Lucilla Dramatic Society
Annual Report

Preamble

Registration Number: 700241

Address:
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Crosby
Liverpool
L23 8UQ

Financial Year: 1st July 2025- 30th June 2026

Trustees for reporting period:

Graham Aldridge
Michael Quirke
Patricia Jones
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Michael Broom
Ana Dodd
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Jaqueline Mercer
Paula Seddon
Angela Range
Paula Ryan

Governing Document:

GENERAL RULES
12TH REVISION
SEPTEMBER 2021

Charity purpose:

The prime objectives of the Society are to promote the public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of drama.

The Charity has produced 5 performances of 4 one act plays at its Studio Theatre before an audience of 55 each performance, allowing

Members to act, direct, design and build sets and operate lighting and sound. Members of the public had the opportunity to watch and appreciate as audience members.

The Trustees have had regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance.

Achievements and performance

We have performed 5 performances of each production. We put on 4 productions, which allowed 24 different Members to participate directly in a One Act Play. Another 9 participated in the Monologue Festival and another 11 in the Murder Mystery. This has allowed members to hone acting and directing skills.

The plays attracted audiences on average of 270 members of the public, the Festival 45 and the Murder Mystery 135. This means members of our local community have been able to experience live theatre close to home.

We continue to attract new Members who have the opportunity to participate in productions in a number of ways. At the end of the 2025 season, we had 46 members and at the end of the 2026 season we had 52.

A major development this year was the grant funding from Sefton Council, which we were able to match and so install our new lighting and sound system. This has allowed us to be more creative in the scope of our productions and allow Members the opportunity to operate a more modern lighting and sound system.

Financial Review

Overview

Our financial position remains strong and stable through income from ticket sales, advertising and sponsorship and rental income.

Our income has increased significantly in the last year, our expenditure also, but to a lesser degree, resulting in a surplus of nearly £8000. The main reason for this is the grant received from Sefton MBC Community

Transition Fund. This enabled us to purchase our new lighting system, though the total amount required also included a significant contribution from Lucilla funds.

The Society has a Reserves Policy which can be viewed on the Society's website: www.lucilladramatic.co.uk

The Policy acknowledges that ownership of Lucilla House and the capital expenditure involved in maintaining and developing it as a venue for the performance of plays which is safe and welcoming is a major factor in the determining of the level of reserves which we hold. We currently hold approximately £10,000 in reserve. There are no designated funds. The reserves are held to facilitate larger capital projects as identified by the Management Committee including landscaping of the front garden, roofing and guttering work and replacement of wooden window frames, all of which will make the building safer and sustainable for the Society's activities.

Signed:

Graham Aldridge
Chairman
General Committee

Lucilla Dramatic Society

Registered Charity number 700241

Accounts

30 June 2026

Lucilla Dramatic Society
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the financial statements of the Lucilla Dramatic Society for the year ended 30 June 2026 which are set out on pages 2 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2022 (the 2022 Act) and that an independent examination is need.

It is my responsibility to:

(i) examine the financial statements

(ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2022 Act; and

(iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's Trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and charity's Trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes the review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes any consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, which is complete, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

(i) accounting records were not kept in respect of Lucilla Dramatic Society in accordance with section 130 of the 2022 Act; or

(ii) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

(iii) the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Mr Adrian Hughes FCA
Batten Hughes Chartered Accountants
173 College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 3AT

23 October 2026

Lucilla Dramatic Society
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Income	2	34,752	24,163
Gross profit		34,752	24,163
Other business income			
Bank interest received		192	-
Expenses	2	(27,027)	(23,957)
Surplus of income over expenditure		7,917	206

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Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2026

	Notes		2026 £		2025 £
Fixed assets					
Other fixed assets	3		1,566		1,566
Current assets					
Current bank account		10,583		11,097	
Bank deposit account		10,500		2,358	
100 Club account		300		-	
Cash in hand		383		274	
		21,766		13,729	
Current liabilities					
Other liabilities and accruals		120		-	
Net current assets			21,646		13,729
Net assets			23,212		15,295
Capital account					
Balance at start of period			15,295		15,089
Surplus of income over expenditure			7,917		206
			23,212		15,295

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2026

1 Accounting basis

The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables profits to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and that provides sufficient and relevant information to enable the completion of a tax return if required.

2 Profit and loss account analysis

		2026	2025
		£	£
Income			
Subscriptions		2,585	2,425
Donations		381	575
HMRC Gift aid		516	400
Raffles at clubhouse		1,377	1,064
100 Club		300	352
One Act Plays		7,041	5,415
Bar accounts		2,150	2,800
Rent from BS Bridge Club		4,992	4,992
Services, utilities and insurance recharges		2,883	2,039
Friends scheme		600	660
Grant from Heritage Lottery Fund		-	1,093
Grant from MB Sefton		5,000	-
Grant from Ward		250	-
Advertising		1,930	1,450
Miscellaneous	(note 4 page 5)	4,747	898
		34,752	24,163
Expenditure			
Staging and performance fees		1,792	1,351
Stage		10,161	582
Rates and water		1,118	893
Light and heat		2,626	2,105
Boiler maintenance		560	496
Heritage event day		110	1,150
Licences		593	548
Repairs and maintenance		1,776	9,365
Telephone and internet		454	359
Stationery and printing		553	656
Household		778	3,176
Insurance costs		1,973	1,930
External Accountants fees		120	-
Health and safety		455	627
Miscellaneous	(note 5 page 5)	3,958	719
		27,027	23,957

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3 Other fixed assets

	2026	2025
	£	£
Premises		
Lucilla House, 18 Victoria Road, Crosby	1,566	1,566

4 Miscellaneous income

	2026	2025
	£	£
Easy fundraising	16	-
Space hive	3,171	-
Insurance Ansvar payment	1,068	-
Sale of equipment and lights	370	318
Quiz	34	81
Costco subscription	72	68
Refunds	16	81
Garden rent	-	65
Zoe's Place	-	285
	4,747	898

5 Miscellaneous expenses

	2026	2025
	£	£
Space hive	3,555	-
Carpet cleaner	50	-
Domain renewal	72	-
Gift voucher	50	-
Leaflet holders	12	-
Cable ties	5	-
Weebly platform	108	-
Quiz prizes	-	15
Zoe's place	-	350
Removal of piano	-	100
Costco subscription	102	94
Refunds and errors	-	105
BBC overpayment	-	22
Amazon	-	28
Raffle tickets	4	5
	3,958	719