

SQUARE PEGS ARTS
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CHARITY NUMBER: 1177858
COMPANY NUMBER: CE006911

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Reference and Administrative Information
For year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ending 31st March 2025.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 effective 1 January 2015)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Square Pegs Arts
Company number	CE006911
Charity registration number	1177858
Principal address	The Brook Theatre Old Town Hall The Brook Chatham Kent ME4 4SE

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows

Clara Green
Joanne Woollett
Elizabeth Luxford
Alice Linnane
Amie Agapito

Independent Examiner

The Sandwich Accountancy Group Ltd
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


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Clara Green

30/1/26
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Date

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Report of the Trustees
For year ended 31st March 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an Charitable Incorporated Company. It was registered on 6th April 2018.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Statement on public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit': Running a charity (PB2)',

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable aims of Square Pegs Arts are to provide support for the needs of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities, autism and social communication difficulties by providing drama and arts activities to help their confidence, self-esteem, communication skills, and general wellbeing.

During this year the Charity continued a programme of Drama Groups, Music projects, Accessible Film Club, Theatre Company, strategic and partnership projects. All the Charities work continued to be with Learning Disabled, autistic and neurodivergent children, young people, and adults.

Activities include:

- 8 Drama Groups in 4 locations across Kent: 240 workshops and 12 performances, working with 78 young people
- 10 workshops and 2 performances with our Singing Group of 20 participants
- 1 holiday music video making project working with total of 10 participants
- 2 Dance groups in partnership with Hazlitt Theatre: 30 classes and 1 performance, working with 24 young people
- 48 Performing Arts workshops and 8 performances at Spadework Charity
- 38 workshops/rehearsals and 5 performances/showcases with our Theatre Company of 11 Disabled Artists, for a total audience of approx. 550
- 12 Accessible Film Screenings/events with an average of 35 audience/participants
- 12 Young Music Ambassadors took part in 12 workshops
- 2 paid Traineeships were completed as part of National 'Transforming Leadership' programme led by Access All Areas

Methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Square Pegs Arts believes in the importance of a strong, qualified and diverse board. Our Trustees are recruited to represent expertise in relevant skills such as governance, safeguarding and arts management as well as lived experience of disability/ neurodivergence.

Square Pegs Arts must have a minimum of three trustees. Apart from the first Charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. Trustees are recruited via an open recruitment process, and then interviewed by our Artistic Director and the Chair of the Board, before being invited to join the Board, if appropriate.

The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

A charity trustee ceases to hold office if he or she:

- (a) retires by notifying the CIO in writing (but only if enough charity trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings);
- (b) is absent without the permission of the charity trustees from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated;
- (c) dies;
- (d) in the written opinion, given to the company, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person, has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
- (e) is disqualified from acting as a charity trustee by virtue of sections 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).

Any person retiring as a charity trustee is eligible for reappointment.

Volunteers

The Charity has a strong volunteer programme and offers development opportunities to those who dedicate their time to volunteer. The volunteers are integral to the running of the organisation, without their dedicated support the projects would not be delivered effectively and impact on the lives of the participants in such a meaningful way.

This year we worked with 19 volunteers, who all completed Safeguarding training.

This year the Charity also developed a 'peer volunteering' programme, to support young people to develop skills and experience in volunteering.

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Financial Review
For year ended 31st March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Position 'SOFA' shows the charity's total incoming resources for the year were **£246226** (2024: £236,407). Total resources expended amounts to **£293298** (2024: £246,140). The SOFA reveals a deficit of **£47072** (2024: Deficit £9,733).

Financial position

The Charity held fund balances at the bank of **£31246**, liabilities payable within one year amounted to **£13617**. Leaving total funds of **£17629**.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees conduct regular assessments of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and we are satisfied that appropriate controls are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. These include financial controls which will be reviewed every two years.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The main financial risks arising from the charity's activities are credit, liquidity, and fraud.

Credit risk

The charity does not hold any material balance sheet positions with regards to donations receivable and so does not consider credit risk a material risk.

Cash flow risk

The Charity Director reports on finances to Trustees on a bi-monthly basis. The board of Trustees signs off major expenditure and signs off the year end accounts. In addition the Treasurer regularly meets with the director to review financial transactions and offer support. The charity understands its cash flow requirements and its policy is to maintain sufficient funds in a liquid form at all times to ensure the charity can meet its liabilities as they fall due. The charity is reliant upon grants and donations for cash flow.

Liquidity risk

The charity does not hold any material day to day liabilities on its balance sheet and always tries to settle any accounts owed to creditors within the credit given.

Price risk

The charity is not subject to any price risk.

