



**STOCKPORT PLAZA TRUST**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Company Registration No. 3790941**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2020**

**Auditors:** Azets Audit Services, Alpha House, 4 Greek Street, Stockport, Cheshire SK3 8AB

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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| <b>DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES</b> | Nigel Anderton – Chairman<br>David Blake<br>Terence Carnes<br>Christopher Gordon<br>Richard Gray<br>Ian Hodgkiss<br>Chris Jeffries<br>Matthew Male<br>Mel Spooner<br>Linda Weekes-Holt |         |
| <b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>    | The Plaza<br>Mersey Square<br>Stockport<br>Cheshire<br>SK1 1SP   |         |
| <b>REGISTERED NUMBERS</b>   | Company Number:  | 3790941 |
|                             | Charity Number:  | 1076494 |
| <b>SOLICITORS</b>           | Gorvins Solicitors<br>Dale House<br>Tiviot Dale<br>Stockport<br>Cheshire<br>SK1 1TA  |         |
| <b>AUDITORS</b>             | Azets Audit Services<br>Alpha House<br>4 Greek Street<br>Stockport<br>Cheshire<br>SK3 8AB  |         |

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**INTRODUCTION**

The trustees of Stockport Plaza Trust Limited present their report for the year ended 31 August 2020 under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for that period. The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Governing Document and the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice (The Charities SORP 2005).

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The Stockport Plaza Trust Limited is a registered charity (number: 1076494) and company (number: 3790941) limited by membership guarantee. Its registered office is shown on the company information sheet (Page 2).

The present trustees who served during the period, together with details of external advisers are also noted on the company information sheet.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

- **Governing document**

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 17 June 1999.

- **Governing bodies**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance of the charity. The affairs of the charity are administered by a Council of Management, the members of which occupy the position of directors for the purpose of the Companies Act.

- **Recruitment and training of trustees**

The trustees are responsible for the appointment of new trustees. New trustees will only be appointed after due consideration is given to eligibility, personal competence and special skills. New trustees, when appointed, are inducted into the working of the charity by the existing trustees.

- **Elected members**

Nigel Anderton – Chairman  
David Blake  
Richard Gray  
Chris Jeffries  
Mel Spooner  
Linda Weekes-Holt  
Terence Carnes  
Christopher Gordon  
Matthew Male

- **Nominee members**

The Friends of the Plaza  
The National Trust  
Stockport MBC

Ian Hodgkiss  
No nomination  
Helen Walters (*observer*)



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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**  
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- **Appointment**

The Board of Trustees consists of up to nine elected members and three nominated trustees. One third of the elected trustees who have been in office the longest retire each year, but are eligible for re-election.

Three nominated trustees may be appointed, one by each of the following organisations:

The Friends of the Plaza  
The National Trust  
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

- **Related parties**

The objects, for which the Trust was established, by its nature, required the appointment of persons with experience of theatre and cinema. A number of the trustees are members of organisations who have an interest in hiring the building or who have related interests. None of these associated transactions have been influenced by any interests other than the Trust's. They are not material and all such interests have been fully disclosed, where appropriate.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have identified the major risks facing the Trust as failing to meet its financial targets, especially income generation from ticket sales, front of house sales, operational grants and donations. The Trust monitors income from all sources, instigates targeted marketed to increase awareness and ticket sales, and has been applying for grants from a diverse and extensive range of both existing and potential sources.

The Trust undertakes an annual review of health and safety risks, and has in place policies to ensure compliance with best practice. This review has included the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

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**OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the Trust are as stated in the Memorandum of Association. The mission statement of the Trust is as follows:

*'To protect, preserve and promote the Plaza Super Cinema as a fine example of 1930s architecture through modern viable use as a centre for performing arts and cinema, serving local, national and regional communities'.*

The Trustees reviewed the Trust's strategy during the year. The key aims are

1. Maintaining the Plaza's position as the premier variety venue in the North West
2. Making the most of the Plaza
3. Completing the heritage refurbishment of the Plaza
4. Promoting the Plaza youth theatre
5. Enabling all Stockport children to have the opportunity to be involved in the Plaza
6. Taking the Plaza on tour
7. Ensuring the Plaza trust is fit for purpose to support the charity and our mission

The trustees continued their policy of carrying on restoration works and are utilising a survey of maintenance requirements for the next five years undertaken by external consultants created in 2019.

