

# EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE (CROOK)

England & Wales · Charity number 1164008

## Details

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**Other names** EEPT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-10-16

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR OF PERSONS WHO LIVE OR WORK IN COUNTY DURHAM IN THE ARTS, BUT WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, THE ARTS OF FILM, TELEVISION, DRAMA, BALLET, MIME, DRAMA, MUSIC, SINGING AND OPERA, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, MANAGE AND ADMINISTER THE EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE IN THE DISTRICT OF CROOK IN COUNTY DURHAM AND TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN AND ENCOURAGE SCHEMES FOR THE USE THEREOF."THE OBJECTIVES WILL BE MET BY• SEEKING, DEVELOPING OPERATING AND MAINTAINING PREMISES (MAINLY BUT NOT NECESSARILY WHOLLY OR IN PART THE EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE PREMISES) WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF CROOK, COUNTY DURHAM• ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING OTHER GROUPS IN DEVELOPING USE OF THE PREMISES WHICH FURTHER EDUCATIONAL, ARTISTIC, SPORTING OR RELATED ACTIVITIES SUITABLE TO THE PREMISES• SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT BY PROVISION OF INTERNSHIP AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ALONGSIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Activities:** THE CHARITY OPERATES IN THE WEAR VALLEY AND WEARDALE AND IS SEEKING TO OPERATE THE EMPIRE BUILDING IN CROOK AS A CINEMA AND THEATRE WITH ADDITIONAL ARTS FACILITIES TO FURTHER EDUCATION IN THE ARTS. UNTIL THE EMPIRE BUILDING HAS BEEN

PURCHASED THE CHARITY IS OPERATING FROM VARIOUS VENUES PROVIDING ADHOC ENTERTAINMENT AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATING IN THE ARTS.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** IN COUNTY DURHAM
- Durham

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,510	£3,882	-	-
2023-12-31	£1,543	£10,605	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,351	£12,485	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,276	£1,684	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£130	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Wood		2017-03-01
MALCOLM CHRISTOPHER READ		2019-06-18
MARK EVERSEDGE		2023-11-17
Paula Butler		2023-12-23

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Pantomime income	303	672	-	975	1,543
Community grant	500	-	-	500	-
Yorkshire Bank grant	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Membership	35	-	-	35	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>1,543</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>1,543</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Entertainer fees	1,568	1,672	-	3,240	8,641
Accountancy	180	-	-	180	168
Venue fees	100	-	-	100	686
Insurance	127	-	-	127	122
Photography	150	-	-	150	150
General expenses	85	-	-	85	150
Vouchers	-	-	-	-	688
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>10,605</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>10,605</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,372</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,372</b>	<b>- 9,062</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>7,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,104</b>	<b>16,166</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>7,104</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Bank a/c	-	-	-
	Co-op bank a/c	5,711	-	-
	Cash	21	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

**EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE (CROOK)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1164008

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# Accounts

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# EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE (CROOK) CIO

## (A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered charity no: 1164008

## Trustees Annual Report For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:

*The charity has wide objectives which are formally recorded in our articles of association as:*

The advancement of the education of the public and in particular of persons who live or work in County Durham in the arts, but without limiting the foregoing, the arts of film, television, drama, ballet, mime, music, singing and opera, and for such purpose to establish, operate, manage and administer the Empire Electric Palace Theatre in the District of Crook in County Durham and to promote and maintain and encourage schemes for the use thereof.

#### The objectives will be met by

- Seeking, developing, operating and maintaining premises (mainly, but not necessarily wholly or in part the Empire Electric Palace Theatre premises) within the geographical area of Crook, Co Durham.
- Encouraging and supporting other groups in developing use of the premises which further educational, artistic, sporting or related activities suitable to the premises
- Supporting employment by provision of internship and experiential learning opportunities alongside employment opportunities

#### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

*The Trustees have sought to achieve the objectives set forth in the Constitution during the year by: planning entertainment for the general public and by exploring fund-raising opportunities and measures.*

The trustees have read and are aware of their responsibilities with regard to Charity Commission advice on public benefit and this is reviewed annually.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

A busy year for the charity in which we were proud to be able to continue our policy of charging no more than the return public transport fare to the nearest 'bricks and mortar' theatre, even though, with current government subsidy this is £4.

