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07151719

Little Actors Theatre Company (A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2025

Little Actors Theatre Company (A company limited by guarantee) Trustees' Report

The Trustees' present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Directors

Mr I Thomson - Chair
Ms E Templeman - Treasurer
Miss E M Miller - resigned 22/10/2024
Mrs S Kendall
Mrs S Thomson
Ms J Harding
Ms M Pinkus - appointed 25/4/2024
Ms N Hudson - appointed 1/5/2025

Secretary

Mrs S Thompson - resigned 27/4/2024
Ms M Pinkus - appointed 27/4/2024

Key Personnel:

Samantha Giblin – Artistic Director

Accountants

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Registered number

Company: 07151719
Charity: 1155249

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Chairs Report

During this period, the national cost of living crisis impacted significantly on the charity. Numbers, although stable did not increase as there is less disposable income for families and also it is more difficult to secure restricted and unrestricted grants. There is so much more competition for the funds that many trusts tell us they are having to make difficult decisions.

However, children's and young people's workshops in the room operated well. In particular in Neston where numbers grew in the 8-12s group.

InterACT Youth Theatre was selected for National Theatre Connections 2025. So, the group chose a new play called 'Ravers' by Rikki Beadle-Blair. This transferred to the regional venue of Crewe Lyceum and also the Leverhulme Drama Festival in 2025. The group won the festival youth category again and again secured the Best Actress and Best Actor awards for two young cast members.

Sadly due to lack of numbers and difficulty in securing regular staff the London classes based at Wanstead House closed down

In the office space in Neston Town Hall the company had inadvertently become a drop in information and signposting service with a Warm Welcome space and people could drop in and use the space for refreshments. Most significantly people used the stamp selling service to plug a gap where there is no post office in the town. This service became an important asset for the High Street and was supported by Neston Town Council. However, in June 2024 this service had to close down as sufficient funding was not secured to renew the two year lease. Also an alternative proposal to different use of space in the Town Hall was refused by Cheshire West and Chester Council, despite the support of Neston Town Council. So classes continue out of the Town Hall but the office is now based in the home of the Artistic Director

The Board has committed members who are fully supportive of the aims of the charity.

The Artistic Director is always looking at new services and collaborations to offer to local communities and works tirelessly doing this. She graduated with an MA in Applied Theatre (Merit) at Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in 2023 so as to upskill in order to drive the charity forward.

There was positive news on the funding front as selection for The Big Give crowdfund was successful. Also Cheshire West Voluntary Action awarded £6166. Both to support the delivery of the children's workshops. In particular to offer 50% discounts for low income families. Smaller pots of money were successfully secured so the financial picture for 2024-2025 was much brighter.

Our purposes and activities

This is primarily achieved through the delivery of professionally led singing, dance and drama activities in two geographical areas. Plus, the provision of youth theatre and adult dance and drama workshops. An open-door policy is applied to ensure access and inclusion is as wide as possible for the benefit of the public. The primary user group is children and young people with some focus on senior adults.

The company relies on grants to cover specific project costs and reasonable charges to cover overheads. Affordability is reflected in the pricing applied.

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Our volunteers

LATC has volunteers offering different amounts of times and services. From periodic help such as operating lighting and sound equipment, set design and selling raffle tickets at shows to regular assistance with the design and maintenance of the web site. The volunteering no matter how small helps root the charity in the community and contributes to the sustainability of the charity.

50% scholarships are offered to low income families to encourage participation from all demographic backgrounds. Some free places for unwaged families were offered when funding permits.

Financial Review

The company started the financial year with reserves of £5,782. 2024/25 showed a surplus of £4,875 leaving reserves of £10,657 to carry forward to 2025/26.

LATC's pricing policy offering income related discounts reflects our strategy of enabling all within the community to access our activities.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

Reserves Policy and Going Concern Reserves are reviewed to ensure the sustainability of the charity regardless of income dips and peaks in future years. They also bridge the gap between the receiving of income and expenditure, plus as an emergency fund for sudden costs arising such as repairs to equipment etc.

