

CENTRESTAGE, SHIFNAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1198360

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-03-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT[S] OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION IN, AND APPRECIATION OF, MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (AGED 5 TO 19) WITHIN SHROPSHIRE AND TELFORD AND WREKIN. BY THE PROVISION OF WORKSHOPS IN THEATRE TECHNIQUES INCLUDING ACTING, SINGING AND DANCING. OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE THEATRE INCLUDING WORKING BACKSTAGE, LIGHTING, SOUND AND PRODUCTION DESIGN. BY PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES DELIVERED BOTH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY AND IS SUCH OTHER WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

Activities: We hold weekly workshops - split into age groups (Minis, Juniors and Seniors) exploring a termly theme. These weekly sessions culminate in an end of term showcase which is open invite to members of the community allowing our young people to perform, stage manage and design. These weekly workshops are supported by large scale youth and community performances.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Shropshire
- Telford & Wrekin

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,449	£2,051	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,286	£1,883	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,991	£23,398	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Newman	Chair	2023-09-04
Andrew Bernard Hedges		2023-01-31
Lisa Marsden-Hedges		2024-07-22
Philip Henry Freeth		2023-01-31

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Operational report for CentreStage, Shifnal 2024/25

Activities have continued on Monday evenings during school terms in St Andrews church with the young people continuing in 3 groups, minis, juniors and seniors. All the young people, including some with special needs, were enthusiastic as usual and learnt new skills which we hope will benefit them now and in the future, not least confidence and team working, as well as performing and technical theatrical skills.

The young people were assisted in putting on a Summer Showcase complete with theatrical sound and lighting, enjoyed by all who took part, and watching parents, friends and guardians. We participated in the Shifnal Carnival with our own float. We also put on a Christmas Show which was a mini-showcase, again enjoyed by all.

We experienced some leadership challenges during the year resulting in the appointment of new team leaders and assistants. Safeguarding was not compromised at any time.

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Income & expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
INCOME		
Production Ticket Sales	122	114
Christmas Party Sales	100	160
Grants	-	-
Donations	1,101	939
Production Bar	-	454
Showcase	-	-
Tuck Shop	837	868
Merchandise Sales	515	320
Interest Received	23	7
Equipment Hire	750	-
Sundry Sales	-	424
	3,449	3,286
EXPENDITURE		
Production Expenses	889	250
Tuck Shop	322	334
Christmas Party Expenditure	83	220
Materials	-	-
Licences & Permits	-	-
Insurance	289	278
Legal & Professional Fees /Subscriptions	-	180
Miscellaneous	-	181
Merchandise Expenditure	468	441
Interest Payable	-	-
	2,051	1,883
	1,398	1,403

I have examined the bank statements and accounting records and confirm the above to be a true record of the income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Philip Freeth - Trustee
24th December 2025

	Transactions from Bank Statements			
date	Item	Amount		
02.04.24	Merchandise Sales INCOME	170		
15.04.24	Equipment Hire Income	750		
17.04.24	Donations INCOME	33.81		
17.04.24	Donations INCOME	34.88		
19.04.24	Tuck Shop EXPENDITURE	7.91		7.91
30.05.24	Tuck Shop INCOME	133.15		
07.06.24	Merchandise Expenditure	147.69		147.69
17.06.24	Tuck Shop INCOME	84.25		
26.06.24	Insurance EXPENDITURE	288.91		288.91
28.06.24	Tuck Shop INCOME	183.25		
12.07.24	Production Ticket Sales INCOME	122.42		
24.07.24	Production Expenses EXPENDITURE	888.89		888.89
30.07.24	Donations INCOME	300	10 k	
02.08.24	Donations INCOME	29.49		
18.10.24	Tuck Shop EXPENDITURE	108.13		108.13
24.10.24	Tuck Shop INCOME	177.85		
11.11.24	Merchandise Sales INCOME	10		
12.11.24	Merchandise Sales INCOME	15		
18.11.24	Merchandise Expenditure	320.18		320.18
18.11.24	Tuck Shop EXPENDITURE	84.9		84.9
26.11.24	Donations INCOME	200	Showcase donation	
02.12.24	Merchandise Sales INCOME	40		
02.12.24	Merchandise Sales INCOME	10		
02.12.24	Merchandise Sales INCOME	40		
03.12.24	Donations INCOME	23.59		
04.12.24	Donations INCOME	100		
11.12.24	Merchandise Sales INCOME	230		
11.12.24	Tuck Shop INCOME	142.91		
11.12.24	Christmas Party Sales	100		
23.12.24	Christmas Party Expenditure	15.71		15.71
13.01.25	Donations INCOME	60	K Malin Art	
31.01.25	Tuck Shop EXPENDITURE	121.48		121.48
31.01.25	Christmas Party Expenditure	67		67
03.02.25	Donations INCOME	19.66		
11.02.25	Donations INCOME	300	Carnival	
13.03.25	Tuck Shop INCOME	116		
30.04.24	Interest Received	1.56		
31.05.24	Interest Received	2.29		
30.06.24	Interest Received	2.07		
31.07.24	Interest Received	2.28		
30.08.24	Interest Received	1.63		

30.09.24	Interest Received	1.68			
31.10.24	Interest Received	1.63			
30.11.24	Interest Received	1.47			
31.12.24	Interest Received	1.91			
31.01.25	Interest Received	2.28			
28.02.25	Interest Received	1.94			
31.03.25	Interest Received	2.15			

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2023 Winter term

Starting back in the September term, we gained a few new members and started work on performances to have ready for the summer showcase. This would be our own scripted show that would encourage the groups to work together creating the costumes, choreography. The young people would need to audition for parts and learn lines.

