

**SPADS
(SONG, PANTOMIME AND DRAMA SOCIETY)**

Charity Registration Number: 1199306

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

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Charity Information

Charity Registration Number

1199306

Trustees

(Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees)

Peter Wright	Chair
Ian Clarke	Vice Chair
Will Leete	Treasurer
Emma Cole	Secretary
Josh Clarke	Trustee
Debbie Stoten	Trustee
Alan Reilly	Trustee
Sarah Moir	Trustee
Matthew Curtis	Trustee

Independent Examiner

John S D Millar ACMA, CGMA

Bankers

Virgin Money

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Trustees

At the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2024, all Trustees were re-elected. The Board therefore remained as follows:

Chair: Peter Wright
Vice Chair: Ian Clarke
Secretary: Emma Cole
Treasurer: Will Leete
Trustees: Alan Reilly, Debbie Stoten, Josh Clarke, Matthew Curtis, Sarah Moir

Constitution

The Society is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1199306) and was originally formed in 1937. It became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in June 2022. The Society is administered by a Board of Trustees (the Committee), elected in accordance with the Society's book of rules, the latest edition of which was issued in 2022.

Location

The Society is based at St Paul's Church Hall, Pixmore Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 1QT. Productions are staged at a variety of venues in and around Letchworth Garden City.

As of 2025, SPADS also rents a commercial industrial unit in Baldock to support its operations and storage needs.

Objects and Aims

The objects of the Charity (Society) are to educate the public in, and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in dramatic and operatic arts and musical works of all kinds; and to assist and further such charitable institutions and purposes as the society shall from time to time determine.

Review of Progress

- June 2024 – Musical: The Wedding Singer
- December 2024 – Annual Pantomime: Goldilocks
- February 2025 – 3rd Annual Awards Evening

The Board of Trustees has decided not to make financial donations to local charities during this financial year, primarily due to the anticipated increase in costs for the 2025-26 period. However, the Board remains fully committed to regularly reviewing opportunities to support local charitable organisations in other meaningful ways, such as donating tickets to our performances where appropriate.

For the financial year ending 31st March 2025, SPADS has made an overall profit of £5,659.59.

Funds and Investments

All SPADS funds are held in bank accounts with Virgin Money and are fully unrestricted.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



Peter Wright
Chair

Date: 10/06/2025

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INCOME EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 2024/25
01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Tickets	£ 41,153.79	£ 39,448.47
Programmes	£ 224.00	£ 626.30
Merchandise	£ 425.00	£ -
Member Production Fee	£ 770.00	£ 290.00
Member Rehearsal Refreshment Fee	£ 285.00	£ 190.00
Bank Interest & Cashback	£ 619.18	£ 1,364.22
Donations, Sponsorship & Grants	£ 640.00	£ 550.00
Equipment Hire	£ -	£ 100.00
Equipment Sale	£ 450.95	£ -
Bingo / Raffle	£ 30.00	£ -
Bar	£ -	£ -
Theatre Tax Credit (HMRC)	£ 6,425.31	£ -
Sundry	£ -	£ 90.00
	£ 51,023.23	£ 42,658.99
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Scripts & Royalties	£ 4,089.18	£ 3,488.04
Marketing	£ 1,958.41	£ 925.21
Printing	£ 568.77	£ 821.70
Costumes	£ 2,985.67	£ 1,911.13
Merchandise	£ 216.00	£ -
Staging (Props/Scenery)	£ 3,447.71	£ 15,919.70
Staging (Lighting)	£ 3,149.66	£ -
Staging (Sound)	£ 4,897.32	£ -
Staging (Misc)	£ 352.56	£ -
Charitable Donations	£ 56.00	£ 48.00
Musicians (Rehearsals)	£ 1,100.00	£ 1,500.00
Musicians (Performances)	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,400.00
Financial Fees (Paypal, Zettle etc.)	£ 51.32	£ 21.40
Rent (St. Pauls Church Hall)	£ 3,702.50	£ 4,184.70
Garage/Storage/Commercial Unit Rent	£ 2,884.00	
Venue Hire	£ 6,000.00	£ 4,800.00
Venue Technicians (Broadway)	£ 3,288.60	£ -
Insurance	£ 921.72	£ 936.93
Stationary	£ 310.37	£ 312.31
Food & Beverage (for shows & events)	£ 2,279.55	£ 2,755.82
Rehearsal Refreshments	£ 366.75	£ -
Professional Membership / Fees (NODA)	£ 245.00	£ 243.78
Mileage Reimbursement	£ -	£ -
Sundry	£ 992.55	£ 812.75
	£ 45,363.64	£ 40,081.47
Profit / (Loss) to Date:	£ 5,659.59	£ 2,577.52

Financial Status As At: 31/03/24

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Cash At:		
Virgin Money - Current A/C	£ 5,965.30	£ 46,505.73
Virgin Money - Deposit A/C	£ 45,375.77	£ 10.85
Petty Cash	£ -	£ -
Accruals	£ (900.00)	£ (900.00)
Accruals (Grease 2025)	£ (115.00)	£ -
Prepayments (The Wedding Singer 2024)	£ -	£ 1,138.98
Prepayments (Grease 2025)	£ 2,089.08	£ -
	£ 52,415.15	£ 46,755.56
Represented By:		
Reserves Brought Forward	£ 46,755.56	£ 44,178.04
Profit To Date	£ 5,659.59	£ 2,577.52
	£ 52,415.15	£ 46,755.56

In my opinion, the financial statements provide a true and fair view of the society's financial position as at 31st March 2025, as well as its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

John S D Millar ACMA, CGMA



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PRODUCTION/EVENT - INCOME EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

