

St Nicolas Players

Registered Charity No: 1185653

Annual Report and Financial Statements

**For the year ended
30 September 2024**

ST NICOLAS PLAYERS
Officials and Addresses

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Trustees

Mr A Fell	President
Mrs A Evenden	Chairperson
Mr S Underwood	Vice-Chairperson (retired at AGM 16-1-24)
Mr D Whipps	Vice-Chairperson (appointed at AGM 16-1-24)
Mr N Hancocks	Vice-President
Miss W Carter	Treasurer
Mrs J Jones	Secretary and Membership Secretary
Mr N Fletcher	
Mr G Barker	
Mrs J Staples	
Mr D Whipps	
Mrs S Turner	
Mrs K Taylor	
Mrs M Wood	(appointed at AGM 16-1-24)

Charity Address

C/o Mr & Mrs R Evenden
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Solicitors

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Bankers

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ST NICOLAS PLAYERS
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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The St Nicolas Players is a Charity registered from 7 October 2019 with the Charity Commissioners (Number 1185653).

Structure and Management

The Charity is administered by a management committee. The trustees serving the charity throughout the period ended 30 September 2024 were as follows:-

Mr A Fell
Mrs A Evenden
Mr S Underwood - Resigned 16 January 2024
Miss W Carter
Mrs J Jones
Mr N Fletcher
Mr N Hancocks
Mr D Whipps
Mr G Barker
Mrs J Staples
Mrs S Turner
Mrs K Taylor - Appointed 17 January 2023
Mrs M Wood - Appointed 16 January 2024

The Trustees are elected by votes of the members each year at the AGM.

Activities and Objectives

The main objective of the charity is to educate the public in the dramatic arts and music in South Lincolnshire and the surrounding area and to develop the public understanding of the dramatic arts and music and to involve people of all ages and abilities, particularly young people, wherever possible. The object is also to help and assist other organisations and schools in the development of dramatic arts and music.

Achievements and Performance

The opportunities afforded by our shows provide experience in acting, directing, set design, set construction, stage management, people management, team working, as well as financial management, administration and marketing. Our auditions are advertised locally, and are open to all-comers regardless of age or physical abilities. The venue we mainly use for our productions has disabled access, and an audio loop for those with hearing difficulties, so our productions are also open to all members of society for their enjoyment and entertainment. In view of the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions, we recommenced our fund raising activities, and reverted to physical regular Trustee committee meetings, and play readings. We were able to once again put shows on stage for the general public to attend, and managed 3 within the financial year, taking the opportunity to utilise other venues in our region too. Therefore once again the Trustees are continuing to make every effort to ensure that the charity continues to thrive.

Financial Review

Our funds have increased during the course of this financial year by a little over £1,100, mainly thanks to the support of our sponsors, our mystery benefactor, who has for the last 9 years or so contributed an incredibly generous £1,500 annually, which is a significant contribution towards the rent of our beloved premises. Additionally our ever-wonderful St Nicolas Community Brass Band also generates funds for us. We were able to stage 2 productions one of which made a substantial profit. We also held some social / fund-raising events to add to our funds, mainly our stall at the Spalding Flower Parade, which also contributed to our funds in this financial period. We are of course most grateful to our continuing financial support from our 'sponsors', and especially our benefactor. We are confident therefore that we can maintain sufficient funds to continue to meet our financial commitments in respect of the rental of our rehearsal / storage space. In addition to the continued subscriptions of our regular members of both our Community Brass Band, and St Nicolas Players members, with the increased opportunity for involvement in the society we have acquired some new members whose subscriptions to the society have therefore boosted our funds too. Ultimately, we remain in a comfortable financial position to continue with the Charity's objectives for the immediate future.

We appreciate the many hours that members commit to our charity for rehearsing, set building, costume making to name but a few of the activities undertaken. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Signed and agreed by

Mrs A Evenden
(Chairman)

Trustee of St Nicolas Players Signed **14 January 2025**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 30/09/2024	Year Ended 30/09/2023
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Notes				
Production income	2(a)	7,061	6,698	13,759	10,314
Investment income		-	446	446	183
Subscriptions		25	687	712	853
Other income	2(b)	2,431	506	2,937	5,477
TOTAL RECEIPTS		9,517	8,337	17,854	16,827
PAYMENTS					
Direct charitable expenditure	3(a)	9,239	-	9,239	7,011
Other charitable expenditure	3(b)	1,364	-	1,364	2,206
Governance costs	3(c)	6,146	-	6,146	5,052
Total expenditure		16,748	-	16,748	14,269
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		(7,231)	8,337	1,106	2,558
Transfers between funds		7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Cash funds brought forward		3,620	20,755	24,375	21,817
Cash funds carried at 30 September		3,389	22,092	25,481	24,375

