

CIO Number **1210739**

**BUCKINGHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL CIO**

Financial Statements  
for the period 1/9/2024 - 31/8/2025

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### **Year ended 31 August 2025**

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the company for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

## **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Buckingham Literary Festival is a registered charity dedicated to promoting literary arts and fostering community engagement through various literary events, workshops, and educational programs. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the charity's financial activities and operational achievements for the fiscal year ending 31st August 2025.

### *Introduction*

The festival aims to enhance cultural literacy, support local authors, and provide accessible literary experiences to diverse audiences. As a registered charity, it operates under the guidance of a trusteeship and adheres to the regulations stipulated by the Charity Commission.

### *Objectives and Activities*

- Organize annual literary festivals featuring renowned authors and speakers.
- Conduct workshops and seminars to promote writing and reading skills.
- Support local schools and community groups through outreach programs.
- Publish and promote local literary works.

### *Financial Overview*

#### **Income**

The primary sources of income for the festival include ticket sales, sponsorships, grants, and donations. In 2025, the total income amounted to £19,378, representing a 19% increase compared to the previous year, primarily driven by increased sponsorship and donations.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenses covered venue hire, artist fees, marketing, educational outreach, and administrative costs. Total expenditure for the year was £17,340, with the largest costs associated with event organization and artist fees.

### *Financial Position*

As of 31st August 2025, the charity's net assets stand at £4,766, reflecting a healthy financial position. The reserve policy ensures sufficient funds are maintained to support future events and unforeseen expenses.

### *Achievements and Impact*

- Successfully hosted the annual festival with over 2,000 attendees.

- Retention of basic ticket price at £10
- Increased community engagement through social media and local partnerships.
- Received positive feedback from participants and stakeholders, emphasizing the festival's role in enriching local cultural life.

### *Future Plans*

The charity intends to expand its educational programs, increase its outreach to underserved communities, and enhance digital engagement platforms.

### *Conclusion*

The Buckingham Literary Festival continues to fulfill its mission of promoting literary arts within the community. With sound financial management and strategic planning, the charity is well-positioned to sustain and grow its activities in the coming years.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

CE Woodhead

C M A Woodhead V Wordley

L Foden

Registered office:

Yeomanry House Hunter Street

Buckingham MK181EG

Approved by the directors on 14th May 2026 Signed on behalf of the directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C M A Woodhead', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C M A Woodhead Director

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Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Revenue	2025	2024
Advertising revenue	15,428.	
Ticket sales	47	15,620
	3,950.	
Sponsorship and donations	00	750
	19,378.	
Total Revenue	47	16,370
Expenditure		
	9,909.	
Authors Fees	21	5,936
	126.	
Venue costs	00	972
	390.	
Book purchases	82	192
	761.	
Website etc	40	2,293
	1,138.	
Food and accommodation	55	2,156
	716.	
PR and Marketing	81	180
	2,899.	
Design and Printing	06	3,236
	147.	
Insurance	15	142
	70.	
Bank and Paypal charges	00	52
	800.	
Professional fees	00	1,250
	381.	
Sundry Expenses	06	299
	17,340.	
Total Expenditure	06	16,708
	2,038.	
Surplus/(Deficit)	41	- 338

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Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Balance Sheet	2025	2024
	8,911.5	
Cash at Bank	8	6,687
	3,075.2	
Paypal account	1	3,087
	<u>11,986.7</u>	<u>9,774</u>
	9	
	47.0	
Debtors	0	-
Creditors	- 7,267.43	- 7,047
	4,766.3	
Net Current Assets	<u>6</u>	<u>2,727</u>
	2.0	
Share Capital	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	2,725.9	
Surplus brought forward	5	5,071
Prior year's adjustment - Tax		- 2,008
	2,038.4	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>1</u>	<u>- 338</u>
	4,766.3	<u>2,725</u>
Surplus carried forward	<u>6</u>	<u>2,727</u>

For the period ending 31 August 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

## Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of financial statements;

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions. These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 14 May 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

C M A Woodhead Director



The company is a charitable interest organization limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The

address of the registered office is Yeomanry House, Hunter Street, Buckingham, MK18 1EG. Charity registration number: **1210739**