

# FRIENDS OF THE ARTS CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1162818

## Details

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**Other names** FOAC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-07-24

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3)THE CHARITY IS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FINANCIAL, PRACTICAL AND PROMOTIONAL TO THE ARTS CENTRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF ABERYSTWYTH, MID-WALES AND BEYOND, INCLUDING THE STAFF AND STUDENTS OF ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY WHO HOST THE ARTS CENTRE FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES (THE "OBJECTS"):-A)TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FORRECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE SUCH FACILITIES BEING PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE SAVE THAT SPECIAL FACILITIES MAY BE PROVIDED TO THE PERSONS WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES MAY HAVE NEED OF SPECIAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES;ANDB)THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

**Activities:** Provide support to the Aberystwyth Arts Centre a) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare such facilities being provided to the public at large and b) The advancement of education, culture and the arts

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE INHABITANTS OF ABERYSTWYTH, MID-WALES AND BEYOND
- Ceredigion

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £2,399 | £2,500      | -      | -         |
| 2024-03-31 | £2,886 | £7,680      | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £3,799 | £5,817      | -      | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £3,650 | £353        | -      | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £3,454 | £4,156      | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name   | Role  | Appointed  |
|--|-------|------------|
| <b>Carol Jacqueline King Bainbridge B Phil</b> | Chair | 2016-04-04 |
| CAROL ELIZABETH NIXON                          |       | 2016-04-04 |
| Caroline Elizabeth Clark                       |       | 2023-06-01 |
| Catherine Anna JacksonWalley MA MPhil          |       | 2016-04-04 |
| Chris King                                     |       | 2016-04-04 |
| Christopher Hodgson                            |       | 2016-04-04 |
| Joan Ceridwen Rowlands M Phil BA               |       | 2016-04-04 |
| KATRINA WILLIAMS                               |       | 2023-06-01 |
| SOFIA ALICE REBECCA ROPEK HEWSON BA HONS       |       | 2016-04-04 |
| SUE JONES-DAVIES                               |       | 2016-04-04 |

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## **Friends of the Arts Centre [Charity no. 1162818]**

### **Trustees' Report for 2024-2025**

Despite the clear need to invigorate our supporter base, as described in our previous report, we have been unable to finalise arrangements within the Arts Centre for our publicity and recruitment purposes, and this year has been disappointing. We still have a small income stream from existing Direct Debits and the associated Gift Aid, so we were very pleased to be able to support the Arts Centre's Community Engagement work, as foreshadowed in our last report. Income and expenditure were almost in balance over the year.

This level of activity is completely inadequate in the face of cuts to the county's funding of the Arts Centre, and continued pressure on Arts Council finances. It therefore remains our top priority to develop a means of attracting new supporters.

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## Accounts 1.4.2024 to 31.3.2025

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

#### INCOME

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Eldridge 7.5.24      | 20.00   |
| Bainbridge 5.11.24   | 20.00   |
| Via LocalGiving Ltd. | 2358.91 |

**Total Income** **2,398.91**

#### EXPENDITURE

|               |        |                 |
|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| 21.01.25      | 100060 | <b>2,500.00</b> |
| <b>(Loss)</b> |        | <b>(101.09)</b> |

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Balance at bank 01.04.24   | 3,531.55 |
| Movement of funds for year | (101.09) |

**Balance at bank 31.03.25** **3,430.46**

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## **Trustees' Report for 2023-2024**

2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Arts Centre, so, despite the ongoing financial pressures, a festival of special events was held by the Arts Centre. All were free to the public, and FoAC had set aside £5,000 as a contribution to the cost, as promised the year before.

That was the largest donation FoAC has granted so far, and was made possible, ironically, by lockdown having previously stopped demand for our subsidies. The build-up of our funds, mentioned in last year's report, found worthy use in helping this celebration.

We were delighted to be able to help the Youth Theatre project, and to support an exchange project between the Arts Centre and a group of arts practitioners from southern India.

Support for the hugely valuable community engagement element of the Arts Centre's activity was postponed for a year to ensure adequate resources were available.

Maintaining an adequate income is now becoming a matter of rather more concern than hitherto, as founder members of FoAC grow older and pass away. Comparison of the accounts year on year will show the slow attrition of our income via Direct Debits and Standing Orders, while the signs are clear that the Arts Centre will come to need more help than ever before, every year going forward. We are therefore attempting to set up a more active recruitment system for members from the Arts Centre audiences. We cannot ask for increased contributions from our existing supporters.

As things currently stand, we are likely to experience increasing requests for our help year by year. These are already well in excess of our current reliable income, so the drive for renewal in our membership and our committee is extremely important.

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**Accounts 1.4.2023 to 31.3.2024**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:**

**INCOME**

Individual payments from donors  
160.00  
*(Stretch, Eldridge, Allen, Bainbridge)*  
Donations via LocalGiving  
2726.00

**TOTAL INCOME**  
**2886.00**

**EXPENDITURE**

| <i>Cheque Issued<br/>Sum</i> | <i>Presented</i> | <i>Purpose</i>       |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 08.06.2023<br>1500.00        | 26.06.2023       | Youth Theatre        |
| 19.07.2023<br>5000.00        | 31.07.2023       | Arts Centre festival |
| 14.08.2023<br>1000.00        | 25.09.2023       | Indian Artists       |
| 27.10.2023<br>180.00         | DD               | LocalGiving fee      |

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**  
**7680.00**

(Loss) for year  
(4794.00)

**BALANCE SHEET**

Cash in Bank 31.03.2023 8325.55

Movement of funds

(-4794.00)

**Balance at 01.04.2024**  
**3531.55**

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## **Trustees' report for year 1.4.22 to 31.3.23**

Funding activity has started to pick up after lockdown, with all our grants this year going to projects within the Community Engagement and the Exhibitions departments, as is often the case.