The Café and Patrons Lounge (basement bar) have closed during the pandemic, but it is planned to reopen and recommence the hiring of the venue for wedding ceremonies and receptions.

The theatrical programme, although limited by the Covid-19 pandemic, will maintain a substantial use by local community groups and family entertainment shows when restrictions on theatres are lifted. The film programme is being continually developed and includes National Theatre Encore and Live presentations and Opera screenings.

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

A summary of the financial results for the year can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities (Page 12).

During the year, the Covid-19 pandemic caused the closure of the Plaza for a number of months between March and August, affecting income, with some savings. The total incoming resources were £1,100,375 as compared to £1,268,699 in the previous year. Total resources expended in the period were £1,138,160 as compared to £1,151,493 in 2019. The Café had performed well in 2019 and it is planned to continue the quality of its service and menu, once it is reopened.

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**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW**  
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The Plaza has undergone further restorative work to prescriptive standards during the past twelve months, reflecting the building's original architectural intent. The building maintenance costs for 2020 were £188,889 compared to £193,357 in 2019. The Plaza undertook capital expenditure of £34,786 during the year.

Overall, the Plaza made a deficit of £37,785 (2019 surplus £117,206). A surplus on the General Fund of £10,503 was achieved (compared to a surplus of £165,493 in 2019) and there was a deficit on the Capital Fund of £48,288 (compared to a deficit of £48,287 in 2019).

The Plaza budgeted for 294 (294 in 2019) events during the year and achieved 188 (315 in 2019). We are pleased with the number of events achieved and improvement on the yields on events during the year, despite the closure in the latter part of the financial year.

Tight control has been maintained on expenditure during the year; although staff costs have increased due to National Living wage requirements

The Plaza continued to hold cross-community events including the Festival of Remembrance, local schools, local operatic groups and dance schools. These events demonstrate our commitment to community use and we will endeavour to expand our activities in these areas.

The principal theatrical production was the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty', which proved to be very successful. Other successful performances during the year included Jimmy Carr and Luther. The cinema programme achieved good attendances.

Stockport Plaza Trust continues to rely on an ever-increasing number of volunteers and the Trust acknowledges their commitment and dedication:

- The Trustees – for governance of the Trust.
- The Stage Crew – for the setting up and operation of performances.
- The Projection Team – for the presentation of films and maintenance of cinema equipment.
- The Organ Team – for the maintenance of the Compton Organ.
- Front of House Staff – for ensuring the smooth running of performances.
- Café Volunteers – for their service in the Café Lounge.
- Friends of the Plaza – for the donations provided.
- All other volunteers who contribute to the successful maintenance and operation of the building in any way.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

Along with the continuing maintenance of the building, it is intended the theatre's level of usage is increased in the coming year. Clearly the Covid-19 crisis and lockdown has affected The Plaza operations. The theatre has remained closed during the period but plans have been drawn up to reopen when that is possible. Reserves have been used to continue day to day operations.



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**FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

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The Plaza hosted several cross-cultural events during the year and it is planned that these will continue over the next year.

It is our intention to continue with the successful Heritage tours of the Plaza, to give patrons and members of the community an insight into the heritage of the Plaza building and of its historic importance.

Our overall aim is to continue to increase usage of the Theatre.

**PUBLIC BENEFITS, AIMS AND INTENDED IMPACT**

In meeting with the objectives of the Charity, the Trust's public benefit aim is to preserve and maintain the Plaza Super Cinema in excellent condition and to promote performing arts to local, regional and national communities, achieved by providing free tickets to underprivileged groups, offering preferential rates to community performing arts groups, staging schools screenings of certain events (such as National Theatre screenings), offer Heritage tours of the theatre and provide volunteers experience of working in a theatrical environment.

In setting out policy and planning activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Guidance from the Charity Commission about public benefit.

