

Charity registration number: 227937

The Southwick Players

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	Dr D Creissen
Trustees	Mr SPH Armes Miss S Gullen Dr D Creissen
Other Officers	Mrs A Reeves Mr P Dilloway Mrs KP Armes Mr Robb Tremayne
Charity Registration Number	227937
Principal Office	Southwick Community Centre 24 Southwick Street Southwick Brighton West Sussex BN42 4TE
Independent Examiner	Chris Tyler FCA FI CRT Limited Flat 24 Wellingtonia Court Laine Close Brighton East Sussex BN1 6TD

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects for which the Charity is established are to promote the advancement and improvement of general education in relation to all aspects of the arts of drama and music and the development of public appreciation of such arts.

Objectives, strategies and activities

There were four productions in the year (2023 four).

There were 131 members during the year (including 15 honorary members).

The charity made a one off donation of £4,000 to The Southwick Coimmunity Association (a registered charity) towards the cost of refurbishing the seats in the theatre auditorium. This has resulted in a deficit for the year of £2,976.

Public benefit

Members contibute, where possible, hours of voluntary work for the Community Centre in which our theatre and workshop are housed.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

The Charity relies entirely on volunteers for its operations.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

Our reserves are maintained to cover around one year's expenditure.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 19 March 1968 and is governed by its rules as amended on 23 August 2017.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The charity's trustees are taken from those elected to the committee at the AGM and are appointed or reappointed each year by the members. The rules state that there shall be no more than four nor less than two.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Cash flow risk

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures.

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments.

The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Dr D Creissen
Chairman and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Southwick Players

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Southwick Players for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Southwick Players 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 The Southwick Players's accounts 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Southwick Players as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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Chris Tyler FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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11 March 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	150	-	150
Charitable activities	3	36,336	-	36,336
Investment income	4	284	-	284
Other income		135	960	1,095
Total income		36,905	960	37,865
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(1,419)	-	(1,419)
Charitable activities, governance and support costs	5	(38,702)	(720)	(39,422)
Total expenditure		(40,121)	(720)	(40,841)
Net (expenditure)/income		(3,216)	240	(2,976)
Net movement in funds		(3,216)	240	(2,976)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		62,047	876	62,923
Total funds carried forward	15	58,831	1,116	59,947
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	3	29,095	-	29,095
Investment income	4	222	-	222
Other income		95	978	1,073
Total income		29,412	978	30,390
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(1,606)	-	(1,606)
Charitable activities, governance and support costs	5	(28,864)	(720)	(29,584)
Total expenditure		(30,470)	(720)	(31,190)
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,058)	258	(800)
Gross transfers between funds		5,000	(5,000)	-
Net movement in funds		3,942	(4,742)	(800)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		58,105	5,618	63,723
Total funds carried forward	15	62,047	876	62,923

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown is shown in note 15.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	14,900	14,845
Current assets			
Debtors	12	3,210	4,241
Cash at bank and in hand	13	<u>42,891</u>	<u>44,427</u>
		46,101	48,668
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,054)</u>	<u>(590)</u>
Net current assets		<u>45,047</u>	<u>48,078</u>
Net assets		<u>59,947</u>	<u>62,923</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		1,116	876
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>58,831</u>	<u>62,047</u>
Total funds	15	<u>59,947</u>	<u>62,923</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr SPH Armes
Trustee

.....
Dr D Creissen
Chairman and Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Southwick Players meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £35 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture and equipment	10% on the written down value
Computer equipment	over 3 years

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Fund structure

Restricted income relates to the 50 Club to which subscribers make a monthly payment and are entered into a monthly draw for cash prizes. Any surplus funda may be transferred to the General Fund at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	150	150
Total for 2025	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Productions	31,753	31,753	24,598
Subscriptions and gift aid	1,835	1,835	1,708
Fundraising	1,235	1,235	1,638
SPY	1,513	1,513	1,151
	<u>36,336</u>	<u>36,336</u>	<u>29,095</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	284	284
Total for 2025	284	284
Total for 2024	222	222

5 Expenditure on charitable activities, governance and support costs

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Productions		24,654	-	24,654
SPY		766	-	766
Governance costs	6	13,282	720	14,002
		<u>38,702</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>39,422</u>

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Productions		18,785	-	18,785
SPY		1,174	-	1,174
Governance costs	6	8,905	720	9,625
		<u>28,864</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>29,584</u>

	2025 £	2024 £
	Grant funding of activity £	
Productions	18,785	18,785
SPY	1,174	1,174
	<u>19,959</u>	<u>19,959</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other governance costs	10,123	720	10,843
Allocated support costs	2,979	-	2,979
Total for 2025	13,102	720	13,822
Total for 2024	8,905	720	9,625

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,802	1,778
Finance charges payable	15	10

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Other fees to examiners		
Examination-related assurance services	180	180

