



## **Trustees Annual Report 2024**

Charity Name: The Exmouth Players

Charity Registration Number: 1174875

Address: The Blackmore Theatre, 10 Bicton Street, Exmouth, Devon, EX8 2RU

### Structure and Management

The charity is run by a group of committee members (Trustees) who are elected each year at the AGM.

### Activities and Objectives

To advance the education of the public in the dramatic arts by the public performance of plays, Readings and live theatre and such other charitable purposes as the trustees determine.

### Achievements

This year we saw another success full programme of plays, 4 in-house produced and several external local amateur productions. We were also able to welcome back three locals schools, Exeter Road Primary, Beacon School and St Peters, for their various end of terms and mid term performances. All were very well attended by the parents, we very much enjoy having the lcoa groups come to use out facilities. Two external adult amateur groups also hired out the theatre for their own productions: EMCo and Tambourine Productions.

Several building upgrades were completed during the year as time allowed in the busy schedule and all the time freely donated by our members.

### Finances

Please the attached examiners report for a detailed report into the years finances.

### Outlook

The Exmouth players continue to welcome many different groups into the theatre and we are looking to expand on that in 2024.

We have more building upgrades coming next year and all the great hard work done in 2023 is going to allow us to move forward and ensure the theatre is available for many years to come.

**Exmouth Players**

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**Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Balances as at 1 January 2022		Cost of Sales	33
		Bar Stock	9,451
		Ice Cream Purchases	2,016
Theatre Account	21995	Coffee Morning / Bingo	425
Bar Account	9947	Show Expenses	1,580
Theatre Deposit (TSB)	1678	Garage Lease	1,200
Bar Deposit (TSB)	1167	Building Development	6,428
Theatre Deposit (Nat W)	40021	Graphic Services	2,587
Bar Deposit (Nat West)	17009	Script Purchase	252
30 Day Notice Account		External Ticket Reimburse	6,195
	91817	Programme Purchase	965
		Utilities	4,426
		DBS Check	30
		Fire Alarm	299
		Technical Expenses	24
		Office Costs	291
Theatre Hire	4197	Bar Till Subscription	360
Bingo	319	Computer Hardware	948
Coffee Morning	5543	Tools and Paint	491
Raffle	1298	Other Expenditure	175
Costume Hire	100	Internet & Telephone	480
Prop Hire	10	Stationery	226
Bar Income	21671	Theatre Licenses	2,364
Other Income	733	Miscellaneous	100
Ticket Sales	26242	Meals	69
Members Subs	3080	Advertising and Promotion	632
Friends Subs	130	Legal and Prof Fees	180
Ice Creams	2539	Charitable Donations	200
External Tickets	8146	Subscriptions	190
Programme Sales	959	Bank/Finance Charges	181
Quiz Money	15	Insurance	1,291
Interest	1597	Rehearsal Space rental	50
Grant Income	38	Bus Ent - Xmas Social	42
Miscellaneous Correction	250	Cleaning	2,642
	76,867	Staff Training	95
			46,918
		Closing Balances as at 31 December 2023	
		Theatre Account	10,817
		Bar Account	8,393
		Theatre Deposit (TSB)	1,692
		Bar Deposit (TSB)	1,177
		Theatre Deposit (Nat W)	16,188
		Bar Deposit (Nat West)	14,190
		30 Day Notice Account	69,309
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<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b>2023 £</b>		<b>2022 £</b>
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<b>Reserves</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at end of 2022	91,817
Surplus of Receipts	29,949
	121,766

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22 January 2025

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Dear Sirs

I have been asked to complete an independent examination of the Exmouth Players' accounts, for the year ending 31 December 2023. The purpose of this examination is to give the charity's trustees, supporters, beneficiaries and the wider public, some independent assurance that the charity's money has been properly accounted for and accounting records kept.

I can confirm that I have recently inspected the above mentioned accounts, and found them to be in very good order.

The Exmouth Players are an amateur theatre group, who happen to own their own theatre premises. Their total income for the year was just under £77k, whilst they spent a little under £47k. This gave them a surplus of around £30k.

The largest part of their income came from ticket sales (£26k) and bar takings (£22k). This is supplemented by regular fund raising events (coffee mornings, bingo and raffles), which brought in over £7k. Additionally, over £4k was raised by renting their theatre facilities to schools and other local theatre groups.

The company staged four major productions throughout the year, which showed a combined surplus of over £20k.

As stated previously, the Exmouth Players own their own theatre. During the twelve month period they spent over £6k on building development.

Adding this year's surplus of £30k to their previous reserves of just under £92k, gives the company a new balance of almost £122k. This is a fantastic amount, and the Treasurer and Committee should be commended for their excellent work. The Exmouth Players are certainly in a great place to continue their activities for the future.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Vanstone