	June 2024 The Wedding Singer	December 2024 Pantomime	February 2025 Awards Evening
<u>Income</u>			
Tickets	£ 12,864.00	£ 27,209.79	£ 1,080.00
Programmes	£ -	£ 224.00	£ -
Merchandise	£ -	£ 425.00	£ -
Donations / Sponsorship	£ 300.00	£ 340.00	£ -
Bar	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ 13,164.00	£ 28,198.79	£ 1,080.00
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Scripts & Royalties	£ 4,012.64	£ 76.54	£ -
Marketing	£ 723.27	£ 1,078.62	£ -
Printing	£ 230.40	£ 303.20	£ 10.17
Costumes	£ 424.03	£ 2,561.64	£ -
Merchandise	£ -	£ -	£ -
Staging (Props/Scenery)	£ 1,552.19	£ 1,831.68	£ -
Staging (Lighting)	£ 1,193.69	£ 1,955.97	£ -
Staging (Sound)	£ 2,230.51	£ 2,547.63	£ -
Staging (Misc)	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charitable Donations	£ -	£ -	£ -
Musicians (Rehearsals)	£ 550.00	£ 550.00	£ -
Musicians (Performances)	£ 750.00	£ 750.00	£ -
Financial Fees (Paypal, Zettle etc.)	£ -	£ -	£ -
Rent (St. Pauls Church Hall)	£ 1,713.50	£ 1,170.00	£ -
Venue Hire	£ 6,000.00	£ -	£ -
Venue Technicians (Broadway)	£ 756.00	£ 2,532.60	£ -
Insurance	£ -	£ -	£ -
Stationary	£ 3.16	£ 54.63	£ 65.23
Bar Stock	£ -	£ 116.66	£ 2,162.89
Rehearsal Refreshments	£ -	£ -	£ -
Professional Membership / Fees (NODA)	£ -	£ -	£ -
Mileage Reimbursement	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sundry	£ 145.24	£ 115.84	£ -
	£ 20,284.63	£ 15,645.01	£ 2,238.29
Profit / (Loss)	£ (7,120.63)	£ 12,553.78	£ (1,158.29)

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OPERATING COSTS - INCOME EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

	Main Running Costs	Sundry Receipts & Expenses
<u>Income</u>		
Merchandise	£ -	£ -
Member Production Fee	£ 770.00	£ -
Member Rehearsal Refreshment Fee	£ 285.00	£ -
Donations / Sponsorship	£ -	£ -
Bingo / Raffle	£ 30.00	£ -
Bar	£ -	£ -
Bank Interest / Cashback	£ -	£ 619.18
Equipment Hire	£ -	£ -
Equipment Sale	£ -	£ 450.95
Theatre Tax Credit (HMRC)	£ 6,425.31	£ -
Sundry	£ -	£ -
	£ 7,510.31	£ 1,070.13
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Scripts & Royalties	£ -	£ -
Marketing	£ 156.52	£ -
Printing	£ 25.00	£ -
Costumes	£ -	£ -
Merchandise	£ 216.00	£ -
Staging (Props/Scenery)	£ 63.84	£ -
Staging (Lighting)	£ -	£ -
Staging (Sound)	£ 119.18	£ -
Staging (Misc)	£ 352.56	£ -
Charitable Donations	£ 56.00	£ -
Musicians (Rehearsals)	£ -	£ -
Musicians (Performances)	£ -	£ -
Financial Fees (Paypal, Zettle etc.)	£ 51.32	£ -
Rent (St. Pauls Church Hall)	£ 819.00	£ -
Venue Hire	£ 2,884.00	£ -
Venue Technicians (Broadway)	£ -	£ -
Insurance	£ 921.72	£ -
Stationary	£ 187.35	£ -
Bar Stock	£ -	£ -
Rehearsal Refreshments	£ 366.75	£ -
Professional Membership / Fees (NODA)	£ 245.00	£ -
Mileage Reimbursement	£ -	£ -
Sundry	£ 731.47	£ -
	£ 7,195.71	£ -
Profit / (Loss)	£ 314.60	£ 1,070.13

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SPADS (Song, Pantomime and Drama Society)**

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and confirm that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act). Instead, the Trustees have determined that an independent examination is required.

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act and to follow the procedures outlined in the General Directions issued by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act. My role is to report whether any matters of concern have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was conducted in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commission. It included:

- Reviewing the accounting records maintained by the Charity;
- Comparing the accounts presented to those records; and
- Considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees regarding such matters.

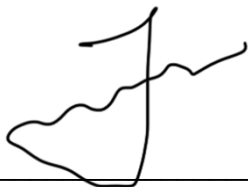
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and I do not express an opinion on whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view.' My report is limited to the matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which would cause me to believe that, in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts fail to comply with the applicable requirements concerning their form and content as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

I have not identified any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Trustees to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts.



John S D Millar ACMA, CGMA
Independent Examiner

05/06/2025

Date

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DETAILS OF OTHER ASSETS HELD

Other Assets

For use by the Society (and other persons and organisations subject to agreement)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Current Value (approx.)</u>
Follow Spot Lights (x2)	£500.00	£450.00
Pro Light LEDJ Par Can (x14)	£1,176.00	£567.00
Roland TD-17KVX Electronic Drum Kit	£1,626.49	£990.00
Roland Keyboard	£850.00	£425.00
Various costumes, scenery, props, equipment etc	£ -	£7,000

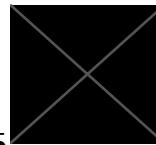
TRUSTEES APPROVAL

The accounts detailed within have been approved by the Trustees on the date shown below and are signed on their behalf.



Leete
Treasurer

Date: 10/06/2025



Peter G
Chair

Date: 10/06/2025