We awarded £1250 in match funding for 2022 and the same figure for 2023 to the Criw Celf project, as well as obtaining £500 grants from the 'Magic Little Grants' programme of LocalGiving for both 2021 and 2022 for the same project. Encouraging young people's hands-on engagement with art is one of the vital activities which the Arts Centre does so well. This was spent on tutors' fees, travel expenses, especially trips to exhibitions, and materials.

We also provided £1325 in funding of materials for the Art Cart and Table, a project aimed at younger children.

For Exhibitions we gifted £300 towards the framing of the Bruce Cardwell exhibition and £500 for the Oriel Lockdown prize.

Grants paid totalled £5625

The chair attended meetings of the Arts Centre Advisory Board on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 and 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023. We have not been engaged in any other advisory capacity, but we have been pressing for the employment of more publicity and Community Engagement staff.

Income has declined slightly, as a few individuals' Direct Debits were ended, and no recruitment or fundraising has taken place. In the absence of any strong extra call on our resources, it seemed unnecessary at a time of national financial difficulty to push this, but it should not be ignored if FoAC is to continue to play its part in supporting the AC in the future. The primary need is to rejuvenate our appeal to the public. An advertisement within the Oriel Lockdown exhibition produced several names of potential new members, but these all failed to respond when contacted. We have reached a pivotal moment for FoAC, when the shape of the next few years will be determined.

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**Detailed Accounts 1.4.2022 to 31.3.2023**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:**

## INCOME

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Direct Donations                   | 260.00        |
| Sundry credits                     | 120.00 refund |
| Donations received via LocalGiving | 3419.09       |

**TOTAL INCOME** **3799.09**

## EXPENDITURE

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Membership fee, LocalGiving  | 96.00    |
| Cheque 1000553 for Aber University Invoice 20312842<br>£300 (gifted towards the framing of Bruce Cardwell's exhibition)<br>£500 (awarded as an Oriol Lockdown prize)   | 800.00   |
| Cheque 1000554 for Aber University Invoice 20321412<br>Magic Little Grant support for Criw Celf Ceredigion 2021 SE 500.00<br>Magic Little Grant support for Criw Celf Ceredigion 2022 SE 500.00<br>FOAC match-funding support for Criw Celf Ceredigion 2022 SE 1,250.00<br>FOAC match-funding support for Criw Celf Ceredigion 2023 SE 1,250.00<br>FOAC support for the Art Cart and table SE 1,325.00<br>Plus reimbursements of V.A.T. on cafetieres £51 and domain fee 45.00 | 4,921.00 |

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE** **£5817.00**

**(Loss) for year** **2017.91**

## BALANCE SHEET

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cash in bank on 1 April 2022        | 10343.46       |
| Loss for year                       | 2017.91        |
| <b>TOTAL CASH IN BANK 31.3.2023</b> | <b>8325.55</b> |

## LIABILITIES as at 31.03.22

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Promise made to subsidise 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary events | £5000.00 |
|---|----------|

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** **5000.00**

**BALANCE at 31.3.2023** **£3325.55**

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## Accounts 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

#### INCOME

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Direct Donations                   | 340.00   |
| Sundry credits                     | nil      |
| Donations received via LocalGiving | 3,114.41 |

**TOTAL INCOME** **3,454.41**

#### EXPENDITURE

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Membership fee, LocalGiving                      | 96.00    |
| Subsidy towards AC streaming                     | 1,500.00 |
| Children's Art Week 2020 donation                | 500.00   |
| Criw Celf 2019-20 cheque not presented last year | 1,000.00 |
| Criw Celf 2020-21 contribution                   | 1,000.00 |
| Postage  | nil      |
| Website domain fee                               | 59.99    |

**TOTAL** **4155.99**

**Surplus (loss) for year** **(701.58)**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Cash in bank on 1 April 2020               | 7727.99        |
| Surplus (deficit) for year                 | (701.58)       |
| <b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS IN BANK 31.3.2020</b> | <b>7026.41</b> |

**LIABILITIES** **nil**

**Physical Assets :** **nil**

### Trustees' Report 2020 -2021

The continued lockdown affected the Arts Centre all year, on top of which damage to the structure from flooding in August 2020 prevented even the limited re-opening to the public which had been hoped for. This kept the number of calls on FoAC support well below normal. FoAC therefore did not engage in new fundraising during the year.

The Arts Centre undertook a small amount of semi-experimental event streaming online, with some financial support from FoAC, and the outreach and educational work of the Arts Centre continued to be very active and remarkably well-received, albeit that it was all online. Within that, FoAC helped with longstanding commitments to support Criw Celf, an art outreach programme for young people, and gave support to a new venture, Children's Art Week.

Regular contributions to FoAC's funds continued throughout the year, and we remain in cash surplus, ready for demands which may be placed upon us when public events can recommence.