

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 10 2024 To 30 09 2025
Period end date

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

CHEADLE AMATEUR THEATRE & STAGECRAFT

Other names charity is known by

C.A.T.S.

Registered charity number (if any)

1200114

Charity's principal address

c/o 53 LEEK ROAD

CHEADLE

STOKE ON TRENT

Postcode

ST10 1JJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pauline Keates	Chair		
2	Stephen Haines	Secretary		
3	Adrian Paddock	Treasurer		
4	Daniel Ede-Smith			
5	Dr Samantha Hughes-Johnson			
6	Jason Greenwood			
7	James Walker		01/10/24 – 08/04/25	
8	Ian Wood		01/10/24 – 13/08/25	
9	Stephanie Stevens		10/04/25 – 30/09/25	
10	Rob Adamson		05/05/25 – 30/09/25	
11	Charlotte Brown		01/10/24 – 17/03/25	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>Charitable Incorporated Organisation</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>Charitable Incorporated Organisation</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>By appointment of members</i>	Elected by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall strategic decision-making process for the group and are responsible for ensuring the charity remains financially viable. The Trustees met 4 times during the financial year.

Responsibility for managing individual performances and other 'day to day' activities is delegated to the Management Committee which consists of most of the Trustees along with other members of the group. The Management Committee met 7 times during the financial year.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the CIO are to advance the education and appreciation of the art of drama and musical theatre by:

- (a) providing opportunities for members to learn and develop new skills, and to participate in the production of amateur dramatic performances, including (but not limited to) acting, backstage, technical, direction and production roles; and
- (b) the public presentation of dramatic performances

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity aims to put on 3 to 4 performances each year. The Trustees consider these performances to satisfy the charities public benefit obligations contained within the Charity Commission's guidance in the following ways:

- Three out of the five wards within the town of Cheadle are in the top third of most deprived areas of England according to the latest IMD analysis. The charity offers the people of Cheadle the opportunity to enjoy quality, local theatrical performances at an affordable price. Without these performances the residents would have to travel to Stoke, Derby or Buxton at considerable expense both in terms of ticket prices and transport costs.
- The charity's performances cover a range of genres from Shakespeare to Children's Pantomime. The aim is to ensure that there is something of interest for all the Town's residents, regardless of age, background or income.
- The charity has strong links with other local artistic groups (e.g. dance schools) and regularly features member of these groups in its performances thus giving these members additional opportunities to develop and display their artistic talents.
- The charity actively seeks out new members to join the group, particularly young adults and disadvantaged individuals, to give them the opportunity to work within a theatrical setting, to learn and develop new skills and build their self-confidence.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

CATS presented three public performances during the current financial year.

In October 2024 CATS once again diversified by performing a one-off Halloween Horror Double Bill. The performance took the form of a radio play complete with live sound and special effects. It was directed by Samantha Hughes-Johnson and featured adaptations of Charles Dickens' 'The Signalman' and 'The Monkey's Paw', a horror short story by English author WW Jacobs. The one-night only production attracted 87 audience members.

The annual pantomime was Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood and was held in February 2025 at Bishop Rawle School. It was directed by Rob Adamson and featured members of CATS as well as dance routines performed by the Vivienne Shelley Dance Group. Attendance for the four nights and one matinee performance was 418.

"Jack Orf!" was a continuation of CATS diversification into 'one night only' Adult Panto. It was staged at the Guild Hall and was again directed by Jason Greenwood. It proved once again very popular with an audience of 148.

CATS also attended and supported several community events during the financial year including their usual stall at the Party In The Park event at the beginning of August 2025.

CATS received two grants during the financial year: £300 from Staffordshire County Council and £2,090 from the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) funded by the UK Government and administered by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. Both grants contributed to the purchase of additional lighting and sound equipment.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustee's aim to hold £10,000 in reserve which broadly equates to two year's running costs (e.g. rental, energy, insurance etc). The intent is to protect the groups ongoing viability should circumstances arise like the 2020 / 2021 COVID lockdowns when all public performances were necessarily cancelled.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.


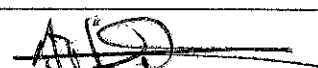
The main source of income for CATS arises from the sale of tickets for public performances. Additional income comes from ancillary activities connected with the performances such as sales of refreshments, raffles and advertising in the programmes. Members pay an annual fee which covers them for insurance purposes while performing or preparing for shows. Additional one-off funding can come from grants from local councils or national Arts campaigns as well as from occasional donations from members of the public. However, these are irregular in nature and, in general, represent a small element of the total income. All expenses are incurred either to cover the running costs of the organisation or to cover costs of production. A single payment of £53 was made to a Trustee (Adrian Paddock) for printer ink. Gross income in the period was £12,417 and expenditure was £13,121 which resulted in an overall net expenditure more than income of £704.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PAULINE ROSEMARIE KEATES	ADRIAN JOHN PADDOCK
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	26-11-25.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CHEADLE AMATEUR THEATRE & STAGECRAFT

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/10/2024

To

30/09/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

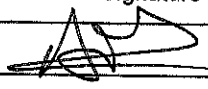
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
L_1 Ticket Sales	8,820	-	-	8,820	7,353
L_2 Refreshments	1,949	-	-	1,949	2,173
L_3 Subscriptions	348	-	-	348	165
L_4 Grants	2,390	-	-	2,390	1,075
L_5 Donations	119	-	-	119	853
L_6 Interest Received	389	-	-	389	135
L_7 Advertising	220	-	-	220	90
L_9 Other Income	181	-	-	181	30
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,417	-	-	12,417	11,874
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,417	-	-	12,417	11,874
A3 Payments					
E_1 Hall Hire	1,609	-	-	1,609	3,348
E_2 Production Costs	5,735	-	-	5,735	1,172
E_3 Refreshments	628	-	-	628	801
E_4 Advertising	906	-	-	906	534
E_5 Administration Costs	667	-	-	667	444
E_6 Insurance	1,509	-	-	1,509	1,100
E_7 Premises (Rental / Energy)	1,094	-	-	1,094	644
E_8 Trustee Expenses	53	-	-	53	-
E_9 Other Expenses	919	-	-	919	304
Sub total	13,121	-	-	13,121	8,347
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,121	-	-	13,121	8,347
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 704	-	-	- 704	3,526
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,301	-	-	16,301	14,119
Cash funds this year end	15,597	-	-	15,597	17,646

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	4,580	-	-
	Instant Access	276	-	-
	90-Day Access	10,741	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,597	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Storage Building	Unrestricted		
	Costumes & Props	Unrestricted		
	Sound and lighting equipment	Unrestricted		
B5 Liabilities	None			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Arian Paddock	26.11.25

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