

THE WESTENDERS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:

Chair	Mike Charles
Vice Chair	Steve Bradshaw
Secretary	Michelle Davies
Treasurer	Paul Ashton
Other Trustees	Diana Altmeyer Tina Barker Dean Cole Brian Newman Paul Bowen Angela Williams Brydie Dickinson-Jones Kate Dickinson-Jones Julie Jones Roger Smith (appointed 23/5/23) Joan Manley (appointed 23/5/23) Robin Thompson (appointed 23/5/23)

Honorary President Angela M J Williams

Vice Presidents: Gaynor Barker
Eirlys Cole
Paul Cole
Clifford I Joseph
Brian Newman
Gerwyn Rees
Joy Waghorn

Honorary Members: Christine Evans
Owen Williams

Address of the Trustees: 16 Camden Crescent
Brecon
Powys
LD3 9DR

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (Continued)

Registered charity number:

1082950

Independent Examiner:

Mr N J Morrell B.Com., FCA
Bishop House
10 Wheat Street
Brecon
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LD3 7DG

Bankers:

HSBC Bank Plc
127-128 High Street
Merthyr Tydfil
Mid Glamorgan
CF47 8DN

National Westminster Bank Plc
27 High Street
Brecon
Powys
LD3 7LF

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 May 2024

Legal and administrative details

The Westenders charity (number 1082950) was registered with the Charity Commission on 19 October 2000, and is governed by its Constitution which was adopted on 6 July 1998 and amended on 19 September 2000.

The charity's objective is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Brecon and the neighbourhood thereof, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

And to establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to manage and maintain the same in the furtherance of the above objectives.

Activities and achievements

In line with the constitution's objectives the charity runs a community centre known as "The Westenders Hall" which is hired out to various local groups. The charity also raises funds with an annual pantomime as well as other theatrical productions.

The trustees have built up cash reserves with a view to having sufficient funds to meet at least 24 months operating expenditure for the hall. The charity has set aside funds to meet present and future building and renovation works of the hall, these reserve funds are invested with Nat West and HSBC banks.

The charity continues to be run on a voluntary basis; without the contribution of the volunteers the effective running of the charity would not be possible.

Damage to the hall has greatly impacted lettings, after extensive repairs to the hall in the summer, lettings have not yet recovered. Energy costs have risen dramatically, unfortunately energy contracts for the hall expired and needed to be renewed while energy prices were high, also drying out the hall has consumed more energy than usual, in addition insurance costs have also risen.

On a positive note, Autumn saw the successful production of "Dirty Habits 2", once again at Brecon Guildhall. The Westenders' 75th anniversary pantomime "Cinderella" was staged in January 2024 at Theatr Brychieniog to record audiences.

The income from "Dirty Habits 2" was £6,389.21 and income from "Cinderella" including subs, clothing sales and merchandise was £49,441.78 making a total from both shows of £55,170.96. Taking into account the £12,600 deposit paid for Cinderella's coach hire on 18th May 2023 (which is not in this financial year) total expenditure for both shows was £37,176.91, giving a profit on both productions of £17,994.05, assuming all merchandise was sold.

However, income for the financial year, minus our overall expenditure during the financial year (£57,173.21 - £46,617.00) gave an operating surplus of £10,556.21.

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Westenders

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 May 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

N.J. Morrell

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Date: *27/08/2024*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 May 2024


	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts		
Membership fees	660	662
Operating activities to further charity's objects	55,519	34,264
Hire of hall and costumes	310	1,350
Investment income	3,080	1,072
Grant	-	500
Donations	685	-
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Total Receipts	60,254	37,848
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Payments		
Cost of fund raising	24,577	25,087
Running costs of hall	13,672	3,078
Insurance	2,865	2,558
DBS Checks and course fee	330	253
Bank charges	62	64
Miscellaneous costs	179	35
Hall development costs	4,932	712
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Total Payments	46,617	31,787
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Net receipts	13,637	6,061
Cash funds at 31 May 2023	122,302	116,241
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 May 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
General Cash Funds		
HSBC Community Account	1,953	(405)
Building Cash funds		
HSBC Community Savings Account	46,181	39,903
NatWest Current Account	3,079	629
NatWest Liquidity Manager Account	84,726	82,175
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	133,986	122,707
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Total cash funds	135,939	122,302
 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Property – Community Centre, Newmarch Street, Brecon	2,500	2,500
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	138,439	124,802
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf:


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Mr Mike Charles

20/08/2024
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Date