

# THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1112942

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2006-02-07

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

## Contact

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**Address** 5 Wilton Orchard  
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Somerset  
BA16 0SY

**Phone** 01458442952

**Email** [theatre@strode-college.ac.uk](mailto:theatre@strode-college.ac.uk)

**Website** [www.strodetheatre.org.uk](http://www.strodetheatre.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE PERFORMING, CREATIVE AND VISUAL ARTS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY SUPPORTING THE STRODE THEATRE, STREET, SOMERSET.

**Activities:** To offer financial support to the Strode Theatre in Street, Somerset in order to maintain the variety of programme for the local community.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** STREET, SOMERSET.
- Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£21,976	£18,054	-	-
2024-12-31	£30,595	£48,583	-	-
2023-12-31	£44,595	£64,958	-	-
2022-12-31	£36,309	£46,489	-	-
2021-12-31	£12,503	£359	-	-
2020-12-31	£23,004	£8,659	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>LOIS MARGARET HARBINSON</b>	Chair	
ANDREW OSMOND BOND		
CHARMIAN CRAWFORD ADAMS		2022-10-21
CHRISTOPHER DAVID FORD		2016-10-03
DANIEL JAMES SHAW		2022-10-20
JEAN MARIE HOWARD		2022-08-11
PAUL STEPHEN TOWNSEND		2022-10-21

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

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Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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Postcode	BA16 0AB

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Appointed by Trustees

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During 2024 the Trustees agreed to expenditure including the following:

- Mixing Desk
- Intercom Items
- Amplifier
- Bar area Uplighters
- Auditorium Lights
- Apple MacBook Pro
- Website Design & Development
- Booster Seats
- Bottle Cooler

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Trustees aim to hold a minimum £10,000 as uncommitted funds at all times.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

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100 Club.  
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Fundraising events e.g. raffles, quizzes.  
Bank interest received.

## Section F

## Other optional information

The Friends of Strode Theatre does not have any material assets and does not employ staff.

The Friends' records are held separately on an external database and on the Theatre's Spektrix box office system.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*Lois Harbinson*

*Chord*

Full name(s)

Lois Margaret Harbinson

Christopher David Ford

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

09-09-2025.

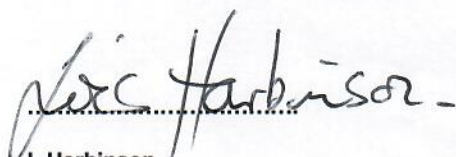
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2024


Income and Expenditure Account	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Income:</b>		
Membership Subscriptions.	14,176	14,877
Innovation Fund	4,402	4,207
60th Anniversary Campaign	150	2,100
60th Community Shows	0	12,139
Gift Aid Refunds	3,407	3,612
100 Club	1,655	1,945
Fund Raising Events	3,456	1,798
Other Donations	2,487	3,386
Interest Receivable	862	531
	<u>30,595</u>	<u>44,595</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Theatre - Grants	34,656	42,265
Theatre - Innovation Fund	4,402	4,207
60th Community Shows	0	4,374
Admin Costs	5,942	11,475
Marketing Costs	327	83
Friends Events Costs	387	0
100 Club Prizes	1,410	1,410
Fund Raising Events	1,043	670
Card Fees	320	309
Other Costs	96	165
	<u>48,583</u>	<u>64,958</u>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>-17,988</b>	<b>-20,363</b>
Fund balances at 1 January	58,417	78,780
<b>Fund balances at 31 December</b>	<u><u>40,429</u></u>	<u><u>58,417</u></u>

**Balance Sheet**

<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	183	658
Cash at bank and in hand	40,643	58,163
	<u>40,826</u>	<u>58,821</u>
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>-397</b>	<b>-404</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u><u>40,429</u></u>	<u><u>58,417</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	40,429	58,417
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The financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 17th June 2025

  
 L Harbinson  
 Trustee

  
 C Ford  
 Trustee



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
**THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

<b>31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024</b>	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	<b>1112942</b>
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**Set out on pages**

**1**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 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").

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.

**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
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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.

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**Signed:** 

**Date:** **25/6/2025**

**Name:** **Edward Howells**

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

**ACA, FCCA**

**Address:** **20a High Street, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9DU**

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**Section D**

**Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Strode Theatre. The Friends produced "A Festival of Song, Dance, Music and Comedy" to celebrate this, highlighting the strength of the Friends and the Community working together.

During 2023 the Trustees agreed to expenditure including the following:

- Foyer Refurbishment.
- Stage Chairs.
- Powered Speakers.
- Studio Projector Lens.
- Projector Cradle.
- LED Lighting Fixture - Studio

## Section E

## Financial review

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## Section F

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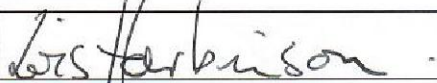

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## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lois Margaret Harbinson	Christopher David Ford
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	04-06-2024,	

## Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2023

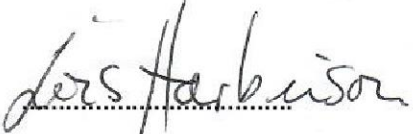
## Income and Expenditure Account


	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Income:</b>		
Membership Subscriptions.	14,877	13,135
Innovation Fund	4,207	6,523
Sofavision	0	5,313
60th Anniversary Campaign	2,100	0
60th Community Shows	12,139	0
Gift Aid Refunds	3,612	4,723
100 Club	1,945	685
Christmas Super Sunday	1,798	1,230
Other Donations	3,386	4,659
Interest Receivable	531	41
	<b>44,595</b>	<b>36,309</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Theatre - Grants	42,265	25,693
Theatre - Innovation Fund	4,207	1,645
Sofavision	0	2,150
60th Community Shows	4,374	0
Admin Costs	11,475	11,842
Marketing Costs	83	2,716
Friends Events Costs	0	690
100 Club Prizes	1,410	770
Christmas Super Sunday Costs	670	486
Bank Fees	309	64
Other Costs	165	433
	<b>64,958</b>	<b>46,489</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>-20,363</b>	<b>-10,180</b>
Fund balances at 1 January	78,780	88,960
<b>Fund balances at 31 December</b>	<b>58,417</b>	<b>78,780</b>

