



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	1	January	2023	31	December	2023
From				To		

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

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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	Lois Margaret Harbinson	Chair		
2	Jean Marie Howard	Secretary		
3	Christopher David Ford	Treasurer		
4	Andrew Osmond Bond			
5	Daniel James Shaw			
6	Paul Stephen Townsend	Vice Chair		
7	Charmian Crawford Adams			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are appointed following interview, with consideration given to their knowledge and understanding of the aims and activities of Strode Theatre.

Trustees ensure the charity that is "The Friends of Strode Theatre" is kept entirely separate from the day to day running of Strode Theatre which is a cost centre of Strode College.

Trustees receive reports from the Theatre Manager, who is employed by Strode College, with regard to priorities for replacement, development and improvement of facilities.

Meetings are held as required.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Donations and fundraising events contribute funds that the Trustees grant to projects to improve and develop the facilities of Strode Theatre.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Policy on grantmaking:

The Trustees consider each funding request presented by the Theatre Manager to ensure its benefit to improving the facilities at the theatre.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

October 5th, 2023 was the 60th 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

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

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sources of funds:

Regular donations by Friends, either Single or Joint Friends, paid monthly or annually.
One-off donations added to online and telephone bookings through the box office system.
100 Club.
Gift Aid reclaim on donations where appropriate.
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

Chris Ford

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
	£	£
Income:		
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
	44,595	36,309
Expenditure:		
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
	64,958	46,489
Net Expenditure	-20,363	-10,180
Fund balances at 1 January	78,780	88,960
Fund balances at 31 December	58,417	78,780

Balance Sheet

Current assets

Debtors	658	685
Cash at bank and in hand	58,163	90,660
	58,821	91,345

Creditors

-404 -12,565

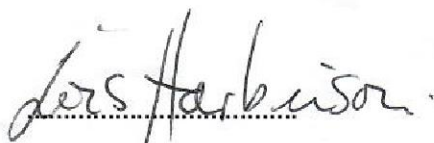
Net current assets


58,417 **78,780**

Income funds

Restricted funds	0	3,820
Unrestricted funds	58,417	74,960
	58,417	78,780

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


 L Harbinson
 Trustee


 C Ford
 Trustee



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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
THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1112942

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31ST DECEMBER 2023**

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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

5-6-2024

Name:

Edward Howells

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

ACA, FCCA

Address:

20a High Street, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9DU

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.