

MID CHESHIRE MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

England & Wales · Charity number 500052

Details

Other names MCAOS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1970-04-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE DRAMATIC AND OPERATIC ARTS AND TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC APPRECIATION AND TASTE IN THE SAID ARTS.

Activities: Performances of musicals, pantomimes and junior section performances. Concert party performances for various charitable organisations

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MID CHESHIRE
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£54,402	£40,511	-	-
2023-12-31	£28,219	£20,300	-	-
2022-12-31	£49,192	£64,577	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,551	£24,109	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,179	£24,173	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony John Parkes		2026-04-29
Anthony Parkes		2026-04-29
Christian Rhys Causer		2026-04-29
William Shardlow		2025-05-12

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/24 Period start date To 31/12/24 Period end date

Charity name: Mid Cheshire Musical Theatre Company

Charity registration number: 500052

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the Company is to educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts and to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Company has provided entertainment for the public of Mid Cheshire with a joint production "Oliver" and the Youth Theatre group delivered a successful and well attended production of "Frozen - The Musical"
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have noted the guidance provided.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Company is reliant on volunteers to form the Committee, assist with show production and organise fund raising events.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In providing Musical Theatre entertainment to the population of Mid Cheshire and further afield ,the Company both Adult and Youth sections have brought live theatre to the stage. The audience reaction has been excellent. Our Youth group provides a strong support for young people 10-18 and is currently over subscribed

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Committee was keen to improve the financial position of the Charity and has been successful in this through careful selection of popular shows
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The separate fund raising activities although socially successful were only marginal in supporting the financial aspect of the Charity
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the reporting period the Company finances were stronger due to more profitable productions
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Any reserves are held to fund future shows
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£37946.62
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There should now be no uncertainty about the future of the Charity provided shows are chosen to ensure there is a break even or profit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Mainly Ticket sales, Race Night, Open Mic events
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Productions not being viable and losing money Greater number of groups offering Musical Theatre events locally Inability to attract new members
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Managed by a Committee elected from members of MCMTC
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are sought by word of mouth or advertising locally within the membership

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Managed by an elected committee Members of NODA and ACT
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	As above
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mid Cheshire Musical Theatre Company
Other name the charity uses	MCMTC
Registered charity number	500052
Charity's principal address	105 Mornant Avenue Hartford Northwich Cheshire CW8 2FG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael Finnigan		2021- 23/4/2025	MidCheshire Musical Theatre Company Members
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

MJ Finnigan

Full name(s)

MICHAEL JOHN FINNIGAN

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Vice President /Trustee

Date

8/5/25

Mid Cheshire Musical Theatre Company

Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st December 2024

	£ p	
<u>Income</u>		
Membership fees Adults	1110.00	
Membership fees Youth	4860.00	
Open Mic night	500.00	
Legally Blonde Jr	15068.85	
Interest Business Reserve Account	449.06	
NODA Awards night	720.00	
Act Awards night	960.00	
Race night	281.38	
Miscellaneous	734.58	
Oliver	<u>29718.96</u>	
		£54,402.80
<u>Expenditure</u>		
NODA Membership	230.00	
ACT Membership	125.00	
Insurance Inc. managment	1373.19	
Beauty and the Beast Licence deposit	500.00	
LB Jr Youth production	10868.53	
Rehearsal room hire	750.00	
Expenses	567.42	
Costume hire deposit	300.00	
Licence fee deposit	1260.00	
Scenery deposit	1155.00	
Giffgaff phone	72.00	
Oliver	20003.25	
Contra	2466.62	
Donations (P.Little, Cancer research)	50.00	
Misc	5.50	
NODA Reimbursement	<u>784.55</u>	
		<u>£40,511.06</u>
		<u>£13,891.74</u>
Excess of income over Expenditure for the year		

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Balance Sheet at 31st December 2024

2023

16136.44	General fund B/F	24,054.88
<u>7918.44</u>	Excess of income over Expenditure	<u>13,891.74</u>
<u>24,054.88</u>		<u>37,946.62</u>

Represented at 31st December by

24,027.67	Deposit Account	37,344.18
<u>27.21</u>	Current Account	<u>602.44</u>
<u>24,054.88</u>		<u>37,946.62</u>

I have examined the financial records of the Company for the year to 31st December 2024 and also the Income and Expenditure Account. In my opinion the books of the account were properly kept and the Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance Sheet give a true and fair view of the financial state of the Company for the year to 31st December 2024.

