

Registered Charity No: 1163202

**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
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**Full Name:** **THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**

**Registered Charity  
Number:** 1163202

**Correspondence  
Address:** The Dearne Playhouse  
Dearne Welfare Hall  
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**Trustees:** Beverley Foster  
Stella Burton  
Mike Lawrence  
Paul Davies (Appointed February 2024)  
Abigail Moore (Appointed July 2024)

**Chair:** Cllr Mike Lawrence

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Community Accountant  
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Barnsley  
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**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Structure, governance and management**

The Dearne Playhouse is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, dated 19 August 2015.

The members of the CIO are the charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else. The members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to assets and no personal responsibility for settling debts and liabilities in the event of winding up.

The affairs of the charity are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the charity.

**Appointment of Trustees**

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. There is no maximum number of trustees.

One third of the Trustees will retire at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees each year but may be reappointed.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustee's annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3 of this report.

**Charitable aims and objectives**

The objectives of the charity are:

1. To promote the arts for the benefit of the public, and in particular the Dearne Valley communities, by production and performance of drama, mime, dance, music and singing, and the establishment and maintenance of a theatre known as The Dearne Playhouse on premises known as the Miners' Recreation or Pleasure Ground at Goldthorpe.
2. To promote regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular the Dearne Valley) for the benefit of the public by all or any of the following means:
  - The advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people
  - The provision of educational, recreational and leisure facilities for the public at large or for those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances have need of such facilities
  - Such other means as may from time to time be determined, subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

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**Activities undertaken and achievements during the year.**

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

- The Dearne Playhouse commenced trading as a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 1st April 2016. The charity entered into a new lease with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016, when assets and liabilities were transferred from Dearne Community and Miners Welfare Scheme, the registered charity that previously managed the site. The responsibility for the playhouse continues to rest with the CIO. In the financial year.
- In early 2022 Barnsley MBC was successful in their application for the Governments Principle Towns Fund and the Dearne Playhouse was included as the cultural hub in the plans, which has brought in substantial capital funding, this year, to make essential repairs to the roof and to completely refurbish the basement for community use. In addition, the local environment will also be regenerated – thus providing a central hub for Goldthorpe.
- The capital works for phase 1 of the refurbishment was completed. This included a complete new roof, a full new light and sound installation and new air handling unit. We continued to work with BMBC to develop phase 2 to take place starting July 2024, where the basement will be fully refurbished to create the base for the community hub. The Playhouse has worked with groups and consulted with the local community to decide what would be the best use of space. It was decided that a youth theatre and a musical theatre group would be beneficial to the local area. These have both been established and will move in as soon as work is complete. We will also open the hub up to any local art groups. The work will be completed in October 2024 and the Playhouse continues to be busy and remains self-sustainable.
- The theatre will also be closed for part of 2024 – 2025 for all works to be completed. The trustees were in agreement that it was necessary to lose revenue over the year, to ensure the long term survival of the theatre in Goldthorpe. The accounts will therefore show a significant reduction in revenue, and as a result the theatre reserves have been allocated to make sure staff salaries and all utilities were covered.
- The theatre has always run self-sufficiently, generating all running costs from hiring the space as well as producing its own in-house productions. This has continued as much as possible and the theatre manager has maintained relationships with organisations who hire the theatre, with secured bookings for next year. Trustees are confident that revenue will not be reduced in the future.
- Whilst 2024 – 2025 will again be disrupted by the capital works, it is the intention that the theatre will continue to provide theatre skills development opportunities to local young people and will continue to provide provision in the local area at an affordable cost.

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### **Future Plans**

- Capital works will affect 2024-25, but not as much as the previous year, particularly refurbishment of the basement area, to provide a new community space aimed to be completed in October 2024. This development will be significant, as this new area will help create flexible space in the theatre thereby enabling more people to access the facility. Trustees and theatre staff will work closely with Barnsley MBC to ensure ongoing developments are in line with the values, ethos and vision of the playhouse. Loss of income will be covered by project funding, although the playhouse will be in use for periods throughout the refurbishment as we are keen for minimal disruption to provision.
- We will continue to apply for grants and develop relationships with organisations who may wish to use the place – these are important for income generation necessary to improve the overall financial health of the venue, reduce operational costs, reduce reliance on external funding and form a basis for future developments and growth.

