

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 518768

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [02050251](#)

Registered 1987-05-01

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE CHESTET MYSTER PLAYS IN WHOLE OR IN PART AND TO PROMOTE, FOSTER, IMPROVE AND ENCOURAGE THE ARTS OF MUSIC, SINGING, DRAMA, MIME, DANCE AND THE ARTS CO-RELATED THEREWITH RESPECTIVELY PROVIDED THAT THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY SHALL BE OF CHARITABLE NATURE ONLY. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE MEMORANDUM).

Activities: The principal activity is the performance of the Chester Mystery Plays. This is usually on a five year cycle. The plays were last performed in 2008

Classification

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

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Flintshire
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,129	£1,659	-	-
2023-12-31	£300,026	£328,088	-	-
2022-12-31	£31,904	£34,018	-	-
2021-12-31	£32,016	£10,275	-	-
2020-12-31	£6,992	£10,310	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW CLARKSON		
Andrew Longfield		2022-02-17
Colin Potts		2017-11-23
Felicity Roochove		2014-01-02
Jennifer Jackson		2020-11-19
NICHOLAS FRY		
Rev Jonathan Phillips		2017-04-27
SIMON PARRINGTON		
		2018-04-26
Vanda Elizabeth Hargen		2018-10-18

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Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered Company No: 2050251

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3d London Road
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N J Fry
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OBJECTIVES

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ACTIVITIES

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The Chester Mystery Plays bring alive an extraordinary medieval heritage engaging community participation, local audiences, and visitors in a revival of the tradition established by our medieval forefathers.

2023 PRODUCTION

The 2023 main production, the 16th in the modern era, was held at Chester Cathedral from 28 June to 15 July 2023.

The 2023 Chester Mystery Plays surpassed our own expectations in its ambitious presentation of this familiar story. With over 300 volunteer participants from the local community, Actors, Dancers, Singers, Musicians, Costume Stitchers, Prop Makers, Stage Crew and Front of House team, new and enduring friendships have been made, a sense of achievement and pride in a spectacular production is ringing in our ears.

We had numerous four- and five-star reviews in the local and national press and, many messages of thanks, awe and celebration from some of the 7,721 people who came to watch the shows.

We had a target of 75% ticket sales but achieved 92%, which has ensured that we did not need to spend our held reserves, which will now be preserved for planning and arranging the 2028 cycle of the Chester Mystery Plays.

We did have some unexpected costs, as the technical elements of the production became more elaborate once rehearsals began and the Plays evolved. This meant that we had to hire in additional trusswork for lights and sound, and to employ an extra pair of technical crew, over and above original plans.

Our successful finance bids, generous grants and donations, and the extra ticket sales were fundamental in making this a successful and close to cost neutral production.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of 2023 reserves were **£75,088**. The company is well placed as it enters the next cycle with the main production planned for 2028.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

IT Sanderson – Director

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Voluntary income	3	<u>286,158</u>	28,000
Investment Income		416	221
Merchandise/Programmes		10,814	-
Friends' income		2,638	3,683
Total Incoming Resources		<u>300,026</u>	<u>31,904</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Festival expenditure	4	<u>303,875</u>	26,325
The Passion		-	1,250
Marketing, publicity & advertising		15,855	6,267
Education workshops		4,833	-
Governance costs		3,525	176
Total Resources Expended		<u>328,088</u>	<u>34,018</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE) /INCOME FOR YEAR		(28,062)	(2,114)
Total funds brought forward		<u>97,740</u>	<u>99,854</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>69,678</u>	<u>97,740</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	5,438	-
Cash at Bank		<u>69,678</u>	<u>97,740</u>
		75,116	97,740
CREDITORS			
Amounts due within one year	11	(28)	-
NET ASSETS			
		<u>75,088</u>	<u>97,740</u>
Represented by: Reserves		<u>75,088</u>	<u>97,740</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the situation of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on _____ 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

IT Sanderson – Director

G Eyres – Director

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effect April 2008), the Charities Act 1993 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

Voluntary income (£)

Advertising	5,700.00
Arts Council	15,000.00
Donations	27,573.71
CWAC grant	10,000.00
Sponsorship/Fundraising	2,023.50
Ticket sales	212,324.90
Trust grants	13,535.55
TOTAL	<u>£286,157.66</u>

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4. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

Festival expenditure (£)

Lighting hire	21,164.07
Production costs	34,108.70
Seating hire	20,814.30
Set costs	60,110.54
Sound hire	15,612.33
Production staffing	98,379.02
Venue hire & utilities	53,685.76
TOTAL	<u>£303,874.72</u>

5. DETAILS OF CERTAIN LIMITS OF EXPENDITURE

Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no Trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No trustee expenses were paid during the year (2023: £NIL).

Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

There were no fees for examination or audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No fees for examination or audit of the accounts were paid during the year (2023: £NIL).

6. PAID EMPLOYEES

There were no employees for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No employees were paid during the year (2023: £NIL).

7. GRANTMAKING

There were no grants made for the year ended 31 December 2023 and a single grant made for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No grants were made during the year (2023: £NIL).