..... Gordon Pennington Date

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Any reserves are held to fund future shows
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£16,136.44
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Following the resignation of Committee members and the deferment of a major production, a new Committee was able to give direction and stability ensuring the future of the Company.

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

M.J.Finnigan

Full name(s)

Michael John Finnigan

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

16/7/24

Mid Cheshire Musical Theatre Company

Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st December 2023

<u>Income</u>	£	p
Membership fees Adults	900.00	
Membership fees Youth	4800.00	
Review - Thanks for the Musicals	3893.11	
Open Mic night	171.21	
Frozen Youth production	17100.63	
Interest Business Reserve Account	178.76	
NODA Long service awards	120.00	
D J Guest	45.00	
Act Awards night	476.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>534.34</u>	
		£28219.05

Expenditure

NODA Membership	230.00	
ACT Membership	125.00	
Insurance	1294.40	
Frozen Youth production	9943.60	
Rehearsal room hire Adult & Youth	2489.89	
Flowers/Gifts/Post	134.25	
NODA Long service awards	120.00	
Johnson Rental storage unit	240.00	
Web-site	42.00	
Curtain Call	50.00	
Winnington Park Rec	275.00	
D J Guest (Refund)	45.00	
Claire Mather-Dodd (youth Account)	200.00	
ACT Award night	476.00	
Oliver Licence	500.00	
Scenery Solutions Oliver deposit	924.00	
Thank you for the Musicals	2616.37	
Miscellaneous	<u>598.37</u>	
		<u>£20300.61</u>
Excess of income over Expenditure for the year		<u>£7918.44</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	£	p
Current Account	27.21	
Deposit Account	<u>24027.67</u>	
	<u>24054.88</u>	
General fund brought forward	16136.44	
Profit for the year to 31 st December 2023	<u>7918.44</u>	
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Trustees Report of the Mid-Cheshire Musical Theatre Company

Charity number 500052

Trustees are required as a result of the MCMTC being a Registered Charity.

They are responsible for the general overview, management and compliance of the administration of the Charity status, not the management of the Company.

The next Annual report and Annual return to the Charity Commission will cover the year ended 31st December 2022 and will fall due for submission by 31st October 2023

The current Trustees are Mark Burdon and Mike Finnigan . Mark Burdon has indicated his wish to withdraw as Trustee wef the 2023 AGM although he still retains Life Membership.

Whilst the aims of the Charity have been met and certified accounts submitted the Trustees were very concerned to see the final end of year figures for the Company which revealed a year on year reduction in our finances and which we feel would be unsustainable over time, making the Company eventually unviable. An outline of the circumstances is described below, highlighting the shortcomings of leadership, management and decision making.

During 2022 , the adult section of The Company performed "American Idiot" at The Plaza , Northwich in February 2022 followed by "Big Fish" at the Memorial Court, Northwich in September 2022. This former show was successful in terms of audience attendance and appreciation but highlighted the shortcomings of using this venue for other shows. In last year's report Trustees drew attention to the increasing costs of productions and the need to be mindful of cost and return on productions, requiring an appropriate choice of show for our audience with clear and transparent budget costings , brought to the Committee to ensure financial success. Unfortunately the production "Big Fish", although well received by the audience, was not thoroughly costed or well known and therefore did not sell well. It proved to be very costly in terms of costuming and set, losing almost £11,000.

The losses sustained by these shows and the untimely resignations of 4 key Committee members during the final week of preparation placed

the future of the Company in jeopardy and a decision was made by the President and Vice Presidents to postpone the next major Adult production "Our House" until a stable Committee could be formed and a future path mapped out.

Mid Cheshire Youth Theatre, however, remains well supported by its members and performed a very successful production of "The Little Mermaid" at The Grange Theatre in October 2022 with NODA nominations given for the Choreographer/Director and a cast member. It is the view of the Trustees that MCYT should continue to be strongly supported by the Committee to ensure that its future is secure.