**INVESTMENT POLICIES**

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit.

The charity has a policy of keeping any surplus funds in short term deposits, which can be accessed readily.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The Trust's policy on reserves is to consider only what is necessary to support an unforeseen and sustained drop in the theatre's revenue, hold sufficient reserves to cover six months' worth of overheads expenditure and support the restoration capital plan. The capital plan relates to the future restoration and maintenance of the theatre and has been detailed in an external consultant's report setting out a five year plan for maintenance activities.

The effect of the pandemic has been to reduce our reserves. The Board continued to monitor the financial position and reserves post the year end. Successful bids for grant funding from the Cultural Recovery Fund, Heritage Fund, small business rates relief and local Covid restrictions grants have helped the position.

The Trust does not intend to hold reserves for any purpose other than to fulfil its aims as noted in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. This policy is to be reviewed annually by the Trustees.

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The trustees are responsible for their annual report and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) for each financial year. These financial statements give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of those resources to the charity and group during the year, and of the state of affairs at the end of the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ensure that suitable accounting policies are established and applied consistently;
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the applicable accounting standards and statement of recommended accounting practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing financial statements. The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems and controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for their proper application as required by charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- all assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition and are properly applied;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity, or for publication, is reliable;
- the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

Internal controls over all forms of commitment and expenditure continue to be refined to improve efficiency. Processes are in place to ensure that performance is monitored and that appropriate management information is prepared and reviewed regularly by both the executive management and the Board of Trustees.

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- an annual budget approved by the trustees;

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**  
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- regular consideration by the trustees of financial results, variances from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews;
- delegation of day to day management authority and segregation of duties; and identification and management of risks.

Importantly, the Board believes, based upon current financial reporting and reserves position, savings made after the year end and successful bids for grant funding from the Cultural Recovery Fund, Heritage Fund, small business rates relief and local Covid restrictions grants, that the Trust remains a going concern.

**Approved on behalf of the trustees:**



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NIGEL ANDERTON  
Company Secretary

Date: 26.8.21



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**AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**STOCKPORT PLAZA TRUST**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Stockport Plaza Trust (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work



we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the Charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Azets Audit Services*

Don Bancroft (Senior Statutory Auditor)

**For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

Date: *26 August 2021*

Alpha House  
4 Greek Street  
Stockport  
Cheshire  
SK3 8AB

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

|   | Note | General Fund     | Restricted Fund | Capital Fund     | 2020             | 2019             |
|---|------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   |      | £                | £               | £                | £                | £                |
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>                      |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:</b> |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Voluntary Income:</b>                        |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Donations and Grants                            | 3    | 223,348          | -               | -                | 223,348          | 113,137          |
| Refunded Grant                                  |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Activities for Generating Funds:</b>         |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Theatre Income                                  | 4    | 873,982          | -               | -                | 873,982          | 1,151,187        |
| Investment Income                               |      | 2,427            | -               | -                | 2,427            | 2,036            |
| Fundraising Events                              |      | 618              | -               | -                | 618              | 2,339            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>                |      | <b>1,100,375</b> | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>         | <b>1,100,375</b> | <b>1,268,699</b> |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>                      |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Cost of Generating Funds:</b>                |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Fundraising Events                              | 5    | 180              | -               | -                | 180              | 165              |
| <b>Direct Charitable Expenditure:</b>           |      |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Theatre Costs                                   | 5    | 170,613          | -               | 48,288           | 218,901          | 233,018          |
| Front of House Costs                            |      | 147,602          | -               | -                | 147,602          | 202,355          |
| Building Maintenance                            |      | 188,889          | -               | -                | 188,889          | 193,357          |
| Other Support Costs                             | 6    | 574,588          | -               | -                | 574,588          | 515,948          |
|   |      | <b>1,081,872</b> | <b>-</b>        | <b>48,288</b>    | <b>1,130,160</b> | <b>1,144,843</b> |
| Governance Costs                                | 7    | 8,000            | -               | -                | 8,000            | 6,650            |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>                |      | <b>1,089,872</b> | <b>-</b>        | <b>48,288</b>    | <b>1,138,160</b> | <b>1,151,493</b> |
| <b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources</b>      |      | <b>10,503</b>    | <b>-</b>        | <b>(48,288)</b>  | <b>(37,785)</b>  | <b>117,206</b>   |
| <b>Net Movement between Funds</b>               |      |                  | <b>-</b>        |                  | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>                    |      | <b>10,503</b>    | <b>-</b>        | <b>(48,288)</b>  | <b>(37,785)</b>  | <b>117,206</b>   |
| <b>Balance at 1 September 2019</b>              |      | <b>572,739</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>1,905,702</b> | <b>2,478,441</b> | <b>2,361,235</b> |
| <b>BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2020</b>                |      | <b>583,242</b>   | <b>-</b>        | <b>1,857,414</b> | <b>2,440,656</b> | <b>2,478,441</b> |


