

The Alternative Medicine Theatre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107943

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-11-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Website	n/a

Activities

Purposes: The Alternative Medicine Theatre is a cross-community organisation that seeks to promote interest and participation in amateur dramatics in the Ballymena and surrounding areas.

What the charity does: The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Arts

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,859	£5,262	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Elizabeth Peachey		
Miss Hazel Gordon		
Miss Marese Mulligan		
Mr Christopher O'Neill		
Mr Gary Craig		
Mr Steven Andrews		
Mrs Claire-Anne Mills		
Mrs Kathleen Agnew		
Mrs Laura McCann		
Mrs Laura Walker		
Mrs Linda Craig		
Mrs Nicola McNamee		
Mrs Sarah Turnbull		

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	-	-	-	-	1 064
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising activities	1 860	-	-	1 860	1 377
Interest on deposit account	-	-	-	-	123
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading receipts	6 999	-	-	6 999	6 590
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	8 859	-	-	8 859	9 154
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8 859	-	-	8 859	9 154
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	2 912	-	-	2 912	3 598
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & donations paid	2 350	-	-	2 350	2 300
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	5 262	-	-	5 262	5 898
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5 262	-	-	5 262	5 898
Net of receipts/(payments)	3 597			3 597	2 463
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10 796			10 796	7 540
Cash funds this year end	14 393	-	-	14 393	10 796

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	1 064	-	-	1 064	260
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising activities	1 377	-	-	1 377	1 345
Interest on deposit account	123	-	-	123	-
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading receipts	6 590	-	-	6 590	5 770
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	9 154	-	-	9 154	7 375
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9 154	-	-	9 154	7 375
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	3 598	-	-	3 598	3 912
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & donations paid	2 300	-	-	2 300	1 000
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	5 898	-	-	5 898	4 912
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5 898	-	-	5 898	4 912
Net of receipts/(payments)	3 256			3 256	2 463
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7 540			7 540	5 077
Cash funds this year end	10 796	-	-	10 796	7 540

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	10 796		-	10 796	7 540
	Deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10 796	-	-	10 796	7 540
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Charitable loan receivable	-	-	-	-	-
	Tax reclaim due	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total				-	-

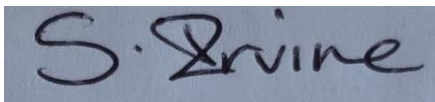
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Technical equipment (microphones, radios, speakers etc)	Unrestricted	-	5 000	5 000
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	5 000	5 000

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Sarah Irvine (Treasurer)

Date of approval

12/01/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

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C4 Trustee expenses - details

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

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C6 Other information

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Transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
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	0	0
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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Cash donations	260	-
Fundraising activities	1 345	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	1 605	-

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Make sure this section is correct

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
	-	
	-	
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-

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3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Income from performance - ticket and associated sales	5 770	-
	-	-
	-	-
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	-	-
Total	5 770	-

Make sure this section is correct

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	
	-	
	-	-
	-	-
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	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-
	OK	OK

Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	260	
-	-	1 345	
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	1 605	-

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Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
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Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
-	-	5 770	
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-	-	5 770	-

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on matches the information in Section A1 - Receipts

Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

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Restricted fund
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Receipts

Donations	-	-
Legacies	-	-
Grants		
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Receipts from asset & investment sales

Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Total receipts

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Payments

Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-
Gross trading payments		-
Investment management costs	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		
Grants and donations		-
Governance costs:	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-
Legal costs	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Payments relating to asset and investment movements

Purchases of fixed assets	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total payments	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds	

Period end date: 31/03/2024

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Restricted fund
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Total restricted
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The Alternative Medicine Theatre

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Annual report

Alternative Medicine Theatre Annual Report

1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

The Alternative Medicine Theatre provides opportunities in all aspects of theatrical arts through performing and putting on productions in a friendly, encouraging, social and safe environment. The organisation was established to put on an annual pantomime in the local theatre, promoting interest in local dramatics.

