

# Droylsden Little Theatre

## Annual Report 2021/22

After facing into two tough years throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and numerous lockdowns, we re-opened our doors to members and audiences again in October 2021. It was the start of a fantastic season featuring four wonderful productions with the help of our talented directors, actors, set builders, technical team and front of house volunteers. We wouldn't have made the come back we have done if it wasn't for you, our members, supporting each play – whether it be on stage, behind the scenes or front of house. Thank you to every one of you for your support in re-opening our theatre.

**Highlights of the season** – We launched our season with 'Table Manners' in October and filled 55% of our available seating. Our next production was '84 Charing Cross Road' in December which reached 57% capacity. These were the first two productions since the pandemic and our audiences were understandably still feeling nervous about large social gatherings, particularly heading into and during winter. Next up was 'Don't Dress for Dinner' in February and we saw our audience numbers increase to 75% as people's confidence levels rose and life began to return to normal. These increased audience numbers continued into our fourth and final production of the season 'Beginners Guide to Murdering Your Husband' which reached 67% capacity. We also held an additional production 'The Allotment' which was a One Act Play in June and a Variety Show in July – both of which were a great success. Everyone involved in the re-opening of our theatre and any of the productions this season should be proud of what they've achieved and their contribution to the community of Droylsden.

We have a promising season ahead of us from October 2022, returning to our traditional season format of six productions. The Management Committee will continue to do what we can to ensure our seats are filled at each production, focusing on marketing and promoting our activity on social media and within the local community.

**Financial Results** – Financially things have picked up for Droylsden Little Theatre over the last 12 months. The last two years have been difficult due to lockdowns and the closing of the theatre from March 2020 to October 2021 but, with the return of our much missed productions, we've seen the theatre start to generate income again. We're pleased to report that this year Droylsden Little Theatre has made an overall profit of £2,059 having started the year with reserves of £16,156 and ended the year with £18,215. Income this year was £29,128 (of which £2,667 was grant funding) and costs totalled £27,069. These income levels are not quite as high as pre-pandemic but our costs have not been as high either, largely down to only carrying out four productions this season versus our usual six. Going into next year we need to be mindful of the increases coming to our cost base – things like gas and electricity are on the rise, as well as the cost of our bar stock – so we need to be more cost conscious than ever. We also need to make sure we have strong ticket sales as well as hosting social events as these really help to generate income between productions. These areas have been and will continue to be a focus for the Management Committee going forward.

**Membership** – During the pandemic we understood it was a challenging time for everyone and, with the theatre closed, we didn't chase up membership subscriptions. However since we've re-opened we're pleased to say that our membership numbers reached 77. This is a drop of 30 since pre-pandemic levels, but we hope to see that rise next season.



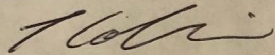
**Management Committee** – It has been a challenging year for all of us involved in the Theatre as we've returned to normality and got back into the swing of running the Theatre. But we've enjoyed every second of opening our doors after such a long period of closure and uncertainty and are really excited about the coming season. We've had lots of social events since we re-opened, with the return of our traditional quizzes, a Murder Mystery event at Droylsden Library, our 2022/23 Season Launch Night and the trial of new socials like our Festival of Theatre which was a huge hit with our members. You may also have spotted the new artwork displayed for sale in our bar area which helps us support local artists as well as generating some commission for the Theatre.

As we reach the end of our year, we have a few vacancies to fill on the Management Committee. We're hoping to appoint some fresh faces at our Annual General Meeting in September. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal members and audiences for your support as we've re-opened. A special thank you to everyone who has helped us get back on our feet and volunteer for front of house roles to ensure our audiences are greeted with a warm welcome. We're looking forward to the year ahead and the productions we have planned. For now our focus is ensuring 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: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Droylsden Little Theatre**  
Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022

	1st Aug 2021 to 31st Jul 2022		1st Aug 2020 to 31st Jul 2021	
<b>Opening Balances</b>				
Current Account	£15,177.96		£25,764.73	
Cash Account	£478.48		£318.48	
Floats	£500.00	<b>£16,156.44</b>	£500.00	<b>£26,583.21</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Ticket Sales</b>				
Season tickets	£3,240.00		£64.00	
Ticket sales	£11,910.83	<b>£15,150.83</b>	£0.00	<b>£64.00</b>
<b>Production Income</b>				
Bar	£7,877.65		£212.25	
Raffle	£787.50	<b>£8,665.15</b>	£0.00	<b>£212.25</b>
<b>Other Income</b>				
Art Commission	£10.25		£0.00	
Grant Funding	£2,667.00		£0.00	
Membership fees	£614.55		£150.00	
Donations	£211.72		£34.91	
Theatre hire	£1,095.22		£279.96	
Sale of scripts	£10.00		£0.00	
Social Events	£482.88		£0.00	
Royalties Refund	£0.00		£1,050.00	
Miscellaneous	£220.83	<b>£5,312.45</b>	£10.00	<b>£1,524.87</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£29,128.43</b>		<b>£1,801.12</b>
<b>Total Income + Opening Balances</b>		<b>£45,284.87</b>		<b>£28,384.33</b>



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	1st Aug 2021 to 31st Jul 2022		1st Aug 2020 to 31st Jul 2021	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Production Expenses</b>				
Scripts	£291.73		£0.00	
Set Expenses	£342.11		£0.00	
Costumes (hire & purchase)	£239.84		£0.00	
Props (hire & purchase)	£230.75		£0.00	
Furniture (hire & purchase)	£20.00		£0.00	
Royalties	£2,806.00		£0.00	
Bar	£3,281.32		£0.00	
Raffle	£153.14		£0.00	
Printing (tickets, programmes, posters)	£927.00	<b>£8,291.89</b>	£0.00	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>				
Gas	£1,203.22		£724.93	
Electric	£2,221.59		£1,229.42	
Water	£948.50		£871.85	
Telephone / Broadband	£882.36	<b>£5,255.67</b>	£899.16	<b>£3,725.36</b>
<b>Premises Expenses</b>				
Licences, rates, refuse, PPL, website	£1,129.13		£711.01	
Housekeeping	£960.89		£25.99	
Building maintenance	£1,594.96		£1,334.37	
Alarm & Lift maintenance	£390.00		£350.00	
Fire extinguisher maintenance	£229.26		£257.58	
Building valuation	£0.00		£1,062.00	
Insurances	£5,806.72	<b>£10,110.96</b>	£3,537.72	<b>£7,278.67</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Card Payment Rental & Fees	£0.00		£563.76	
GMDF membership fee	£51.00		£0.00	
Stationery, postage & photographs	£116.62		£0.00	
Tools & stage general	£171.74		£0.00	
Social Events	£126.66		£65.00	
Marketing	£78.00		£0.00	
Miscellaneous	£2,866.58	<b>£3,410.60</b>	£489.50	<b>£1,118.26</b>
<b>Capital Expenses</b>				
Technical purchases	£0.00	<b>£0.00</b>	£105.60	<b>£105.60</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£27,069.12</b>		<b>£12,227.89</b>
<b>Profit / Loss</b>		<b>£2,059.31</b>		<b>-£10,426.77</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>				
Current Account	£16,498.29		£15,177.96	
Cash Account	£1,267.46		£478.48	
Floats	£450.00	<b>£18,215.75</b>	£500.00	<b>£16,156.44</b>
<b>Total Expenditure + Closing Balances</b>		<b>£45,284.87</b>		<b>£28,384.33</b>



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
DROYLSDEN LITTLE THEATRE

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 JULY 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1179390

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 07 / 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:**

*R Miller*

**Date:**

11/09/2022

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