

TELFORD AND DISTRICT LIGHT OPERATIC PLAYERS

England & Wales · Charity number 701613

Details

Other names T A D L O P

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1989-05-24

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

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Activities

Objects: 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: The Society was formed in 1972 with the aim of educating the public in the dramatic and operatic arts and to develop public appreciation of these arts. Over 80 shows have been produced throughout this period. Shows and concerts are performed with the Telford Area with "The Place" (the theatre) being used to stage the major shows.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Telford & Wrekin

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£37,992	£34,737	-	-
2023-12-31	£47,750	£60,373	-	-
2022-12-31	£20,296	£28,437	-	-
2021-12-31	£15,121	£13,462	-	-
2020-12-31	£6,822	£4,108	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard James Kee	Chair	2025-06-08
Agatha Johnstone		2025-06-01
Amy Elizabeth Jones		2025-06-01
Amy Sonya Minshall		2022-06-12
Bryonie Renee Wilkes		2025-06-01
Charis Joan Virgo		2025-06-01
Emma Louise Batham		2025-06-01
George Alexander Shelley Price		2024-06-01
Katie Kinnon		2023-06-11
Paul Wootton		2025-06-01

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Charity Commission Annual Return 2023

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Charity registration number: 701613

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2023.

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/01/2023

Financial period end date

31/12/2023

Income and spending

Income £

£47,750

Spending £

£60,373

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£5,127

Charitable activities

£39,213

Other trading activities

£3,410

Investments

£0

Other

£0

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).Individuals

£0

Other charities

£0

Other organisations that are not charities

£0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Charity contact details correct

Is the contact address displayed from the Register of Charities, correct?

Yes

Charity headquarters details correct

Is this the same address that you use as your charity's administrative headquarters?

Yes

Charity contact address

71 York Road

Priorslee

TELFORD

Shropshire

TF2 9WD

Charity Headquarters address

71 York Road

Priorslee

TELFORD

Shropshire

TF2 9WD

Property

Were any of your charity's properties held by holding or custodian trustees on behalf of your charity (excluding the Official Custodian) during the financial period for this return?

No

Membership type

Is the charity part of a wider group structure with a parent body and subsidiary bodies?

no, the charity is not part of a wider group structure

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Not applicable

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures

Not applicable

Complaints policy and procedures

Yes

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

No

Internal risk management policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Not applicable

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

Yes

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Not applicable

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

Yes

Social media policy and procedures

Yes

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

Not applicable

Serious Incidents

Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?

No

External risk and impact

Donations,

Negative

Other income - grants

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Negative

Expenditure on overheads

Negative

Number of volunteers

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of employees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of trustees

Positive

Fundraising activities

Negative

Capacity to deliver services

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Total service demand

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or**
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and**
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially

any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

Your role at the charity (select one):

Trustee

Given names	SAMANTHA JANE
Family name	LAMPITT
Telephone number	07719779739
Email	lampitt@yahoo.com
Date submitted	24/10/2024

It is a criminal offence under section 60 of the Charities Act 2011 for anyone to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information to the commission; this includes suppressing, concealing or destroying documents.

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**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
for the period**

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Charity registration number 701613

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TEFORD & DISTRICT LIGHT OPERATIC PLAYERS

The Charity Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The financial statements comply with both the Charity's Constitution and the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and Activities

Our main goals are to educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts, to provide entertainment to the local community and to inspire theatrical experiences.

Main Purpose

TADLOP was formed in 1972 and has produced 91 shows predominately at The Place (Oakengates Theatre). Strategies to achieve our objectives have been Increase the use of our society within the community by continuing to produce theatrical entertainment.

- Ensuring we are accessible to all people in our local community both as audience members and as society members.
- Develop and support our membership by diversifying our production programme and to provide opportunity information and guidance to enable members to develop and enhance their skills across all disciplines.
- Establish relationships and develop a network with local organisations and individuals, to enable enrichment to all both involved or observing via the Arts.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have tried to ensure that we provide public benefit, particularly in encouraging new audiences and members of the community to access the arts who may not have had opportunity. We have paid particular heed to the changing political, social and financial landscape of the country when choosing both our productions and how we showcase ourselves.

Contribution made by Volunteers

The charity has many active members and fantastic volunteers who support the charity from performing and producing our shows to assisting with props, costume, backstage and Front of House. We encourage those with all levels of experience to participate in and be inspired by aspects of theatre. We have also benefitted from fundraising led by our members to further our charitable aims.

Achievements and Performance

2023 gave us two performances at The Place, 9 to 5 and Jekyll and Hyde. These were two very contrasting pieces of Musical Theatre, both of which were nominated for a NODA awards which we believe is a first for TADLOP. We sadly didn't win for either show but we have 2 lovely certificates with our nominations on.

9 to 5 took place in April 2023 with a brand-new production team to TADLOP of Ban as Director, Lorna as MD and Ben as choreographer. Rave reviews were received from this fun and high energy musical, with lots of great feedback from the cast also.