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 July 2024	26,106	26,106
Additions	<u>1,857</u>	<u>1,857</u>
At 30 June 2025	<u>27,963</u>	<u>27,963</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2024	11,261	11,261
Charge for the year	<u>1,802</u>	<u>1,802</u>
At 30 June 2025	<u>13,063</u>	<u>13,063</u>
Net book value		
At 30 June 2025	<u>14,900</u>	<u>14,900</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>14,845</u>	<u>14,845</u>

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	3,132	4,026
Other debtors	<u>78</u>	<u>215</u>
	<u>3,210</u>	<u>4,241</u>

13 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	33	39
Cash at bank	<u>42,858</u>	<u>44,388</u>
	<u>42,891</u>	<u>44,427</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	<u>1,054</u>	<u>590</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	62,047	36,905	(40,121)	58,831
Restricted funds	<u>876</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>(720)</u>	<u>1,116</u>
Total funds	<u><u>62,923</u></u>	<u><u>37,865</u></u>	<u><u>(40,841)</u></u>	<u><u>59,947</u></u>

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	58,105	29,412	(30,470)	5,000	62,047
Restricted funds	<u>5,618</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>(720)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>876</u>
Total funds	<u><u>63,723</u></u>	<u><u>30,390</u></u>	<u><u>(31,190)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>62,923</u></u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The income of the 50 club generates two monthly prizes for the participants. Any surplus is available to transfer to the general fund at the discretion of the trustees.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	14,900	-	14,900
Current assets	44,443	1,336	45,779
Current liabilities	<u>(820)</u>	<u>(220)</u>	<u>(1,040)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>58,523</u></u>	<u><u>1,116</u></u>	<u><u>59,639</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 30 June 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	14,845	-	14,845
Current assets	47,572	1,096	48,668
Current liabilities	(370)	(220)	(590)
Total net assets	<u>62,047</u>	<u>876</u>	<u>62,923</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	150	-
Charitable activities	36,336	29,095
Investment income	284	222
Other income	135	95
Total income	<u>36,905</u>	<u>29,412</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(1,419)	(1,606)
Charitable activities	<u>(38,702)</u>	<u>(28,864)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(40,121)</u>	<u>(30,470)</u>
Net expenditure	(3,216)	(1,058)
Gross transfers between funds	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net movement in funds	(3,216)	3,942
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>62,047</u>	<u>58,105</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>58,831</u></u>	<u><u>62,047</u></u>

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

	Total Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Other income	960	978
Total income	<u>960</u>	<u>978</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(720)	(720)
Total expenditure	<u>(720)</u>	<u>(720)</u>
Net income	240	258
Gross transfers between funds	-	(5,000)
Net movement in funds	240	(4,742)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>876</u>	<u>5,618</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>1,116</u></u>	<u><u>876</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	150	-
Charitable activities (analysed below)	36,336	29,095
Investment income (analysed below)	284	222
Other income (analysed below)	<u>1,095</u>	<u>1,073</u>
Total income	<u>37,865</u>	<u>30,390</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(1,419)	(1,606)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>(39,422)</u>	<u>(29,584)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(40,841)</u>	<u>(31,190)</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(2,976)</u>	<u>(800)</u>
Net movement in funds	(2,976)	(800)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>62,923</u>	<u>63,723</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>59,947</u></u>	<u><u>62,923</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Donations and legacies	150	-
	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Subscriptions	1,750	1,610
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	85	98
Fundraising and social events	1,235	1,638
Income from productions	31,753	24,598
SPY income	1,513	1,151
	<u>36,336</u>	<u>29,095</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest on cash deposits	284	222
	<u>284</u>	<u>222</u>
<i>Other income</i>		
50 Club income	960	978
Other income	-	95
Other income	135	-
	<u>1,095</u>	<u>1,073</u>
<i>Raising funds</i>		
Fundraising costs	(1,419)	(1,606)
	<u>(1,419)</u>	<u>(1,606)</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Expenditure on productions	(24,654)	(18,785)
SPY costs	(766)	(1,174)
Workshop rent	(4,291)	(4,112)
Other workshop costs	(362)	(196)
AGM and committee meeting costs	(133)	-
Scripts	(33)	(30)
Sundry room hire	(28)	(160)
Mailings and newsletters	(146)	(218)
Web site costs	(189)	(322)
Subscriptions and affiliation fees	(435)	(405)
Charitable donations	(4,150)	-
Sundry expenses	(233)	(292)
50 Club prize payments	(720)	(720)
Lighting and effects	(90)	(32)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2025 (continued)

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Wardrobe costs	(18)	(95)
Independent examiner's fee	(180)	(180)
Sumup charges	(15)	(10)
Insurance	(965)	(946)
Computer software and maintenance costs	(212)	(129)
Depreciation of plant and machinery	<u>(1,802)</u>	<u>(1,778)</u>
	<u><u>(39,422)</u></u>	<u><u>(29,584)</u></u>