

## **Northenden Players Theatre Club**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

Charity name	Northenden Players Theatre Club
Other name the charity uses	Northenden Players, NPTC
Registered charity number	1175846
Charity's principal address	The Old Library 20, Church Road Northenden Manchester M22 4WL

### **Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit**

#### **Principal purpose**

To advance the education of the public in the dramatic arts and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts by promoting participation in public performances and the presentation of public performances in Northenden, Manchester and the surrounding area.

#### **Main activities**

Encouraging participation from the local community in the execution of theatrical pursuits. We regularly present live performances of plays and encourage participation from all in various aspects of stagecraft. We normally present 5 plays a year and various other community-inspired events and now welcome visiting organisations.

#### **Public benefit**

Northenden Players strives to meet its objectives as a charity and use its resources efficiently and effectively. In addition to our own programme of 5 performances it has been gratifying to see the building being used for other community events and the chance for the facility to bring drama to the people. We have welcomed local people and children and teachers from local schools to the theatre, and created a unique piece of drama highlighting historical events from Northenden.

#### **Volunteer contribution**

All members are volunteers and the theatre runs entirely from voluntary efforts with no paid staff.

## Achievements and Performance

This is the first full season in The Old Library since our move of premises. In terms of performance, having reduced our season from six productions to five, we began the year with a “musical” Oh! What a Lovely War. Ambitiously, with a live band in the Green Room, and a conductor screen to cue the actors on stage, we again proved that very little stands in our way here at Northenden Players. Our season continued with Murdered to Death, Pitmen Painters, Ladies Down Under and finally The Taming of the Shrew. This year we have seen the demand for tickets **increase** with several of the plays 100% **“sold out”** and some with tickets sold twice, *on standby*, when audience members could not attend. This phenomenon should help with our sales of **season tickets** next season.

As mentioned earlier, we have been able to develop our use of the building to bring in other performers. In July we were joined by Junction 45 Theatre with “TWIST”, their take on Charles Dickens’ classic Oliver Twist. Throughout the year we have welcomed Colin Manford and the “Plane Comedy” team on a number of occasions and at Christmas the children of St Hilda’s youth group came with their own version of the nativity. They were thankful they were able to use the set from our Christmas play as it fit exactly with their presentation. Music featured this year as we hosted three very different types of evening: Folk music with Metafour, “Rock Night” with Aria Sky and a Jazz evening with two bands. We also worked together with local historian Geoff Scargill and the children of two local primary schools to present a **world premiere** of “**Parks for People**”. The story of Sir Edward Watkin, a Northenden resident and industrialist, who led the campaign, along with others, to create the first ever public parks in Manchester in the 1800s. The presentation was devised by our Committee Chair Nigel Machin. It is hoped that it can be used again in the future in education. Just this last weekend we hosted James Goodwin Musical Theatre for their end of year show.

## Financial Review

Our general financial performance is positive, and our income has exceeded our expenses over the year. This has left us with a balance of £70,692.26

Any excess, over and above that required to protect our annual running costs, is to fund “Phase 2” of our theatre development programme, involving increasing space and height within our theatre. This has begun with the creation of two new storage facilities. A planning application for the Phase 2 development will be presented this year.

## Additional Risks

None.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a CIO.

Trustees are elected at the AGM, and have a maximum continuous term of 3 years. There are 6 Trustees, each appointed for 3 years – 2 up for re-election each year.


There is an Executive Committee of up to 8 members and 10 officers currently consisting of: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Ticket Secretary, Membership Secretary, FOH Manager, Stage Manager, Technical Manager.

### The trustees

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Melanie Jane Davy	Trustee		Northenden Players Membership
2	Andrew Foulkes	Chair		Northenden Players Membership
3	David John Moores	Trustee		Northenden Players Membership
4	David Edward McGuire	Trustee		Northenden Players Membership
5	Jamie Walsh	Trustee		Northenden Players Membership
6	Josephine Nelson	Trustee		Northenden Players Membership

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Andrew Foulkes	
Full name(s)	Andrew Foulkes	Dave McGuire
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Trustee
Date	06/08/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Northenden Players Theatre Club

No (if any)  
1175846

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/06/2022 To 31/05/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership (A, B, H)	£ 4,820.00	-	-	4,820	£ 1,564.00
Ticket Sales (C)	22,052	-	-	22,052	11,781
Other Sales (F, G, J, K, M)	12,386	-	-	12,386	8,779
Donations, Grants (D, E, L)	3,512	-	-	3,512	41,046
Miscellaneous (Z)	2,213	-	-	2,213	528
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	44,983	-	-	44,983	63,697
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	44,983	-	-	44,983	63,697
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Performing Rights and Play Expenses (1, 5, 8, 9, 15)	9,323	-	-	9,323	7,055
Admin, Insurance, Running Costs (2, 3, 4, 6, 13, 16)	6,895	-	-	6,895	6,043
Building Costs and Purchases (7, 11)	3,891	-	-	3,891	31,313
Bar and Refreshment Costs (10, 12)	5,540	-	-	5,540	4,604
Visiting Performers Fees (17)	4,139	-	-	4,139	3,985
Miscellaneous (19)	2,117	-	-	2,117	1,585
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	31,906	-	-	31,906	54,585
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	31,906	-	-	31,906	54,585
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	13,077	-	-	13,077	9,112
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	57,815	-	-	57,815	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	70,692	-	-	70,692	9,112

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Acct	62,887	-	-
	Reserve Acct	7,249	-	-
	Cash	556	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	70,692	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		D E McGuire	12/10/2023	

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Northenden Players Theatre Company

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 May 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1175846

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

**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**

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.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

10/10/2023

**Name:**

Andrew Entwisle

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:**

FCCA

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