

# Heart of the Forest Dramatic Society

England & Wales · Charity number 1185344

## Details

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Other names	OVERSEAL GALA PLAYERS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-09-16
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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**Address**  
4 Old Hall Gardens  
Church Gresley  
Swadlincote  
Derbyshire  
DE11 9PA

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION OF MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ART BY:(A) THE PRESENTATION OF MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC STAGE PLAYS(B) PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRODUCTION OF AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES, INCLUDING SCRIPT WRITING, ACTING, MUSIC PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION, THEATRE PRODUCTION AND "BACK STAGE" ELEMENTS OF STAGECRAFT.

**Activities:** To provide for the public benefit ,opportunities for people of all ages in Overseal and the surrounding areas to participate in amateur community theatrical activities and productions. To promote the advancement and general education in relation to all aspects of the Arts of Drama and Music, and the development of a public appreciation of such Arts

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Derbyshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£5,162	£3,869	-	-
2024-03-31	£850	£1,759	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,581	£728	-	-
2022-03-31	£50	£264	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£41	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Bennett		2024-04-29
Angela Griffin		2018-09-18
Jo-Anne Coupe		2026-05-31
Kevin Baldwin		2018-09-18

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# Trustees Annual Report 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

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## Objectives and activities

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We believe that our objective and operations are in line with the guidelines by providing a low cost entertainment that is readily available to lower income families and individuals and fulfils a need.

## Achievements and Performance

We offer opportunities to a wide age range with differing abilities to come together in achieving a goal in producing a show. This achieves our objective of improving social skills and contact between people who may never ordinarily interact. We pride ourselves on encouraging members of all ages from 8 years upwards and love to see their confidence and abilities grow. The entertainment we put on is made accessible to all income groups by our policy to keep ticket prices as low as possible.

## Financial review

We are mainly self-funding from profits each year, so our reserves are to fund our future shows.

We apply for grants whenever we can to help with running costs.

# HEART OF THE FOREST DRAMATIC SOCIETY

## TREASURERS REPORT

1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>2995.18</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
TICKET SALES FOR PANTOMIMES	2758.00
RAFFLES	247.00
REFRESHMENTS	457.10
GRANT FROM DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY FUND	1700.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5162.10</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
BANK FEES	30.80
PANTOMIME SCRIPT	265.00
PAVILLION HIRE	128.00
PINGLE HIRE	1465.00
WOODVILLE LIBRARY HIRE	100.00
INSURANCE	381.76
CASH AND CARRY REFRESHMENTS	345.44
SOFTWARE UPDATE	64.98
NEW HEAD MIKES	832.00
COSTUMES	131.59
TRUSTEE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING	125.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3869.57</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>4287.71</b>

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## **Trustees Annual Report for Overseal Gala Players, now called Heart of the Forest Dramatic Society 2023 - 2024**

A decision was taken to move to a new venue for rehearsals and performances in this year so that we had a larger venue. We were planning to perform Aladdin but due to circumstances beyond our control we had to cancel it part way through rehearsals which meant our only income was a refund of the venue hire.

Two trustees resigned during the year for personal reasons.

The group decided to carry on as a group with a new name and some new trustees.

**Annual Treasurers Report for Overseal Gala Players  
01/04/23 to 31/03/24**

**A) Balance b/f 01/04/23  
3904.52**

**Income**

Refund from DeFerrers Trust for Pingle Academy Hire  
850.00

**B) Total Income 850.00**

**Expenditure**

Pingle Academy Hall Hire 1550.00  
Bank Charges 67.92  
Deposit for Equipment Hire  
84.48  
Photo from last panto  
30.00  
First Aid Kit  
26.94

**C) Total Expenditure 1759.34**

**Balance c/f (A + B - C)  
2995.18**

**Balance in bank 31/03/24  
2995.18**

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# Trustees Annual Report 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

## Overseal Gala Players

Charity Registration Number 1185344

### Objectives and activities

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### Achievements and Performance

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### Financial review

We are self-funding so our reserves are to fund our future shows.

## Annual Treasurers Report for Overseal Gala Players 01/04/22 to 31/03/23

<b>A) Balance b/f 01/04/22</b>	<b>£2052.35</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Overseal Gala Stall	£108.05
Panto 2023	£2473.09
<b>B) Total Income</b>	<b>£2581.14</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Hall Hire	£360.00
Bank Charges	£61.23
Insurance for panto	£143.64
Costumes	£50.00
Microphone Hire & Power Cable	£90.00
Paper Cups	£24.10
<b>C) Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£728.97</b>
<b>Balance c/f (A + B – C)</b>	<b>£3904.52</b>
<b>Balance in bank 31/03/23</b>	<b>£3904.52</b>

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01 04 2021 Period start date. To: 31 03 2022 Period end date

