

## **Darlington Community Theatre**

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

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms L Pattison Ms J Mason Mr P Mason Mr J Pinkney Ms N Broadhurst
<b>Principal Address</b>	195-199 Northgate Darlington DL1 1UB
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	1205058
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.dctheatre.co.uk">www.dctheatre.co.uk</a>

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## **Darlington Community Theatre**

### **Trustees Report for the Period Ended 31st March 2025**

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#### **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.

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

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#### **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



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## **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', is positioned above the printed name of the director.

Teresa Rogers BFP FCA  
Director

27 January 2026

**On site. On time. On your side.**



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Darlington Community Theatre

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>22,351</b>	<b>27,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,251</b>	<b>16,734</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>22,351</b>	<b>27,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,251</b>	<b>16,734</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,723</b>	<b>19,955</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,678</b>	<b>2,006</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment	3,485	-	-	3,485	12,836
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>12,836</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,208</b>	<b>19,955</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,162</b>	<b>14,842</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,089</b>	<b>1,892</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,981</b>	<b>1,892</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	3,035	7,945	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Theatre Equipment	Unrestricted	16,321	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	