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	Unrestricted Funds	30/09/2024 Designated Funds	Total	30/09/2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Lloyds Business Account	3,306	-	3,306	3,538
Lloyds Business Money Manager Account	-	22,092	22,092	20,755
Petty Cash	3	-	3	3
Music Hall Petty Cash	44	-	44	44
Stage Manager Petty Cash	36	-	36	36
Total Cash Funds				-
(as per Receipts and Payments account)	3,389	22,092	25,481	24,375

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Chairperson Mrs A Evenden
Treasurer Miss W Carter
Signed on: 14 January 2025

The notes on pages 5 and 6 form a part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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1. Accounting Policies

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis only, referring to applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.
- (b) **Designated funds**
Designated Funds held in the Savings account are intended to cover the expenses relating to The Patch, particularly the rent but also all other running and maintenance costs. The Trustees intend to maintain a minimum balance in this account to cover at least 2 years rent costs, which are currently £4,000 per annum.
- (c) **Unrestricted funds**
Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Holiday Snap £	Mother Goose £	Fight Them For The Beeches £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 30/9/24 £	TOTAL 30/9/23 £	A Tomb With a view £	Don't Dress For Dinner £	Fight them for The Beeches £
(a) Production Income										
Ticket sales	-	9,379	3,440	6,121	6,698	12,819	9,680	5,660	4,020	-
Programme sales	-	770	170	940	-	940	474	246	228	-
Script costs contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	100	60	-
	-	10,149	3,610	7,061	6,698	13,759	10,314	6,006	4,308	-
(a) Income from other charitable activities										
Donations										
Anonymous Annual donation				1,500		1,500	1,500			
Sundry Small donations				-	25	25	-			
Christmas Carols on the Green - St Nicolas Brass						-	-			
Donations for performances - St Nicolas Brass				200	100	300	578			
Sponsors				500		500	2,750			
Other Mercedes Benz Club						-	-			
Other Spalding Flower Parade Charity Stall				214	8	222	-			
Play readings				17		17	16			
St Nicolas Players Sweathshirts				-	270	270				
Quiz night proceeds						-	148			
Frog Race night proceeds				-	53	53	385			
Hire / Sales of scenery and props				-	50	50	35			
Amazon Smile donations						-	65			
				2,431	506	2,937	5,477			

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3. RESOURCES USED	Holiday Snap £	Mother Goose £	Fight Them For The Beeches £	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 30/9/24 £	TOTAL 30/9/23 £	Fight them For The Beeches £	Don't Dress For dinner £	A Tomb With A View
(a) Direct charitable expenditure										
Production costs										
Venue / Theatre hire	-	2,268	1,800	4,068	-	4,068	3,600	-	1,800	1,800
Ticket sales commission	-	910	344	1,254	-	1,254	968	-	402	566
Licences	442	200		642	-	642	795	200	595	-
Scripts	115	-		115	-	115	219	70	150	-
Programmes	-	289		289	-	289	-	-	-	-
Publicity (including banners and posters)	-	300	414	713	-	713	682	-	267	415
Set costs (including props and costumes)	437	604	234	1,275	-	1,275	746	280	321	145
Technical expenses	-	799	83	882	-	882	-	-	-	-
	995	5,370	2,874	9,239	-	9,239	7,011	550	3,534	2,927
(b) Costs of charitable activities										
General expenses						-	12			
Costs of materials to create new scenery for use in productions						-	495			
Purchase of game for use for fundraising - Play your cards right						-	100			
Spalding Flower Parade - stall hire				145		145	40			
Frog Race night - new frogs made / Room hire				31		31	38			
St Nicolas Players Sweatshirts				215						
Scripts / Room hire costs for events - AGM, Christmas Social, play readings				110		110	50			
Music Hall costs				-		-	79			
Music Hall costs New Speaker				-		-	239			
Marquee for outdoor events				-		-	569			
Reimburse Society member for losses not covered by insurance				500		500	-			
St Nicolas Brass Sheet music and rehearsal room hire costs				125		125	223			
St Nicolas Brass Music Stands 2024 / Ties for band members 2023				199		199	360			
St Nicolas Brass Storage Box for Band Banners				39		39	-			
				1,364	-	1,149	2,206			
(c) Governance costs										
Premises expenses										
Rent				4,175		4,175	3,000			
Electricity				933		933	666			
General repairs				456		456	544			
Insurance and Subscription to NODA				316		316	506			
Website costs				76		76	94			
Gifts to members leaving / illness				-		-	46			
Mobile phone costs				106		106	109			
Bank charges				84		84	89			
				6,146	-	6,146	5,052			
				16,747	-	16,533	14,269			
4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL 30/9/24 £	TOTAL 30/9/23 £			
Cash funds held at 1 October 2023 (2022)				3,620	20,755	24,375	21,817			
Movements per receipts and payments account				(7,231)	8,337	1,106	2,558			
Balance as at 30 September 2024 (2023)				(3,611)	29,092	25,481	24,375			

5. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the current year.
Any payments made to Trustees, purely relate to the reimbursement of expenses incurred in relation to objects of the charity.