Charity name: Overseal Gala Players

Charity registration number: 1185344

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<i>Providing opportunities for all ages and abilities to be involved in the staging and production of an annual Pantomime, building contact between age groups and improving member's social skills and confidence.</i>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<i>We are in rehearsal for our production "Cinderella" the shows take place during the Half term holiday week end. We had a stall at Overseal Gala that allowed us to raise funds and meet potential new members and advertise our forthcoming show.</i>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<i>We believe that our objective and operations are in line with the guidelines and that by providing a low cost entertainment that is readily available to lower income families and individuals and fulfils a need.</i>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<i>We do not make grants</i>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<i>All Trustees and members are volunteers</i>

Other		
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><i>We offer opportunities to a wide age range with differing abilities to come together in achieving a goal in producing a show. This achieves our objective of improving social skills and contact between people who would never ordinarily interact.</i></p> <p><i>The entertainment we put on is made accessible to all income groups by our policy to keep ticket prices as low as possible in line with our policy of being self-financing.</i></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<i>We are self-funding so our reserves are to fund future shows</i>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<i>£2052</i>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<i>Ticket sales, Raffles, Gala Stall</i>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<i>We have invested in our own lighting and audio equipment, this controls our costs and gives a training opportunity for our members</i>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<i>National lock downs badly affected our group, increased hire costs due to energy prices could make us financially unviable.</i>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	<i>Constitution</i>
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	<i>C.I.O</i>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<i>Voluntary and appointed</i>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<i>Overseal Gala Players</i>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<i>1185344</i>
Charity's principal address	<i>2 Main Street Overseal Swadlincote DE12 6LG</i>

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Allen Cook			
2	Angela Griffin	<i>Treasurer</i>		
3	Kevin Baldwin	<i>GDPR officer</i>		
4	Sarah Rheeston			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
NONE		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NONE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NONE
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NONE

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Safeguarding Officer	Toni Ann Rogers	1 Lullington road, Overseal, Swadlincote, Derbys
Secretary	Samantha Smith	

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	A. Griffiths	
Full name(s)	ANGELA GRIFFITHS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	16/1/23	

Annual Account Statement for Overseal Gala Players 01/04/21 to 31/03/22

<b>A) Balance b/f 01/04/21</b>	<b>£2266.15</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Credit from HSBC for errors	£50.00
<b>B) Total Income</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Flowers for leaving Treasurer	£30.00
Hall Hire	£208.00
Bank Charges	£25.80
<b>C) Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£263.80</b>
<b>Balance c/f (A + B – C)</b>	<b>£2052.35</b>
<b>Balance in bank 31/03/22</b>	<b>£2052.35</b>

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SAT 2.30 - 6.30  
SUN 2.30

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<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	31	12	2020		31	12	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Overseal Gala Player
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	None
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1185344
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	2 Main Street
	Overseal
	Swadlincote
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>DE12 6LG</b>

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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	


**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	C.I.O
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Voluntary and appointed

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To provide opportunities to be part of a group that has a common goal to produce a show, Allowing interactions between different age groups and people with different backgrounds working together to achieve the result.  
Realising member's potential by building confidence.  
Providing an accessible live entertainment.  
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

To promote the advancement and improvement of general education in relation to all aspects of Art, Drama, Music and to develop a public appreciation of such.  
To provide for the public benefit, opportunities for people of all ages in Overseal, Derbyshire and surrounding areas, to participate in amateur community theatrical activities and productions.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Overseal Gala Players is a completely voluntary group,  
Overseal Gala Players aim to be a self-funding group  
Overseal Gala Players aim their ticket price to be affordable to  
disadvantaged members of the public

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- Contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has been beset with problems for the Gala Players following the Delta Covid restrictions of the previous year we looked forward to getting back on track and producing a Pantomime in February as usual. The onset of the Omicron variant meant further restrictions. Several on-line conferences were held and it was decided that with suitable measures in place we could start rehearsing Cinderella. As further restrictions were announced we adapted our rehearsals to suit current guidelines these rehearsals though satisfactory were not as well supported as previous years because our group has a large proportion of vulnerable and shielding members, never the less we struggled on with the optimistic hope that all would be alright in the end.

As a self-funding group we rely on our takings from performances to fund our next production, when it became unlikely that we could have audiences and that social distancing would make performance impossible we reluctantly took the decision to cancel the production.

Members of our group have gone above and beyond to try to make this work but all to no avail in the end. I would like to thank them for their efforts. We will carry on and start rehearsing in September and perform Cinderella in February 2023.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The object is to finance subsequent performances from previous takings to that end we try to keep a contingency of £1000 to provide a buffer.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

## Overseal Gala Players 2020 - 2021

Figures as of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020:-

Bank account HSBC -----77            **2266.15**

Cash:

**Total a:**                                    **2266.15**

**INCOME**                                    **0**

**Total b:**                                    **0**

### OUTGOINGS

Bank Charges                                10.80

Expenses                                      30.00

**Total c:**                                    **40.80**

**a + b - c**                                    **2225.35**

Figures as of 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

**Bank Account HSBC**                      **2225.35**                      **Cash: 0**