For the first time we held a weekend event of 4 performances across 2 venues welcoming Dino2Hire from Lowestoft. The events were 'sell out' performances which supported KS1 and 2 curriculum topics. These interactive events were well received and attracted attendance from 'far and wide'. The admission ticket also included 2 'Empire Pounds' which customers were able to redeem at the

venue (making the net cost £2 per person). These events were supported by funds carried forward from the 2022 Postcode Lottery grant.

Shooting Stars returned to the area to present two performances in local schools. Working with the Headteacher of Willington Primary School we visited St Stephens CofE Primary and Crook Primary as well as Willington to present 'Stranger Danger' and 'Online safety' plays. Coming immediately before the SATs tests these provided a welcome break from the learning routine as well as giving the opportunity for staff to engage young people in these important topics. These 6 performances, across 2 days, were supported from the 2022 Postcode Lottery grant.

Trustees have been in regular contact to ensure that we are able to continue to develop in 2023. We were sad to see Daniel Simpson leave as a trustee in November but we were delighted to be able to welcome Mark Eversedge back as a trustee and to also welcome Paula Butler in December..

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Accounts are maintained and presented in accord with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Eire (FRS102) and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves: The policy on reserves is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable all usual operating activities to be maintained whilst taking into account potential contingencies that may arise from time to time. This policy and the level of reserves are regularly reviewed..

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The CIO is managed by a Board of Trustees, appointed by the membership or the existing trustees, in accordance with the Constitution of the charity.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Trustees who managed the charity in 2023:

Helen Wood

Malcolm Read

Daniel Simpson (to 17 November)

Mark Eversedge (from 17/11)

Paula Butler (from 23/12)

<b>Charity/Company registration</b>	1164008
<b>Registered Office</b>	34 UPLANDS CLOSE,CROOK,DL15 9NW
<b>Bankers</b>	Co-operative Bank, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP

## **DECLARATION**

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature:



Full Name: Helen Wood

Position: Trustee

Date: 28/03/24

## STATUTORY INFORMATION

### Income and spending

Income	-	£1543
Expenditure	-	£10605

Does the charity raise funds from the public? YES

Does the charity work with a professional fundraiser? NO

Does the charity work with a commercial participator? NO

Is grant making the main way the charity carries out its purposes? NO

During the financial period for this return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) from central government or a local authority? NO

During the financial period for this return, did the charity receive any grant funding from central government or a local authority? NO

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from outside of the UK? NO



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Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO 1164008

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01/01/2023 To 31/12/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Pantomime income	1,543	-	-	1,543	1,151
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Bank compensation	-	-	-	-	200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>1,351</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>1,351</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Entertainer fees	8,641	-	-	8,641	10,060
Accountancy	168	-	-	168	120
Venue fees	686	-	-	686	960
Food	-	-	-	-	674
Insurance	122	-	-	122	122
Photography	150	-	-	150	270
General expenses	150	-	-	150	279
Vouchers	688	-	-	688	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,605</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,605</b>	<b>12,485</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,605</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,605</b>	<b>12,485</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 9,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 9,062</b>	<b>- 11,134</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>16,166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,166</b>	<b>27,300</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,104</b>	<b>16,166</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Bank a/c	-	-	-
	Co-op bank a/c	7,044	-	-
	Cash	60	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/members of**

Charity Name  
Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO

**On accounts for the year ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Charity no (if any)**

1164008

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

Jane Ascroft

**Date:**

28/03/2024

**Name:**

Jane Ascroft

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

ICAEW

**Address:**

Enterprise House, Harmire Enterprise Park,  
Barnard Castle, DL12 8XT

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	01	2022		31	12	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1164008

**Charity's principal address**  
 34 Uplands Close  
 Crook  
**Postcode** DL15 9NW

### 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	Helen Wood			
2	Daniel Simpson			
3	Malcolm Read			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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### 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by AGM

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The charity operates in the Wear Valley and Weardale and is seeking to operate the Empire building in Crook as a cinema and theatre with additional arts facilities to further education in the arts. Until the Empire building has been purchased the charity is operating from various venues providing adhoc entertainment and encouraging participation in the arts.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Planning entertainment and educational opportunities for the general public and by exploring fund-raising opportunities and measures. The trustees have read and are aware of their responsibilities with regard to Charity Commission advice on public benefit and this is reviewed periodically.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2022 was an exciting year for the charity.

