

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company

England & Wales · Charity number 513769

Details

Other names	WEST KIRBY LIGHT OPERA SOCIETY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1983-04-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE DRAMATIC AND OPERATIC ARTS, TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC APPRECIATION AND TASTE IN THE SAID ARTS, TO ASSIST AND FURTHER SUCH CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE COMMITTEE SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: To educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts by promoting plays, drama, comedies, operas, operettas and other dramatic and operatic works.

Classification

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

Geography

- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£52,092	£52,745	-	-
2024-07-31	£32,708	£34,339	-	-
2023-07-31	£30,922	£35,656	-	-
2022-07-31	£15,850	£14,555	-	-
2021-07-31	£4,175	£2,545	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caitlin Edwards		2024-02-05
Fiona Alison Philpott		2016-01-04
Kelly McNee		2025-10-06
Michael John Wynne Ellis		2017-10-09
Nicholas James Hawkswell		2025-10-06
Robert Poston		2025-10-06

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

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**West Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025**

Chairman	John Christopher Phipps
Trustees	John Christopher Phipps Fiona Philpott Caitlin Edwards Michael Ellis Rachel Glynn Williams Brian Berry Amy Duggan
Secretary	Michael Ellis
Charity Registration Number	513769
Principal Address	28 Forest Road Meols Wirral CH47 6AX
Independent Examiners	Wainwrights Limited Faversham House Wirral International Business Park Old Hall Road Bromborough Wirral CH62 3NX

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Trustee's Report
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31st July 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and Aims

The Society was founded in 1950 and these are its objectives as laid down in the current version of its constitution

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- a) To promote plays, drama, comedies, operas, operettas and other dramatic and operatic works of educational value
- b) To purchase, acquire and obtain interests in the copyright of or the right to perform or show any such dramatic operatic works
- c) To purchase or otherwise acquire plant, machinery, furniture, fixtures, fittings, scenery and all other necessary effects
- d) To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions, donation or otherwise; provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds such other things as shall further the objectives of the Society

Particularly speaking this means performing musicals annually or biennially in local theatres and presenting concerts to raise the funds to perform those musicals

Review of 2024/25 season

The Company continues to be in a strong financial position - with membership of over 50. We could do with having more younger male members, but this is true for most musical theatre groups.

We began the year with the sad news that our Musical Director, Rob Bowness, had decided to step down after 25 years. Many tributes were paid to Rob for his achievements. There is no doubt that he raised the reputation and musical standards of the company during his hugely successful time with WKMT.

We are enormously grateful that Victoria Wells, our rehearsal pianist, agreed to pick up the role of rehearsal MD for our major show, Beauty & the Beast

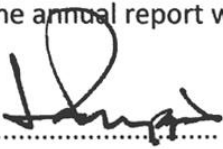
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Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is managed and governed by the Management Committee consisting of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 other members appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21/01/25 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
John Christopher Phipps
Chairman and trustee

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Independent Examiners Report to the trustees
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of West Kirby Musical Theatre Company for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of West Kirby Musical Theatre Company you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the West Kirby Musical Theatre Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of West Kirby Musical Theatre Company as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and 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 account to be reached.



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Wirral International Business Park
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Date: 20/9/25

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

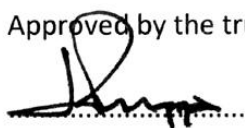
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing, preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 21/07/25 and signed on its behalf by:



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Chairman and trustee


West Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and Legacies	11,733	11,733
Other trading activities	39,918	39,918
Total income	51,651	51,651
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	- 52,109	- 52,109
Charitable Activities	-	-
Total expenditure	- 52,109	- 52,109
Net income/expenditure	(458)	(458)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	19,631	19,631
Total funds carried forward	19,173	19,173
	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and Legacies	8,417	8,417
Other trading activities	24,291	24,291
Total	32,708	32,708
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	- 34,339	- 34,339
Charitable Activities	-	-
Total	- 34,339	- 34,339
Net income/expenditure	(1,631)	(1,631)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	21,262	21,262
Total funds carried forward	19,631	19,631

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Statement of Financial Position
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	625	834
Current Assets		
Debtors	900	3,580
Cash at bank and in hand	14,293	15,217
	<u>15,193</u>	<u>18,797</u>
Net current assets	<u>15,818</u>	<u>19,631</u>
Unrestricted funds	<u>19,173</u>	<u>19,631</u>
Total Funds	<u>19,173</u>	<u>19,631</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ~~21.10.25~~ 21.10.25 And signed on their behalf by:



