

Irchester Players Charitable Incorporated Organisation



Registered Charity Number 1178179

# Annual Report

## April 2021 – March 2022

# Trustees' Foreword

It is our pleasure to foreword the 2021/2022 Annual Report of Irchester Players on behalf of the Committee and Members.

This is Irchester Players fourth Annual Report as a registered charity operating in England. However, it is in fact the organisation's 44th year of existence, and over those years, a rich tradition of bringing theatre to the communities of East Northamptonshire and the Parish of Irchester has been created. In our fourth year as a charity, we have thankfully been fully active again and have been able to create and perform various shows including bringing back our annual pantomime and fundraising events.

In the year 2021/2022, we have successfully come back from COVID-19 as soon as we could. This was completed with our first fundraising event, '*One Night Only*' a musical concert to the parish of Irchester. We were also able to successfully stage our annual pantomime for 2022 which was '*Dick Whittington*'. We were thankful that we were able to re-start our Youth group successfully in person and they were able to be involved within our pantomime.

In the last year, our governance has not changed at all with the exception of gaining another Non-Executive member when our AGM was held. Thankfully we have been able to continue with the operations of the charity as our financial position this year has increased greatly, thanks to being able to once again perform and have audiences with us. Without them we may potentially not be able to continue.

This Report documents key information about Irchester Players administration and governance; it highlights our activities and achievements over 2021/2022 that we were able to go ahead with. We also look to the future, as we set out our plans for next year.

Our financial accounts have been independently reviewed and are submitted alongside this Report.



Alex McKenzie  
Trustee



Ali Everitt  
Trustee



Nicki Pott  
Trustee



Rachael Bass  
Trustee



Chloe Ellson  
Trustee

# Administration and Governance

Registered Name: Irchester Players Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registration No: 1178179

Registered address: 2 Bradshaw Way, Irchester, NN29 7DP

## Committee 2021-2022

The Committee Officers noted below have either continued in their current position or have been elected onto the committee via recruitment during the 2021 AGM.

Position	Officer
Chief Executive Officer (Trustee)	Alex McKenzie
Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Trustee)	Ali Everitt
Chief Financial Officer (Trustee)	Nicki Pott
Business Manager (Trustee)	Rachael Bass
Secretary (Trustee)	Chloe Ellson
Non-Executive	Chris Taylor
Non-Executive	Emma Ellson
Non-Executive	Megan Hooton



# Objectives and Activities

Irchester Players has three charitable objectives these are:

- (1) To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of dramatics, dance and music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.
- (2) To advance education for the public benefit of young people in Northamptonshire and the neighbouring counties of England seeking an education or career in the dramatic arts, dance or music through the provision of financial assistance, informal training and teaching, and the opportunity to practice and develop the craft of dramatic arts, dance or musical theatre.
- (3) To provide for recreation and other leisure time activities for the young people resident in the Parish of Irchester in the interests of social welfare to develop their physical and mental capabilities and health that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

The Committee and membership of the charity have undertaken a number of activities that have sought to realise these objectives, these include those noted below.

## Objective One

This objective was met throughout 2021-2022 thanks to our successful Youth group. During this time the youth group had an extensive waiting list and a range of new members who joined after the pandemic. The Youth group performed and took part in our Annual Pantomime of *'Dick Whittington'*, as well as undertaking various activities of singing, dancing and acting during each weekly session.

Our main group of members were able to put on *'One Night Only'* a one night concert to the parish and surrounding areas of Irchester. This allowed us a group to not only welcome back audiences to appreciate our talent of performance but move the group forward due to the income from Ticket and front of house sales.

## Objective Two

Our Youth Division continued to meet weekly allowing us to meet our second charitable objective.

The members of Irchester Players Youth were able to continue to learn new skills and develop old ones during our weekly sessions either in small groups, taking on board government guidelines or as a full group again. Our Youth group were able to perform using these skills to create a virtual showcase. This contained lots of routines that had been taught during group sessions. This was filmed and then shared with the Youth Parents/Carers and the main group of members as we were not allowed an audience at the time. The Youth group were thankfully able to be all together again as of September 2021. This allowed us to start our work for our annual pantomime, *'Dick Whittington'*. The Youth group were given the opportunity to take a role or be part of the chorus. This was performed in February 2022 and had a very successful turn out.

