

# **The Old Vic Endowment Trust**

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 November 2024**

**Registered Charity No. 1147946  
Company No. 07851822**

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

**Registered Charity No. 1147946**

**Company No. 07851822**

**Trustees**

G King  
H Davies (appointed Oct-24)  
J M Murphy  
J P M Norbury  
C V Terry  
P C John

**Secretary**

L Heath

**Registered Address**

The Old Vic  
103 The Cut  
London  
SE1 8NB

**Independent Examiners**

Moore Kingston Smith LLP  
9 Appold Street  
London  
EC2A 2AP

**Bankers**

C Hoare & Co  
37 Fleet Street  
London  
EC4P 4DG

**Investment advisors**

Sarasin & Partners LLP  
Juxton House  
100 St Paul's Churchyard  
London  
EC4M 8BU

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

Contents of the Financial Statements for the year Ended 30 November 2024

	<b>Page</b>
Trustees' report	1 - 3
Independent Examiner's Report	4
Statement of Financial Activities	5
Balance Sheet	6
Notes to the Financial Statements	7 - 11

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 30 November 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) (Effective 1 January 2016).

### Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects and the principal activity of the company is to support such charitable objectives of The Old Vic Theatre Trust 2000 (registered charity number 1072590) ("OVTT") as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular by:

(1) The promotion, maintenance, improvement and advancement of education by the encouragement of the arts, including the arts of drama, mime, dance, music, ballet, opera, puppetry, painting and sculpture, photography, cinema, literature and poetry and to formulate, prepare and establish schemes therefore, and by:

(2) The advancement of English heritage for the public benefit, by the encouragement and stimulation of the public's understanding and appreciation of the architectural and cultural heritage of OVTT.

It is the policy of the charity to make grants in support of OVTT. All grants will be assessed and approved by the board of Trustees.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### Achievements and performance

During the year the charity continued to make further investment to generate returns and enable grants to be paid in furtherance of its objects to The Old Vic Theatre Trust 2000 ('The Old Vic'). OVTT is the sole beneficiary of the Trust.

In the year under review £136,000 (2023: £136,000) of operational grants were made out of income - made up of £100,000 towards the Backstage, £18,000 towards Community & Education, £18,000 to support the Bayliss Director role (2023: £100,000 towards This Historic Building for The Annex, £20,000 towards Community & Education, £16,000 towards the production of the family show Mog).

The Trustees committed to an additional grant of £500,000 to support the Backstage Building project of The Old Vic in 2023, which was paid in spring 2024.

### Financial review

The final net income for the year was £761,726 (2023: £529,234 net expenditure) which included a increase in the market value of the managed fund of £743,326 (2023: £51,138 decrease) – see note 9.

Total income amounted to £161,750 (2023: £163,543) - see note 2 for more detail.

Total expenditure was £143,350 made up of £136,000 of grants to OVTT and £7,350 of administration costs including investment, legal and independent examiner fees.

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that free reserves (comprising unrestricted net assets) should be maintained at a level to give the charity financial flexibility and a buffer against operational risks. As a managed fund however these operational risks are minimal but the fund is structured so that there is always a cash portion held in reserve. The level of net current assets excluding both cash held within the managed fund was £29,032 (2023: £62,486).

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 30 November 2024

### Investment policy and objectives

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

### Investment performance

The charity's investment portfolio is managed by Sarasin and Partners LLP. During the year this managed fund generated net income of £151,765 (2023: £153,976) including interest and investment income. At the year end, the market value of the managed fund was £5,708,588 (2023: £5,415,344). See note 10 for the movements in the year.

### Risk management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Key risks faced by the charity include:

- Investment risk, which is mitigated by placing funds with a professional investment manager, an agreed investment policy and regular reporting and review.
- Ensuring sufficient cash to pay approved grants, which is mitigated through annual grant approvals being limited to income generated by the portfolio and transferred to the charity's bank account. In exceptional circumstances, investments may be sold to generate additional cash to pay out one-off larger grants in the year.

### Future plans

The charity's focus in future years is to continue to generate funds and provide grants towards The Old Vic's capital campaign to build The Annex, while still continuing to support specific productions and Education & Community projects run by OVTT.

As noted above, funds may be made available to OVTT in order to support the Theatre in order to sustain it financially, provided that terms can be agreed which are acceptable to the Trustees.

### Structure, governance and management

The Old Vic Endowment Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G King  
H Davies  
J M Murphy  
J P M Norbury  
A Pleshette-Murphy (resigned Oct-24)  
C V Terry  
P C John

### Secretary

L Heath

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 30 November 2024

### Appointment of Trustees

The board of Trustees has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit.

### Organisational structure

The charity is governed by a board of Trustees of up to 6 members. The Trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The day-to-day operations of the charity are managed by a management team appointed by the trustees and reporting to the board.

New Trustees undergo an orientation period to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction period they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The board regularly looks at the skills, experience and diversity of its members to find imbalances and gaps, informing Trustee recruitment and training. The board recognises the value of a diverse board and when deciding how to recruit Trustees, the board thinks about how to attract a diverse pool of candidates.

### Relationship with related parties

The charity has a close relationship with OVTT. There are no other related parties other than the Trustees.

### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Old Vic Endowment Trust for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

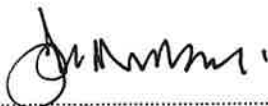
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



J P M Norbury

Director and Trustee

Date 29/07/25

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Old Vic Endowment Trust for the year ended 30 November 2024

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 November 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's Trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.



