

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1179098

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-07-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CIO'S OBJECT IS TO ADVANCE, PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE PERFORMING ARTS GENERALLY AND, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, MUSIC, DANCE AND SPEECH AND DRAMA. IT SEEKS TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECT BY ORGANISING FESTIVALS, COMPETITIONS AND OTHER OCCASIONAL CONCERTS, PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS OR SUCH LIKE EVENTS.

Activities: Our Festival organises Music, Dance and Speech and Drama festivals , competitions and other occasional concerts and events for the people of Taunton and its locality.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£23,812	£20,299	-	-
2024-07-31	£24,466	£22,378	-	-
2023-09-10	£20,057	£22,272	-	-
2022-09-10	£33,464	£23,078	-	-
2021-09-10	£1,806	£1,412	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Heather Jayne Hornsby	Chair	2023-06-28
Alison Wilson McRae Porter MBE		2021-09-20
Christine Nicola Beattie		2022-11-30
Kate Jane Rippin		2024-06-05
Kathryn Ann Cresswell		2023-02-22
Laura Jayne Sewell		2024-06-05
Naomi Alice Porter		2020-12-01
Rachel Eve Smith		2024-02-28

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025

1. Administrative details

Taunton Festival of the Arts is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No. 1179098. The registered address is 34, Clifford Avenue, Taunton TA2 6DJ.

The Trustees serving during the period were Jayne Hornsby, Michael Chapman (retired 23.11.24), Alison Porter, Naomi Porter, Christine Beattie, Kate Cresswell, Rachel Smith, Kate Rippin, Laura Sewell and Josephine Cresswell (from 26.3.25).

The Trustees bankers are Lloyds Bank plc.

2. Structure & Governance

The charity operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its' governing document being a constitution dated 6th July 2018.

3. Financial Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold a working reserve of £3,000 on General Fund. The Somerset Song Prize operates separate bank accounts including a restricted Appeal Fund.

4. Objects

The CIO object is to advance, promote and encourage for the public benefit, the performing arts generally and, in particular, but not exclusively, music, dance and speech & drama. It seeks to achieve the object through organisation of festivals, competitions and other occasional concerts, performances and workshops or similar events.

5. Achievements in the Accounting Period

The accounts record receipts for the General Fund totalling £23,455 with related payments of £21,782, the Excess for the period being £1,673. A bank balance of £10,253 supported the balance of the General Fund carried forward at 31.7.25.

The Somerset Song Prize competition did not take place this financial period. Bank Accounts totalling £17,122 supported the combined SSP Funds as at 31.7.25

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on

Jayne Hornsby

Chairperson

Kate Rippin

Treasurer

Approved by members

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg No 1179098)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st JULY 2025**GENERAL FUND**

	Receipts (note 2)	Payments (note 3)	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Period Ended 31st July 2024	
	£	£	£	£	£
Events					
Music festival & competitions	6,713	6,850	(137)		(1,068)
Drama Festival	2,248	1,823	425		1,232
Dance festival & competition	11,254	10,100	1,154		1,319
Pop Vocals	790	865	(75)		(417)
Gala	499	661	(162)		(273)
	<u>21,504</u>	<u>20,299</u>			
Net surplus/(deficit) from events			1,205		793
Other receipts					
Adverts		85		580	
Benefactors & friends		808		383	
Tax refund on gift aid				1,317	
Tax refund re Chime Child (2022)				392	
Donation Evo Academy Group		<u>1,500</u>			
			<u>2,393</u>		<u>2,672</u>
			3,598		3,465
Payments					
Insurance		320		300	
Subscriptions		352		348	
General promotion & website expenses		816		331	
Administration & miscellaneous		337		148	
Bursary grant				<u>250</u>	
			<u>1,825</u>		<u>1,377</u>
Excess of receipts over payments for the period			1,773		2,088
Fund brought forward 1st August 2024			<u>8,580</u>		<u>6,492</u>
General Fund carried forward 31st July 2025			<u><u>10,353</u></u>		<u><u>8,580</u></u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The principal assets of the charity are bank accounts held with Lloyds Bank.

The balances of these accounts at 31st July 2025 were:

		31.07.24
General Fund	£10,253	8,580
Somerset Song Prize	£17,122	14,394

There was also a cash float of £100 held for the General Fund

The charity also held merchandising stock for the Dance section that will be used in future years.