Reserves policy

The trustees have agreed to ensure there is enough funds in unrestricted reserves to cover 3 months of running costs. Based on average expenditure over the last financial year. This means that **£23223** of free reserves should be retained to ensure the charity has funds in case it needs to close. Trustees will review the need to designate these funds in the next financial year.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30/1/26 and signed on its behalf by


Trustee

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees For year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31st 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 2011 Act.

Independent Examiners 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. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act, or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities Act 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.
4. there is no further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mrs J Wilkinson FMAAT FICB
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025
(Including Income & Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted fund 2025	Restricted fund 2025	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
INCOME	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Donations & grants	2	1260	241371	242631	230493
Other trading activities					
Other trading activities	3	3595	0	3595	5914
Total Income		4855	241371	246226	236407
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	22774	270524	293298	246140
Total expenses		22774	270524	293298	246140
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(17,919)	(29,153)	(47,072)	(9,733)
Funds brought forward		13,285	51,416	64,701	74,434
Funds carried forward		(4,634)	22,263	17,629	64,701

All the above results are derived from continuing activities. There are no other gains or losses other than those shown above

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		Unrestricted Fund 2025	Restricted Fund 2025	Funds 2025	Funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		7,983	23263	31246	83043
		<u>7,983</u>	<u>23263</u>	<u>31246</u>	<u>83043</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>12617</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>13617</u>	<u>18342</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(4,634)	22,263	17,629	64,701
NET ASSETS		<u>(4,634)</u>	<u>22,263</u>	<u>17,629</u>	<u>64,701</u>
The Funds of the Charity					
General unrestricted funds	8			(4,634)	13,285
Restricted funds				<u>22,263</u>	<u>51,416</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>17,629</u></u>	<u><u>64,701</u></u>

For the year ending 31st March 2025, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

The financial statements were approved by the board and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by



Clara Green
Trustee

Date: 30/1/26

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention, in accordance with the Charities (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015).

Square Pegs Arts meets definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activity when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees

Restricted funds can be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose or project.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted fund 2025 £	Restricted fund 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations & Grants received	1260	235139	236399	222940
Memberships received	0	6232	6232	7553
	<u>1260</u>	<u>241371</u>	<u>242631</u>	<u>230493</u>

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted fund 2025 £	Restricted fund 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other activities for generating funds	3595	0	3595	5914
	<u>3595</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3595</u>	<u>5914</u>

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted fund 2025 £	Restricted fund 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Project Costs	6052	30145	36197	35048
Project Subcontracted Staff Costs	2226	97392	99618	82488
Core Staff Costs	0	133344	133344	105381
Support Costs	14496	9643	24139	23223
	<u>22774</u>	<u>270524</u>	<u>293298</u>	<u>246140</u>

5 Analysis of support costs

	Unrestricted fund 2025 £	Restricted fund 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Advertising & marketing	180	3967	4147	4893
Postage and stationery	300	64	364	319
IT, computer & Software	484	0	484	974
Website	1590	0	1590	2500
Telecommunications	1564	0	1564	1780
Subscriptions	276	0	276	304
Equipment repairs and maintenance	228	0	228	0
Travel costs	1721	928	2647	3914
General expenses	1761	1122	2883	953
Accountancy fees	984	540	1524	1738
Consultancy	0	2500	2500	4050
Legal fees	300	0	300	400
Insurance	649	0	649	0
Staff training	4394	524	4918	1315
Bank fee	65	0	65	83
	<u>14496</u>	<u>9643</u>	<u>24139</u>	<u>23223</u>

6 Net Income/(expenditure) for the year

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
This is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Accountancy fees	<u>1524</u>	<u>1738</u>

7 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1600	8098
Net pay, PAYE & NI	11517	9244
Accruals and deferred income	<u>500</u>	<u>1000</u>
	<u>13617</u>	<u>18342</u>

8 Movement in funds

	Balance at April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	13,285	4,855	(22,774)	(4,634)
Restricted Funds	<u>51,416</u>	<u>241,371</u>	<u>(270,524)</u>	<u>22,263</u>
Total Fund	<u>64,701</u>	<u>246,226</u>	<u>(293,298)</u>	<u>17,629</u>

9 Unrestricted funds - Previous year

	£	£	£	£
	Balance at April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at March 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	14357	37985	(39057)	13285
Restricted Funds	<u>60077</u>	<u>198422</u>	<u>(207083)</u>	<u>51416</u>
Total Fund	<u>74434</u>	<u>236407</u>	<u>(246140)</u>	<u>64701</u>

Purpose of unrestricted funds

Generating income for charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

10 Taxation

Square Pegs Arts is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities