

**ST AUSTELL ARTS CENTRE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**Registered Charity Number: 1175861**

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**ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025**

**Trustees:** Jacqueline Bull  
Richard John Clemo  
Sandra Marilyn French  
Mark Stuart Gray  
Amanda Claire Hamley  
Penelope Anne Mergler – appointed 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Address:** St Austell Arts Centre  
87 Truro Road  
St Austell  
PL25 5HJ

**Charity Registration No:** 1175861

**Independent Examiner:** Peter Williams & Co  
Latham Park  
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**Objects & Activities:**

To promote, maintain and advance education particularly by the production of plays and the encouragement of the arts including the arts of drama, music, singing, literature, sculpture, and painting.

To restore and preserve for the benefit of the public the St Austell Arts Centre being a building of historic architectural and constructional interest.

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of St Austell without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the



interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

### **Structure, governance and management:**

St Austell Arts Centre is a charitable incorporated organisation first registered on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

The charity is governed by a constitution.

Management of the charity is vested in a board of trustees.

### **Activities:**

The theatre hosted a varied programme of events throughout the year including folk and classical music, tribute acts, touring comedians and talks on local interests.

We were delighted to continue our long-standing relationship with in-house theatre group the St Austell Players who successfully performed three plays – ‘Guards Guards’, ‘Street car named desire’ and ‘A murder is announced’.

We welcomed Bodmin Theatre company in September as they performed ‘Evita’ to large audiences, and Trewoon Pantomime Group in February who once again took to the stage for their interpretation of ‘The Little Mermaid’ which was well received by all ages.

The theatre also hosted Maureen Pascoe’s school of dance for two Summer performances as well as the Cornwall Performing Arts ‘sell out’ Summer and Christmas shows.

As well as activities in the theatre, the Centre continues to host a number of groups who use our facilities and rooms on a regular basis ensuring we continue to provide a valuable community asset. These groups include U3A, toddler groups, St Austell Bridge Club, Pentewan Valley Parish Council, Age UK and Cornwall Performing Arts.

We are indebted to our hardworking volunteers who carry out a variety of tasks to ensure the Centre can continue to operate including car parking, front of house, sound and lighting and staffing the theatre bar. A huge thank you to all our volunteers.

### Financial Review:


The Centre's main sources of income were from theatre productions and events, bar sales and room hire. We were also very grateful to have received a small number donations during the year.

The accounts show the charity reported a surplus for the year, which reflects robust financial management of the Centre overseen by the board of trustees.

The charity endeavours to keep a small reserve to cover seasonal dips in income and unexpected costs such as emergency repairs.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s): 

Full name(s): MARK GRAY

Position: Chair

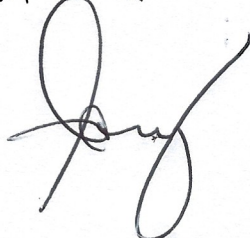
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**ST AUSTELL ARTS CENTRE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the year ending 31st March 2025**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income</b>				
Room hire	33,428			
Theatre events	29,504			
Total room hire & theatre events	62,932	-	62,932	40,325
Bar sales	19,548	-	19,548	14,960
Donations	1,894	-	1,894	23,000
Interest	104	-	104	-
Other income	74	-	74	-
Grants	-	5,000	5,000	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>84,552</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>89,552</b>	<b>78,285</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Staff costs	18,060	-	18,060	32,178
Rent	2,354	-	2,354	216
Utilities	17,546	-	17,546	15,449
Insurance	808	-	808	4,059
Cleaning	6,719	-	6,719	1,937
Accountancy & Professional fees	3,031	-	3,031	1,440
Licences	1,170	-	1,170	1,929
Performer fees	17,457	-	17,457	14,617
Advertising	1,527	-	1,527	-
Technical support	745	-	745	100
Bar supplies	6,840	-	6,840	1,324
Training	252	-	252	1,100
Bank charges	212	-	212	144
Equipment & repairs	1,894	1,200	3,094	2,023
Office expenses	1,179	-	1,179	1,302
Commission - ticket sales	2,325	-	2,325	-
Interest charges	823	-	823	-
General expenses	28	-	28	23,039
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>82,970</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>84,170</b>	<b>100,857</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the period</b>			<b>5,382</b>	<b>- 22,572</b>

**ST AUSTELL ARTS CENTRE**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 31st March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stock	669	678
Debtors	2,585	6,012
Accrued income	1,336	-
Cash at bank and in hand	22,864	30,682
	<u>27,454</u>	<u>37,372</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	- 4,951	- 20,251
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>22,503</b>	<b>17,121</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Brought forward	17,121	39,693
Surplus for the year	5,382	- 22,572
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>22,503 *</b>	<b>17,121</b>

\* of which £3,800 are restricted funds arising from St Austell Town Council grant for electrical rewiring project

**Notes:**

1. The accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 have been prepared on an accruals basis.
2. The charity has no outstanding loans.
3. No remuneration was directly, or indirectly, paid, or payable, out of the funds for the year to any trustees or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above accounts.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s):

Full name(s): MARK GRAY SANDY FRENCH


Position: Chair

Date: 27-8-25

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 27/8/25



## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Austell Arts Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 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:

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2 the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3 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 

Dated 4 September 2025

Mrs Lois Stephen FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountant  
Peter Williams & Co  
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