We were able to set to work spending the largest grant the charity had ever received and developing our relationship with other local charities & production companies.

The grant of, almost, £20,000 from Peoples Postcode Lottery enabled us to move forward with plans for a week long theatre workshop - Pants to Panto which ran in the summer holiday thanks to facilities provided by Willington Primary School. 23 young people were engaged in a 5 day experience that took them from zero knowledge of performance arts through to a full pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk in front of an invited audience. Talegate Theatre Productions and their highly professional staff supported the young people while a local catering company, The Bait Room, provided a hearty lunch each day. The hot weather meant the consumption of gallons of soft drinks and we managed to drain the shelves of the local Co-op store!

Easter saw the return of Talegate Productions and their production of Rapunzel at Spectrum Leisure Centre and Talegate returned for a presentation, again at Spectrum, of The Panto Zone in November.

To conclude the year Shooting Stars Entertainments returned with Search for Santa and their christmas production of Aladdin and we were delighted to return to the venue that started the Empire journey, Crook Cricket Club.

Peoples Postcode Lottery agreed that the underspend on the summer workshop could be 'carried forward' into 2023 events and planning for these was begun.

An exciting year in the Empire story, a year in which we were able to secure our relationships, build audiences and mount more events than ever. The Trustees worked well together and continue to work hard for the charity and the local community.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity maintains reserves to enable booking and planning of events to continue

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

n/a

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Helen Wood	Malcolm Read
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	23 May 2023	



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Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/1/2022	To	12/31/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations	-	-	-	-
Pantomime income	1,151	-	-	1,151
Grants	-	-	-	-
Bank compensation	200	-	-	200
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	1,351	-	-	1,351
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,351	-	-	1,351
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Entertainer fees	10,060	-	-	10,060
Accountancy	120	-	-	120
Venue fees	960	-	-	960
Food	674	-	-	674
Insurance	122	-	-	122
Photography	270	-	-	270
General expenses	279	-	-	279
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	12,485	-	-	12,485
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	12,485	-	-	12,485
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 11,134	-	-	- 11,134
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,300	-	-	27,300
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	16,166	-	-	16,166

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Bank a/c	13,851	-
	Co-op bank a/c	2,189	-
	Cash	126	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,166</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	Helen Wood
	Malcolm Read

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**Last year**

**to the nearest £**

<b>116</b>
<b>1,360</b>
<b>20,800</b>
-
-
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-
-
<b>22,276</b>

-
-
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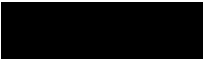
<b>22,276</b>
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<b>1,402</b>
<b>120</b>
<b>150</b>
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-
<b>1,684</b>

-
-
-

<b>1,684</b>
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<b>20,592</b>
-
<b>6,708</b>
<b>27,300</b>



**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

**Current value (optional)**

-
-
-
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-

**Current value (optional)**

-
-
-
-
-
-
-
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-

**When due (optional)**


Date of approval

23 May 2023

23 May 2023

**EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE (CROOK)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1164008

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# Accounts

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# EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE (CROOK) CIO

## (A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered charity no: 1164008

## Trustees Annual Report For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:

*The charity has wide objectives which are formally recorded in our articles of association as:*

The advancement of the education of the public and in particular of persons who live or work in County Durham in the arts, but without limiting the foregoing, the arts of film, television, drama, ballet, mime, music, singing and opera, and for such purpose to establish, operate, manage and administer the Empire Electric Palace Theatre in the District of Crook in County Durham and to promote and maintain and encourage schemes for the use thereof.