Plans for Future Periods

The plan for the forthcoming annual repertoire includes the development of the fee discount scheme to widen access and inclusion. The repertoire included collaborations with Cheshire West and Chester Arts Department, LAMDA, National Theatre Connections, the Leverhulme Drama Festival and Theatre Porto where a joint funding bid for twelve months hence is being researched with UKSPF funds.

Links with the community, particularly in Neston continues to strengthen with collaborations with Neston Town Council, the NC&YC, Neston Arts Network Neston Parish Church and Cheshire West and Chester council, CWVAN, CWVA, local councillors, library services, LIVE! Cheshire and the local MP.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Little Actors Theatre Company is a Company Limited by Guarantee and a Registered Charity. The Governing Document was amended for the charitable purposes with the services of the Independent Theatre Council in December 2013.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees would be appointed if a vacancy became available and in line with requirements of the Articles of Association.

Trustee Induction and Training

Potential Trustees are invited to a Trustees meeting for the opportunity to see the required levels of involvement and commitment. New Trustees would be appointed by a vote of existing Trustees.

Trustees are provided with copies of all policies and procedures and the Articles of Association. New Trustees are invited to visit venues and activities and to familiarise themselves with LATC's activities. The Artistic Director facilitates the practical induction of new Trustees with the provision of all necessary documents.

Training is provided via Cheshire West Voluntary Action. Recent training has included Safeguarding and Child Protection and First Aid.

Organisation and Responsibility

There are currently five Trustees. They determine the path the charity takes and oversee the progress. The Artistic Director reports directly to the Trustees and administers the plans and decisions of the Trustees.

The Trustees are responsible for the delivery of all the legal requirements of reporting and accounting Companies House, HMRC and the Charities Commission in line with the requirements set out in the Articles of Association.

Related Parties and co-operation with other organisations

No Trustee received remuneration for their services.

The Charity is able to deliver its services and to raise standards by having close relationships with the National Theatre (Connections), The Lowry, the ITC, Equity and Storyhouse. In the Neston community there are strong community links with Neston Town Council, Cheshire West and Chester councillors, the local MP, Community Partnership Steering Group, the CH64 Events Committee, The Neston Village Fair Committee and Neston Community and Youth Centre.

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Pay Policy for Senior Staff

The Artistic Director and all actor/facilitators are free-lance and deliver work on a session basis. Contracts are issued having been approved by ITC/Equity. Rates of pay are reviewed annually and remain in line with Equity minimum or above.

Risk Management

On an annual basis the Trustees review all policies and procedures. Amendments are made if required by new legislation or staff recommendation. Particular attention is paid to the Health and Safety Policy and the Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy. Advice and resources are sought from the ITC to ensure all risk management is documented and adhered to.

Risk assessments are produced as required for each event and venue by the Artistic Director in conjunction with the manager at the relevant venue.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those accounts, 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that

The Report was approved by the Board on 6 November 2025

Mrs Emma Templeman
Director

Little Actors Theatre Company

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Little Actors Theatre Company

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		-		-	
Charitable activities	3	16,914	39,816	56,730	51,558
Investments		-	240	240	134
Activities for generating funds	2	-	2,797	2,797	6,395
Trading activities - nurseries		-	1,305	1,305	2,700
Total Incoming Resources		16,914	44,158	61,072	60,787
Fundraising costs	5	-	514	514	2,096
Charitable activities	4	15,064	36,475	51,539	56,879
Trading activities		-	-	-	
Governance costs	6	-	4,144	4,144	1,695
Total Resources Expended		15,064	41,133	56,197	60,670
Net Incoming (outgoing) resources		1,850	3,025	4,875	117
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Funds brought forward			5,782	5,782	5,665
Total funds carried forward	14	1,850	8,807	10,657	5,782

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	49	65
Current assets			
Stocks		407	328
Debtors	11	582	3,834
Cash at bank and in hand		15,595	10,484
		<u>16,584</u>	<u>14,646</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,976)	(8,929)
Net current assets		<u>10,608</u>	<u>5,717</u>
Net assets		<u>10,657</u>	<u>5,782</u>
Funds	14		
Unrestricted funds		8,807	5,782
Restricted funds		<u>1,850</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u>10,657</u>	<u>5,782</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Mrs Emma Templeman

Director

Approved by the board on 6 November 2025

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities' SORP(FRS102), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Covid-19 pandemic has created financial pressures on the charity however the Trustees have considered the levels of funds held and the level of income and expenditure, together with the reserves for the charity, sufficient to be able to continue as a going concern.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful life

Business equipment	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	over 3 years

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income is recognised on a receivables basis.