**Adam Fullerton (FCA, DChA)**  
**For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP**  
Chartered Accountants

9 Appold Street  
London  
EC2A 2AP

Date: 29 July 2025

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 30 November 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Investment income		151,765	153,976
Grant Income		9,985	9,567
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2</b>	<u>161,750</u>	<u>163,543</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising Funds - management fee	<b>3</b>	4,545	4,362
Charitable activities	<b>4</b>	(147,895)	(646,001)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(143,350)</u>	<u>(641,639)</u>
<b>Net (deficit)/surplus before investment returns</b>		<u>18,400</u>	<u>(478,096)</u>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>	<b>9</b>	743,326	(51,138)
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) and movement in funds for the year</b>		<u>761,726</u>	<u>(529,234)</u>
Fund balances at 1 December 2023	<b>13</b>	5,025,921	5,555,155
<b>Fund balances at 30 November 2024</b>	<b>13</b>	<u><u>5,787,647</u></u>	<u><u>5,025,921</u></u>

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

All income and expenditure in the current and prior year relates to unrestricted funds.



# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## BALANCE SHEET as at 30 November 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	10	5,708,588		5,415,344	
		<u>5,708,588</u>		<u>5,415,344</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	11	2,368		1,987	
Cash at bank and in hand		94,633		115,238	
		<u>97,001</u>		<u>117,225</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(17,942)</u>		<u>(506,648)</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			79,059		(389,423)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>5,787,647</u></u>		<u><u>5,025,921</u></u>	
<b>Charity Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Funds	13	5,787,647		5,025,921	
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>5,787,647</u></u>		<u><u>5,025,921</u></u>	

For the year ended 30 November 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29/07/25



J P M Norbury  
Trustee  
Company No. 07851822

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 November 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Company information

The Old Vic Endowment Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Old Vic, 103 The Cut, London, SE1 8NB.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), published in September 2015. The Charitable Company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (The FRS 102 Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime, and the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

The charitable company has taken the following exemptions under the small companies regime:

- The requirements of Section 4 Statement of Financial Position paragraph 4.12(a)(iv).
- The requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows and Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d).
- The requirements of Section 11 paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A and Section 12 paragraphs 12.26 to 12.29A.

#### 1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the charitable company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Income

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.

Investment income is recognised when received by the investment manager. All other income is recognised when the charitable company becomes entitled to the income, it is probable that it will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised upon receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has received a firm commitment to payment. Any income tax recoverable is included at the time of the donation.

#### 1.4 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as expenditure is incurred and there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure expended is accounted for on an accruals basis. Irrecoverable vat is charged to the expense to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure includes grants and donations made to institutions which are included in the accounts when paid or when a firm commitment is given to a charity prior to the balance sheet date which is a constructive obligation. Also included are support costs which include governance costs.

Governance costs primarily relate to audit or independent examination fees payable.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in generating investment income and donations.

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 November 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.6 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.7 Financial instruments

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

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company 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 comprise 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.

##### *Other financial assets*

Other financial assets, which comprise investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint venture, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

##### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, comprising creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

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

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

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

#### 1.8 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.

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 November 2024

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.9 Taxation

The Company is a registered charity and as such is entitled to exemption from taxation under the Corporation Tax Act 2010 to the extent that its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 2. Income

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		
Investment income	150,943	153,635
Interest receivable	822	341
Other Income	9,985	9,567
	<u>161,750</u>	<u>163,543</u>

### 3. Raising Funds - management fee

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		
Investment management rebate	(4,545)	(4,362)

### 4. Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		
Insurance	2,775	2,990
Grant funding of activities (see note 5)	136,000	636,000
Governance costs (see note 6)	9,120	7,011
	<u>147,895</u>	<u>646,001</u>

### 5. Grants payable

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		
Grants to institutions: The Old Vic Theatre Trust 2000	136,000	636,000
	<u>136,000</u>	<u>636,000</u>

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 November 2024

### 6. Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>		
Independent examination fees	6,948	5,623
Legal fees	1,692	1,025
Bank charges	480	363
	<u>9,120</u>	<u>7,011</u>

### 7. Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2023 - £nil).

### 8. Employees

There were no employees during the current or prior year.

### 9. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrealised gains/losses on revaluation of listed investments	<u>743,326</u>	<u>(51,138)</u>

### 10. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 December 2023	5,415,344
Additions	-
Disposals	(450,000)
Valuation changes	743,244
At 30 November 2024	<u>5,708,588</u>
	-
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 30 November 2024	<u>5,708,588</u>
At 30 November 2023	<u>5,415,344</u>
<b>Fixed asset investments revalued</b>	
Historic cost:	
At 31 November 2024	<u>4,580,367</u>
At 31 November 2023	<u>5,029,579</u>

All of the investments are held in the form of UK unit trust funds.

# The Old Vic Endowment Trust

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 30 November 2024

11. Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	2,368	1,987
	<u>2,368</u>	<u>1,987</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	10,000	502,088
Accruals and deferred income	7,942	4,560
	<u>17,942</u>	<u>506,648</u>

### 13. Funds

#### Current year

	Balance at 1 December 2023	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation gains and losses	Balance at 30 November 2024
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	5,025,921	161,750	(143,350)	743,326	5,787,647
	<u>5,025,921</u>	<u>161,750</u>	<u>(143,350)</u>	<u>743,326</u>	<u>5,787,647</u>

#### Prior year

	Balance at 1 December 2022	Income	Expenditure	Revaluation gains and losses	Balance at 30 November 2023
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	5,555,155	163,543	(641,639)	(51,138)	5,025,921
	<u>5,555,155</u>	<u>163,543</u>	<u>(641,639)</u>	<u>(51,138)</u>	<u>5,025,921</u>

### 14. Related party transactions

The charity approved grants totalling £136,000 (2023: £636,000) to The Old Vic Theatre Trust 2000.

At the year end, £10,000 (2023: £500,000) is included within other creditors.

Grant income was received totalling £9,985 (2023: £9,567) from the American Associates of The Old Vic Theatre Inc.