

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

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)

Charity/Company registration

1164008

Registered Office

34 UPLANDS CLOSE, CROOK, DL15 9NW

Bankers

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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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Empire Electric Palace Theatre (Crook) CIO

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Pantomime income	1,543	-	-	1,543	1,151
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Bank compensation	-	-	-	-	200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,543	-	-	1,543	1,351
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,543	-	-	1,543	1,351
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,605	-	-	10,605	12,485
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,605	-	-	10,605	12,485
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,062	-	-	- 9,062	- 11,134
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,166	-	-	16,166	27,300
Cash funds this year end	7,104	-	-	7,104	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 £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank a/c	-	-	-
	Co-op bank a/c	7,044	-	-
	Cash	60	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,104	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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

31st 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.