2023 – 2024 was a highly successful year for the charity, operating without any of the restrictions previously in place due to the COVID pandemic. The Alternative Medicine Theatre undertook all of its regular activities, to advance involvement with and awareness of the arts, and promote awareness off and raise funding for health charities.

This allowed the Alternative Medicine Theatre to deliver the direct benefits to its beneficiaries, specifically its members and the public across Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

The direct benefits include:

- Providing opportunities to engage in amateur dramatics,
- Educating and developing skills in the arts
- Providing opportunities for the general public to engage in the arts in their local area
- Increased awareness of the arts in the local area
- improved mental health and wellbeing of both participants and audience member
- the promotion of social interaction across the community, by coming together to participate in or enjoy amateur dramatics.
- Providing funding to a nominated, local charity by way of a donation made from the ticket sales to productions.

In planning activities for the year, the Alternative Medicine Theatre Trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities would help to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The charity re-engaged its membership of 40 members across Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, and welcomed two new members under the age of 18. The charity undertook twice weekly rehearsals for four months, providing a significant opportunity for members to develop their skills in drama and music. Spending a week in the Braid Arts Centre provided members with the benefit of experiencing a working, professional theatre and enhancing their understanding of the arts in Northern Ireland.

The charity undertook a number of successful fundraising activities, which served to raise awareness of the charity, generate funds to support its work and raise awareness of the arts and the performances that would be given in the The Braid Arts Centre

From 30th November – 2nd December 2023, the Alternative Medicine Theatre gave four performances of 'The Wizard Of Oz' to a combined audience of over 1,000 people. The positive feedback received demonstrates how the charity delivered public benefit by increasing awareness of and engagement with the arts in the Mid and East Antrim Council area.

Feedback received included:

"Thank you all so much for such an enjoyable and entertaining evening. I loved it, my hubby did too and our grandchildren had a fantastic night of fun and laughter. You worked hard and you certainly did exceptionally well" – JH, audience member.

"This was such a great show. Well done to everyone involved" – EB, audience member.

The pantomime production raised £5,757.58 for the charity, from which The Alternative Medicine Theatre made donations to a range of other charitable and public sector organisations delivering public benefit.

The Alternative Medicine Theatre elected to donate money to NI Kidney Patient Association, a charity supporting those with a kidney disease and their families. Awareness of NIKPA was also raised by Alternative Medicine Theatre through social media, marketing communications and announcements made during the performances.

Other donations were made to a local school and a local, voluntary health service whose facilities were made available to the Alternative Medicine Theatre, which are delivering further public benefits by supporting the continuing of their work.

The Trustees of the Alternative Medicine Theatre continued to exhibit prudent management of the charity's financial position and the charity remained financially healthy in this financial year, with no debts and no funds materially in deficit.

The Trustees believe that no harm has arisen from the purposes or activities of the charity during this year.

The Trustees remain content that while there is some private benefit to suppliers who supply critical equipment and consumable products that are required to achieve the purpose (such as suppliers of set, costumes and equipment), these benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Overall, 2023 – 2024 was a highly successful and rewarding year for The Alternative Medicine Theatre, with the charity maximising the benefits it brings to members and the public across Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, particularly through providing opportunities to engage in amateur dramatics, Educating and developing skills in the arts, providing opportunities for the general public to engage in the arts and raising awareness of and funds for health-related matters.

Alternative Medicine Theatre trustees

The Alternative Medicine Theatre

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of The Alternative Medicine Theatre

I report on the accounts of The Alternative Medicine Theatre for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: **S.J. DONAGHY TIA JACQUELINE DONAGHY ACCOUNTANCY**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **B.A. HONS (BUSINESS STUDIES)**

Address: **20 BRIGADIE AVENUE, BALLYMENA, BT43 7ER**

Date: **22/01/25**



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	260	-	-	260	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising activities	1,345	-	-	1,345	-
Interest on deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading receipts	5,770	-	-	5,770	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	7,375	-	-	7,375	-
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,375	-	-	7,375	-
A3 Payments					
Cost of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	3,912	-	-	3,912	381
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Direct charitable activity	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & donations paid	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,648
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	4,912	-	-	4,912	2,029
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Loans made	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,912	-	-	4,912	2,029
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,463			2,463	
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,077			5,077	
Cash funds this year end	7,540	-	-	7,540	-