October 2023, just in time for Halloween, was TADLOP's production of Jekyll and Hyde. Showcasing the epic struggle between good and evil, we welcomed 1st time director for TADLOP Sammi McSporran as Director, 1st time MD for TADLOP Amy Minshall and returning choreographer Lucy Warrilow who last choreographed Addams Family. This was also a TADLOP first of having a schools performance which was very well received. Fantastic performances were put on at every show, and again wonderful feedback from our audiences.

Not only did we have to find a new performance space we also had to find a new rehearsal space too after Hadley Church was put up for sale. After lots of research and a few meetings at available spaces the committee decided on our new rehearsal space of Hadley Community Centre, which has worked out well. We will continue to rehearse here during 2024 and are planning on this remaining as our rehearsal home. TADLOP on Tour have also been out and about performing to showcase TADLOP's Talents

As ever, the commitment, community and talent of our members has shone through in their activities throughout 2023. We are as ever looking for ways to reach new audiences within our local area and beyond in order to fulfil our charitable aims

Financial Review

Income for 2023 totalled £47,750, up £27,454 from 2022. Our main source of income was our performances, totalling £39,043, with a breakdown by show of: £7,698 for 'Hunchback of Notre Dame', £16,454 for '9 to 5', £14,891 for Jekyll and Hyde.

Membership subscriptions were our second biggest income source, totalling £3,060. TWINCL (Telford & Wrekin Community Lottery) was a great source of income £1,383. TADLOP on Tour (formerly Promote TADLOP) have contributed £50 in donations from their performances. We also received a £450 Community Chest grant from Wrekin Housing Trust, other donations totalling £1,328 and fundraising totalling £1,977.

Expenses totalled £60,374, an increase of £31,937 from 2022. Our main expenses are show costs. We absorbed late costs from 'Hunchback of Notre Dame' in 2022, totalling £11,842. '9-5' cost £19,524 and 'Jekyll and Hyde' cost £23,913 by the end of December 2023.

Our governance costs are £3,586. This includes costs such as society insurance of £729, and storage costs of £1,780. Plus other costs like NODA subscription, website and accounting software. TADLOP on Tour fundraising costs totalled £280.

The net deficit for 2023 is -£12,624. Many shows have deficits, but clearly this is unsustainable going forwards without other income to fill the gap.

Things to note: we are still struggling significantly with ticket sales compared to pre-COVID. In addition to, the need for shows to cover their costs and be popular with our audiences.

Reserves

The charity holds all surplus reserves in short term deposits. The trustees consider that this should be maintained in order to provide sufficient reserves to meet future working capital requirements. The level of funds held is solely determined by the financial performance of the charity.

At the end of 2023, £27,432 was held as cash funds and are considered freely available for the charity. Given that in a typical year one show could cost between £15,000 and £25,000, it has been deemed appropriate to hold reserves between £40,000 and £50,000. Due to continued challenges faced this year, the society now holds less than what is deemed appropriate.

Investment Policy

There are no specific investment powers granted to trustees within the constitution, nor are there any specific restrictions to investing. The trustees are deemed to have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. The trustees are governed by the Trustee act 2000 which sets out the general power of investment.

The Principal Risks Facing the Charity

- Governance costs in negative – new fee structure implemented from 2024 to attempt to mitigate rising costs caused by pandemic and cost of living crisis in the UK
- Ticket sales remaining lower than expected combined with increased show costs
- Income streams insecure (ticket sales) and reserves need to be held to fund planned production activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

We are governed by a constitution, first set in place by committee at the AGM in February 1989. This has been revised and modified over the years. The most recent version was approved at the AGM in June 2015, and is still current.

Organisational Structure

We are an unincorporated charity with a governing committee of up to 13 Volunteers.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The trustees are elected at our annual AGM meeting, which membership are invited to attend. Each year all trustees step down from roles and members can propose/nominate candidates for trustee roles prior to the meeting. Outgoing trustees are allowed to re-run for positions or run for other roles.

Once elected members of the committee become trustees of the charity.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Once selected, trustees returning and new, are briefed on the legal obligations, charity commission guidelines, the committee function as a whole and the decision-making process. A handover also takes place between any outgoing/incoming members for specific roles. We have multiple policies and procedures in place as a society and our trustees are required to familiarise themselves with these too.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works

Our charity committee is made up of 11 named roles plus one General Member, all of whom have voting rights. There is also a non-voting role as President who can provide guidance and insight but does not cast a vote.

The committee meet at least once a month to discuss the society's business and make decisions where needed.

TADLOP is a member of the National Operatic Dramatic Association, which is made up of amateur dramatics societies around the country. NODA offers guidance, advice and insurance as well as optional training for its members.

