

**LETCHWORTH ARCADIANS
MUSICAL SOCIETY**

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 266299

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Charity Information

Charity Registration Number

266299

Trustees

(Officers and Members of the Committee)

Mary Driver	(Chair)
Samantha Brown	(Treasurer)
David Walker	(Vice Chair)
Sophie Walker	(Marketing and Publicity Manager)
Jan Milton	(Membership Secretary)
Kieren Raine	(Secretary)(Appointed July 2024)
Rachel Bloomfield	(Production Secretary)(Appointed July 2024)
Ben Austin	
Simon Latter	
Gilly MacKilligan	
Harry Pearce	

Independent Examiner

Norman Revill

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc
1 Bancroft
Hitchin Herts SG5 1JG

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report for the year ending 31 December 2024.

Trustees

At the Annual General Meeting held on 25th July 2024, the following elections took place: -

Rachel Bloomfield (Production Secretary) Jan Milton (Membership Secretary) Keiran Raine (Secretary)
The following were nominated for re-election - Gilly Mackilligan (General Committee) David Walker (General Committee) as there were no other nominees, they were duly elected. There were no resignations.

President of the Society **Margaret Dinmore**

Therefore, the remaining officers and committee members are:-

Chairman – **Mary Driver**

Treasurer - **Samantha Brown**

Vice Chairman – **David Walker**

Production Secretary – **Rachel Bloomfield**

Membership Secretary - **Jan Milton**

Marketing & Publicity Manager – **Sophie Walker**

Secretary – **Keiran Raine**

Committee Members -**Ben Austin, Simon Latter, Gilly Mackilligan, Harry Pearce**

This gives a total of 11 Trustees.

Constitution

The Society is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 266299) and was formed in 1952. It is administered by a committee elected in accordance with a book of rules, the latest version of which was issued in 2002.

Location

As its base, the society hires the premises known as Norton Methodist Community Centre, North Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire and both the Senior Society and The Young Arcadians stage their productions in various venues in and around Letchworth.

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TRUSTEES REPORT CONTINUED

Objects and Aims

The objects of the Charity (Society) are to educate the public in, and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in dramatic and operatic arts and musical works of all kinds; and to assist and further such charitable institutions and purposes as the Society shall from time to time determine.

It is the aim of the Society to present two major musical productions each year, plus a junior member production under the name of The Young Arcadians.

Review of Progress

Due to the lack of a Production Team, there is still no opportunity to stage a Young Arcadians production in 2024.

In May 2024 we were delighted to perform Disney "Beauty And The Beast" which was again staged at St Christopher School Theatre, Letchworth Garden City. The Production team was David Walker as Director and Hannah Long as Musical Director

The show was a huge success but due to the licensing restrictions we had to follow their pricing structure , we sold a total of 745 seats, this was also an expensive show to put on. Therefore, we made a loss of £ 5438

Later in the year we performed a musical revue celebrating the words and music of Broadway composer and lyricist Jerry Hermans " Show Tune "again Directed by David Walker along with Hannah Long as Musical Director, this was staged at The Icknield Centre, Letchworth in November. Ticket sales were very poor, we only sold 296 although it was highly praised by audiences that came.

We made a loss of £ 3793

In December we started rehearsals for Cole Porters Anything Goes, with David Walker as Director and Hannah Long as Musical Director. This is due to be staged in May 2025 at St Christopher School Theatre.

In the General Expenditure Account, the Senior Society made a loss of £1147.
Our investments currently stand at £ 42,548.98

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TRUSTEES REPORT CONTINUED

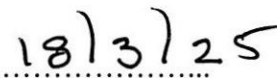
Funds and Investments

The Society's main Bank accounts are with Lloyds Bank plc, although surplus funds are held on deposit with the Charities Official Deposit Fund and there are investments in BLK Charities UK Bond, BLK Charities UK Equity Fund and the Charities Investment Fund Income shares. The Society's funds are all unrestricted.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.


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Chairman of the Trustees.


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Date

LETCHWORTH ARCADIAN MUSICAL SOCIETY

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Letchworth Arcadians Musical Society

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act and to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement than the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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.

