

The Bradford Catholic Players

Charity number 701402

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 January 2025



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Anne Copley	Secretary	
Carmel Dylak	Treasurer	
Terence Stamp	Resigned	31 March 2025
Christine Fozard	Resigned	31 March 2025
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Charity number	701402	Registered in England and Wales
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Registered and principal address	Bankers
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Bradford	Bradford
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Independent examiner
Rhys North ACA

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During the reporting period:

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Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending of funds on a production and receiving of income from ticket sales. The trustees consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 31 January 2025 to be £40,000.

The charity's net liquid assets are in excess of this reserve minimum.

Approved by the board of trustees on 25/11/2025

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Members' welfare		65	-
Sundries and bad debts		172	445
Total expenditure		43,088	47,304
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Fund balances brought forward		41,846	54,727
Fund balances carried forward		49,579	41,846

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 January 2025

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Total fixed assets		<u>844</u>	<u>956</u>
Current assets			
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Cash at bank and in hand	(6)	45,919	37,977
Total current assets		<u>48,910</u>	<u>40,890</u>
Current liabilities:			
amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors		175	-
Total current liabilities		<u>175</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>48,735</u>	<u>40,890</u>
Net assets		<u>49,579</u>	<u>41,846</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		49,579	41,846
Restricted funds		-	-
Total funds		<u>49,579</u>	<u>41,846</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 25/11/2025

Martin Walker (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 January 2025

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Lighting and audio equipment - over 4 years

Staging and pianos - over 4 years

Library scores - not depreciated

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Patrons and Vice Presidents	34	-
Sponsorship	39	45
Programme sales	1,107	802
Programme adverts	2,030	2,130
Programme sponsors	575	525
Raffle/fundraising	-	547
Miscellaneous income	125	-
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Production team	-	1,850
Publicity/programme printing	-	160
Scenery, props, sound and light	-	80
Wardrobe and costumes	-	52
Sundry expenses	-	1,035
Venue hire	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,435</u>
Net Profit/(loss)	<u>-</u>	<u>1,170</u>

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Charge for year	-	-	112	-	112
At 31 January 2025	-	12,450	11,332	1,693	25,475
Net book value					
At 31 January 2025	500	4	338	2	844
At 31 January 2024	500	4	450	2	956

5 Debtors and prepayments	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors	316	761
Prepayments	2,675	2,152
	2,991	2,913

6 Cash at bank and in hand	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank	45,619	37,798
Cash in hand	300	179
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No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

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I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable 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.

Signed: 

Name: Rhys North ACA

27/11/2025