

Harrogate Phoenix Players CIO
Charity Number 1200385

Annual Report 2024/25

Structure

The Trustees appointed for the year 2024/2025 were:

Leanne Ashton

Mark Sowden

Samuel McKenzie

Matthew Weilding (from 15 May 2024)

Janine Doyle (from 15 May 2024, resigned 1 October 2024)

Trustees are appointed by election of the Charity's members at its annual AGM held in May. Trustees retire on rotation but can immediately stand for re-election if they so choose.

Governance

The Charity operated under its adopted constitution which follows the Charities Commission's model constitution for CIO, as amended.

The Charity has adopted the following policies:

- Conflicting interests
- Financial reserves policy and procedures
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Internal risk management policy and procedures
- Risk management
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures
- Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Objectives

The Charity's objectives are to promote, maintain, improve and advance knowledge, and understanding of the arts and in particular the arts of drama , mime, dance, song and music.

Activities

In 2024/25 the Charity produced the musical 'Wizard of Oz' and presented it at Harrogate Theatre in March 2025. The cast included a mixture of adults and children

who were able to participate and contribute to a cultural experience. The show was well received by audiences.

The Charity also made a donation to its chosen charity, Martin House Children's Hospice, providing family-led care to children and young-people with life limiting illnesses.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees are satisfied that the production of the Wizard of Oz provided an opportunity for its membership to improve and advance their knowledge in the arts of drama, mime, dance, song and music through participation and attendance at professionally led rehearsals and performance at Harrogate Theatre, working with a professional stage team.

The public benefit of the Charity's activities was via the creation of an opportunity for members of the public to experience a piece of musical theatre at a smaller local venue at a more affordable price.

In addition, the use of Harrogate Theatre (which is also a registered charity) as performance venue assists to protect the upkeep and retention of the Theatre as a Grade II listed building within the town and to ensure the continued presence of a theatre for the benefit of providing cultural arts experiences for members of the public.

No harms were identified in the operation of the Charity's activities.

Financial Review

The Charity has made a small profit on the performance of Wizard of Oz. This supports the Charity's financial stability and ability to produce future productions which require significant financial outlay.

Achievements

In 2024/25, the Charity reached a wider audience (noting increased ticket sales from the previous financial year) and attracted new members to the society. In addition it was able to support both its nominated charity and the continued operation of the Harrogate Theatre.

Reserves

The Charity has sufficient financial reserves to support the achievement of its charitable objects for the foreseeable future.

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HARROGATE PHOENIX PLAYERS (CIO)
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Directors	Mark Sowden Sam McKenzie Leanne Ashton Matthew Weilding
Company Number	1200385 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	15 Shortsill Lane Coneythorpe Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0RL England
Accountants	Stephen Michael Day Nidd Business Services Ltd 20 Moorland View Harrogate North Yorkshire HG2 7EZ

HARROGATE PHOENIX PLAYERS (CIO)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Mark Sowden
Sam McKenzie
Leanne Ashton

The following directors were appointed during the period:

Matthew Weilding was appointed on 15 May 2024.
Jan Doyle was appointed on 15 May 2024.

The following directors resigned during the period:

Sharon Day resigned on 15 May 2024.
Jan Doyle resigned on 10 October 2024.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Mark Sowden
Director

Approved by the board on: 16 June 2025

HARROGATE PHOENIX PLAYERS (CIO)
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover	48,749	40,341
Other income	14,442	7,129
Other charges	(49,092)	(42,576)
Profit	<u>14,099</u>	<u>4,894</u>

HARROGATE PHOENIX PLAYERS (CIO)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets	37,778	21,364
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,255
Net current assets	<u>37,778</u>	<u>23,619</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>37,778</u>	<u>23,619</u>
Accruals and deferred income	(1,100)	(1,040)
Net assets	<u><u>36,678</u></u>	<u><u>22,579</u></u>
Reserves	<u><u>36,678</u></u>	<u><u>22,579</u></u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

Harrogate Phoenix Players (CIO) is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number 1200385. The registered office is 15 Shortsill Lane, Coneythorpe, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 0RL, England.

2 Directors' advances, credit and guarantees

none

3 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2024: 0).

For the year ending 30 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and FRS 105, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Approved by the board on 16 June 2025

Mark Sowden
Director

Company Registration No. 1200385

HARROGATE PHOENIX PLAYERS (CIO)
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover		
Sales	48,749	40,341
Other income		
Other operating income	14,442	7,129
Other		
Rent	12,129	13,485
Bank charges	997	-
Insurance	868	772
Sundry expenses	85	1,220
Accountancy fees	100	960
Advertising and PR	1,405	957
Other legal and professional	-	1,040
Other direct costs	33,508	24,142
	49,092	42,576
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	14,099	4,894



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Harrogate Phoenix Players

On accounts for the year
ended

30th April 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1200385

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/04/2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

21/05/25

Name:

Stephen Michael Day

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FATT – Fellow Association of Taxation Technicians

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Nidd Business Services Limited

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Harrogate HG2 7EZ

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.