#### The objectives will be met by

- Seeking, developing, operating and maintaining premises (mainly, but not necessarily wholly or in part the Empire Electric Palace Theatre premises) within the geographical area of Crook, Co Durham.
- Encouraging and supporting other groups in developing use of the premises which further educational, artistic, sporting or related activities suitable to the premises
- Supporting employment by provision of internship and experiential learning opportunities alongside employment opportunities

#### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

*The Trustees have sought to achieve the objectives set forth in the Constitution during the year by:* planning entertainment for the general public and by exploring fund-raising opportunities and measures.

The trustees have read and are aware of their responsibilities with regard to Charity Commission advice on public benefit and this is reviewed annually.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

We secured and then lost a major grant funding through the lack of action by our bankers which led to us seeking alternative bankers which was difficult during covid restrictions.

Having organised events for easter we were once again thwarted by Covid regulations and these were cancelled. Having secured grant funding from Lakes and Dales Co-op (ScotMid) for this event we were fortunate that they allowed this funding to be 'carried forward' to our Christmas Pantomime which was held at RAFA Club in Crook.

The Christmas event was the first time we had tried to widen our age range by presenting a relaxed performance for those 5 and under. This production, by All Star Productions, was great success as was Sleeping Beauty. We hope to welcome this production company back to the area in 2022.

Halloween saw another new venture and a new venue - Harry Panto at Spectrum Leisure in Willington and possible only due to a grant from Believe Housing. This proved to be popular with almost 300 tickets sold and we were delighted to welcome TaleGate Theatre Productions back to the Wear Valley. We were also delighted to be able to offer a fully accessible venue. For our events we introduced a new online payments system with QR coded tickets. To end the year we were delighted to receive news of a major grant from Peoples Postcode Lottery for a teaching event in summer 2022.

Trustees have been in regular contact to ensure that we are able to continue to develop in 2022.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Accounts are maintained and presented in accord with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Eire (FRS102) and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves: The policy on reserves is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable all usual operating activities to be maintained whilst taking into account potential contingencies that may arise from time to time. This policy and the level of reserves are regularly reviewed..

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The CIO is managed by a Board of Trustees, appointed by the membership or the existing trustees, in accordance with the Constitution of the charity.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Trustees who managed the charity in 2021:

Helen Wood

Malcolm Read

Daniel Simpson

### ***Charity/Company registration***

1164008

### ***Registered Office***

34 UPLANDS CLOSE,CROOK,DL15 9NW

### ***Bankers***

Barclays Bank Plc 75 High Street Brentwood Essex CM14 4RP  
Co-operative Bank, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP

## **DECLARATION**

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature:



Full Name: Helen Wood

Position: Trustee

Date: 1st February 2022

## STATUTORY INFORMATION

### Income and spending

Income - £

Expenditure - £

Does the charity raise funds from the public? YES

Does the charity work with a professional fundraiser? NO

Does the charity work with a commercial participator? NO

Is grant making the main way the charity carries out its purposes? NO

During the financial period for this return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) from central government or a local authority? NO

During the financial period for this return, did the charity receive any grant funding from central government or a local authority? NO

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from outside of the UK? NO



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1164008

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Alan Dixon*

Date:

17/10/2021

Name:

Mr Alan Dixon

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ICPA

Address:

