

**St Austell Arts Centre**  
**Trustees' Annual Report 2021 - 2022**

Events and activities at the St Austell Arts Centre this year have been overshadowed by the recent, unexpected and sudden death of its Chair, Caz Doyle. Caz was a much-valued member of the Arts Centre team. In her time, she served as a committee member, honorary bar manager and most recently as Chair of Trustees.

Her premature passing will leave a large hole in the heart of the St Austell Arts Centre. As a consequence, at the time of preparing this report, the Board of Trustees is without its Chair. A new Chair will be elected soon to continue the excellent work and successes the Arts Centre has achieved in recent years.

The 2020 – 2021 report concluded with the hope that the Arts Centre would be able to retain its position in the heart of the community, once the Covid pandemic had concluded. However, this was not to be the case, as the pandemic continued and the Arts Centre, adhering to government guidance, could only re-open in September, 2021. Therefore, the 2021 – 2022 year has left the Arts Centre with just a little over six months of being allowed to operate in its usual way, open to the public.

Since then, there has been a gradual increase in the will of individuals and groups to return to a level of full, post-Covid, activity. Community groups that use the Arts Centre, and bring in a large proportion of its income, have discovered that some can meet, quite successfully, via Zoom. This has meant that some of the Arts Centre's regular hirers are still choosing to avoid meeting in person, or are alternating face-to-face meetings with meetings online.

This “new way of working” has inevitably had an impact on the Arts Centre's income, as groups exercise caution in returning to what was their pre-pandemic means of operating. As with last year, the Arts Centre has been grateful for government grants to help support its business. However, these grants are greatly reduced from the previous year's level of support, given during the height of the pandemic.

Audiences will also require time to regain their confidence about returning to theatres before attendances return to their previous levels. This is a situation reflected nationwide. Together with

the now present cost of living crisis, where money is required for the ever-increasing cost of essentials, disposable income for a night out at the theatre will be less available. The Arts Centre will work hard at keeping ticket prices affordable for all, without compromising the quality offered.

The reduced income due to the slow return and reduced frequency by community groups using the Arts Centre, the impact on audience numbers and the reduction of grants is in stark contrast to the increase in running costs to the Arts Centre. These factors combined have resulted in the Arts Centre making a small, but manageable, financial loss during the 2021 – 2022 period.

Prior to re-opening our doors in September 2021, during the summer we did manage to stage a number of socially-distanced outdoor performances in our car park. This was an important attempt to keep the Arts Centre's profile raised. Audiences numbers were variable but it was also a means of supporting and giving employment to performers and theatre companies who were also sorely deprived of making a living over the past 2 years.

With the next 12 months being the first year in which the Arts Centre can fully function since 2019-2020, it will be a year in which the Arts Centre will need to relaunch itself. This will not be easy but it is a challenge that will be met with great resolve.

Thanks are due to all of the Arts Centre's volunteers. Without their constant enthusiasm and support the Arts Centre would simply not be able to operate. In this coming year, trustees and volunteers are determined to work together to re-establish the St Austell Arts Centre as an important and integral part of community life, for both residents and visitors to the area, for many more years to come.

Trustees of the St Austell Arts Centre

2021/2022

**ST AUSTELL ARTS CENTRE**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2022**



**ST AUSTELL ARTS CENTRE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH, 2022**

<b>Balances</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Current account year end	49,614.75	54,902.92
Cash	<u>174.69</u>	218.58
	49,789.44	55,121.50
<b>Assets</b>		
Stock	895.60	771.78
Prepayment	-	-
Debtors	<u>237.00</u>	-
	<u>1,132.60</u>	<u>771.78</u>
	50,922.04	55,893.28
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	108.00	831.14
Accruals	<u>          </u>	
	108.00	
	<u>50,814.04</u>	<u>55,062.14</u>

**Represented by:**

**2021**

Accumulated fund as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	24,264.48	-
General surplus for the year	38,409.03	
Assets / Liabilities balance	(59.36)	
Accumulated fund as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	<u>62,614.15</u>	

**2022**

Accumulated fund as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	62,614.15	
General surplus for the year	(5,288.17)	
Assets / Liabilities balance	1,024.60	
Accumulated fund as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	<u>58,350.58</u>	

**ST AUSTELL ARTS CENTRE**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022**

**GENERAL FUNDS**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Bar Takings	5,901.65	289.05
Theatre & Room Hire	10,245.58	2,459.50
Raffles	22.00	-
Grants received	16,000.00	40,750.14
Job Retention Sceme	8,431.16	17,472.94
Show Income	7,120.54	1,085.76
Donations	-	11,552.38
Energy refund	1,337.95	-
	<u>49,058.88</u>	<u>73,609.77</u>
<b>Less expenses</b>		
Publicity / Advertising	385.12	-
Water	383.48	216.18
Salaries	21,653.28	21,653.28
Cleaning	313.67	142.61
Equipment	1,882.46	-
Raffles	-	-
Maintenance	5,319.12	223.20
Landline / Wifi	808.11	541.43
Petty Cash (inc. Postage & Stationery)	489.67	81.42
Bar stock	3,321.23	-
Professional Fees	409.90	857.58
HMRC	3,925.04	5,147.96
Employer's Pension Scheme	1,474.20	1,435.48
Electricity	985.36	3,602.51
Performer Fees	10,773.88	873.60
Rent	432.00	324.00
Computer / Printer	-	80.49
Insurance	1,359.53	-
Licenses	<u>431.00</u>	<u>21.00</u>
	<u>54,347.05</u>	<u>35,200.74</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>(5,288.17)</u>	<u>38,409.03</u>