



Trustees report for Dryburn Theatrical Workshop registered charity number 1164968

01/09/2024 to 31/08/2025.

Registered Address:

18 Sinclair Drive,
Chester Le Street,
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Trustees:

Annette Morris
Michelle Coulson
Karen Scott
Sarah Hutchinson
Brian Pennick

Who we are:

Dryburn Theatrical Workshop is an enthusiastic amateur theatre group, based in Chester-le-Street, County Durham, which has been performing for over 45 years. We perform a pantomime in January, a musical in June and a play in September. We have over 70 members, aged 11 and upwards. As a group, we bring together an eclectic mix of talented local people, keen to learn and entertain.

The charity is funded by member subscriptions, fundraising activities, gift aid and grants, and ticket sales from productions. The charity has no debts.

Trustees meet monthly to plan the charities activities and review the charities finances. The trustees budget carefully for each production and obtain several quotes for production costs.

We have performed the following shows during this period to fulfil our purpose of providing affordable, quality theatre for the Chester-Le-Street area Sept 2024 Allo Allo 2, January 2025 Robin Hood and June 2025 Rock of Ages. This includes payments for theatre hire, costumes, sound and light, rehearsal space rent, scenery and other costs.

We estimate that 2800 people have benefitted from this charity.

Dryburn Theatrical Workshop - Income and Expenditure
From 1st of September 2024 to 31st of August 2025

Profit for the year		2023 /2024	2024 / 2025
Total		4,431.13	9,650.53
Profit break down:			
General		6,900.21	8,303.45
Play	Blackadder	- 344.86	Allo Allo 2 - 1,569.51
Pantomime	Rapunzel	4,651.81	Robin Hood 4,326.88
Musical	Little Mermaid	- 6,776.03	Rock of Ages* - 1,410.29

Income		
	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Weekly Subs	3,562.49	3,944.94
Annual Subs	1,655.00	1,946.00
Gift Aid	1,408.50	1,376.50
Matched Funding - Lloyds	1,000.00	1,000.00
Matching Funding - Barclays	-	1,000.00
Donation- Christ Church	-	100.00
Brownrigg Deposit	-	1,227.00
Carol Singing	47.79	71.41
Aladdin / Beauty + the Beast	697.00	-
Christmas Fayre	1,299.53	1,473.72
Merchandise	1,299.51	1,208.87
NODA Awards	360.00	300.00
Karaoke Night	-	72.00
Coffee	48.67	-
Ceilidh	1,006.00	773.00
Auction of talents	1,128.63	-
Panto ASP	18.00	-
Long Service Awards	281.99	15.00
Marcello's Deposit	160.00	-
My Spice Deposit	150.00	-
DCC Rent Refund	80.00	-
Savings Interest	-	145.10
Sale of LM Props	-	175.00
Easy Fundraising	-	222.42
Theatre Tickets - Hamilton	-	2,767.00
Theatre Tickets - Miss Saigon	-	2,530.00
Theatre Tickets - Panto	-	962.00
Cinema - Wicked	-	209.38
WWRY Merchandise	-	762.06
Total General Income	14,203.11	22,281.40

Expenditure		
	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Room Hire	1,920.00	1,932.40
Insurance	692.31	524.03
Gambling / Alcohol License	20.00	20.00
Website	192.00	192.00
Costume Storage	120.00	-
Rehearsal / Auditionist Pianist	76.00	
Brownrigg Deposit	-	1,227.00
Gifts	17.75	51.20
Aladdin / Beauty + the Beast	695.50	-
Christmas Fayre	41.72	111.30
Merchandise	1,325.60	1,421.02
NODA Awards	360.00	330.00
Karaoke Night	-	26.95
NODA Membership	230.00	237.50
Ceilidh (Band, Hall, Exp)	573.29	544.99
Auction of talents	11.97	-
Panto ASP	50.00	-
Long Service Awards	291.98	15.00
Marcello's Deposit	140.00	-
My Spice Deposit	150.00	-
Tailors dummy	50.00	-
Portable Speaker	185.00	-
Boiler	-	93.62
Choreo app	-	19.99
Theatre Tickets - Hamilton	-	2,747.00
Theatre Tickets - Miss Saigon	-	2,497.50
Theatre Tickets - Panto	-	951.20
Cinema - Wicked	-	202.23
WWRY Merchandise	-	792.52
Trophy	37.48	35.50
Chip + Pin	82.80	-
L/M ASP	39.50	-
Van Hire	-	5.00
Total General Expenditure	7,302.90	13,977.95

Income: From Productions

<u>Income: Blackadder / Allo Allo 2</u>		
	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Scripts	-	180.00
Tickets	2,164.39	3,970.20
Sweets / Shop	180.00	435.30
Raffle / Programmes	303.00	400.00
Tea / Coffee	51.22	70.00
Total Play Income	2,698.61	5,055.50

Expenses: From Productions

<u>Expenses: Blackadder / Allo Allo 2</u>		
	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Front of House	114.63	71.16
Gifts	44.56	221.83
Theatre Hire	800.00	800.00
Programmes	69.00	
Set	318.35	2,035.00
Licence	225.00	1,512.03
Scripts	15.99	-
Costumes	589.53	695.20
Sound + Lights	700.00	900.00
Publicity Photos	-	60.00
Posters	60.00	45.00
Props	20.00	25.58
Van Hire	86.41	243.21
Wig	-	16.00
Total Play Expenditure	3,043.47	6,625.01

Pantomime Income: Rapunzel / Robin Hood

	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Tickets	10,575.98	10,589.39
Tea + Coffee / Sweets	907.54	741.47
Raffle / Programmes	731.10	853.72
Tombola	159.00	184.00
Scripts	55.25	89.50
Programme Adverts	75.00	50.00
Costume Refund	28.99	-
Total Pantomime Income	12,532.86	12,508.08

Pantomime Expense: Rapunzel / Robin Hood

	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Costumes	892.97	268.44
Script	-	125.40
Tracks	40.83	35.70
Props	116.70	174.06
Licence	350.00	350.00
Publicity Photos	120.00	120.00
Sound + Lights	1,800.00	1,800.00
Scenery	1,362.00	2,748.80
Posters / Leaflets	-	171.00
Programme	269.00	279.00
Front of House	516.24	465.12
Gifts	278.26	285.21
Theatre Hire	1,200.00	1,200.00
Tickets	148.00	96.00
Wigs	235.55	-
Prizes	21.50	-
Set FX Prod	530.00	-
After show party	-	62.47
Total Pantomime Expenditure	7,881.05	8,181.20

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dryburn Theatrical Workshop

I report to the trustees on my examination of Dryburn Theatrical Workshop for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

My examination is 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 section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



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Date 26 October 2025