### **Risk Management**

The trustees are responsible for risk management. A review of strategies to mitigate risk has taken place and formed part of the proposed changes in establishing the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The new risk management strategy includes:

1. An annual review of the risks the new CIO may face.
2. The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the strategy, will include:
  - Formal agenda for minutes of trustee meetings.
  - Formal written policies where appropriate.
  - Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.
3. Risk assessments will be carried out on all major projects undertaken by the charity and are required for grant applications in any event.
4. The new CIO is being supported by BMBC's Risk and Governance manager who will assist the trustees in developing appropriate arrangements for the management of risk.

### **The Charity's policy on reserves**

The trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level which will give the organisation stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future and are working towards holding at least 3 months running costs in reserve at any one time. Based on current year expenditure this equates to £27,725. The actual reserves held by the charity at the year end was £30,479 (2023: £25,092) which exceeds this level.

### **Related parties**

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

### **Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

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**Financial Position**

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 12. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £5,387 (2023: deficit (£11,677)). The total funds of the charity at year end stand at £30,479 (2023: £25,092).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 29th January 2025

**Mike Lawrence, Chair**

**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's 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 Commissioners 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.

Signed



Date: 29th January 2025

Christopher Stones  
Community Accountant  
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**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants Received	2/3	18,410	3,897	22,307	3,066
Fundraising & Donations		2,352	-	2,352	43
Hire Income		52,310	-	52,310	49,562
Pantomime Income		25,914	-	25,914	15,791
Bar Income	6	17,297	-	17,297	15,240
Equipment Hire		-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>116,283</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>120,180</b>	<b>83,702</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries Cost		64,803	-	64,803	62,815
Bar Costs		17,555	-	17,555	9,184
Licences		836	-	836	1,246
Rates		419	-	419	794
Insurance		1,338	-	1,338	1,170
Utilities		8,251	-	8,251	9,026
Telephones & Internet		1,031	-	1,031	875
Repairs & Maintenance		4,957	3,897	8,854	2,867
Waste Disposal		976	-	976	912
Pantomime Expenditure		5,895	-	5,895	3,020
Equipment & Assets		1,227	-	1,227	1,013
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-
Printing & Stationery		-	-	-	-
IT Support		180	-	180	170
Professional Fees		2,006	-	2,006	1,831
Sundry & Miscellaneous Expenses		1,422	-	1,422	456
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>110,896</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>114,793</b>	<b>95,379</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>5,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>(11,677)</b>
Total funds brought forward		25,092	-	25,092	36,769
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>30,479</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,479</b>	<b>25,092</b>

**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Monetary Assets:</b>		
Virgin Bank Current Account	£30,079	£24,692
Petty Cash	£400	£400
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	<b><u>£30,479</u></b>	<b><u>£25,092</u></b>

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Debtors:		
Venue Hire	£3,000	-
	<b><u>£3,000</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

Bar stock for resale, to the value of £1,850 was held at 31.03.24

A list of fixed assets retained for the charity's use is included in note 7 to the accounts (page 12)

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accountancy Fee	£875	£825
PAYE Liability	£911	£867
	<b><u>£1,786</u></b>	<b><u>£1,692</u></b>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 29th January 2025

**Mike Lawrence, Chair**

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## **1. Accounting policies**

### Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

### Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification.

### Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from grants and donations of a general nature, member subscriptions & fees, charges for goods and service provided and payment for service contracts delivered.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

## **2. Restricted Funds**

- A restricted grant for CCTV £3,897 was received and used during the current financial year.

## **3. Unrestricted Funds**

- Unrestricted grants received during the year were as follows:

BMBC -Business Support Grant	£
May 2023 - Opening payment	4,300
May 2023 - Works overrunning payment	6,200
Sept 2023 - Works overrunning payment	7,910
	<u><b>18,410</b></u>

## **4. Trustee & related party transactions**

There were no transactions with any trustee or related party to a trustee during the reporting period.

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**5. Land and Buildings**

A 50 year lease exists between the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and the charity, in respect of the Dearne Welfare Hall, Washington Road, Goldthorpe, Barnsley.

**6. Bar income**

Bar income arises from the sale of food and drink to members of the audience at the Playhouse. The bar is not open for business at any other time, or to members of the general public, the trading is therefore ancillary to primary charitable purposes and is exempt from tax.

**7. Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use**

- Lighting control desk
- Memory control desk
- Sound desk
- Vending machine
- LED lighting
- Production room system
- CCTV system
- Projector/screen (Cinema Club)
- Fridge/freezer
- Laptop x 2
- Stage lighting system
- Carpet cleaner
- Vacuum cleaner
- Icecream fridge
- Haze machine
- Bar chairs
- Boiler