Income from charitable activities includes grants received under contract, and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when the donors specify that it must be used in future accounting periods or donor conditions have not been

Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements. Further details of the contribution by volunteers can be found in the Trustees Annual Report.

Where services are provided to the Charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, the contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis inclusive of any vat which cannot be recovered. Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

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2	Activities for generating funds	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
	T shirts	-	143	143	129
	Tuck Shop	-	319	319	339
	Fundraising	-	2,203	2,203	4,106
	Stamps	-	132	132	1,821
		<u>-</u>	<u>2,797</u>	<u>2,797</u>	<u>6,395</u>
3	Charitable Activities	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
	Theatre Clubs	15,914	23,646	39,560	31,060
	Easter/Summer/Autumn Course	-	3,235	3,235	3,290
	Interact	1,000	5,585	6,585	7,159
	Spacehive	-	-	-	6,107
	Box office	-	1,453	1,453	1,162
	Shows and workshops	-	5,897	5,897	2,200
	Adult Dance	-	-	-	580
		<u>16,914</u>	<u>39,816</u>	<u>56,730</u>	<u>51,558</u>
4	Direct Charitable Expenditure	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
	Theatre Clubs	14,064	19,901	33,965	39,553
	Summer	-	5,057	5,057	3,305
	InterAct	1,000	8,042	9,042	3,241
	Spacehive	-	-	-	7,183
	Stanney Fields	-	-	-	999
	Shows and workshops	-	3,475	3,475	1,972
	Dance	-	-	-	626
		<u>15,064</u>	<u>36,475</u>	<u>51,539</u>	<u>56,879</u>

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5 Fundraising costs

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Tuck shop	-	298	298	138
T shirts	-	87	87	234
Postage stamps	-	129	129	1,724
	<u>-</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>2,096</u>

6 Governance Costs

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Office rent	-	2,425	2,425	-
Accountancy	-	1,226	1,226	1,174
Insurance	-	493	493	499
Other	-	-	-	22
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,144</u>	<u>4,144</u>	<u>1,695</u>

7 Grants Paid

No grants were paid in the year, nor in the previous year

8 Trustees remuneration and staff costs

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year, nor were any expenses reimbursed to them
The following costs were included within charitable activities:

9 Operating Outgoings

The operating outgoings are stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	16	22
	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	1,088
Additions	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,088</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	1,023
Charge for the year	16
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,039</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>49</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>65</u>

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11 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	495	3,747
Other debtors	87	87
	<u>582</u>	<u>3,834</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	2,063
Trade creditors	5,120	6,010
Other creditors	856	856
	<u>5,976</u>	<u>8,929</u>

13 Related party disclosures

The Trustees have undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards meeting the Charity's liabilities in the event of its being wound up

The Charity's Trustees were not paid during the year and no Trustee received any emolument or payment for professional or other services.

Controlling Entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

14 Statement of funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	-	5,782	5,782
Income	16,914	44,158	61,072
Expenditure	(15,064)	(41,133)	(56,197)
Transfer			-
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,850</u>	<u>8,807</u>	<u>10,657</u>

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15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of grants held on trust for specific purposes

	Balances at 1/04/2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balances at 31/03/2025
CWaC	-			-
Neston Town Council	-	2,500	2,500	-
Essar Oil	-	1,000	1,000	-
Balducci Jewellers	-	1,000	1,000	-
Asda	-	500	500	-
Masons	-	300	300	-
Spacehive	-	3,598	3,598	-
Cheshire West Voluntary Action	-	6,166	6,166	-
Arts Society Wirral	-	350	-	350
John Thaw	-	1,000	-	1,000
Shop4Neston	-	500	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,914</u>	<u>15,064</u>	<u>1,850</u>

16 Other information

Little Actors Theatre Company is a charitable company limited by guarantee in England and Wales
It's registered number is 07151719, and it's registered address is 25 Sherbourne Avenue, Chester, CH4 7QU