Church View, High Etherley

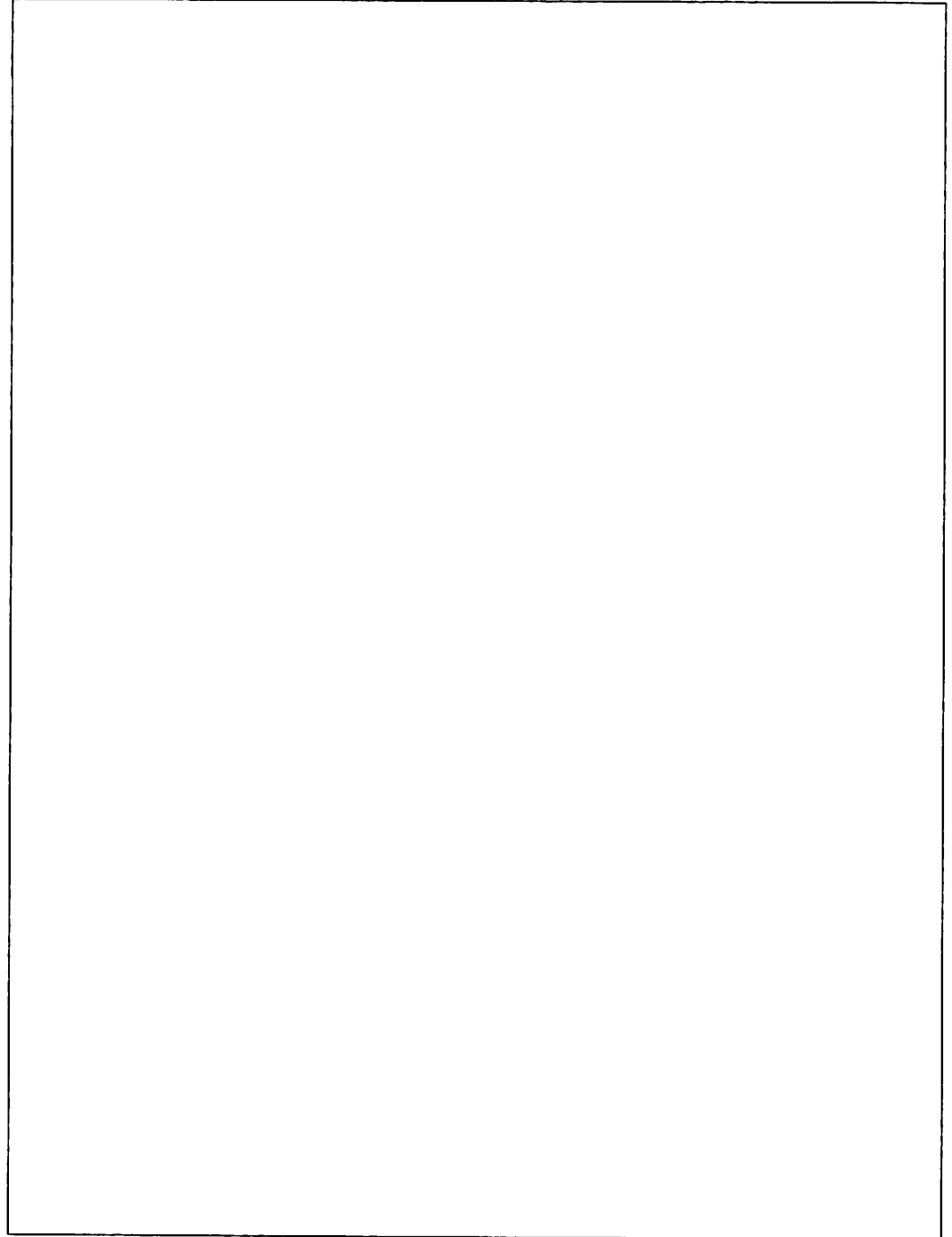
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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO</b>	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	116	-	-	116	-
Filmbook membership	-	-	-	-	-
Misc Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Pantomime Income	1,360	-	-	1,360	-
Grants	20,800	-	-	20,800	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>22,276</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,276</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>22,276</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,276</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Website	-	-	-	-	10
Postage	6	-	-	6	120
Entertainer fees	1,402	-	-	1,402	-
Accountancy	120	-	-	120	-
Venue fees	150	-	-	150	-
General expenses	6	-	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>20,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,592</b>	<b>- 130</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6,708</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,708</b>	<b>6,838</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,300</b>	<b>6,708</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	27,174	-	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	Cash	126	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>27,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Helen Wood	20/10/2022
	Malcolm Read	<b>20/10/2022</b>

**EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE (CROOK)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1164008

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# Accounts

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# EMPIRE ELECTRIC PALACE THEATRE (CROOK) CIO

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered charity no: 1164008

## Trustees Annual Report For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020

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### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:

*The charity has wide objectives which are formally recorded in our articles of association as:*

The advancement of the education of the public and in particular of persons who live or work in County Durham in the arts, but without limiting the foregoing, the arts of film, television, drama, ballet, mime, music, singing and opera, and for such purpose to establish, operate, manage and administer the Empire Electric Palace Theatre in the District of Crook in County Durham and to promote and maintain and encourage schemes for the use thereof.

