

THE SEAFORD DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number 294769

Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Seaford Little Theatre

Steyne Road

Seaford, East Sussex

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The theatre has had a culturally and artistically fruitful year as it has continued to present four major shows with the emphasis on creating a wide repertoire, whilst keeping a close eye on the accounts. The ever-popular comedies *See How They Run* and *Chorus of Disapproval* provided lighter flavours which together with the classic *A Doll's House* and the dark comedy *Dinner* produced a diverse range of theatre and we recorded an average attendance of 69%. These productions were all very well received locally by our audiences and in the local press reviews.

The theatre has continued to be a popular resource to many local organisations as a meeting venue and activity centre.

It is no surprise that the theatre, approaching as it is, in 2025, its 80th birthday, is a building that has year on year required large expenditure on maintenance. This reached a critical point at the beginning of 2024 when it became apparent that much of the roof was giving way to water leaks. With an estimated repair bill of £42,000 we have been able to employ local builders to address the repair project over a three-year period, thereby spreading the cost. Thus, at the beginning of the year the committee embarked on a major fund-raising project together with making a commitment to ring fencing up to £10,000 each year 2024-2026, if necessary. The fund-raising has led to our members and committee and supporters putting on at least 12 special social, musical, and general fund-raising activities. During 2024, we have made several successful applications for various grants and received donations from many local community organisations together with local authority gifts. The resulting £13,027 raised has enabled us to comfortably meet the cost in 2024 of £14,250 to fix the most urgent of needs and leaves us in a strong financial position to meet the anticipated costs of the on-going work in 2025 and 2026. This report would not be complete without giving special thanks to the generosity of our local Ukulele players, the Seaford Mayor Gift, Seaford's Masonic lodge, The Rotary Club, the Chalk Cliff Trust and Seaford Town Council. The Theatre Trust too have committed to a grant payable during 2025. These are only a few however of the many individuals and organisations that have been putting in such efforts to support our 'Raise the Roof' campaign.

In 2024 the committee began the process of preparing to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This on-going work has entailed consideration of the theatre's constitution and its Health and Safety and its Safeguarding policies with a view to this process being completed early in 2025.

David Hallett
Trustee

Margaret Kennedy
Trustee

THE SEAFORD DRAMATIC SOCIETY (SEAFORD LITTLE THEATRE)
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year

	YE DEC 2024	YE DEC 2023
<u>Income in pursuit of the Charities objects</u>		
Donations	102	718
Membership (2024) Subscriptions	499	570
Productions	23,628	19,343
	<u>24,229</u>	<u>20,631</u>
<u>Fundraising Activities</u>		
Social Events	1,181	536
Theatre Lettings	7,206	6,594
Other Income	1,586	1,844
	<u>9,973</u>	<u>8,974</u>
Total Income	<u>34,202</u>	<u>29,605</u>
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>		
Productions	<u>6,248</u>	<u>5,803</u>
<u>Other Expenditure</u>		
Bank Charges	112	117
Donations & Gifts	105	116
Insurance	3,369	2,929
Photocopying & Stationery	67	84
Post & Phone	560	496
IT Software	158	139
Social Events	23	94
Sundry Expenses	1,811	1,898
	<u>6,205</u>	<u>5,873</u>
<u>Premises</u>		
Cleaning	450	225
Refuse Collection	369	345
Repairs	1,364	2,272
Roof Repairs - costs in year	14,250	
less donations received	<u>13,027</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,406</u>	<u>2,842</u>
<u>Utilities</u>		
Gas & Electricity	6,852	3,610
Water	483	293
	<u>7,335</u>	<u>3,903</u>
<u>Non Cash Items</u>		
Depreciation Charges	<u>3,878</u>	<u>4,538</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>27,072</u>	<u>22,959</u>
Net Surplus for the Year	<u>7,130</u>	<u>6,646</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	YE DEC 2024	YE DEC 2023
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at banks	39,323	27,353
Cash in Hand	248	1,177
Prepayments (2025 scripts and play licences, sets etc)	1,079	711
Inventory (wine, ices etc)	350	341
	<u>41,000</u>	<u>29,582</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
<u>Freehold Property</u>		
Cost Brought Forward	61,945	61,945
Additions in year	0	0
Depreciation - Accumulated prior years	(26,343)	(25,104)
Depreciation - Current year	(1,239)	(1,239)
	<u>34,363</u>	<u>35,602</u>
<u>Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings</u>		
Cost Brought Forward	80,818	79,536
Additions in year	0	1,282
Depreciation - Accumulated prior years	(70,876)	(68,391)
Depreciation - Current year	(1,988)	(2,485)
	<u>7,954</u>	<u>9,942</u>
<u>Stage Lighting & Equipment</u>		
Cost Brought Forward	36,938	36,938
Additions in year	0	0
Depreciation - Accumulated prior years	(33,682)	(32,868)
Depreciation - Current year	(651)	(814)
	<u>2,605</u>	<u>3,256</u>
<u>Creditors</u>		
Friends - seats	(1,096)	(331)
Other creditors	(15)	(370)
	<u>(1,111)</u>	<u>(701)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	<u>84,811</u>	<u>77,681</u>
Accumulated General Fund		
Balance brought forward	77,681	71,035
Surplus for the year	7,130	6,646
Balance carried forward	<u>84,811</u>	<u>77,681</u>

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I have completed my examination and no material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that accounting records are not kept as required by the Charities Act or the accounts do not accord with those records

S Fuller
Hon. Examiner

Date