As at 31st July there were unpaid invoices for venue hire (£510) and event expenses (£140) for the music section.

Approved by the Trustees 24th September 2025

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st JULY 2025

SOMERSET SONG PRIZE

	General Fund £	Appeal Fund £
Funds brought forward 1st August 2024	8,790	5,604
Receipts - Donations		2,640
Interest	48	61
	<hr/> 8,838	<hr/> 8,305
Payments - Bank charges	21	
Funds carried forward 31st July 2025	<hr/> 8,817	<hr/> 8,305

The Somerset Song Prize competition is normally held biennially and did not take place in 2025

The Appeal Fund is a restricted fund that was initiated in 2024 with the objective of creating a fund to secure the long term future of the Somerset Song Prize

As at the end of the year there was unbilled expenditure amounting to approximately £500 for programmes and promotion.

NOTES

1. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Analysis of receipts

	Music £	Drama £	Dance £	Pop Vocals £
Entrant fees	3,605	1,594	4,629	243
Audience admission	1,180	605	5,756	547
Sponsorship	1,785			
Programmes	143	49	172	
Merchandise			697	
	<hr/> 6,713	<hr/> 2,248	<hr/> 11,254	<hr/> 790

3. Analysis of payments

Venue and room hire		325	7,166	568
Adjudicators - fees	2,735	944	1,330	205
- expenses	1,220	192	536	42
Prizes	1,360			50
Cups, trophies & medals	95			
Certificates & badges	190	143	232	
Programmes	613	152	276	
Merchandise	160		459	
Lunches, food & other direct expenses	477	67	101	
	<hr/> 6,850	<hr/> 1,823	<hr/> 10,100	<hr/> 865

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TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Trustees Annual Report for the period 11th September 2023 to 31st July 2024

1. Administrative details

Taunton Festival of the Arts is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No. 1179098. The registered address is 34, Clifford Avenue, Taunton TA2 6DJ.

The Trustees serving during the period were Martin Parker (retired 5.6.24), Michael Chapman, Jayne Hornsby, Matthew Kirby (retired 5.6.24), Alison Porter, Naomi Porter, Christine Beattie, Kate Cresswell, Rachel Smith (from 28.2.24), Kate Rippin (from 5.6.24) and Laura Sewell (from 5.6.24).

The Trustees bankers are Lloyds Bank plc.

2. Structure & Governance

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3. Financial Policy

It is the Trustees' policy to hold a working reserve of £3,000 on General Fund. The Somerset Song Prize operates separate bank accounts including a restricted Appeal Fund.

4. Objects

The CIO object is to advance, promote and encourage for the public benefit, the performing arts generally and, in particular, but not exclusively, music, dance and speech & drama. It seeks to achieve the object through organisation of festivals, competitions and other occasional concerts, performances and workshops or similar events.

5. Achievements in the Accounting Period

The accounts record receipts for the General Fund totalling £24,466 with related payments of £22,378, the Excess for the period being £2,088. A bank balance of £8,580 supported the balance of the General Fund carried forward at 31.7.24.

The Somerset Song Prize competition took place in this financial period. Receipts totalled £7,766 and payments £9,317 leaving a deficit of £1,551, thereby reducing the balance carried forward on the SSP General Fund to £8,790 at 31.7.24. An Appeal Fund was set up during the period for which donations and interest amounted to £5,604. Bank accounts totalling £14,394 supported the combined SSP Funds as at 31.7.24.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on

Jayne Hornsby

Chairperson

Michael Chapman

Acting Treasurer

Approved by members

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st JULY 2024**GENERAL FUND****DRAFT**

