

THE ALL-ENGLAND THEATRE FESTIVAL ("AEFT")

England & Wales · Charity number 1071518

Details

Other names AETF

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1998-09-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE, MAINTAIN IMPROVE AND ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION OF THE ART OF THEATRE AND IN PARTICULAR BY ESTABLISHING WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE WORK OF AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETIES

Activities: OUR MISSION IS TO ORGANISE AN ANNUAL ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL, OPEN TO ANY AMATEUR DRAMA GROUP IN ENGLAND.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£27,919	£24,913	-	-
2024-08-31	£13,474	£12,580	-	-
2023-08-31	£14,997	£18,670	-	-
2022-08-31	£15,396	£17,697	-	-
2021-08-31	£6,301	£7,431	-	-
2020-08-31	£15,024	£8,470	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BARBARA SUSAN PIERCE	Chair	2023-10-28
Carol Anne Hennessy		2020-06-01
DAVID IAN CLARKE		2012-10-31
IAN THOMAS		2012-10-31
Lorraine Biddlecombe		2023-10-28
Rebekah Fortune Smith		2020-10-24

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Accounts



AETF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR TO AUGUST 2025

Income

- Our general income was made up as follows –
 - Friends/Donations £ 190
 - PRF Licences £ 425
 - Entry Fees £ 740

Expenditure

Alongside our usual insurance and NDFA membership, we made the regular grants to teams traveling to the English Final, along with two Legacy grants.

General

1. The charity has neither discontinued any of its operations nor acquired new ones this year.
2. There were no other gains or losses in the year.
3. These accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and are presented in the format recommended by the Charity Commission.
4. The AETF year runs to the end of August, to follow the timings of a full year of Festivals.

Fixed Assets

1. A full list of trophies owned or administered by the AETF is held by the National Treasurer. It is the responsibility of Area Treasurers to inform the National Treasurer of any changes in holdings or value. The Trustees re-assess the recorded value every five years.
2. AETF has bought no new equipment since 2012. All existing equipment has been written off.

Insurance

1. The AETF covers all AETF organised Festivals for Public & Employers Liability.
2. The AETF also has Trustees Liability cover.
3. A designated account has been set up with sufficient funds to cover the most expensive trophy in the case of theft/loss.

Independent Examination

The returns submitted from the four Areas and their respective First Rounds/Divisions are not inspected. These are taken as being correct against the respective Area Treasurer's signature on behalf of the Trustees. As 'subsidiaries' of AETF under our Charity Number then their income and expenditure must be declared as if it is our own.

Carol Hennessy
AETF Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

All England Theatre Festival

1071518

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.09.2024	To	31.08.2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Licence Fees (PRFs)	425	-	-	425	-
Opting Fees	740	-	-	740	-
Friends Donations	-	190	-	190	-
Other Donations & Sponsorship	3,146	-	-	3,146	-
Ticket Sales	21,830	-	-	21,830	-
Other Income (raffle, advertising)	1,588	-	-	1,588	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,729	190	-	27,919	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,729	190	-	27,919	-
A3 Payments					
Travel Grants	700	-	-	700	-
Legacy Grants	-	600	-	600	-
Insurance	788	-	-	788	-
Membership Fees	300	-	-	300	-
Website Costs	555	-	-	555	-
Theatre Hire	19,846	-	-	19,846	-
Box Office Charges	512	-	-	512	-
Adjudicators Fees	1,297	-	-	1,297	-
Publicity (inc. printing, posters)	315	-	-	315	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,313	600	-	24,913	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,313	600	-	24,913	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,416	- 410	-	3,006	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,622	28,881	-	48,503	-
Cash funds this year end	23,038	28,471	-	51,509	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,038	28,471	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>Carol Hennessy</i>	Carol Hennessy	02.06.2026



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE AETF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2025

**Report to the Trustees/Members of the All-England Theatre Festival
CHARITY NO: 1071518**

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charity Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to –

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation 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 I do not express an audit opinion on these accounts.

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 trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - ~ proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - ~ accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Ch. M. Dawson

Date: 5/5/26