## Balance Sheet

<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	658	685
Cash at bank and in hand	58,163	90,660
	<b>58,821</b>	<b>91,345</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>-404</b>	<b>-12,565</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>58,417</b>	<b>78,780</b>
<b>Income funds</b>		
Restricted funds	0	3,820
Unrestricted funds	58,417	74,960
	<b>58,417</b>	<b>78,780</b>

The financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 4th June, 2024

  
 L Harbinson  
 Trustee

  
 C Ford  
 Trustee



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

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**On accounts for the year  
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**Signed:**

**Date:**

**5-6-2024**

**Name:**

**Edward Howells**

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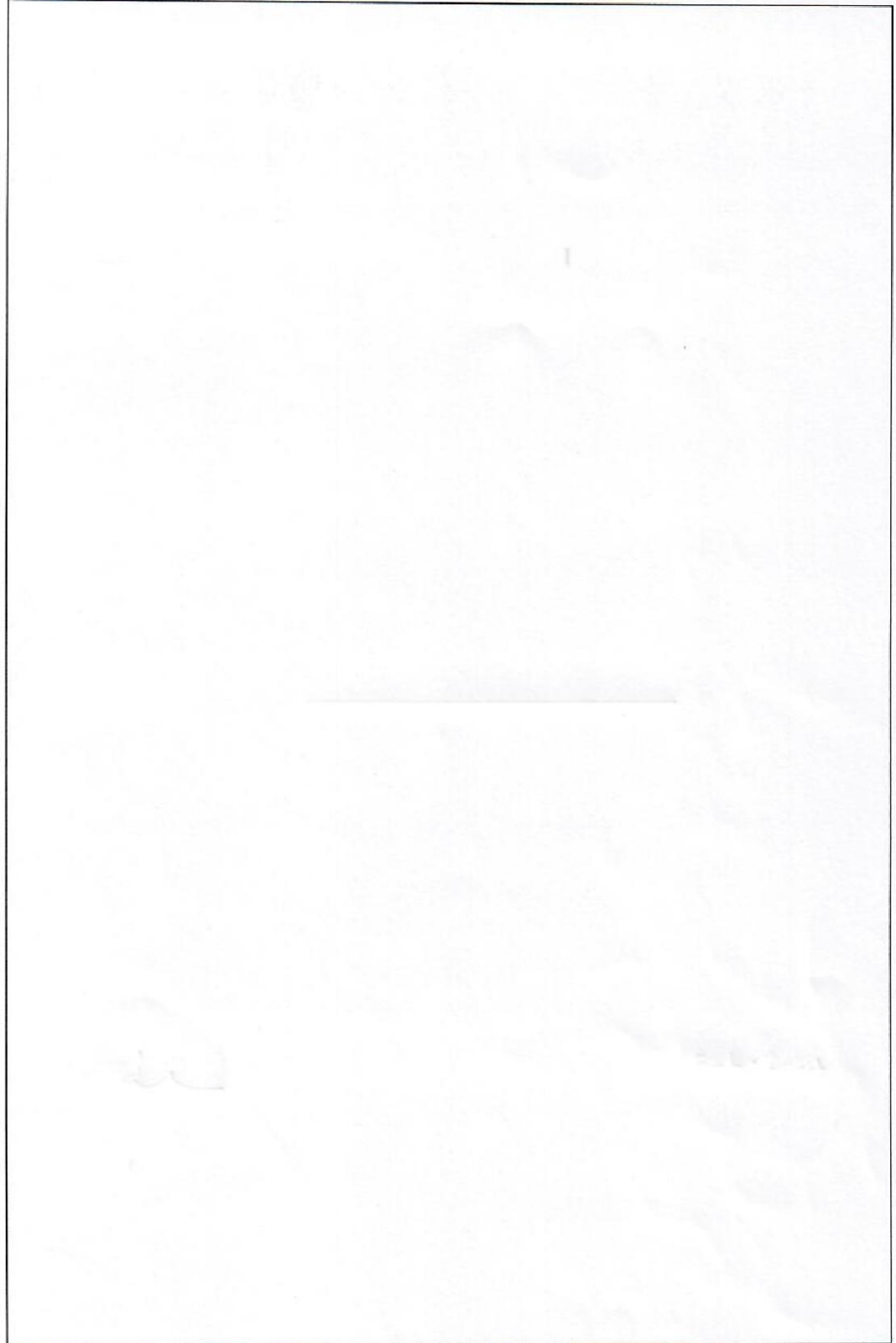
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**Address:**

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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.**



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8	Brian Arthur Epps		Resigned: 23.02.23	
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**Section D**

**Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During 2019 the Trustees agreed to expenditure including the following:

- New powered speakers and microphones.
- Sand and revarnish Studio floor.
- Supply and installation of new side tracks and curtains.
- Supply and installation of new boiler.

## Section E Financial review

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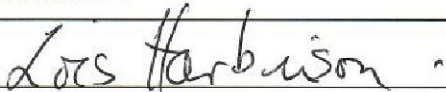
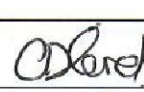
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<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Lois Margaret Harbinson	Christopher David Ford

<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
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**Date** 7th July, 2023.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE

On accounts for the year ended

31ST DECEMBER 2022 Charity no (if any) 1112942

Set out on pages

1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

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