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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020**


|  | Note | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |          |
|--|------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>                                       |      |           |           |          |
| Tangible assets  | 9    | 1,978,311 | 2,018,167 | (39,856) |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                                     |      |           |           |          |
| Stock  |      | 7,055     | 8,710     | (1,655)  |
| Debtors  | 10   | 67,835    | 75,594    | (7,759)  |
| Cash at bank   |      | 802,970   | 801,781   | 1,189    |
|  |      | 877,860   | 886,085   | (8,225)  |
| <b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING<br/>DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR:</b> | 11   | 415,515   | 425,811   | (10,296) |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                                 |      | 462,345   | 460,274   | 2,071    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>              |      | 2,440,656 | 2,478,441 | (37,785) |
| <b>FINANCED BY:</b>  |      |           |           |          |
| General Fund   |      | 583,242   | 572,739   | 10,503   |
| Restricted Fund  |      |           |           |          |
| Capital Fund   | 12   | 1,857,414 | 1,905,702 | (48,288) |
|  |      | 2,440,656 | 2,478,441 | (37,785) |

Financial Statements signed on behalf of the Board of Directors:

NIGEL ANDERTON  
Chairman



CHRIS JEFFRIES  
Financial Director



Approved by the Board: 26.8.21

Company Number: 3790941  
Charity Number: 1076494



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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

|   | 2020     | 2019     |
|---|----------|----------|
|   | £        | £        |
| <b>Cash flows from activities</b>               |          |          |
| Surplus/(Loss) for the financial year           | (37,785) | 117,206  |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>                         |          |          |
| Depreciation of fixed assets                    | 74,666   | 74,199   |
| Disposal of fixed assets                        | (24)     | 180      |
| Interest paid                                   | 0        | 6        |
| Interest received                               | (2,427)  | (2,036)  |
| Decrease/(increase) in receivables              | 7,759    | 28,493   |
| Decrease/(increase) in inventory                | 1,655    | 2,518    |
| Increase/(decrease) in payables                 | (10,296) | (3,047)  |
| <b>Cash from activities</b>                     | 33,548   | 217,519  |
| Interest paid                                   | 0        | (6)      |
| <b>Net cash generated from activities</b>       | 33,548   | 217,513  |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>     |          |          |
| Purchase of fixed assets                        | (34,786) | (26,604) |
| Interest received                               | 2,427    | 2,036    |
| <b>Net cash from investing activities</b>       | (32,359) | (24,568) |
| <b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and bank</b> | 1,189    | 192,945  |
| <b>Opening balance cash and bank</b>            | 801,781  | 608,836  |
| <b>Closing balance cash and bank</b>            | 802,970  | 801,781  |

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**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Company status**

Stockport Plaza Trust is a private company limited by guarantee. The Directors of the company are the Trustees named on page 2. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

The registered office is The Plaza, Mersey Square, Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 1SP.

**1.1 Accounting convention**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below

**1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

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**1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Free reserves are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in pursuit of the general objectives of the charity.

