



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1 April 2020**  
**To 31 March 2021**

**Period start date**  
**Period end date**

**Charity name:** SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE TRUST

**Charity registration number:** 1172498

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To encourage and promote education and performance of the performing arts and the study and performance of Shakespeare's works in particular by supporting the building of a theatre and college for the same in Prescott Lancashire
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Helping to raise the required capital funding to build the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot, Merseyside.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Trust.

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Helping to raise the required capital funding to build the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot, Merseyside.

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total Funds raised and held in SNPT Bank Account at 31 March 2021 : £837,046.42
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trust does not hold formal reserves. All funds raised are held in the Trust's bank account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Trust does not hold formal reserves. All funds raised are held in the Trust's bank account.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE TRUST
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CONSTITUTION
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION WHOSE ONLY VOTING MEMBERS ARE ITS CHARITY TRUSTEES
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The first charity trustees are appointed to 1 April 2023

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE TRUST
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1172498
Charity's principal address	Head of Finance 3rd Floor, Municipal Buildings Knowsley Council Archway Road HUYTON L36 9YZ

## 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	The Right Honourable George Howarth MP		April 2017 to April 2023	SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE TRUST
2	Alison Hastings		April 2017 to April 2023	SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE TRUST
3	Sir Terry Leahy		April 2017 to April 2023	SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE TRUST

## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name		
NONE		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NONE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NONE
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NONE

## Names and addresses of advisers


Type of adviser	Name	Address
Treasurer	Dan Barlow	Head of Finance. Knowsley Borough Council

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a
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## Declarations

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Dan Barlow
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer
Date	22 February 2022

## **Shakespeare North Playhouse Trust**

**Accounts For Period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

	£	£
<b>Opening Balance at 1 April 2020</b>		<b>527,960.00</b>
<u>Income</u>		
Public Donations	1,675.41	
Foundations	<u>325,000.00</u>	326,675.41
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bank Charges	69.00	
Website Fees	239.99	
Fundraising Fees	<u>17,280.00</u>	17,588.99
Net Income		309,086.42
<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>		<b>837,046.42</b>



**Dan Barlow CPFA**  
22/02/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no

1172498

Set out on pages

3 and 4

(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 31/03/2021.

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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: C Cairns

Date: 22/02/2022

Name: Catherine Cairns

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

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

**Address:** Knowsley Borough Council

Archway Road, Huyton

L36 9YZ

## 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.**

None

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