The objectives will be met by

- Seeking, developing, operating and maintaining premises (mainly, but not necessarily wholly or in part the Empire Electric Palace Theatre premises) within the geographical area of Crook, Co Durham.
- Encouraging and supporting other groups in developing use of the premises which further educational, artistic, sporting or related activities suitable to the premises
- Supporting employment by provision of internship and experiential learning opportunities alongside employment opportunities

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:

*The Trustees have sought to achieve the objectives set forth in the Constitution during the year by: planning entertainment for the general public and by exploring fund-raising opportunities and measures.*

The trustees have read and are aware of their responsibilities with regard to Charity Commission advice on public benefit and this is reviewed annually.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

The major achievement of the year is having survived the pandemic and yet having managed to provide entertainment for the local area.

As restrictions eased we worked quickly with partners to organise events. We sought venues, outdoors and later in large venues which could be physically distanced. On each occasion our attempts to mount 'live' events failed as repeated restrictions were reintroduced. We had in place 5 live events all of which were subsequently cancelled, but with no cost to the charity.

Working with Talegate Theatre we were able to provide a christmas pantomime which was streamed on line, a series of saturday morning 'Talegate TV' programmes and a 'Murder Mystery' week.

We applied for grants to enable us to provide the excitement of live theatre once covid restrictions allow in 2021.

Trustees have been in regular contact to ensure that we are able to continue to develop in 2021.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Accounts are maintained and presented in accord with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Eire (FRS102) and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves: The policy on reserves is to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable all usual operating activities to be maintained whilst taking into account potential contingencies that may arise from time to time. This policy and the level of reserves are regularly reviewed..

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The CIO is managed by a Board of Trustees, appointed by the membership or the existing trustees, in accordance with the Constitution of the charity.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees who managed the charity in 2020:

Helen Wood

Malcolm Read

Daniel Simpson

*Charity/Company registration* 1164008

*Registered Office*

34 UPLANDS CLOSE,CROOK,DL15 9NW

*Bankers*

Barclays Bank Plc 75 High Street Brentwood Essex CM14 4RP

## DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature:

Full Name: Helen Wood

Position: Trustee

Date: 3rd March 2021

## STATUTORY INFORMATION

### Income and spending

Income - £NIL

Expenditure - £130

Does the charity raise funds from the public? YES

Does the charity work with a professional fundraiser? NO

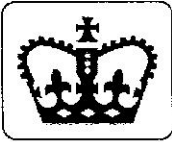
Does the charity work with a commercial participator? NO

Is grant making the main way the charity carries out its purposes? NO

During the financial period for this return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) from central government or a local authority? NO

During the financial period for this return, did the charity receive any grant funding from central government or a local authority? NO

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from outside of the UK? NO



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1164008

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2020**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

[Redacted Signature]

**Date:**

14/10/2021

**Name:**

Tom Henniker-Major

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FCCA

**Address:**

45-47 Cheapside

Spennymoor

DL16 6QF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

N/a



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Jan-20

To

31/12/2020

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
CAF-Donations	-	-	-	-	4,047
Filmbook	-	-	-	-	150
membership	-	-	-	-	5
Misc Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Pantomime Income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	-	-	-	4,202
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	4,202
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Website	10	-	-	10	51
Postage	120	-	-	120	34
Film show	-	-	-	-	-
Promotions	-	-	-	-	-
Film Licences	-	-	-	-	-
Credit card fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	130	-	-	130	85
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	130	-	-	130	85
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 130	-	-	130	4,117
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,838	-	-	6,838	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	6,708	-	-	6,708	4,117

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	(pounds)	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	6,670	-	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	Cash	38	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,708</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Malcolm Read	14/10/21
	Helen Wood	14/10/21