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 John Christopher Phipps
 Chairman and trustee

Nest Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

1 Fixed Assets

Cost

As at 1st August 2024 1,833

Depreciation

As at 1st August 2024 999

Provided during the Year 209

1,208

Net Book Value

As at 31st July 2025 625

As at 31st July 2024 834

2 Debtors: amounts due in one year

2025

2024

Prepayments 900

3,580

900

3,580

3 Cash and cash equivalents

2025

2024

Cash at bank 14,293

15,217

14,293

15,217

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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5 Movement in Funds

Current Year	Balance at 01/08/2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance at 31/07/2025
Unrestricted	19,631	51,651	- 52,109	19,173
	19,631	51,651	- 52,109	19,173
Previous Year	Balance at 01/08/2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance at 31/07/2024
Unrestricted	21,262	32,708	- 34,339	19,631
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31st July 2025

Incoming Resources	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Betty Blue Eyes 2023	-	14,823
Beauty and the Beast 2024	28625.43	195
75 th Dinner	2599.17	-
75 th Concert	4481.08	-
Stars 2025	2796.63	-
Christmas Concerts	1691.25	
Summer Concerts	-	6566
1960's Concert	5	-
Playing Subscriptions	7129	6814
Non Playing Subscriptions	-	165
Post Office Deposits	-	49
NODA Dinner	-	600
Quiz	-	294
Sponsored Walk	130	230
Donations and Grants (Included in Beauty and the Beast)	-	278
Other	-	15
Social Committee Donations	-	1145
Gift Aid Three Years	4633.76	-
TOTAL	52,091.32	32,708
Expenditure		-
Shrek 2026	900	
Stars 2025	1177.67	
Betty Blue Eyes 2023	-	18,809
Beauty and the Beast 2024	35059.24	-
75 th Concert	2716.29	-
75 th Dinner	2651.10	-
60's Concert	142.50	
Major Concert		2969
Other Shows		434
Christmas Concerts 2024	944.60	
MD Expenses	289.98	2503
Equipment	-	113
Pianists	4330	4900
Rehearsal Hall Hire	2688	2513
Refreshments	10.10	-
Photocopying	-	92
Website	300	300
Accountant	360	360
Depreciation (doesn't show in bank account- added by accountant)	209	279
NODA Membership	260	500
Insurance	355.54	
Refunds	-	219
NODA Show Payments (Sharon and Debbie)	560	-
TOTAL	52,745.02	34,420
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year	653.70	1712

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Review of 2021/22 season

Following a break from March 2020 due to Covid pandemic, the Society reconvened in August 2021 for a series of vocal warm-up evenings, before regular weekly rehearsals started again, in preparation for a Christmas Concert in December 2021 at Heswall Hall.

Rehearsals started in January 2022 in preparation for our June production of the musical 'Chess'. On February 24th Russia invaded Ukraine and there was unease amongst some of our members about a musical dealing with the cold war, and members playing aggressive Russian characters. The director resigned for similar reasons and it was decided to cancel the production completely. There was no charge for the theatre and the rights holders refunded our deposit, so our financial exposure was limited to rehearsal costs.

Instead, it was decided to put together a concert in the week we would have been performing and this successfully raised funds towards our planned November musical 'A Christmas Carol'

The Company invested in a new digital piano to replace our previous keyboard which had done over 12 years faithful service.

The Company continues to be in a strong financial position - with membership of over 50. We could do with having more younger male members, but this is true for most musical theatre groups.

All Trustees agreed to continue serving for the whole season, so there were no changes to the make-up of the Company Trustees.

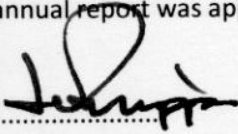
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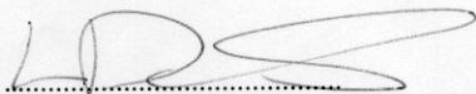
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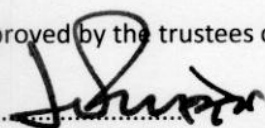
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Approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:



John Christopher Phipps

Chairman and trustee

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31st July 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and Legacies	8,417	8,417
Other trading activities	24,291	24,291
Total income	<u>32,708</u>	<u>32,708</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	- 36,096	- 36,096
Charitable Activities	-	-
Total expenditure	<u>- 36,096</u>	<u>- 36,096</u>
Net income/expenditure	(3,388)	(3,388)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>21,262</u>	<u>21,262</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>17,874</u></u>	<u><u>17,874</u></u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and Legacies	7,205	7,205
Other trading activities	23,717	23,717
Total	<u>30,922</u>	<u>30,922</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	- 31,764	- 31,764
Charitable Activities	- 3,892	- 3,892
Total	<u>- 35,656</u>	<u>- 35,656</u>
Net income/expenditure	(4,734)	(4,734)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>25,996</u>	<u>25,996</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>21,262</u></u>	<u><u>21,262</u></u>

West Kirby Muscial Theatre Company
Statement of Financial Position
For The Year Ended 31st July 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible addets	9	834	1,113
Currents Assets			
Debtors	10	3,580	2,674
Cash at bank and in hand	11	15,217	17,475
		<u>18,797</u>	<u>20,149</u>
Net current assets		<u>19,631</u>	<u>21,262</u>
Unrestricted funds	12	19,631	21,262
Total Funds		<u>19,631</u>	<u>21,262</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on And signed on their behalf by:



John Christopher Phipps
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John Christopher Phipps
Chairman and trustee

West Kirby Muscial Theatre Company
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st July 2024

1 Fixed Assets

Cost

As at 1st August 2023 1,833

Depreciation

As at 1st August 2023 720

Provided during the Year 279

999

Net Book Value

As at 31st July 2024 834

As at 31st July 2023 1,113

2 Debtors: amounts due in one year

2024

2023

Prepayments

3,580

2,674

3,580

2,674

3 Cash and cash equivalents

2024

2023

Cash at bank

15,217

17,475

15,217

17,475

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5 Movement in Funds

Current Year	Balance at 01/08/2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance at 31/07/2024
Unrestricted	21,262	32,708	- 34,339	19,631
	21,262	32,708	- 34,339	19,631
Previous Year	Balance at 01/08/2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance at 31/07/2023
Unrestricted	25,996	30,922	- 35,656	21,262
	25,996	30,922	- 35,656	21,262

West Kirby Muscial Theatre Company
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources		
A Christmas Carol November 2022	-	17,900
This is the Moment April 2023	-	5,430
Betty Blue Eyes November 2023	14,823	440
Beauty & The Beast November 2024	195	-
Christmas concerts	1,534	-
Summer concerts	6,566	-
Playing subscriptions	6,814	4,921
Non-playing subscriptions	165	110
Post office deposits	49	-
Rehearsal collections	-	826
NODA	600	-
FOWK	-	170
Quiz	294	-
Sponsored walk	230	-
Dontation and grants	278	30
Other	15	-
Social Committee donations	1,145	-
Gift Aid	-	1,095
	<u>32,708</u>	<u>30,922</u>
Expenditure		
A Christmas Carol November 2022	-	21,158
This is the Moment April 2023	-	2,823
Betty Blue Eyes November 2023	18,809	2,823
Major concert	2,969	-
Other shows	434	-
Christmas	125	-
MD Expenses	2,503	3,650
Equipment	113	-
Pianist	4,900	3,790
Rehearsal Hall Hire	2,513	2,400
Photocopying	92	92
Website	300	300
Gifts	-	500
Depreciation	279	371
NODA	500	190
Insurance	583	339
Refunds	219	43
	<u>34,339</u>	<u>38,479</u>
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	<u><u>(1,631)</u></u>	<u><u>(7,557)</u></u>

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Trustees' Report

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- b) To purchase, acquire and obtain interests in the copyright of or the right to perform or show any such dramatic operatic works
- c) To purchase or otherwise acquire plant, machinery, furniture, fixtures, fittings, scenery and all other necessary effects
- d) To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions, donation or otherwise; provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds

To do all such other things as shall further the objects of the Society.

Practically speaking this means performing musicals annually or biennially in local theatres and presenting concerts to raise the funds to perform those musicals.

Review of 2021 / 22 season

Following a break from March 2020 due to the Covid pandemic, the Society reconvened in August 2021 for a series of vocal warm-up evenings, before regular weekly rehearsals started again, in preparation for a Christmas Concert in December 2021 at Heswall Hall.

Rehearsals started in January 2022 in preparation for our June production of the musical 'Chess'. On February 24th Russia invaded Ukraine and there was unease amongst some of our members about a musical dealing with the cold war, and members playing aggressive Russian characters. The director resigned for similar reasons and it was decided to cancel the production completely. There was no charge from the theatre and the rights holders refunded our deposit, so our financial exposure was limited to rehearsal costs.