		Receipts (note 2)	Payments (note 3)	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Year Ended 10th September 2023	
		£	£	£	£	£
Events						
Music festival & competitions		5405	6473	(1068)		(2281)
Drama Festival		2889	1657	1232		765
Dance festival & competition	D	12547	11228	1319		(1343)
Pop Vocals		587	1004	(417)		1088
Gala	R	366	639	(273)		(444)
		<u>21794</u>	<u>21001</u>			
Net surplus/(deficit) from events	A			793		(2215)
Other receipts						
Adverts	F		580		525	
Benefactors & friends			383		1057	
Tax refund on gift aid	T		1317		-	
Tax refund re Chime Child (2022)			392		-	
Miscellaneous			-		121	
			<u>-</u>	2672	<u>1703</u>	
				3465		(512)
Payments						
Insurance			300		250	
Subscriptions			348		325	
General promotion & website expenses			331		1010	
Administration & miscellaneous			148		190	
Bursary grant			250		-	
			<u>D</u>	1377	<u>1775</u>	
Excess of receipts over payments for the period	R			2088		(2287)
Fund brought forward 11th September 2023	A			6492		8779
General Fund carried forward 31st July 2024	F			8580		6492
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Approved by the Trustees

TAUNTON DESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

SOMERSET SONG PRIZE

DRAFT	<u>General Fund</u>		2022 Competition	
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Competition entry fees		1660	2175	
Audience admission & programme sales		512	795	
Programme adverts		785	740	
Supporters subscriptions	D	630	870	
Donations		2801	11300	
Tax reclaimed under gift aid	R	1353	2593	
Interest received		25	-	
	A			
			7766	18473
Payments				
Venue hire	R	420	400	
Accomodation of competitors		2573	-	
Piano tuning	T	120	-	
Adjudicators fees & expenses		2795	2534	
Prizes		3000	3500	
Cups, trophies & medals		98	133	
Programmes		-	358	
Promotion		90	820	
Administration & miscellaneous		221	572	
			9317	8317
Excess of receipts over payments for the period			(1551)	10156
Fund brought forward 11th September 2023			10341	185
General Fund carried forward 31st July 2024			8790	10341

Restricted Fund - SSP Appeal Fund

Receipts		
Donations		5551
Interest received		53
Appeal Fund carried forward 31st July 2024		5604

The Somerset Song Prize competition is normally held biennially so there was no activity in 2023. Thus, the comparative figures are for the competition that took place in 2022.

An appeal was initiated during the period with the objective of creating a fund to secure the long term future of the Somerset Song Prize.

As at the end of the period there was unbilled expenditure amounting to approximately £500 for programmes and promotion.

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st JULY 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The principal assets of the charity are bank accounts held with Lloyds Bank.

The balances of these accounts at 31st July 2024 were:

DRAFT			10.09.23
	General Fund	£8,580	£6,492
	Somerset Song Prize	£14,394	£10,341

As at 31st July the charity also held merchandising stock for the Dance section that cost £382 (10.09.23 - £1,048).

NOTES

1. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Analysis of receipts

		Music £	Drama £	Dance £	Pop Vocals £
Entrance fees		2727	2238	6032	229
Audience admission		1090	489	4853	291
Sponsorship	D	955		450	
Programmes		297	162	261	67
Merchandise	R			951	
Refund of venue hire 2023		326			
Miscellaneous	A	10			
		5405	2889	12547	587
	F				

3. Analysis of payments

Venue and room hire	T	460	303	7773	516
Adjudicators - fees		2155	774	1561	145
- expenses		1245	194	727	47
Prizes		1165		450	120
Cups, trophies & medals				27	
Certificates & badges		104		334	
Programmes		597	209	300	63
Merchandise (note 4a)				-	
Lunches, food & other direct expenses		747	177	56	113
		6473	1657	11228	1004

4. General

- a) The reduction in the merchandise stock of £666, as noted above, would be set against the sales receipts and reduce the Dance surplus for the period.
- b) The deficit on Pop Vocals was largely covered by the balance of £374 brought forward from last year of the grant received from Somerset West & Taunton Council.

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 11th September 2022 to 10th September 2023

1. Administrative details

Taunton Festival of the Arts is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under No. 1179098. The registered address is “Cranford”, Bishop’s Hull. Taunton, TA1 5EW.

The Trustees serving during the period were Natasha Ballardie, Michael Chapman, Douglas Huckle, Matthew Kirby, Martin Parker, Alison Porter, Naomi Porter, Chris Beattie (from 20.11.22), Kate Cresswell (from 22.2.23), Jayne Hornsby (from 28.6.23), Nicola Cooper (retired 22.2.23), Jane Donoghue (retired 22.2.23), Sandra Sutton (retired 30.11.22)

The Trustees’ bankers are Lloyds Bank plc.