	2023	2022
	£	£
Churches Together in Chester (Chester City Passion performance)	=	<u><u>1,250</u></u>

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

There were no tangible fixed assets for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No tangible assets during the year (2023: £NIL).

9. INVESTMENT ASSETS

There were no investment assets for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No investment assets during the year (2023: £NIL).

10. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Debtors (HMRC)	<u>5,438</u>	<u>-</u>

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>(28)</u>	<u>-</u>

12. ENDOWMENT AND RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

There were no endowment and restricted income funds for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No endowment and restricted income funds during the year (2023: £NIL).

13. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

There were no transactions with related parties for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No transactions with related parties during the year (2023: £NIL).

14. ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

There were no additional disclosures for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of 2022 reserves were **£97,740**. The company is well placed as it enters the next cycle with the main production planned for 2023.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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IT Sanderson – Chairman

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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INCOMING RESOURCES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £
Voluntary income	2	28,000	29,210
Education project		-	-
Investment Income		221	186
Merchandise		-	25
Sundry income		-	-
Friends' income		<u>3,683</u>	<u>2,595</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>31,904</u>	<u>32,016</u>

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Charitable activities

Festival expenditure		26,325	9,064
Education project (Passion)		1,250	-
Publicity & Advertising (Marketing)		6,267	1,080
Governance costs		<u>176</u>	<u>131</u>
		<u>34,018</u>	<u>10,275</u>

**NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME
FOR YEAR**

		(2,114)	21,741
Total funds brought forward		<u>99,854</u>	<u>78,153</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>97,740</u>	<u>99,854</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Cash at Bank		<u>97,740</u>	<u>99,854</u>
		<u>97,740</u>	99,854
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	—	—
NET ASSETS		<u>97,740</u>	<u>99,854</u>
Represented by:			
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IT Sanderson – Director

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2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

Donations received including the following:

	2022	2021
Mercers	5,000	-
CWAC	5,000	5,000
CWAC (Covid-19)	-	4,300
Meganne Gwynne Jones Trust	10,000	-
Peter Spiers	750	-
Earl of Chester	5,000	10,000
Manleys Solicitors	250	-
Gwen Appleton Trust	-	4,910
Press Leakage Control Services Ltd	1,000	-
Zoom Trust	1,000	-
	28,000	29,210

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3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

No trustee expenses were paid during the year (2022: £NIL).

4. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31ST December 2021

Chester's original 24 Mystery Play texts form the most complete Cycle of Mystery Plays in existence. Written in the early 14th century by the monastic scholars of the Abbey of St Werburgh (now Chester Cathedral), they were produced regularly by local Guilds until the 17th century. They were then revived in 1951 and have been produced (at least) every five years since. The Chester Mystery Plays bring alive an extraordinary medieval heritage engaging community participation, local audiences and visitors in a revival of the tradition established by our medieval forefathers. The last main production, the 15th in the modern era, was in 2018 and preparations have commenced for the next main production to be held in June/July 2023. Planning to date has included agreeing a venue (Chester Cathedral) and dates, making preliminary funding applications, reviewing education activity and confirming key production appointments.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of 2021 reserves were **£99,854**. The company is well placed as it enters the next cycle with the main production planned for 2023.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Chester Mystery Plays Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

IT Sanderson – Chairman

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
Voluntary income	2	29,210	5,000
Education project		-	-
Investment Income		186	280
Merchandise		25	182
Ticket sales		-	-
Programme sales		-	-
Advertising		-	-
Sundry income		-	-
Friends income		<u>2,595</u>	<u>1,530</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>32,016</u>	<u>6,992</u>

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Charitable activities

Festival expenditure		9,064	7,500
Education project (Passion)		-	2,000
Publicity and Advertising		1,080	720
Programmes		-	-
Governance costs		<u>131</u>	<u>90</u>
		<u>10,275</u>	<u>10,310</u>

**NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME
FOR YEAR**

		21,741	(3,318)
Total funds brought forward		<u>78,153</u>	<u>81,501</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>99,854</u>	<u>78,153</u>

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS LIMITED
(Registered number 2050251)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	-	-
Cash at Bank		<u>99,854</u>	<u>78,153</u>
		99,854	78,153
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	-	-
NET ASSETS		<u>99,854</u>	<u>78,153</u>
Represented by:			
Reserves		<u>99,854</u>	<u>78,153</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31ST December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31ST December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on **29 November 2022** and were signed on its behalf by:

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IT Sanderson – Director

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G Eyres – Director

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effect April 2008), the Charities Act 1993 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

Donations received including the following:

	2021	2020
CWAC	5,000	5,000
CWAC (Covid-19)	4,300	-
ACE/HLF contribution to writer	-	-
Ursula Keyes Trust	-	-
Couch	-	-
Jeremy and Christine Ross	-	-
Chester Freeman Guilds	-	-
Peter Spiers	-	-
Earl of Chester	10,000	-
Urenco	-	-
Gwen Appleton Trust	<u>4,910</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>29,210</u>	<u>5,000</u>

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

No trustee expenses were paid during the year (2021: £NIL).

4. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>

5. CREDITORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>