

# Droylsden Little Theatre

## **Annual Report 2020/21**

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As we suspected at the end of 2019/20, this has been yet another challenging 12 months for Droylsden Little Theatre due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our doors have been closed since March 2020, with no productions taking place for over 18 months. As a committee we've worked hard to keep up with the ever-changing government guidance to ensure that we keep our members and community safe.

We've continued to hold virtual social events via Zoom, providing some light hearted fun during what has been another hard year of lockdowns and social distancing. We've had quizzes, 'Would I Lie to You', a Christmas party and a play reading book club - to name but a few. All of these have been a great success and we've enjoyed seeing our members faces on screen. With the easing of government restrictions this summer, we were excited to hold our first in person social on 31 July. Our very own 'DeLTa' – with special guest Amy - provided us an evening of music, dancing and reunions. Work nights have started back to ensure the building is well maintained and we're ready for future productions. Our Theatre Afternoon Group also launched in June, providing some much-needed social interactions to our members. It's been great to see so many of you back enjoying our Theatre.

**Financial Results** – It will not come to a surprise to anyone that this has continued to be a challenging time financially for the Theatre. Our doors have remained closed for the entire year, meaning we've not been able to generate income from either productions or social activity. We have been able to earn small amounts of income through selling off bar stock before it went out of date; some continued membership fees; theatre hire; and a refund of licence fees for the cancelled productions. However, our ongoing running costs and maintenance of the building (utilities, insurances, Health & Safety requirements etc) have remained high during our period of closure. We received a government grant of £10,000 last year which has helped to ease some of the financial pressures we may otherwise have faced.

Around £3,000 of the government grant was already used last year and so the remainder of the grant, and some, has been required this year. We started the financial year with reserves of £26,583.21 and have ended the year with £16,156.44. This is an overall loss of £10,426.77. Whilst this may sound alarming, we recognise that we were fortunate enough in the first place to have a substantial amount of reserves to see us through this difficult time. We remain positive for the future of Droylsden Little Theatre, an asset to the community which has always been good at generating income and being self-sufficient. We're hoping a return to some sort of normality this year allows us to rebuild this financial position over the coming years.

**Management Committee** – It has been a challenging year for all of us involved in the Theatre - members, volunteers and audiences included. We cannot explain how excited we are to open our doors to you all for the 2021/22 season, starting with Table Manners in October. We have introduced additional hygiene measures which you will notice around the Theatre. Please make use of sanitising stations we've put in place at regular touchpoints and respect those around you.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal members and audiences for your continued support during these difficult times. A special thank you to everyone who has helped us maintain the building and get it ready for our re-opening. We're looking forward to the year ahead and the

productions we have planned. Let's continue to pull together to ensure the continued success of such a great and vibrant asset to the Droylsden community.

This report has been compiled by Trudy Collins (Treasurer) on behalf of the Board of Management (the Trustees). The report has been agreed with the Trustees and signed by Trudy Collins on behalf of the Trustees.

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Signed:



Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# Droylsden Little Theatre

Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021

	1st Aug 2020 to 31st Jul 2021		1st Aug 2019 to 31st Jul 2020	
<b>Opening Balances</b>				
Current Account	£25,764.73		£15,524.93	
Cash Account	£318.48		£3,457.17	
Floats	£500.00	<b>£26,583.21</b>	£600.00	<b>£19,582.10</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Ticket Sales</b>				
Season tickets	£64.00		£2,009.00	
Ticket sales	£0.00	<b>£64.00</b>	£8,578.88	<b>£10,587.88</b>
<b>Production Income</b>				
Bar	£212.25		£5,203.64	
Raffle	£0.00		£562.50	
Programme sales	£0.00	<b>£212.25</b>	£130.40	<b>£5,896.54</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Grant Funding	£0.00		£10,000.00	
Membership fees	£150.00		£520.00	
Donations	£34.91		£187.45	
Theatre hire	£279.96		£286.87	
Sale of scripts	£0.00		£40.00	
Social Events	£0.00		£185.00	
Royalties Refund	£1,050.00		£0.00	
Miscellaneous	£10.00	<b>£1,524.87</b>	£162.00	<b>£11,381.32</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£1,801.12</b>		<b>£27,865.74</b>
<b>Total Income + Opening Balances</b>		<b>£28,384.33</b>		<b>£47,447.84</b>

	1st Aug 2020 to 31st Jul 2021	1st Aug 2019 to 31st Jul 2020
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Production Expenses</b>		
Scripts	£0.00	£510.24
Set Expenses	£0.00	£470.44
Costumes (hire & purchase)	£0.00	£284.27
Technical (hire & purchase)	£0.00	£100.80
Props (hire & purchase)	£0.00	£1,289.31
Furniture (hire & purchase)	£0.00	£0.00
Royalties	£0.00	£83.00
Adjudications	£0.00	£180.00
Bar	£0.00	£2,728.69
Raffle	£0.00	£100.30
Printing (tickets, programmes, posters)	£0.00	£695.00
	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£6,442.05</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Gas	£724.93	£1,039.04
Electric	£1,229.42	£3,393.72
Water	£871.85	£623.91
Telephone / Broadband	£899.16	£906.16
	<b>£3,725.36</b>	<b>£5,962.83</b>
<b>Premises Expenses</b>		
Licences, rates, refuse, PPL, website	£711.01	£664.41
Housekeeping	£25.99	£756.00
Building maintenance	£1,334.37	£364.20
Alarm & Lift maintenance	£350.00	£350.00
Fire extinguisher maintenance	£257.58	£180.78
Building valuation	£1,062.00	£0.00
Insurances	£3,537.72	£3,658.50
	<b>£7,278.67</b>	<b>£5,973.89</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Card Payment Rental & Fees	£563.76	£610.05
GMDF membership fee	£0.00	£51.00
AFVS membership fee	£0.00	£72.00
Stationery, postage & photographs	£0.00	£175.10
Tools & stage general	£0.00	£373.95
Social Events	£65.00	£160.49
Marketing	£0.00	£49.92
Miscellaneous	£489.50	£487.27
	<b>£1,118.26</b>	<b>£1,979.78</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>		
Bar equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Technical purchases	£105.60	£506.08
	<b>£105.60</b>	<b>£506.08</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£12,227.89</b>	<b>£20,864.63</b>
<b>Loss / Profit</b>	<b>-£10,426.77</b>	<b>£7,001.11</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>		
Current Account	£15,177.96	£25,764.73
Cash Account	£478.48	£318.48
Floats	£500.00	£500.00
	<b>£16,156.44</b>	<b>£26,583.21</b>
<b>Total Expenditure + Closing Balances</b>	<b>£28,384.33</b>	<b>£47,447.84</b>