



The Bancroft Players
(An Unincorporated Association)

Report and Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 30th June 2025

Charity Number: 283439



Report of the trustees for the year ended 30th June 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

Chair's report

The Society planned to present 11 productions for the Season. The Theatre was hired only for Film & Society presentations. The Society maintains the QMT to a standard expected of a major public building.

Elliott Bunker - Chair of the Executive Committee

Our purpose and activities

The Bancroft Players ("the Society") is an unincorporated association governed by rules sealed on 25 September 1981 and is registered with the Charity Commission (charity number 283439).

The principal activity is the education of the public in the arts, particularly the dramatic arts and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts. Trustees of the Society are the officers and members of the Executive Committee who are elected annually.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 283439

Registered office: The Queen Mother Theatre, Hitchin, SG4 9SP

Our advisers

Bankers: Santander and Barclays Bank Plc

Directors and trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

President: Vacant

Chair: Elliott Bunker

Secretary: Vivien Kerr

Treasurer: Mark Weatherbed

Theatre Manager: Christopher Lane

Artistic Director: Nicki Pope

Bar Manager: Vacant



Production Manager Studio: Mathew Gray

Elected Members: Emma Allerton-Northcott,
Claudia O'Connell & Amy Walker

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the financial statements of The Bancroft Players for the year ended 30th June 2025.

Respective responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statement and considers that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of 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 financial statements, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the accounts, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the charity, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner: **Christie SCott**
18th December 2025

Date:

Name and address of the Independent Examiner: **Christie Scott CA – Tally Accounting**
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The Bancroft Players
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 30th June 2023

Receipts and Payments		2024-25	2023-24
		£	£
Receipts			
	Productions (see below for current year)	135,960	103,503
	Subscriptions	8,558	13,665
	Grants/donations	0	0
	Gift Aid	0	0
	Hire charges	1,222	1,855
	Refreshments, bar and coffee bar	37,967	24,769
	total receipts	<u>183,707</u>	<u>143,792</u>
Payments			
	Theatre	153,320	158,314
	Publicity	1,926	3,958
	Administration including information to members	0	0
	Ticketing charges	2,612	2,442
	Total payments	<u>157,858</u>	<u>164,714</u>
		25,849	(20,922)



Operating Surplus

	Exceptional items (see below)	0	0
	Surplus for the year	<u>25,849</u>	<u>(20,922)</u>
Cash	Bank (all floats were banked)	65,819	54,997
Bar	Purchases (stock variance not valued)	838	0

Production Costs - Information for members:

Main House

2,242 Silly Cow
 5,423 Sleeping Beauty
 4,983 The Curious Incident of the Dog
 3,523 Blackadder Goes Forth
 1,050 Twelfth Night

Studio

1,625 Brimstone & Treacle
 1,172 Beautiful Thing
 992 Blackbird

Youth & Juniors

254 Our Teachers A Troll
 1,232 Jack Absolute
 120 I Don't Like Mondays

Production Indirect Costs: £22,616. Stock Items: £0

Major exceptional costs

Main Theatre Bar Refurbishment - 0



**The Bancroft Players
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended 30th June 2025**

	2024-25	2023 - 24
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Building	1,770,000	1,770,000
Current Assets		
Bank and cash in hand:	65,819	54,997
Bar stock	0	0
Prepayments	832	5,002
Total Assets	<u>1,836,651</u>	<u>1,829,999</u>
Current Liabilities		
Advance receipts	0	0
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>1,836,651</u>	<u>1,829,999</u>
 Represented by the following Funds:		
Opening Balance	1,799,804	1,820,795
Surplus/(Deficit) in Year	<u>25,849</u>	<u>(20,992)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>1,825,653</u>	<u>1,799,804</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf of them all.



M R Weatherbed

Mark R Weatherbed
Treasurer & Trustee

Notes to the accounts

The financial statement has been prepared on a cash basis and under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice together with applicable accounting standards.

Income is recognised when it is received. Expenditure is accounted for on payment.

The Queen Mother Theatre is built on land which is leased from North Herts District Council for a term of 99 years from 1983; the rent for the whole term was paid then.

The Trustees discontinued depreciation in 2002.

VAT no longer applies.