**1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is

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treated as a contingent asset.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

**1.5 Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expenses categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the company. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**1.6 Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets. This is on a straight line basis over the expected useful lives of the assets at the following annual rates:

Freehold property & theatre improvements – 2% straight line

Furniture, fixtures & fittings – 10% straight line

All other assets – 20% straight line

**1.7 Interest receivable**

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt. Interest is shown as gross interest, as the charity is exempt from corporation tax.

**1.8 Deferred income**

The charity defers income received on ticket sales for shows and events until the date the show or event has taken place. The charity is not entitled to the income until it has been confirmed that the show or event has taken place. Shows and events can be cancelled and any ticket sale income would have to be refunded to the customer.

**1.9 Financial Instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.



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**1.9 Basic financial assets (continued)**

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.10 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**2 TAXATION**

The company is registered as a Charitable Trust and is therefore exempt from corporation tax, due to an annual exemption under sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

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**3. DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

|                       | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Capital<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Donations:</b>     |                      |                         |                      |                    |                    |
| Other Donations       | 22,187               | -                       | -                    | 22,187             | 110,628            |
| <b>Grants:</b>        | 23,950               |                         |                      | 23,950             |                    |
| <b>Sundry Income:</b> | 177,211              | -                       | -                    | 177,211            | 2,509              |
|                       | <u>223,348</u>       | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>             | <u>223,348</u>     | <u>113,137</u>     |

**4. DIRECT CHARITABLE INCOME**

|                                    | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Capital<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Theatre Income                     | 533,583              | -                       | -                    | 533,583            | 657,895            |
| Front of House Income              | 340,399              | -                       | -                    | 340,399            | 467,034            |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets | -                    | -                       | -                    | -                  | 26,258             |
|                                    | <u>873,982</u>       | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>             | <u>873,982</u>     | <u>1,151,187</u>   |

**5. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

|                            | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Capital<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Theatre Costs              | 144,235              | -                       | -                    | 144,235            | 158,819            |
| Front of House Costs       | 147,602              | -                       | -                    | 147,602            | 202,355            |
| Building Maintenance       | 188,889              | -                       | -                    | 188,889            | 193,357            |
| Fundraising Costs          | 180                  | -                       | -                    | 180                | 165                |
| Salaries                   | 520,543              | -                       | -                    | 520,543            | 485,209            |
| Sundries                   | 54,045               | -                       | -                    | 54,045             | 30,739             |
| Depreciation               | 26,378               | -                       | 48,288               | 74,666             | 74,199             |
| Loss on Disposal of Assets | -                    | -                       | -                    | -                  | -                  |
|                            | <u>1,081,872</u>     | <u>-</u>                | <u>48,288</u>        | <u>1,130,160</u>   | <u>1,144,843</u>   |

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**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

|          | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Capital<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries | 520,543              | -                       | -                    | 520,543            | 485,209            |
| Sundries | 54,045               | -                       | -                    | 54,045             | 30,739             |
|          | 574,588              | -                       | -                    | 574,588            | 515,948            |

**7. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

|            | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Capital<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Audit Fees | 8,000                | -                       | -                    | 8,000              | 6,650              |
|            | 8,000                | -                       | -                    | 8,000              | 6,650              |

**8. EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

|                          | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Capital<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Stage Productions        | 69,684               | -                       | -                    | 69,684             | 50,422             |
| Wages & Salaries         | 411,841              | -                       | -                    | 411,841            | 402,222            |
| National Insurance Costs | 31,342               | -                       | -                    | 31,342             | 26,687             |
| Pension costs            | 7,676                | -                       | -                    | 7,676              | 5,878              |
|                          | 520,543              | -                       | -                    | 520,543            | 485,209            |

The directors are all volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for their services.

One employee earned more than £60,000 and expenses of £ nil were paid (2019- £ nil).

