

DARLINGTON COMMUNITY THEATRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1205058

Details

Other names DCT

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-10-04

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE PERFORMING ARTS BY ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING A COMMUNITY THEATRE IN DARLINGTON ITS SURROUNDING AREAS.

Activities: Our aim is to advance the education of the public in the performing arts by establishing and operating a community theatre in Darlington and its surrounding areas

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Darlington

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £50,251 | £41,162 | - | - |
| 2024-04-05 | £16,734 | £14,842 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|------|------------|
| Joanne Louise Mason | | 2023-07-04 |
| Julian Paul Pinkney | | 2023-07-04 |
| Laura Anne Pattison | | 2023-07-04 |
| Nicola Jayne Broadhurst | | 2023-07-04 |
| Paul David Mason | | 2023-07-04 |

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Accounts

Darlington Community Theatre

**Reference and Administrative details
for the Period Ended 31st March 2025**

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Trustees | Ms L Pattison Ms J Mason Mr P Mason Mr J Pinkney Ms N Broadhurst |
| Principal Address | 195-199 Northgate Darlington DL1 1UB |
| Registered Charity Number | 1205058 |
| Website | www.dctheatre.co.uk |

Darlington Community Theatre

Trustees Report for the Period Ended 31st March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to advance the education of the public in the Performing Arts by establishing and operating a Community Theatre in Darlington and its surrounding areas.

The theatre hires its facilities to local groups and dance schools, to present productions to the general public.

All trustees read the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission and considered this when exercising their powers and duties at trustee meetings.

Achievement and performance

Review of activities

In its second year, the charity continued to predominantly spend its funds on repairs and upgrades to the theatre. Whilst these repairs are still ongoing, the space is now available to hire for performances and events, of which there were several in the year.

A grant of £27,900 was received which was restricted to be used to create a disabled access toilet and an external disabled access ramp. The works to create the disabled toilets were carried out and completed in the year, and the works for the ramp were started in the year, and completed in the months following the year end. Other charitable funds were used to upgrade back stage and changing room areas to be safe and useable, repairs and decoration of the foyer to be a welcoming entrance to the theatre, and general other necessary repairs around the theatre. There were also acquisitions of new stage lighting.

Theatre hire grew substantially in the year with many local groups using it for performances, increasing hire income from £2,015 in the previous period to £7,299 in the current period. These events helped to raise further fundraising income of £10,167 from donations and raffles during the shows. The theatre has received many positive comments about the improvements being made, and the community can see where their donations are going. With this and the events being successful and professionally run, further promotion of the theatre and promise of repeat income for the next financial period has been secured.

Financial Review

At the end of the period, the charity held £10,981 in cash, £3,035 in unrestricted funds and £7,945 in restricted funds. The charity looks to keep its costs to a minimum but due to the continued financial outlay for improvements and repairs, there is the expectation that these reserves will reduce. The Trustees continue to monitor the financial performance regularly, with a view to reviewing what reserves are needed to run the charity year on year, once the initial costs are complete.

Darlington Community Theatre

Trustees Report (continued) for the Period Ended 31st March 2025

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Trustee selection method

A new Trustee shall be elected by the members at the next Annual, or at a Special, General Meeting of the Society, or at any other Members Meeting, provided that the Secretary has given members a minimum of ten days notice that such an appointment is proposed.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms J Mason - Trustee



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Darlington Community Theatre ("the Trust")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Rogers'.

Teresa Rogers BFP FCA
Director

27 January 2026

On site. On time. On your side.



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Darlington Community Theatre

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Receipts and payments accounts

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 06/04/2024 | To | Period end date 31/03/2025 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Theatre Hire | 7,299 | - | - | 7,299 | 2,015 |
| Fundraising | 10,167 | - | - | 10,167 | 2,111 |
| Donations | 3,005 | - | - | 3,005 | - |
| Grants received | 1,880 | 27,900 | - | 29,780 | 12,607 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 22,351 | 27,900 | - | 50,251 | 16,734 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 22,351 | 27,900 | - | 50,251 | 16,734 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Repairs & Renewals | 1,945 | - | - | 1,945 | 1,535 |
| Supplies | 2,669 | - | - | 2,669 | - |
| Light & Heat | 4,884 | - | - | 4,884 | - |
| Water | 2,597 | - | - | 2,597 | - |
| Council Tax | 1,445 | - | - | 1,445 | - |
| Licenses | 63 | - | - | 63 | - |
| Professional fees | 1,680 | - | - | 1,680 | - |
| Labour | 1,920 | 19,955 | - | 21,875 | - |
| Insurance | 520 | - | - | 520 | 471 |
| Sub total | 17,723 | 19,955 | - | 37,678 | 2,006 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| Equipment | 3,485 | - | - | 3,485 | 12,836 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 3,485 | - | - | 3,485 | 12,836 |
| Total payments | 21,208 | 19,955 | - | 41,162 | 14,842 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 1,143 | 7,945 | - | 9,089 | 1,892 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 1,892 | - | - | 1,892 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 3,035 | 7,945 | - | 10,981 | 1,892 |

