



Trustees Annual Report for Year Ending 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 local 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 our local groups come to use out facilities. Two external adult amateur groups also hired out the theatre for their own productions: EMCo and Tambourine Productions. We also had two external dance group use the theatre during the summer breaks, providing Summer Schools for local children all were very well attended.

Finances

Please the attached examiners report for a detailed report into the years finances. We have again seen an increase in our profitability, and we are well on our way to reach our goal to be able to replace the roof in 2025. This substantial amount has taken a long time to fund raise and we are very grateful for all our supporters.

Outlook

The Exmouth players continue to welcome many different groups into the theatre, and we already have an even bigger year planned in 2025, with a whole extra production. A locally written piece which will be a world first on the stage in Exmouth.

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.

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Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balances as at 1 January 2024		Cost of Sales	329
		Materials	660
		Bar Stock	11,236
		Sweet Spot Purchases	2,786
		Coffee Morning / Bingo	187
Theatre Account	10,817	Show Expenses	1,796
Bar Account	8,393	Garage Lease	1,200
Theatre Deposit (TSB)	1,692	Building Development	2,071
Bar Deposit (TSB)	1,177	Graphic Services	4,540
Theatre Deposit (Nat W)	16,188	Script Purchase	466
Bar Deposit (Nat West)	14,190	External Ticket Reimburse	15,327
30 Day Notice Account	69,309	Utilities	6,960
	121,766	Fire Alarm	506
		Technical Expenses	1,561
		Office Costs	132
		POS Fees and Subs	2,130
Theatre Hire	4,451	Computer Hardware	209
Bingo	853	Tools and Paint	43
Coffee Morning	5,335	Other Expenditure	800
Raffle	1,473	Internet & Telephone	634
Costume Hire	75	Printing	170
Prop Hire	100	Theatre Licenses	2,232
Bar Income	22,006	Miscellaneous	30
Other Income	680	Meals	30
Ticket Sales	23,996	Staff Entertaining	125
Members Subs	3,716	Legal and Prof Fees	431
Friends Subs	90	Bank/Finance Charges	13
Sweet Spot	2,536	Insurance	1,422
External Tickets	18,876	Rehearsal Space rental	63
Programme Sales	840	Cleaning	2,530
Interest	2,936	Accrued Payments	1,083
	87,963		61,702
		Closing Balances as at 31 December 2024	
		Theatre Account	11,724
		Bar Account	6,350
		Theatre Deposit (TSB)	1,715
		Bar Deposit (TSB)	1,193
		Theatre Deposit (Nat W)	24,453
		Bar Deposit (Nat West)	22,428
		30 Day Notice Account	80,164
			148,027
	209,729		209,729

Statement of Assets and Liabilities	2024 £		2023 £
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	148,027		121,766

Reserves	£
Balance at end of 2023	121,766
Surplus of Receipts	26,261
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8 October 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 2024. 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 own their own premises, The Blackmore Theatre. Whilst there are definite benefits of owning your own theatre, there are also huge responsibilities to keep the building maintained and in a good state of repair. The Players continue to invest and reinvest, and they have greatly improved most areas of the building.

Their total income for the year was just under £88k, whilst they spent a little under £62k. This gave them a surplus of over £26k.

The largest part of their income came from ticket sales (£24k) and bar takings (£22k). This is supplemented by regular fund raising events (coffee mornings, bingo and raffles), which brought in over £7k. Additionally, over £8k was raised by renting their theatre facilities to schools and other local theatre groups.

I understand that the Exmouth Players have plans to replace the theatre roof during 2025. This is clearly a huge investment, but one which can be easily afforded with their substantial cash reserves.

Adding this year's surplus of around £26k to their previous reserves of just under £122k, gives the company a new balance of just over £148k. This is a fantastic amount, and the Treasurer and Committee should be commended for their excellent work. The Exmouth Players are run by a great team of volunteers and clearly have a bright future.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Vanstone