Norman Revill
Independent Examiner
5 Mill Lane
Swaffham
Norfolk PE37 7EU

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GENERAL FUND - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>Income</u>	2024	2023
Members Subscriptions	1,525	1,825
Patrons Donations	637	852
Other Donations/Fundraising	224	23
Costume/Equipment Hire		185
Interest and Investment Income	2,566	2,452
Income Tax Refund	327	322
	5,279	5,659
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Insurance	1,586	1,516
Administration Costs	622	450
Hall Hire: Storage	2,329	2,232
Hall Hire: Retainer		262
Subscriptions	230	136
Equipment/Wardrobe Expense	1,259	166
Piano Tuning/Keyboard Maintenance		70
N.O.D.A. Medals	15	155
Donations	224	150
Web Site Costs	70	60
Sundry	91	57
	6,426	5,254
Excess Income/-Expenditure	-1,147	405

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PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

		2024		2023
	SHOWTUNE	BEAUTY BEAST	70 YEARS CENTRE STAGE	JOSEPH
<u>Receipts</u>				
Ticket Sales	5,972	11,920	7,526	15,209
Coffee Shop, Ices etc	905	2,252	924	1,968
Donations/Grants	185	4,830	255	4,296
Programme Income	0	478	237	0
Raffles etc Income	703	730	882	953
Show Fees	800	1,420	500	800
Total Income	8,565	21,630	10,324	23,226
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Theatre:-				
Basic Hire	2,200	2,103	2,200	1,997
Technical & Staff Costs	1,762	4,507	1,900	2,500
Box Office Surcharges	67	186	114	185
Card Fees	24	47	18	22
Production Team	3,520	5,840	3,380	4,868
Orchestra	1,080	3,200	720	2,560
Costumes/Wardrobe	0	1,056	0	978
Scenery and			0	2,629
Related Transport	0	4,162	0	0
Properties	0	0	0	0
Refreshments	0	0	0	0
Royalties/Licences	1,917	2,289	0	2,740
Publicity/Photography/				
Printing/Stationery	374	819	0	351
Rehearsal Rooms	1,328	1,575	1,275	1,450
Posts/Phones	0	65	0	76
Music Costs (Net)	0	1,050	0	702
Programmes Cost	86	169	124	0
Sundry	0	0	0	0
		0		0
Total Expenditure	12,358	27,068	9,731	21,058
Production Profit/-Loss	-3,793	-5,438	593	2,168
Total Profit/-Loss over all productions in period	-9,231		2,761	

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**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Capital Account B/Fwd	65,775	62,609
General Account Excess Income/-Expenditure	-1,147	405
Productions Excess Income/-Expenditure	-9,231	2,761
	<u>55,397</u>	<u>65,775</u>
Closing Balance	<u>55,397</u>	<u>65,775</u>
Represented By		
Cash	0	0
Bank	10,209	16,479
Charities Deposit Accounts	17,788	24,922
Investments at Cost (See Below)	25,000	25,000
Debtors/Payments in Advance	2,970	3,881
	<u>55,967</u>	<u>70,282</u>
Creditors/Receipts in Advance	570	4,507
	<u>55,397</u>	<u>65,775</u>

DETAILS OF OTHER ASSETS HELD

Investments

BLK Charities UK Bond (Formerly Charinco Income Units)

4656.577 Purchased for £8,000 in December 1996

969.932 Purchased for £2,000 in April 1999

5626.509	Value at	31.12.24	at	£1.4178	£7,977.26
5626.509	Value at	31.12.23	at	£1.4834	£8,346.36

BLK Charities UK Equity Fund (Formerly Charishare Income Units)

1662.971 Purchased for £3,000 in December 1996

1743.896 Purchased for £7,000 in April 1999

3406.867	Value at	31.12.24	at	£7.4881	£25,510.96
3406.867	Value at	31.12.23	at	£7.2847	£24,818.00

446.49 COIF Char Inv Fund Inc Units purchased for £5,000 in April 1999

446.49	Value at	31.12.24	at	£20.2933	£9,060.76
446.49	Value at	31.12.23	at	£19.8450	£8,860.59

Total Value as at 31st December	2024	£42,548.98
	2023	£42,054.96

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DETAILS OF OTHER ASSETS HELD (CONTINUED)

Other Assets

For use by the Charity (and other persons and organisations subject to agreement)

Yamaha Digital Keyboard P150 with Accessories

Yamaha Clavinova CLP 122S Keyboard with Disc Orchestrated
Module and Accessories.

Kembal Upright Piano.

Stock of various costumes and equipment (Properties).

Stage Flooring.

2 x Janome Sewing Machines.

Laptop Computer

TRUSTEES APPROVAL

The accounts detailed on pages 6 to 8 have been approved by the Trustees on the date shown below and are signed on their behalf.



Treasurer



Chair of the Trustees

.....18.13.25.....
Date