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 | Bank | 3,035 | 7,945 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 3,035 | 7,945 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Theatre Equipment | Unrestricted | 16,321 | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

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

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|-----------|------------|------------------|
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England & Wales - Charity number 1205058

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1205058

**Trustees' Report and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period Ended 5th April 2024
for
Darlington Community Theatre**

Darlington Community Theatre

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for the Period Ended 5th April 2024**

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Reference and Administrative details for the Period Ended 5th April 2024

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Trustees | Ms L Pattison (appointed 4 July 2023) Ms J Mason (appointed 4 July 2023) Mr P Mason (appointed 4 July 2023) Mr J Pinkney (appointed 4 July 2023) Ms N Broadhurst (appointed 4 July 2023) |
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| Registered Charity Number | 1205058 |
| Website | www.dctheatre.co.uk |

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Trustees Report for the Period Ended 5th April 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 5 April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to advance the education of the public in the Performing Arts by establishing and operating a Community Theatre in Darlington and its surrounding areas.

The theatre hires its facilities to local groups and dance schools, to present productions to the general public.

All trustees read the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission and considered this when exercising their powers and duties at trustee meetings.

Achievement and performance

Review of activities

As this was the first period since the registering of the charity, finances were predominantly put towards capital expenses to ensure the theatre was a usable space for hire.

A grant of £12,607 was received which enabled fixed assets to be purchased. These assets, plus other repairs, meant that the theatre could be hired out for its first events including a local pantomime, bringing in £2,015 from hire. These events helped to raise further fundraising income of £2,111 from donations and raffles during the shows. These events were successful and have ensured further promotion of the theatre and promise of repeat income for the next financial period. The income from these events has also ensured further works can be carried out on the theatre to make further improvements.

Financial Review

At the end of the period, the charity held £1,892 in cash, and £13,765 in unrestricted reserves. The charity looks to keep its costs to a minimum but due to the initial financial outlay, there is the expectation that these reserves will reduce. The Trustees continue to monitor the financial performance regularly, with a view to reviewing what reserves are needed to run the charity year on year, once the initial costs are complete.

Going Concern

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Trustees Report (continued) for the Period Ended 5th April 2024

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

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Trustee selection method

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 2 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms J Mason - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period Ended 5th April 2024

Period Ending 05.04.2024

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total Funds |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Income | £ | £ | £ |
| Theatre Hire | 2,015 | - | 2,015 |
| Fundraising | 2,111 | - | 2,111 |
| Grants received | 12,607 | - | 12,607 |
| Total income | 16,734 | - | 16,734 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Depreciation | 963 | - | 963 |
| Insurance | 471 | - | 471 |
| Repairs & Renewals | 1,535 | - | 1,535 |
| Total expenses | 2,969 | - | 2,969 |
| Net Income | 13,765 | - | 13,765 |

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Statement of Financial Position
for the Period Ended 5th April 2024

Period Ending 05.04.2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted income funds £ | Total Funds £ |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Fixtures and Fittings | 1 | 11,873 | - | 11,873 |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Cash at bank | | 1,892 | - | 1,892 |
| Total Assets | | 13,765 | - | 13,765 |
| Unrestricted funds | | 13,765 | - | 13,765 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2 February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms J Mason - Trustee

Darlington Community Theatre

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period Ended 5th April 2024**

1. Tangible fixed assets

| | Fixtures & Fittings £ |
|---|--|
| Cost | |
| Additions | 12,836 |
| Cost at 5th April 2024 | <u>12,836</u> |
| Depreciation | |
| Charge for year | 963 |
| Depreciation at 5th April 2024 | <u>963</u> |
| Net book value at 5th April 2024 | <u><u>11,873</u></u> |

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life
Fixtures and fittings - 15% on straight line