

Registered Charity No: 1163202

**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Full Name:** **THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**

**Registered Charity  
Number:** 1163202

**Correspondence  
Address:** The Dearne Playhouse  
Dearne Welfare Hall  
Washington Road  
Goldthorpe  
Rotherham  
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**Trustees:** Beverley Foster  
Stella Burton (Resigned March 2025)  
Mike Lawrence  
Paul Davies  
Abigail Moore (Resigned August 2025)  
Janie Bowler (Appointed September 2025)  
Daniel Glover (Appointed July 2025)

**Chair:** Cllr Mike Lawrence

**Bankers:** Virgin Money  
1A Peel Square  
Barnsley  
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**Independent Examiner:** Christopher Stones  
Community Accountant  
Barnsley CVS  
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**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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 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 was completed in October 2024 and the Playhouse continues to be busy and remains self-sustainable.
- The theatre was closed for part of 2024 – 2025 for all works to be completed. The trustees were in agreement that it was necessary to close for the works to be completed to ensure the long term survival of the theatre in Goldthorpe.
- 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.

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### **Future Plans**

- 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.
- The recent refurbishment has breathed new life into the space, modernising its layout while preserving the character of the building. With upgraded facilities, refreshed décor and improved functionality. The environment now feels more welcoming and efficient for everyone who uses it. Looking ahead, the next phase of development will focus on expanding services, enhancing sustainability, and introducing new features that support long term growth. These future plans aim to build on the momentum of the refurbishment, ensuring we continue to evolve and meet the needs of the community for years to come.

### **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 £29,838. The actual reserves held by the charity at the year end was £44,551 (2024: £30,479) 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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**TRUSTEES' REPORT continued**  
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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 £14,072 (2024: surplus £5,387). The total funds of the charity at year end stand at £44,551 (2024: £30,479).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



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

Date: 26th January 2026

**Mike Lawrence, Chair**

**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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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: 26th January 2026

Christopher Stones  
Community Accountant  
Barnsley CVS  
23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN



**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants Received	2/3/4	7,000	2,510	9,510	22,307
Fundraising & Donations		70	-	70	2,352
Hire Income		79,719	-	79,719	55,310
Pantomime Income		21,419	-	21,419	22,914
Bar Income	7	22,095	-	22,095	17,297
Equipment Hire		610	-	610	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>130,913</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>133,423</b>	<b>120,180</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries Cost		67,883	-	67,883	64,803
Bar Costs		15,625	-	15,625	17,555
Licences		896	-	896	836
Rates		447	-	447	419
Insurance		1,394	-	1,394	1,338
Utilities		14,603	-	14,603	8,251
Telephones & Internet		1,013	-	1,013	1,031
Repairs & Maintenance		2,854	-	2,854	8,854
Waste Disposal		1,054	-	1,054	976
Pantomime Expenditure		3,513	-	3,513	5,895
Equipment & Assets		4,456	-	4,456	1,227
Office expenses		127	-	127	-
IT Support		216	-	216	180
Professional Fees		2,390	1,300	3,690	2,006
Sundry & Miscellaneous Expenses		1,580	-	1,580	1,422
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>118,051</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>119,351</b>	<b>114,793</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>		<b>12,862</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>14,072</b>	<b>5,387</b>
Total funds brought forward		30,479	-	30,479	25,092
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>43,341</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>44,551</b>	<b>30,479</b>

**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
<b>Monetary Assets:</b>		
Virgin Bank Current Account	44,151	30,079
Petty Cash	400	400
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	<b><u>£44,551</u></b>	<b><u>£30,479</u></b>

	2025	2024
<b>Assets:</b>		
Debtors:		
Venue Hire	3,060	-
	<b><u>£3,060</u></b>	<b><u>£ -</u></b>

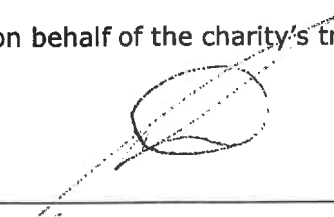
Bar stock for resale, to the value of £1,560 was held at 31.03.25

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

	2025	2024
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accountancy Fee	925	875
PAYE Liability	1,221	911
	<b><u>£2,146</u></b>	<b><u>£1,786</u></b>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

  
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**Mike Lawrence, Chair**

Date: 26th January 2026

**THE DEARNE PLAYHOUSE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**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. Fund Analysis**

	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	30,479	123,913	118,051	-	36,341
BMBC Grant - Business Support	-	7,000	-	-	7,000
	<u>30,479</u>	<u>130,913</u>	<u>118,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,341</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
BMBC Christmas Spectacular	-	1,300	1,300	-	-
BMBC Boiler Service	-	1,210	-	-	1,210
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,510</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,210</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>30,479</u>	<u>133,423</u>	<u>119,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,551</u>

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**3. Restricted Funds**

- A restricted grant from BMBC for the cost of a Christmas Spectacular of £1300 was received and spent during the year.
- A restricted grant from BMBC for the servicing of the boiler for 3 years of £1,210 was received, there was no spend during the current year.

**4. Unrestricted Funds**

A unrestricted grant received from BMBC for business support of £7,000 was received, there was no spend during the year.

**5. Trustee & related party transactions**

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

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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