

AXBRIDGE PAGEANT TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Charity Registered No: 1185314

AXBRIDGE PAGEANT TRUST

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees

Ms J Gwinn
Mr P Hughes
Mr P Fowler

Registered Office

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Axbridge
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Charity Registered Number

1185314

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023.

In 2021 the accounting reference date was moved from 31 March to 30 September in order to better fit the operations of the charity, specifically the Axbridge Pageant which is held every 10 years on the August bank holiday weekend.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

Structure, Governance and Management

The charitable trust was created as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 7 September 2019, at which point it took over the bank accounts of the previously unincorporated entity, which amounted to £17,417.

The trustees who served throughout the year were:

Ms J Gwinn
Mr P Hughes
Mr P Fowler

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objectives are:

1 To advance the arts, heritage and culture for the public benefit by organising events, festivals and workshops in and around Axbridge, Somerset with a particular focus on the development and production of the Axbridge Pageant.

2 To advance education for the public benefit in Axbridge, Somerset and the surrounding areas including, but without limitation, by providing lectures and talks; staging exhibitions and events and preparing and distributing educational materials.

The trustees have considered the guidance from the Charity Commission regarding public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities undertaken during the year fully meet these requirements.

Achievements and Performance

The Axbridge Pageant takes places every ten years, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic the planned 2020 pageant was postponed and rescheduled for August 2022. The activities in the years between pageants relates to planning the next pageant and organising exhibitions and events to educate the public on local history.

The August 2022 Axbridge Pageant was a great success, both artistically and financially, and the trustees are delighted that this will provide a stable platform for the 2030 pageant plus events and activities in the intervening years.

In the year to September 2023 the trustees are delighted to be able to report that educational events have been held with schools, public groups and the local museum.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Financial Review

The income and expenditure during the year relates wholly to the charitable activities as set out above.

On behalf of the trustees

Mr P Fowler

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable regulations). Under the law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless that basis is deemed to be inappropriate.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are maintained which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2007 and the provision of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources and generated funds			
Pageant income		3,544	64,903
Donations		245	7,123
Fundraising		37	1,372
Grants receivable		-	23,922
Total incoming resources		<u>3,826</u>	<u>97,320</u>
Resources expended			
Pageant costs		214	79,726
Fundraising costs		-	-
Administration costs		290	290
Total charitable expenditure		<u>504</u>	<u>80,016</u>
Net movement in funds	1	3,322	17,304
Opening fund balances		36,819	19,515
Closing fund balance		<u><u>40,141</u></u>	<u><u>36,819</u></u>

All income and expenditure included above has arisen from the charitable activities of the Trust.

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BALANCE SHEET

30 September 2023

	Notes	September 2023 £	September 2022 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	2	-	1,957
Cash at bank and in hand		40,141	48,344
Total Current Assets		<u>40,141</u>	<u>50,301</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	-	(13,482)
Net assets		<u>40,141</u>	<u>36,819</u>
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Income Funds			
Unrestricted funds		40,141	36,819
Total funds		<u>40,141</u>	<u>36,819</u>
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We approve the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and related notes. We acknowledge our responsibility for these financial statements, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 18 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by

Mr P Fowler
Trustee

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” and the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources

Income from donations and fundraising is credited in the period in which it is receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure on charitable activities is included in the period in which it is payable.

Included within administration costs are certain costs incurred in complying with the charity’s constitutional and regulatory obligations.

Funds accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for another purpose.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six months ended 30 September 2023

1	Net movement in funds	2023 £	2022 £
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/crediting: Trustees' remuneration	- <hr/>	- <hr/>
2	Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
	Prepayments and accrued income	- <hr/>	1,957 <hr/>
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3	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
	Accrual and deferred income	- <hr/>	13,482 <hr/>
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