The Committee had decided previously to use The Plaza as a rehearsal and performance venue for appropriate productions, alternating with The Memorial Court and using the Grange for MCYT. This was thought to be less costly for the Company but The Plaza became unviable as a rehearsal and production space so another rehearsal space needed to be sourced for MCYT and a smaller fund raising concert planned for Spring 2023.

Trustees advise the Committee to remain mindful of the increasing cost of productions and possible reduction of future income, in addition to having other Musical Theatre Companies in the district using both The Memorial Court and The Grange Theatre.

In future the Trustees also advise that shows are chosen with account taken of the potential audience in Mid Cheshire and are fully costed prior to embarking on the production process.

Additionally the Trustees recommend that in view of the impact of the resignations prior to Big Fish, a greater transparency is needed with budgetary management and production information shared fully with other Committee members.

The culture of a "retained" membership has changed for many Musical Theatre groups and MCMTC is no exception. People will become members for a particular show and not demonstrate continuing loyalty. The Committee should also consider this as a factor when choosing shows and setting membership and performance fees

From this we also realise the difficulties faced by the Committee in having sufficient people to fulfil all the responsibilities but would urge that key job responsibilities are shared, clearly defined and not retained by one or two people. Also decisions taken by the Committee should be objective and not subject to conflicts of interest through personal loyalties. The Trustees advise the Committee to implement a Register of Interest for Committee Members and Officers as soon as possible

The Trustees ask the Committee to consider these recommendations when choosing shows and venues and to perhaps look at other ways of

increasing the Charity funds over the next year e.g. through social events and Grant applications.

The Trustees, would like to recognise the hard work of the remaining Committee, President and vice Presidents over the last year and to thank all those who have been involved in ensuring that MCMTC has met it's charitable aims during this year and has been able to continue its work.

MCMTC has a long history of providing entertainment and enjoyment for the people of Mid Cheshire but may find its position uncertain unless financial and organisational stability is established.

Mike Finnigan -Trustee

Mid Cheshire Musical Theatre Company
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022

2021		2022
£	p	£ p
30078.63	Surplus in General Funds 1st January 2022	31521.18
1442.55	Less 2022 deficit (2021 surplus)	-15384.74
<u>£31,521.18</u>		<u>£16,136.44</u>
Represented at 31st December 2022 by:		
12376.70	Deposit Account	2960.14
19144.48	Current Account	13176.30
<u>£31,521.18</u>		<u>£16,136.44</u>

I have examined the financial records of the Company for the Year to 31st December 2022 and also the Income and Expenditure Account. In my opinion the books of account were properly kept and the Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance Sheet give a true and fair view of the financial state of the Company for the year to 31st December 2022.

Gordon Pennington Gordon Pennington

28/12/2023 Date

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The next Annual report and Annual return to the charity commission will cover the year ended 31st December 2021 and will fall due for submission by 31st October 2022

The current Trustees are Mark Burdon and Mike Finnigan . Having considered the operation of the Charity, it is the opinion of the Trustees that the Charity is being properly administered and that the audited accounts are in order.

During 2021/22, following the reopening of public venues, the adult section of The Company performed "Sunshine on Leith " at the Memorial Court , Northwich. This was successful in terms of audience attendance but productions are always challenging financially. Mid Cheshire Youth Theatre remains strongly supported by its members and gained recognition from NODA and ACT for the production of "The Addams Family" in October 2019. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions, the planned "We Will Rock You" had to be cancelled and replaced with a successful Christmas Concert in December 2021 at the Plaza.

The Committee has decided to use the Plaza as a rehearsal and performance venue for appropriate productions, alternating with The Memorial Court and using the Grange for MICYT. This may be less costly for the Company but Trustees remain mindful of the increasing cost of productions and possible reduction of future income, in addition to having other Musical Theatre Companies in the district. The Trustees ask the Committee to consider this when choosing shows and venues and to perhaps look at other ways of increasing the Charity funds over the next year e.g. through social events.

We, as Trustees, would like to recognise the hard work of the Committee, President and vice Presidents over the last year and to thank all those who have been involved in ensuring that MCMTC has met it's charitable aims.

Mike Finnigan -Trustee