2. Structure & Governance

The charity operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its’ governing document being a constitution dated 6th July 2018.

3. Financial Policy

It is the Trustees policy to hold a working reserve of £3,000. The Somerset Song Prize is a restricted fund.

4. Objects

The CIO object is to advance, promote and encourage for the public benefit the performing arts generally and in particular but not exclusively music, dance and speech and drama. It seeks to achieve the object through organisation of festivals, competitions and other occasional concerts, performances, workshops or suchlike events.

5. Achievements in the Accounting Period

The accounts record receipts for the General Fund totalling £21,760 with related payments of £24,047 resulting in a deficit of £2,287 for the year. The balance of the General Fund at the end of the year was £6,492

The Somerset Song Prize competition did not take place in this financial year. The balance of the bank account is £10,341

Further extensive use of the card machine proved successful although cash was still accepted.

The introduction of payment as a condition of entry to all events was mainly successful except for the music competitions, but will be adapted for next year.

Another successful PopVocals competition took place with the assistance of a grant from the Somerset West and Taunton Council

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Jayne Hornsby

Secretary

Michael Chapman

Acting Treasurer

Approved by members on :-

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg No 1179098)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10th SEPTEMBER 2023**GENERAL FUND****Receipts and Payments Account**

	Receipts (note 1)	Payments (note 2)	Surplus/ (Deficit)	2021-22	
	£	£	£	£	£
Events					
Music festival & competitions	4,785	7,066	(2,281)		152
Drama Festival	2,346	1,581	765		378
Dance festival & competition	10,326	11,669	(1,343)		(308)
Pop Vocals	2,248	1,160	1,088		(476)
Gala	352	796	(444)		(238)
	<u>20,057</u>	<u>22,272</u>			
Net surplus/(deficit) from events			(2,215)		(492)
Other receipts					
Adverts		525		520	
Benefactors & friends		1,057		1,117	
Tax refund on gift aid				370	
Miscellaneous		121		2	
		<u>1,703</u>		<u>2,009</u>	
			(512)		1,517
Payments					
Insurance		250		250	
Subscriptions		325		160	
General promotion & website expenses		1,010		380	
Administration & miscellaneous		190		99	
Contribution to Chime Child (net)				642	
		<u>1,775</u>		<u>1,531</u>	
Excess of receipts over payments for the year			(2,287)		(14)
Fund brought forward 11th September 2022			<u>8,779</u>		<u>8,793</u>
General Fund carried forward 10th September 2023			<u>6,492</u>		<u>8,779</u>

RESTRICTED FUND - SOMERSET SONG PRIZE

Fund brought forward 11th September 2022			11,063		185
Receipts (Note 4)		150		18,373	
Payments (Note 4)		872		7,495	
Excess of receipts over payments for the period			<u>(722)</u>		<u>10,878</u>
Fund carried forward 10th September 2023			<u>10,341</u>		<u>11,063</u>

Approved by the Trustees 11th October 2023

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10th SEPTEMBER 2023

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The principal assets of the charity are bank accounts held with Lloyds Bank. The balances of these accounts at 10th September 2023 were:

General Fund	£6,492
Somerset Song Prize	£10,341

As at 10th September the charity also held merchandising stock for the Dance section that cost £1,048.

The sponsorship of Pop Vocals includes a grant of £1,264 from Somerset West & Taunton Council. Not all of this has been utilised but the Council agreed that the balance of £374 may be retained towards the event to be held in 2024.

Notes

	Music £	Drama £	Dance £	Pop Vocals £
1. Analysis of receipts				
Entrance fees	2,414	1,777	5,256	330
Audience admission	1,211	569	4,466	354
Sponsorship	835			1,564
Programmes	275			
Merchandise			604	
Miscellaneous	50			
	4,785	2,346	10,326	2,248

2. Analysis of payments

Room hire	536	337	6,081	529
Adjudicators - fees	2,155	572	1,479	250
- expenses	1,486	176	640	
Prizes	1,435		500	300
Cups, trophies & medals	228	192	477	
Certificates & badges	270	15	203	
Programmes	694	195	387	81
Merchandise			1,167	
Other direct expenses	262	94	735	
	7,066	1,581	11,669	1,160

3. Tax Claim

A claim has been made for the recovery of tax in relation to receipts under Gift, for the period up to 8.09.23. The relevant amounts are £715 for Somerset Song £392 in relation to Chime Child and £1,023 for the General Fund. The total of £2 was credited to the bank account on the 18th September.