Instead, it was decided to put together a concert in the week we would have been performing and this successfully raised funds towards our planned November 2022 musical 'A Christmas Carol'.

The Company invested in a new digital piano to replace our previous keyboard which had done over 12 years faithful service.

The Company continues to be in a strong financial position – with a membership of over 50. We could do with having more younger male members, but this is true for most musical theatre groups.

All Trustees agreed to continue serving for the whole season, so there were no changes to the make-up of the Company Trustees.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is managed and governed by the Management Committee consisting of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 other members appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on13/2/20..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
John Christopher Phipps
Chairman and trustee

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

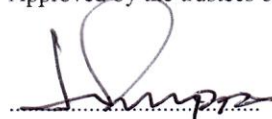
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 13/2/24 and signed on its behalf by:



John Christopher Phipps
Chairman and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of West Kirby Musical Theatre Company

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of West Kirby Musical Theatre Company for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of West Kirby Musical Theatre Company you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the West Kirby Musical Theatre Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of West Kirby Musical Theatre Company as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and 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.



.....
Gareth Cooper
ACCA

166 Banks Road
West Kirby
Wirral
CH48 0RH

Date: 12/3/24

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		7,205	7,205
Other trading activities		23,717	23,717
		<u>30,922</u>	<u>30,922</u>
Total income		30,922	30,922
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(31,764)	(31,764)
Charitable activities		(3,892)	(3,892)
		<u>(35,656)</u>	<u>(35,656)</u>
Total expenditure		(35,656)	(35,656)
Net expenditure		(4,734)	(4,734)
Net movement in funds		(4,734)	(4,734)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		25,996	25,996
Total funds carried forward	12	21,262	21,262
		<u>Unrestricted funds £</u>	<u>Total 2022 £</u>
	Note		
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		3,140	3,140
Other trading activities		11,651	11,651
Other income		910	910
		<u>15,701</u>	<u>15,701</u>
Total income		15,701	15,701
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(11,907)	(11,907)
Charitable activities		(2,944)	(2,944)
		<u>(14,851)</u>	<u>(14,851)</u>
Total expenditure		(14,851)	(14,851)
Net income		850	850
Net movement in funds		850	850
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		25,146	25,146
Total funds carried forward	12	25,996	25,996

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 12.


The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company

**(Registration number: 513769)
Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	1,113	1,046
Current assets			
Debtors	10	2,674	3,694
Cash at bank and in hand	11	<u>17,475</u>	<u>21,256</u>
		<u>20,149</u>	<u>24,950</u>
Net assets		<u>21,262</u>	<u>25,996</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>21,262</u>	<u>25,996</u>
Total funds	12	<u>21,262</u>	<u>25,996</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 13/2/24 and signed on their behalf by:


.....
John Christopher Phipps
Chairman and trustee

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023 (continued)

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	856	856	150
Gift aid reclaimed	1,095	1,095	-
Regular giving and capital donations	5,254	5,254	2,990
	7,205	7,205	3,140
	Unrestricted funds General £		Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals		856	856
Gift aid reclaimed		1,095	1,095
Regular giving and capital donations		5,254	5,254
Total for 2023		7,205	7,205
Total for 2022		3,140	3,140

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Events income;		
Other events income	23,717	23,717
Total for 2023	23,717	23,717
Total for 2022	11,651	11,651

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Costs of goods sold		31,764	31,764
Total for 2023		<u>31,764</u>	<u>31,764</u>
Total for 2022		<u>11,907</u>	<u>11,907</u>
			Total costs £

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Governance costs		3,892	3,892
Total for 2022		<u>2,944</u>	<u>2,944</u>

**Total
expenditure
£**

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

		Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		371	371
Other governance costs		3,521	3,521
Total for 2023		<u>3,892</u>	<u>3,892</u>
Total for 2022		<u>2,944</u>	<u>2,944</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023 (continued)

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 August 2022	1,395	1,395
Additions	438	438
	1,833	1,833
At 31 July 2023	1,833	1,833
Depreciation		
At 1 August 2022	349	349
Charge for the year	371	371
	720	720
At 31 July 2023	720	720
Net book value		
At 31 July 2023	1,113	1,113
At 31 July 2022	1,046	1,046

10 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	2,674	3,694

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	17,475	21,256

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 August 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	25,996	30,922	(35,656)	21,262

West Kirby Musical Theatre Company

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023 (continued)

	Balance at 1 August 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>25,146</u>	<u>15,701</u>	<u>(14,851)</u>	<u>25,996</u>