We held a Christmas party at the local war memorial club. This was well received by the children and parents. We charged £3 to attend to raise some funds for the club and cover any costs.

We implemented a stricter process on the tuck shop tin, providing a lockable tin and regular banking of cash.

2024 Spring - Summer

We continued with our scripted piece for the new year. We also gained a couple of new leaders: these were very welcome as due to personal circumstances one of our leaders had to leave. This took the number of leaders to 10.

Throughout the terms the number of children remained fairly constant with only a drop off in the final term, which we often get due to children moving schools, getting older etc.

We attended the local Shifnal Carnival, decorating a float and having a great day with many of the children in the local community. This was planned and decorated by the leaders and young people with the parents giving their support to the project. It was a great opportunity to create greater connection with parents and the community.

During the year we were also selected by the local council to receive funding raised by the Shifnal 10K run. It was a great privilege to be selected by the local council and a testament to the belief and community engagement that Shifnal has in us.

Finally we put on our showcase at St Andrews church, this was well attended by the parents and guardians of the children, where we raised funds. Costumes, videos etc. were worked on by the children.

Lisa Marsden-Hedges

Team Leader and now Trustee

30/10/2024

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Income & expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
INCOME			
Production Ticket Sales	114	5,433	7,977
Christmas Party Sales	160		
Grants	-	7,365	650
Donations	939	2,351	1,018
Production Sponsorship	-		2,100
Production SHow Fees	-	700	100
Production Bar	454	1,877	1,162
Showcase	-	297	235
Trips	-	525	615
Tuck Shop	868	207	638
Merchandise Sales	320	38	113
Interest Received	7		
Sundry Sales	424	198	30
	3,286	18,991	14,638
EXPENDITURE			
Production Expenses	250	14,144	12,377
Tuck Shop	334	497	569
Christmas Party Expenditure	220		
Materials	-	375	848
Trips	-	1,935	-
Advertising & Promotion	-	1,415	40
Licences & Permits	-	572	265
Insurance	278	1,137	-
Rent	-	930	-
Web Hosting	-	-	80
Computer Software	-	420	-
Cell Phone	-	33	-
Stationery	-	-	64
Meals	-	202	-
Legal & Professional Fees /Subscriptions	180		144
Miscellaneous	181	1,605	10
Merchandise Expenditure	441		
Interest Payable	-	133	-
	1,883	23,398	14,397
	£1,403	-£4,407	£241

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Philip Freeth - Trustee
25th October 2024

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The group was largely dormant during 2022 due to a theft of funds. The then principals needed to be replaced and the group reformed.

2023 started with some new team members whose children attended. The team, worked really hard at the start of the year to ensure that all the children really felt welcomed back. We had a number of new students join us and lots of support from the parents.

Within the minis group they learned tongue twisters and how to do tableaux. One of the biggest achievements in this group were a couple of the group who really struggled with speaking in front of adults and would often get their friends to speak for them, however, come the showcase, they were able to speak by themselves on the mic, and even respond to impromptu questions from the mayor. The minis thrived and many of them have stayed with us as they moved into Juniors in September 2023.

In the juniors the group worked on costumes, making their own, coming up with the characters and then designing and making the costumes which they showed at the 2023 showcase. They also worked on a song from Matilda and many of them sang solos during the song, a first time for many of them.

The seniors wrote directed and acted in their own murder mystery, which they performed at the showcase. One grandparent after the show thanked us for bringing their grandson out of themselves and empowering him with enough confidence to have conversations. We struggled with a few of the seniors as they were having trouble at school and sometimes brought that with them. We have worked hard at building relationships with the seniors and have seen the benefit of that as we have moved into 2024.

We now feel in a place to fundraise and have been doing so to help give CentreStage a healthy bank account. Bringing a new treasurer on board has allowed for prompt management of tuck funds and any other funds that come into CentreStage.

Looking forward we propose the team should have some first aid training to support the young people that we have attending.

Lisa Hedges

Lead Officer

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Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023				
<u>2021/22</u>			<u>2022/23</u>	
	<u>INCOME</u>			
7,977	Production ticket sales			5,433
650	Grants			7,365
1,018	Donations			2,351
2,100	Production sponsorship			0
100	Production show fees			700
1,162	Production Bar			1,877
235	Showcase			297
615	Trips			525
638	Tuck shop			207
113	Merchandise sales			38
<u>30</u>	Sundry sales			<u>198</u>
14,638				18,991
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
-12,377	Production expenses		14,144	
-569	Tuck shop expenses		497	
-848	Materials		375	
0	Trips expenses		1,935	
-40	Advertising & promotion		1,415	
-265	Licences & permits, subscriptions		572	
0	Insurance		1,137	
0	Rent		930	
-80	Web hosting		0	
0	Computer software		420	
0	Cell phone		33	
-64	Stationery		0	
0	Meals		202	
-144	Legal & professional fees		0	
-10	Miscellaneous		1,605	
<u>0</u>	Interest payable & bank charges		<u>133</u>	<u>-23,398</u>
£241				£ (4,407)
Closing cash balances 31/3/2023 were £99.34 less £20.16 owed on credit card.				
The above accounts have been prepared based on information provided by the previous treasurer.				
An independent examination of the books revealed suspicious payments totalling £2,652.86				
between August and November 2022, with further questionable transactions possibly as much as				
£2,600 net approximately. None of these sums are recoverable.				