



Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ending: 20th October 2021

CIO: registered number: 1189816

The Cracked Slipper Company: Report from the Trustees for the year ending October 2021. The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with a statement of financial accounts for the purposes of the Charity Commission. The Trustees took the charity commissions guidance when setting up as a charity in June 2020 helping us to shape our purposes and activities.

Purpose and Activities

The Cracked Slipper Company's purpose is to advance public education by fostering and promoting the maintenance, improvement and development of artistic taste and the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the performing and visual arts (including drama, music and dance, creative writing, creating costumes and sets, film and media) amongst the inhabitants of Hereford in particular by making the arts accessible to all sections of the community, without distinction of race, sex, political or other opinions.

The Charitable purpose is to advance public education through performing Arts.

Aims

- To reach out to people who would not normally access the arts due to social and financial constraints offering free drama groups, workshops ensuring that people across Herefordshire can take part and have the chance to learn new skills gain experience, confidence and to make new friends.
- To offer an opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to participate in the arts.
- To provide opportunities for people to gain new skills, gain confidence and to be part of the wider community.
- To be an advocate for social cohesion and support our community.
- To provide classes, workshops, and performances of artistic merit.

Trustees Report:

The Cracked Slipper Company became a newly registered charity in June 2020 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Much of the work we had anticipated at this point had to be adapted due to the pandemic hitting us just as we had set up our charity. This did not deter us it just meant that we had to adapt, and we turned to Zoom to help us carry on with the classes online.

During the Summer lockdown we engaged with the community through a children's creative writing competition. We had lots of entries and winners in different categories and the overall winner had their story made into a book and illustrated by a graphic designer who volunteers with The Cracked Slipper Company.



The Cracked Slipper Company took part in the Hereford River carnival which had to be an online event. The Cracked Slipper Company produced some online puppet shows to entertain the children.

In January 2021 The Cracked Slipper Company started the first ever Drama 4 Change group for 10-16 years. This started online until restrictions were lifted in April 2021 allowing us to offer classes at The Kindle Community Centre in Hereford. This group started thanks to funding from All Pay, Edgar E Lawley, The Round Table Hereford and in March 2021 we were chosen as a cause for the CO OP Community Fund. In May 2021 Drama 4 Change produced their first short promotional film.



Drama 4 Change were asked to work in partnership with The Knife Angel Hereford. This was a massive opportunity to showcase the creative work from the Drama 4 Change Group. The Drama 4 Change group consisted of young people between the age of 10 years and 16 years and alongside professional drama practitioners the young people wrote and performed a thought-provoking piece for the arrival of the Knife Angel in Hereford. The piece was shown as part of the event as an online film and two members of this group performed poetry live at the event in June 2021.

The Cracked Slipper Company worked alongside The Knife Angel Hereford to produce some thought-provoking workshops held at local community centres and youth groups throughout Hereford in May and June 2021. The workshops with characters working in roles to highlight consequences of Knife Crime. Participants explored how scenarios and worked with facilitators, adding to the story and experience.



In May 2021 The Cracked Slipper Company started gathering feedback and consultation with young people in Hereford between the ages of 16 years and 25 years. This led to an application for Lottery Funding. The Cracked Slipper Company received funding from the National Lottery to carry out a free to attend Drama group for 16 years-25 years. This groups started in September 2021.

The Cracked Slipper Company took part in the Summer Fit and Fed programme at Hinton Community Centre in Hereford offering free drama sessions in July 2021.



The Cracked Slipper Company applied to The Herefordshire Community Foundation for funding to carry out summer workshops and this extended to October half term. The funding was to enable the Cracked Slipper Company to offer summer and half term workshops aimed at 10 -18-year-olds in Herefordshire. The brief was to create a campaign based on a topic that was important to young people and their community.

Funding from The Beaumont Trust in September enabled us to employ a freelance Youth Engagement officer to help reach out to young people who where disengaged, felt excluded and lacked confidence. This role not only helped us to recruit participants to the weekly groups but also to encouraged young people to Volunteer and gain valuable skills and experience.

Governance:

The Cracked Slipper Company is a CIO registered charity, it is governed by a constitution, which was passed in June 2020 when we first became a CIO.

Trustees met on a regular basis throughout the year.

Trustees:

Victoria Craig
Carla Good
Andrew Bailey

David Durant
Cat Hornsey

Policies:

The Cracked Slipper Company Trustees work together to make sure all policies and procedures are up to date. When working with young and vulnerable people we make sure our safeguarding policies and procedures are robust and all of our staff are offered safeguarding training and all of our staff are DBS Cleared.

Volunteering:

The Cracked Slipper Company has advertised through HVOSS in Hereford to reach out to volunteers of all ages to participate but numbers were not high due to the ongoing pandemic and the scaled down events during 2021. Through our Youth Engagement Officer, we are also actively seeking youth volunteering. Volunteers will be offered the opportunity to work alongside professional drama leaders gaining new skills and experience. All of our Volunteers are DBS Cleared through The Cracked Slipper Company using local Hoople services.

Financial Report:

We stated off our financial year as a CIO with a balance of £1,259.57 in the bank this was from a fundraising event carried out previous to charitable status as a CIO and the pandemic. Fundraising was difficult throughout the financial year due to the pandemic.

Trustees were aware how difficult funding was during this period; however, we did gain funding to carry out projects and some core funding to help the scaled down activities that we did produce. We gained funding from:

E Lawley Core Funding (Youth Group 10-16)
All Pay (Donation)
CO OP (Fundraising)
Roundtable
Knife Angel Hereford payment for providing workshops
Lottery Funding (16-25 Project)
Herefordshire Community Foundation(Summer Workshops)
Arnold Clark core funding
The Beaumont Trust (Youth Engagement Support)

The Trustees have worked closely to look at the finances of the charity going forward. The Cracked Slipper Company heavily relies on funding streams to enable us to carry out the much-needed work we deliver. A priority for The Cracked Slipper Company is to prioritise the work we carry out whilst investigating new streams of funding, working on a funding strategy.

The Cracked Slipper Company has worked hard to develop the ongoing work of The Cracked Slipper Company. This would not be possible without a dedicated board of Trustees, volunteers and our talented and dedicated freelancers.

Victoria Craig
Chairperson 03/08/2022

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The Cracked Slipper Company

No (if any)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

20/06/2020

To

20/10/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Edgar E Lawley	1,500	-	-	1,500
All Pay (Donation)	250	-	-	250
CO OP (Fundraising)	1,529	-	-	1,529
Roundtable	500	-	-	500
KnifeAngel Hereford (Payment for Workshops)	1,000	-	-	1,000
Lottery Funding(16-25 project)	8,756	-	-	8,756
Hereford Community Foundation (Summer Workshops)	2,590	-	-	2,590
Arnold Clark Core funding	1,000			1,000
The Beaumoont Trust (Youth Engagement support)	3,993			3,993
	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	21,118	-	-	21,118
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,118	-	-	21,118

A3 Payments

Online Fees Website	269	-	-	269
Fundraising Regulator	50	-	-	50
Printing Costs	191	-	-	191
Design	67	-	-	67
Freelance Drama Practitioners	2,792	-	-	2,792

Venue Hire	1,020	-	-	1,020
Insurance	204	-	-	204
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Filming	1,000	-	-	1,000
Sub total	5,717	-	-	5,717

Total payments	5,717	-	-	5,717
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
V L Craig	Victoria Craig
	Carla Good