The charity provides Trustee Indemnity Insurance cover for the committee

Declaration

This Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on the 22nd October 2024 and was signed on their behalf by

.....
Samantha Lampitt, Chair

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Phil McIver, Business Manager

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Telford and District Light Operatic Players
Other name the charity sees: TADLOP
Charity Status: Unincorporated
Registered Charity Number: 701613
Principal Address 71 York Road
Priorslee
Telford
Shropshire
TF2 9WD

Charity Trustees:

Chair Sian Elizabeth Kyle (until Jun 2023)
Samantha Lampitt (from Jun 2023 ongoing)

Vice Chair Samantha Lampitt (until Jun 2023)
Alex Madden (Jun 2023 - Jun 2024)
Richard Kee (from Jun 2024 ongoing)

Treasurer Amelia Wildmore-Evans (until Jun 223)
Nat Hodkiss (Jun 2023 - June 2024)
George Price (from Jun 2024 ongoing)

Secretary Amy Minshall (ongoing)

Business Manager Richard Kee (until Jun 2023)
Phil Mclver (from Jun 2023 ongoing)

Publicity Manager Richard Kee (Jun 2023 - Jun 2024)
Rebecca Hassall (from Jun 2024 ongoing)

Marketing Manager Alex Madden (until Jun 2023)
Katie Kinnon (from Jun 2023 ongoing)

General Member Rami Walkden (until Jun 2023)
Amelia Wildmore-Evans (Jun 2023 - Jun 2024)
Rob Lampitt (from Jun 2024 ongoing)

Health and Safety Kitty Chapman (until Jun 2023)
Rebecca Hassall (Jun 2023 - Jun 2024)
Jack England (from Jun 2024 ongoing)

Membership Secretary Rachel Cuthbert (until Jun 2023)
Debra Nimmo (Jun 2023 - Jun 2024)

Tickets Secretary Adele Clarkson (until Jun 2024)

Minutes secretary Debra Nimmo (until Jun 2023)
Kitty Chapman (Jun 2023 - Jun 2024)

Independent Examiner:

Bev Richardson M.A.A.T. Charity AID Accountancy Services, Woodland Lodge,
Dunston Business Village Stafford Road, Dunston, Staffordshire, ST18 9AB

Bank:

Lloyds Bank, 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TELFORD AND DISTRICT LIGHT OPERATIC PLAYERS

I report on the financial statements of Telford and District Light Operatic Players for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act 2011
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

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 a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any 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 accounts 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, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Bev Richardson M.A.A.T.

Date: 22nd October 2024

On Behalf of Charity AID Accountancy Services
Woodland Lodge, Dunston Business Village
Stafford Road, Dunston, Staffordshire, ST18 9AB

Receipts & Payments Account for the period 1st January – 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Shows				
Guys & Dolls 2022	0	0	0	6,150
The Hunchback of Notre Dame 2022	7,698	0	7,698	5,309
9 to 5 2023	16,454	0	16,454	360
Jekyll & Hyde 2023	14,891	0	14,891	0
Our House 2024 (libretto sales to cast)	170	0	170	0
Membership				
Total Membership (incl. performing, student & non-acting)	3,060	0	3,060	3,148
Fundraising				
TADLOP's 50th Ball	0	0	0	2,706
Fundraising - Other (incl. PayPal, Amazon, Easy Fundraising)	1,977	0	1,977	44
TADLOP on Tour	50	0	50	513
TWINCL (T&W Community Lottery)	1,383	0	1,383	1,380
Donations				
Grants	450	0	450	500
Other	1,328	0	1,328	167
Interest Income	289	0	289	19
TOTAL RECEIPTS	47,750	0	47,750	20,296
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Show Costs				
Guys & Dolls 2022 - Costs	0	0	0	13,704
The Hunchback of Notre Dame 2022 - Costs	11,842	0	11,842	6,694
9 to 5 2023 - Costs	19,524	0	19,524	0
Jekyll & Hyde 2023 - Costs	23,813	0	23,813	0
Early Costs for Legally Blonde 2025	500	0	500	0
Early Costs for Our House 2024	779	0	779	0
Late Costs for Adams Family 2021	0	0	0	1,804
Governance Costs				
Committee Insurance	729	0	729	305
Committee Expenses	7	0	7	30
Society Insurance	0	0	0	1,074
NODA Subscription	190	0	190	117
Website	0	0	0	144
QBO - Accounting Software	218	0	218	249
Storage	1,780	0	1,780	1,064
Governance - other	661	0	661	209
Fundraising Costs				
TADLOP on Tour	280	0	280	660
Fundraising - other	50	0	50	70
General Social Event (TADLOP 50th Ball)	0	0	0	2,313
TOTAL PAYMENTS	60,373	0	60,373	28,437

Net incoming resources	(12,623)	0	(12,623)	(8,141)
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds from last year	40,055	0	40,055	48,196
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	27,432	0	27,432	40,055

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
CASH FUNDS			
Lloyds - Treasurer	1,791	0	1,791
Lloyds - Instant Access	25,638	0	25,638
Co-op Community Account	3	0	3
Total Cash Funds	27,432	0	27,432
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	Blists Hill		300
INVESTMENT ASSETS			0
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE			0
LIABILITIES			
OJS UK Ltd			120

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 22nd October 2024 and were signed on their behalf by

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Samantha Lampitt, Chair

.....
George Price, Treasurer