which asset
belongs

Cost (optional)

-
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Current value
(optional)

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B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which
liability relates

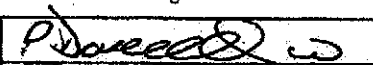

Amount due
(optional)

-
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When due
(optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

PEARL DARNELL WALSH
SUZANNE F. NOLAN

Date of approval

29/09/25
29/09/25



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Blackburn Drama Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1060402

Set out on pages

1 - 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

David Evans

Date:

6/10/25

Name:

David Evans

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

1 Croft Court, Plumpton Close

Whitehills Business Park

Blackpool FY4 5PR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**