4. Somerset Song Prize

This event is normally held biennially so did not take place in 2023. The receipts and payments shown in this year's accounts were residual items relating to the competition held in 2022.

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 11th Sept 2020 to 10th Sept 2021.

1. Administrative details.

Taunton Festival of the Arts is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under number 1179098. The registered address is Cranford, Bishop's Hull, Taunton, TA1 5EW. The trustees for the period were Diana Rees, Martin Parker, Michael Chapman, Anne Cleves, Gwyneth Flitters, Nicola Cooper, Douglas Huckle, Natasha Ballardie, Matthew Kirby, Andrew Garton, Naomi Porter, Sandra Sutton, Caroline Wallis-Newport and Jane Donoghue. During the year Gwyneth Flitters resigned as a trustee. The trustees bankers were Lloyds Bank plc.

2. Structure and Governance

The Charity is an incorporated association. Its governing document being a constitution dated 6th July 2018.

3. Financial Policy

It is the Trustees policy to hold a working reserve of £3000. The Somerset Song Prize account is restricted.

4. Objects

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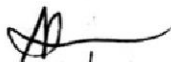
5. Achievements in the Accounting Period

The accounts reveal the income for the period 11.9.20 to 10.9.21 totalled £1806.34 and expenditure of £1412.20 resulting in a profit of £394.14. Due to Covid 19 pandemic all festivals and competitions were cancelled. The loss incurred by the Dance Festival was as a result of refunds due to cancellations. The majority of refunds were during FY19/20. The profit shown for the Drama Festival was as a result of late payment for entries.

The restricted Somerset Song Prize Competition did not take place during the financial year but had net receipts of £8145.00

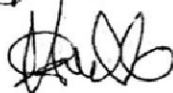
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Nicola Cooper



Secretary

Douglas Huckle



Treasurer

Approved by the members on 05/10/2021

TAUNTON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

CHARITY NUMBER - 1179098

HMRC CHARITY REFERENCE - EW96119

ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 11 SEPTEMBER 2020 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2021

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	11/09/20 - 10/09/21			11/09/19 - 10/09/20
	Receipts	Payments	Profit/-Loss	Profit/-Loss
Dance Festival	0.00	798.50	-798.50	1,066.29
Drama Festival	449.50	0.00	449.50	-201.94
Music Festival	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,787.22
Miscellaneous	1,356.84	613.70	743.14	360.22
	<u>1,806.34</u>	<u>1,412.20</u>	<u>394.14</u>	<u>-562.65</u>

11/09/20 - 10/09/21

<u>1,806.34</u>	<u>1,412.20</u>	<u>394.14</u>	<u>-562.65</u>
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Bank account - Treasurers Account, Taunton Festival of the Arts - 74377260	8,792.68	8,121.54
Bank account - Taunton Festival of the Arts - 45521568	0.00	0.00
	<u>8,792.68</u>	<u>8,121.54</u>

As at 10/09/20

<u>8,792.68</u>	<u>8,121.54</u>
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PROFIT/LOSS RECONCILIATION:

Bank account - Treasurers Account, Taunton Festival of the Arts - 74377260

Bank balance b/f at 11/09/20	8,121.54
(Less): Bank balance c/f at 10/09/21	8,792.68
Movement in year (payments < receipts)	671.14
Add: Transfers within receipts in year	487.50
Profit in year	<u>1,158.64</u>

Bank account - Taunton Festival of the Arts - 45521568

Bank balance b/f at 11/09/20	0.00
(Less): Bank balance c/f at 10/09/21	0.00
Movement in year (payments > receipts)	0.00
(Less): Transfers within payments in year	-487.50
(Profit) in year	<u>-487.50</u>

Bank account - Treasurers Account, Somerset Song Prize - 71474068 (restricted)

Bank balance b/f at 11/09/20	1,244.86
(Less): Bank balance c/f at 10/09/21	9,389.86
Movement in year (payments > receipts)	8,145.00
Profit in year	<u>8,145.00</u>