The average number of full-time equivalent employees, excluding directors, was as follows:

|                                     | 2020 | 2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Operational Management & Box Office | 6    | 6    |
| Stage & Technical                   | 4    | 4    |
| Café Lounge                         | 5    | 5    |
| Bar Team                            | 3    | 3    |
|                                     | 18   | 18   |

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                           | Land &<br>Buildings<br>£ | Theatre<br>Improvements<br>£ | Fixtures, Fittings,<br>Café & Theatre<br>Equipment<br>£ | Office<br>Equipment<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Cost:</b>              |                          |                              |   |                          |            |
| As at 31 August 2019      | 455,502                  | 1,961,811                    | 319,565   | 26,201                   | 2,763,079  |
| Additions in Period       |                          |                              | 32,778  | 2,008                    | 34,786     |
| Disposals in Period       | -                        | -                            |   |                          | -          |
| As at 31 August 2020      | 455,502                  | 1,961,811                    | 352,343   | 28,209                   | 2,797,865  |
| <b>Depreciation:</b>      |                          |                              |   |                          |            |
| As at 31 August 2019      | 186,709                  | 324,902                      | 212,729   | 20,572                   | 744,912    |
| Charge in Period          | 9,052                    | 39,236                       | 24,543  | 1,835                    | 74,666     |
| Depreciation on Disposals |                          |                              | 24  |                          | 24         |
| As at 31 August 2020      | 195,761                  | 364,138                      | 237,248   | 22,407                   | 819,554    |
| <b>Book Values:</b>       |                          |                              |   |                          |            |
| As at 31 August 2020      | 259,741                  | 1,597,673                    | 115,095   | 5,802                    | 1,978,311  |
| As at 31 August 2019      | 268,793                  | 1,636,909                    | 106,836   | 5,629                    | 2,018,167  |

All assets are in use for charitable purposes.

Legal charges exist over the freehold property, to secure the interests of public bodies and other lenders funding its purchase and the cost of theatre improvements.

**10. DEBTORS**

|                | 2020<br>£     | 2019<br>£     |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trade Debtors  | 4,466         | 16,892        |
| Prepayments    | 31,462        | 45,720        |
| VAT Receivable | 6,770         |               |
| Other Debtors  | 25,137        | 12,982        |
|                | <u>67,835</u> | <u>75,594</u> |

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                                | 2020<br>£      | 2019<br>£      |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Trade Creditors                | 20,533         | 92,914         |
| PAYE and National Insurance    | 11,280         | 8,458          |
| VAT Payable                    |                | 9,723          |
| Deferred Income - see note 11a | 286,334        | 258,904        |
| Other Creditors                | 58,578         | 33,106         |
| Accruals                       | 38,790         | 22,706         |
|                                | <u>415,515</u> | <u>425,811</u> |

**11a. DEFERRED INCOME**

|                       | B/fwd          | Sales            | Shows              | C/fwd          |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Ticket sales          | 258,904        | 1,187,176        | (1,159,746)        | 286,334        |
| Other deferred income |                | -                |                    | -              |
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**12. CAPITAL FUND**

|  | Land &<br>Buildings<br>£ |
|--|--------------------------|
| Balance at 1 September 2019:                         | 1,905,702                |
| Direct Charitable Expenditure - Theatre Improvements | -                        |
| Direct Charitable Expenditure - Depreciation         | (48,288)                 |
| Balance at 31 August 2020:                           | <u>1,857,414</u>         |

During the year £0 was transferred between the general and capital fund. These funds represent the theatre improvements.

**13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Heritage Lottery Fund award totalling £2,000,000 is repayable in the event the company is wound up. The written consent of the grantor is required before the theatre can then be disposed of.

A similar condition applies to the capital grants from the North West Development Agency (£745,000) and from Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (£300,000). These liabilities are not expected to materialise.

**14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

There are no capital commitments (2019 - £ nil).

**15. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

As at 31 August 2020 (and as at 31 August 2019), the company had no annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

**16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

|  | General<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Capital<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>£       |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Fund balances are represented by:              |                      |                         |                      |                  |
| Tangible Fixed Assets                          | 120,897              | -                       | 1,857,414            | 1,978,311        |
| Current Assets                                 | 877,860              | -                       | -                    | 877,860          |
| Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year | (415,515)            | -                       | -                    | (415,515)        |
|  | <u>583,242</u>       | <u>-</u>                | <u>1,857,414</u>     | <u>2,440,656</u> |

**17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The company had no transactions with related parties.



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