



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Trustees' Annual Report for the period
From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Charity name: Clavering Players
Charity registration number: 1158925

Objectives and Activities

	SORP ref	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Objects of the CIO are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To advance the education of the public in the performing arts and present for public performance a balanced range of plays of artistic merit2. The protection and preservation of the environment for the benefit of the public by the provision of a public amenity3. To assist and further such charitable institutions and charitable purposes as the committee shall from time to time determine.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Clavering Players stage two productions in 2023, one "Secondary Cause of Death" was staged in June 2023. The annual pantomime was also staged in December, entitled The Musketeers.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Clavering Players provides a range of opportunities for members to develop their skills and enjoy working together towards a common goal. We keep our productions affordable and aim to provide a good mix of serious and less serious productions to both entertain and stimulate our audiences.</p>

Additional information

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Membership of Clavering Players is open to all. The charity is run by a committee of Trustees who are all members acting in a voluntary capacity. All activities on stage, behind stage and front of house are undertaken by members acting in a voluntary capacity with much appreciated support from friends and family.
Pricing		Membership subscriptions and ticket prices are kept at an affordable level in order to encourage participation.
Thanks and acknowledgements		Clavering Players are a member of NODA (National Opera and Dramatic Association). The members of the committee acknowledge the skill, dedication and hard work of the members and express their appreciation for their ongoing support.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Secondary Cause of Death was the play chosen for our May production this year. Due to production issues, the play was moved to late June. This was directed by Rachel Betts and had a cast of 7 who were supported front of house and backstage by 5 members and volunteers.</p> <p>The annual pantomime, Cinderella, was written by a young member of the society, Megan Elliston, assisted by her father Matt Elliston. This was the third panto that they had written. A cast of 22 was ably supported front of house and backstage by 16 members and volunteers. The preview to the 1st Clavering scout group and the four performances were attended by 450 adults and children from the local community and beyond.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity had £7,756 (2022 £9,662) in the bank at the end of the year and net current assets amounting to £7,756 (2022 £10,060).</p> <p>The Charity decided to invest in upgrading a costly piece of lighting equipment (£1.5K) during the financial period which accounted for a large amount of losses.</p> <p>For 2023 onwards, the charity chose to switch accounting types from Accrual & Pre Payments to receipts and payment accounting to simplify the accounting process. This has resulted in a one off restatement figure being added to the return to cover this change</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to cover ancillary production expenditure and subsidise a number of loss-making productions during the coming years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity has no restricted funds so its unrestricted reserves amounted to £7,756 (2022 £9,662) at the end of the period.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds are in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The annual pantomime has for some time replenished the charity's reserves and if this situation were to change long term the Trustees would need to reassess their future strategy.

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	In normal years, some productions make a surplus from ticket and ancillary refreshment sales occasionally supplemented by very welcome donations.
Investment policy and objectives	Para 1.46	The Charity has insufficient funds to invest in anything beyond its own activities.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Charity is reliant on surpluses from the annual pantomime to replenish its reserves. There is no risk of insolvency as the Charity has sufficient reserves to cover general expenditure and subsidise a number of loss-making productions. It is also the Trustees' policy never to incur liabilities or make commitments that the Players are unable to pay for out of current funds or, in the case of grants, funds which it has the legal right to receive before the payment is due.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body	Para 1.25	<p>At each annual general meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the trustees retire from office and are eligible for re-election; the members elect members to serve as Trustees for the coming year; and the members appoint Trustees to the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. <p>The Trustees may appoint a Stage Manager, Wardrobe Supervisor, Publicity Manager, Website Manager and</p>

entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Membership Secretary who are not necessarily Trustees but who are invited to committee meetings when their particular responsibilities are discussed. The Trustees appoint one of their number to act as liaison officer for each production.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Clavering Players
Registered charity number	1158925
Charity's principal address	1 Oxleys Close Clavering, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4PB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

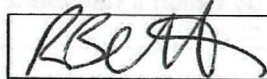
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rachel Betts	Chairman		
Matthew Elliston	Treasurer		
Rosemary Ella Deane	Secretary (to 28/09/2023)	To 28/09/2023	
Martin Gouldstone	Secretary (from 28/09/2023)		
Tudor Owen			

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)




Full name(s)

Rachel Betts

Matthew Elliston

Position

Chairman

Treasurer

Date

25/10/24

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

CLAVERING PLAYERS

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2023

Charity no (if any)

1158925

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

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 statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 the 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 section 130 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; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

31/10/23

Name:


John Oglesby

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

ACMA

Address:

Lindsay House, Berden, Herts, CM23 1AS

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Clavering Players		1168925		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	129	-	-	129	100
Charitable Activities	5,718	-	-	5,718	5,001
Interest	38	-	-	38	2
Prior Year Restatement	-	-	-	-	329
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,885	-	-	5,885	5,432
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,885	-	-	5,885	5,432
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	7,791	-	-	7,791	4,635
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,791	-	-	7,791	4,635
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,791	-	-	7,791	4,635
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,906	-	-	- 1,906	797
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,662	-	-	9,662	8,865
Cash funds this year end	7,756	-	-	7,756	9,662

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	3,214	-	-
	Savings Account	4,542	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,756	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

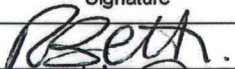

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Rachel Betts (Chairman)

Matthew Elliston (Treasurer)

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	RACHEL BETTS	25/9/24
	MATTHEW ELLISTON	25/9/24

