



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1112942

Charity's principal address

Strode Theatre

Church Road

STREET, Somerset.

Postcode

BA16 0AB

### 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**

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

### 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

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>	<b><u>40,429</u></b>	<b><u>58,417</u></b>

## Balance Sheet

## Current assets

Debtors	183	658
Cash at bank and in hand	40,643	58,163
	<u>40,826</u>	<u>58,821</u>

## Creditors

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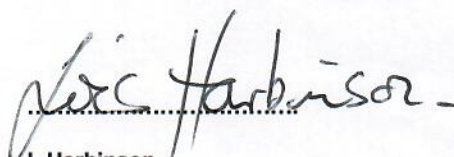
## Net current assets

40,429 58,417

## Income funds

Unrestricted funds	40,429	58,417
	<u>40,429</u>	<u>58,417</u>

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**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1112942**

**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
- 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:**

**25/6/2025**

**Name:**

**Edward Howells**

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

**ACA, FCCA**

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