## Objective Three

This objective was achieved once again through our Youth division which was able to continue through the use of online platforms.

The arts-based youth group, targets the youth of Irchester with the aim of providing them with a leisure time activity that will develop them as individuals whilst teaching them core skills in performing arts.

The youth group has in excess of 25 members, the majority of which live within the parish of Irchester.

The members were able to take part in skills based workshop session to create a virtual showcase for the parents/carers of the division. The Youth group were then able to take to the stage to be part of *'Dick Whittington'*. We also continued to support well-being and mental health at these times through the activities that we operated both in person and online.

## Achievements

There have been a number of notable achievements made by Irchester Players this year, these include:

- A virtual showcase of singing and dancing by the Youth Division, distributed online via YouTube
- A successful fundraising event known as *'One Night Only'*
- A successful annual pantomime *'Dick Whittington'* including the entire membership.
- A upgrade to our storage problems, renting new units for costume storage

## Plans for 2022/2023

Event One: Fundraising Event – Saturday Night at the Movies (based on film songs)

Event Two: ABBA Tribute Night

Event Three: Annie JR – Youth only performance

Event Four: A Night in the 90's – a one night event with 90's songs.

Event Five: Jack and the Beanstalk

We will continue to offer workshops and run Irchester Players Youth throughout 2022/2023. Additional fundraising events will be planned. In addition the charity may undertake additional events, organise socials and other activities throughout the year.





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**Irchester Players Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**On accounts for the  
period ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1178179

**Set out on pages**

1-2 of the Receipts and Payments Statement (CC16a)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended **31/03/2022**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:** *S Patel*

**Date:** 11/04/2023

**Name:** Sanjay Patel

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

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (ACMA)

**Address:** AIMS Accountants for Business

17 Mileway Gardens, Headington,

Oxford, OX3 7XH

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Irchester Players Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments

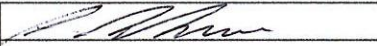
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership	2,157	-	-	2,157	2,240
Youth Club	-	-	-	-	276
Dance Club	60	-	-	60	45
One Night Only	1,799	-	-	1,799	-
Dick Whittington	5,232	-	-	5,232	-
Social activities	120	-	-	120	-
Disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	2,891	-	-	2,891	-
Fundraising	1,296	-	-	1,296	1,313
Players in Concert	-	-	-	-	-
What About You?	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	0	-	-	0	2
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>13,556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,556</b>	<b>3,876</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>13,556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,556</b>	<b>3,876</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	1,106	-	-	1,106	1,106
Noda membership	-	-	-	-	117
IT and website programmes	723	-	-	723	948
Youth Club	-	-	-	-	-
Irchester WMC hire	-	-	-	-	-
Irchester Village Hall hire	636	-	-	636	290
Parsons Hall hire	-	-	-	-	544
Finedon Unit	1,875	-	-	1,875	2,800
Players Youth Licensing	495	-	-	495	-
One Night Only	719	-	-	719	-
Dick Whittington	4,135	-	-	4,135	125
Players in Concert	-	-	-	-	-
What About You?	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	632	-	-	632	552
Socials	342	-	-	342	-
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	331
Set Paint	115	-	-	115	-
Panto Licence	-	-	-	-	40
General equipment and maintenance	206	-	-	206	339
Marketing	-	-	-	-	27
Office sundries	205	-	-	205	377
Printing	42	-	-	42	-
Rubbish disposal	62	-	-	62	82
Members refreshments	-	-	-	-	-
Compliance	604	-	-	604	300
Van hire and travel expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Rushden Storage	1,331	-	-	1,331	906
WMC Donation	100	-	-	100	-
Cash floats	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,329</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,329</b>	<b>8,884</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>13,329</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,329</b>	<b>8,884</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>- 5,008</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>8,084</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,303</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,303</b>	<b>3,076</b>



## 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>			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ALEX MCKENZIE	11/04/23