

**THE REGAL FILM SOCIETY**

**Registered Charity Number 1162286**

**Trustees' report for the year ended 31 August 2023**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Trustees (Officers and other committee members)**

The officers acting during the year to 31 August 2023, and at this date:-

P Murphy	-	Chair (resigned 14 April 2024)
V Thomas	-	Chair (appointed 14 April 2024)
T Hedgecock	-	Treasurer
E Murphy	-	Secretary (resigned 14 April 2024)

The other committee members who acted during the year were:-

V Thomas  
M Smith

Committee members appointed since the year:-

A Strik  
S Bratt

**Registered address**

Newhouse, Withypool, Minehead, TA24 7RH

**Bankers**

HSBC Bank Plc, Wellington Square, Minehead, Somerset

**Accountants**

Amherst & Shapland Limited  
4 Irnham Road, Minehead, TA24 5DG

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Regal Film Society is registered as an unincorporated charity with the Charity Commission, and is subject to a Constitution dated 12 May 2015.

Under the Constitution Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and are re-elected annually. Trustees are drawn from members of the society.

There is an informal induction process for trustees. If required, support is readily available for newly elected trustees.

**Objectives and Activities**

The object of the Regal Film Society is to advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts, particularly the art of film and allied visual techniques. in furtherance of the foregoing object, but not otherwise, the society shall have the power to arrange showings of films to its members and to the public particularly but not exclusively in the Regal Theatre, Minehead, as well as to promote the study and appreciation of films by means of lectures, discussions and exhibitions.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

**Achievements and Performance**

During the year, the Regal Film Society held 33 screenings open to members and the public, showcasing both mainstream and independent titles, which do not receive the exposure they deserve in commercial cinemas.


Average members per film was 54, and average public was 51. The average members for live streaming was 51, and average public was 42.

In addition, Matilda – The Musical was shown for the local school with 459 students attending.

**Financial Review**

The Society holds £29,211 cash at bank at the year-end all of which is unrestricted.

The Trustees aim to hold at least £40,000 in unrestricted reserves at the year end, in order to meet the cost of the Projector replacement and any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Signed: 

**Ms Victoria Thomas**

Date: 7 May 2024



**THE REGAL FILM SOCIETY**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE REGAL FILM SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees 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 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 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 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 section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

*Kevin Preston*

Date: 9 May 2024

Amherst & Shapland Limited  
 Chartered Accountants  
 4 Irnham Road  
 Minehead

**K H D PRESTON BSc FCA TEP**

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 August 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Total Funds £
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>				
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>				
Voluntary Income:				
Grants	-	-	-	5,700
Investment income:				
Bank Interest	215	-	215	5
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:				
Membership Subscriptions	2,764	-	2,764	3,671
Admission Fees	32,437	-	32,437	30,963
<b><i>Sub total</i></b>	35,415	-	35,415	40,339
<b>Asset sales</b>	-	-	-	1,000
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>35,415</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>35,415</u></b>	<b><u>41,339</u></b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>				
<b>Cost of charitable activities:</b>				
Live Streaming costs	13,238		13,238	8,294
Film Hire	3,245	-	3,245	8,309
Insurance	550	-	500	300
Print, Post, Stationery & Publicity	3,467	-	3,467	3,663
Theatre Rent	6,596	-	6,596	4,017
Repairs & Renewals	1,208	-	1,208	71
Subscriptions	-	-	-	271
Travel Expenses	684	-	684	758
Other Expenses	178	-	178	107
MATA donation	-	-	-	1,700
<b><i>Sub total</i></b>	29,166	-	29,166	27,490
<b>Asset purchases</b>	-	-	-	31,063
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>29,166</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>29,166</u></b>	<b><u>58,553</u></b>
<b><u>NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</u></b>	<b><u>6,250</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>6,250</u></b>	<b><u>(17,214)</u></b>
<b>Cash Funds 31 August 2022</b>	<b><u>22,961</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>22,961</u></b>	<b><u>40,175</u></b>
<b>Cash Funds 31 August 2023</b>	<b><u>£29,211</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>£29,211</u></b>	<b><u>£22,961</u></b>



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<b><u>Cash Funds</u></b>				
Bank Account	29,109	-	29,109	22,859
Cash in hand	<u>102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>102</u>
Total Cash Funds	<u>£29,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£29,211</u>	<u>£22,961</u>

**Debtors at year end**

MATA Film admission charges	<u>£1,692</u>
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**Creditors at year end**

Film charges and other expenses	<u>£1,710</u>
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**Assets Retained for charity's own use at original cost**

	<u>Fund to which</u> <u>Asset belongs</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>Cost</u> £
External LED lightbox acquired 12 January 2017	Unrestricted	£584
Cupboard acquired 12 January 2017	Unrestricted	£119
Roller Screen acquired 9 October 2017	Unrestricted	£16,539
Satellite Disc acquired 18 December 2017	Unrestricted	£303
Speaker Stands acquired 23 January 2018	Unrestricted	£780
TV monitors/ satellite receiver acquired 12 February 2018	Unrestricted	£849
Cabinet acquired 4 October 2019	Unrestricted	£300
Laptop & programme acquired 30 November 2019	Unrestricted	£450
Speaker system & Cinema scaler acquired 22 August 2020	Unrestricted	£4,966
Blu-ray player acquired 17 June 2021	Unrestricted	£284
Barco projector acquired 25 November 2021	Unrestricted	£36,667
ACER laptop acquired 27 November 2021	Unrestricted	£229

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Signed:  ..... **Ms Victoria Thomas**  
Date: 7 May 2024