



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **Period start date** 1/6/23 **To** **Period end date** 31/5/24

Charity name: **Leading Players**

Charity registration number: **1161385**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To enable adults with a learning disability from across Warwickshire to explore learning disability issues in drama workshops to include mime, role-play, improvisation and song.</p> <p>To engage with the wider community and organisations to raise awareness about learning disability through drama productions, presentations, consultation events and training activities.</p> <p>To learn new skills in the performing arts to build confidence, independence and raise self-esteem.</p> <p>To promote social skills, social interaction and integration within the wider community in a non-tokenistic way.</p> <p>To promote equality and diversity using the performing arts.</p> <p>To produce resources like DVD's and accessible information to raise awareness and break down barriers.</p>
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>Leading Players makes an enormous difference to people's lives, it enables them to grow in confidence, increases their feelings of self-worth and sense of belonging. Motivation is high and everyone has a strong desire to achieve. Headed by a pro-active Steering Committee, Group Facilitator and Trustees, we ensure that everyone is fully included and given the opportunity to voice their views and opinions openly and explore these through drama, role-play, improvisation and other arts activities on a weekly basis.</p>

		<p>Working alongside professional artists, members have developed their existing acting skills and learnt a variety of new skills to include mask making, acting with masks, scriptwriting, storyboarding, stage etiquette, manual dexterity skills, film making and creative imagination. All activities have boosted confidence, broadened horizons and raised everyone's aspirations.</p> <p>Members have a strong sense of belonging and members have made huge strides socially that have decreased their social and emotional isolation. Members have grown into a warm, friendly and caring group who have great pride in their achievements and stage performances. We have made lasting links with many community groups and organisations and have performed live shows and given presentations about our work to these groups to raise awareness about learning disability and promote equality and diversity.</p> <p>Members feel very positive and accomplished about raising awareness through their new, emotional, though provoking DVD 'Disability through the Lens of Drama'. Providing the opportunity to self-advocate about issues that are so important to everyone with a learning disability and how they want to be treated. Through Leading Players members have more confidence to speak up for themselves and explain to others about their rights, independence, choice and control of their lives, breaking down barriers and bringing about positive change for all.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees declare that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit (PB2)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related	Para 1.38	

investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Leading Players is a user-led drama group facilitated by a volunteer leader/ drama teacher and are overseen by a small group of volunteer Trustees. We are very fortunate to have very keen and willing volunteer helpers who assist in all aspects of our work during weekly drama workshops, live performances and events. They are responsible for preparing refreshments, cleaning up and general backstage duties to include wardrobe, props, sound, lighting, front of house and set construction. We also have a group of volunteer fundraisers who assist in various fundraising activities throughout the year.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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>Our main achievements this year have been performing an outdoor production of the Shakespeare classic, 'Romeo & Juliet' and our annual sell out Christmas production which this year was 'Cinderella'.</p> <p>Through our work within the community members have a strong sense of belonging and have made huge strides socially that have decreased their social and emotional isolation. Members have grown into a warm, friendly and caring group who have great pride in their achievements and performances. We have made lasting links with many community groups and organisations and have performed live shows and given presentations about our work to these groups to raise awareness about learning disability and promote equality and diversity to make lives better for all.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	In January of each new year we complete an annual review of our achievements against our yearly action plan. We discuss ideas and formulate a new action plan for the forthcoming year.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	of funding objectives is discussed and monitored by the Steering Committee and Trustees.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	As above.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Annual Income £6,893 Annual Expenditure £10,530 Total funds remaining £26,934
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	An amount is held in a Business Reserve Account, Trustees oversee this and transfer funds to top up our current account if necessary.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£ 16,165.99
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	We do not have any funds materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have no concerns and the charity continues to thrive.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	From April 2017 we became self-financing and we continue to successfully raise funds through fundraising events, ticket sales, raffles and private donations. Members also pay a weekly subscription
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Associated Model Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Associated Model Constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Individuals are personally invited by the current Trustees, they must be of good standing, are suitably skilled for the post and can provide references. Trustees are elected and appointed by Trustees and the Steering Committee and are subject to enhanced DBS checks.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>Leading Players have a Code of Conduct and Group Rules for all Members and includes Trustees.</p> <p>New Trustees are given copies of the following policies and information at Induction:-</p> <p>Charity Commission Guidance on becoming a Trustee Leading Players Mission Statement & Aims CIO Constitution Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy Policy for the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Data Protection Policy Health & Safety Policy Disciplinary/Grievance Procedures Organisational Structure</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Leading Players
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1161385
Charity's principal address	'Downsway', Nuneaton Road, Mancetter, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1NN.

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	Dawn Teagles	Secretary		
2	Elizabeth Ratcliffe	Treasurer		
3	Sharon Andrews	Chairperson		
4	Lynda McKenzie	Fundraising lead		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Dawn Yvonne Teagles</i>	
Full name(s)	Dawn Yvonne Teagles	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	20/2/25	

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024
FOR
LEADING PLAYERS**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1161385

Principal address

Downs Way
Nuneaton Road
Mancetter
Atherstone
Warwickshire
CV9 1NN

Trustees

S Andrews Chairperson
D Teagles Secretary
D Worth
E Ratcliffe Treasurer
L Mckenzie

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

D Teagles - Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,699	-	1,699	4,293
Other trading activities	2	4,239	-	4,239	2,350
Other income		955	-	955	109
Total		6,893	-	6,893	6,752
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	10,530	-	10,530	4,049
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,637)	-	(3,637)	2,703
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		26,934	-	26,934	24,231
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		23,297	-	23,297	26,934

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31 MAY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	3,624	-	3,624	3,355
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		19,673	-	19,673	23,579
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>19,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,673</u>	<u>23,579</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>23,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,297</u>	<u>26,934</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>23,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,297</u>	<u>26,934</u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				23,297	26,934
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>23,297</u>	<u>26,934</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



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D Teagles - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Financial statements are prepared on going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- No depreciation
Computer equipment	- No depreciation

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose set down by the donor.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>4,239</u>	<u>2,350</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

3. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Support costs	10,530	4,049

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 May 2024 nor for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 May 2024 nor for the year ended 31 May 2023.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	4,293	-	4,293
Other trading activities	2,350	-	2,350
Other income	109	-	109
Total	6,752	-	6,752
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,049	-	4,049
NET INCOME	2,703	-	2,703
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	24,231	-	24,231
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	26,934	-	26,934

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 June 2023	2,047	1,308	3,355
Additions	269	-	269
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At 31 May 2024	2,316	1,308	3,624
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 May 2024	2,316	1,308	3,624
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At 31 May 2023	2,047	1,308	3,355
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.6.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,934	(3,637)	23,297
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TOTAL FUNDS	26,934	(3,637)	23,297
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,893	(10,530)	(3,637)
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TOTAL FUNDS	6,893	(10,530)	(3,637)
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Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.6.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,231	2,703	26,934
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TOTAL FUNDS	24,231	2,703	26,934
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,752	(4,049)	2,703
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>6,752</u>	<u>(4,049)</u>	<u>2,703</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.6.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,231	(934)	23,297
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>24,231</u>	<u>(934)</u>	<u>23,297</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,645	(14,579)	(934)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>13,645</u>	<u>(14,579)</u>	<u>(934)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 May 2024.

9. ACCOUNTANCY FEES

There are no accountancy fees in the accounts as they are prepared on a pro bono basis.

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