

# LOUGHTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

**Annual Report** 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024  
Presented to the LADS AGM on 1 July 2024

Charity Registration Number: 270635 registered in England & Wales  
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**Aims:** To educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts, to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts.

## **Officers of the Society:**

Chair: Cathy Naylor  
Artistic Director: Andrew Rogers  
Secretary: Valerie Jones  
Treasurer: Martin Howarth  
Ticket Secretary: Michael Lewkowicz  
Publicity Officer: Howard Platt  
Wardrobe Officer: Liz Adams

Elected members to the General Committee (for 2023-24): Wendy Butler, Nick Charles and Jenny Skinner

Honorary Independent Examiner of the Accounts: Mr Garry Cooper

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ  
Current Account: £5 charge per month  
Deposit Account: Gold Account 2.50% interest  
United Trust Bank: Charity 1 Year Bond 5.01% interest [£10,000 invested]

Paid up members: 54

Season ticket holders: 0

## **Plays Performed**

	<b>Seats sold</b>	<b>Profit / (Loss)</b>
Time of my Life	<b>391</b>	<b>£1,357.28</b>
A Murder is Announced	<b>472</b>	<b>£1,887.28</b>
Death of a Salesman	<b>391</b>	<b>£357.53</b>
The Roundabout	<b>384</b>	<b>£445.72</b>

## Notes to Accounts for the year 2023-24

1. The accounts are prepared on a cash basis as required by the Charity Commission.
2. The accounts for the year 2022-23 were signed by the Independent Examiner. These were as presented to the AGM in July 2023.
3. The accounts presented overleaf are draft accounts and will be passed to the Independent Examiner for scrutiny by the end of August 2024.
4. Pre-payments. Pre-payments of £1,256.40 were made during the year for rights for the season 2024-25 for 4 plays and £105.48 for scripts for 1 play.
5. Reserves. £979.83 was added to reserves for the year 2023-24. At the year-end, 30 June 2024, the reserves were £21,458.62. This is considered **sufficient** to fund cash-flow for the year and to provide adequate support for the Society's activities.
6. Remuneration. No trustees were paid for their work.
7. Creditors / Debtors. There are no creditors or debtors at the year-end.
8. Price Increases. The cost of ticket prices was increased from £10 to £12 from 1 July 2023. The cost of membership was increased from £30 to £35 also from 1 July 2023.
9. Charity Donation. £154.35 was raised from program sales on behalf of the Lopping Hall charity.
10. Costume storage. Christine Eckley has decided to sell her garages where we are storing the LADS costumes. We have rented the use of a storage container. This will be an additional cost of £1,800 pa less £480 for cost of garages.
11. Gift Aid. 33 members have signed Gift Aid forms. This will give a recovery of £288.75 from HMRC for the year 2023-24.