

## Operational report for CentreStage, Shifnal 2022/23

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

	<b>CentreStage, Shifnal CIO</b>			
	Registered charity number 1198360			
	Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023			
<b><u>2021/22</u></b>			<b><u>2022/23</u></b>	
	<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.				