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	
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A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	260	-	-	260	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising activities	1,345	-	-	1,345	-
Interest on deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading receipts	5,770	-	-	5,770	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	7,375	-	-	7,375	-
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Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-	-	-
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Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Total payments	4,912	-	-	4,912	2,029
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,463			2,463	
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,077			5,077	
Cash funds this year end	7,540	-	-	7,540	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	7,540		-	7,540	5,077
	Deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,540	-	-	7,540	5,077
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	Funds error

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Charitable loan receivable	-	-	-	-	-
	Tax reclaim due	-	-	-	-	-
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		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

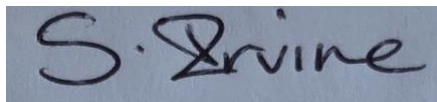
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Technical equipment (microphones, radios, speakers etc)	Unrestricted	-	5,000	-
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			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	5,000	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Sarah Irvine (Treasurer)

Date of approval

14/08/2023

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

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C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported

C3 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which p

C4 Trustee expenses - details

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship

Nature of tr

C6 Other information

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Transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Cash donations	260	-
Fundraising activities	1,345	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	1,605	-

Reference error

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2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
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	-	
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-

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3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Income from performance - ticket and associated sales	5,770	-
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	-	-
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	-	-
	-	-
Total	5,770	-

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4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £
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	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-
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Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	260	
-	-	1,345	
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	1,605	-

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on matches the information in Section A1 - Receipts

Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
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Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
-	-	5,770	
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-	-	5,770	-

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Reference error

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on matches the information in Section A1 - Receipts

Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of restricted funds

Restricted fund
1 - enter name of
fund below

Restricted fund
2 - enter name of
fund below

Receipts

Donations	-	-
Legacies	-	-
Grants		
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Receipts from asset & investment sales

Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Total receipts

-	-
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Payments

Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-
Gross trading payments		-
Investment management costs	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		
Grants and donations		-
Governance costs:	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-
Legal costs	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Payments relating to asset and investment movements

Purchases of fixed assets	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total payments	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds	

Period end date: 31/03/2023

Restricted fund
3 - enter name of
fund below

Restricted fund
4 - enter name of
fund below

Total restricted
funds

Total restricted
funds last
period

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The Alternative Medicine Theatre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107943

Annual report

Alternative Medicine Theatre Annual Report

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

The Alternative Medicine Theatre provides opportunities in all aspects of theatrical arts through performing and putting on productions in a friendly, encouraging, social and safe environment. The organisation was established to put on an annual pantomime in the local theatre, promoting interest in local dramatics.

2022 – 2023 was the first year in two years that the charity was able to undertake any of its usual activities, due to the COVID pandemic. The pandemic and the associated public health restrictions had meant that the charity was unable to safely develop, rehearse and produce a pantomime that could be performed to a public audience.

With the relaxation of restrictions by summer 2022, the Alternative Medicine Theatre decided to recommence activities, to advance involvement with and awareness of the arts, and promote awareness off and raise funding for health charities.

This allowed the Alternative Medicine Theatre to deliver the direct benefits to its beneficiaries, specifically its members and the public across Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

The direct benefits include:

- Providing opportunities to engage in amateur dramatics,
- Educating and developing skills in the arts
- Providing opportunities for the general public to engage in the arts in their local area
- Increased awareness of the arts in the local area
- improved mental health and wellbeing of both participants and audience member
- the promotion of social interaction across the community, by coming together to participate in or enjoy amateur dramatics.
- Providing funding to a nominated, local charity by way of a donation made from the ticket sales to productions.

In planning activities for the year, the Alternative Medicine Theatre Trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities would help to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The charity re-engaged its membership of 40 members across Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, and welcomed five new members under the age of 18. The charity undertook twice weekly rehearsals for four months, providing a significant opportunity for members to develop their skills in drama and music. Spending a week in the Braid Arts Centre provided members with the benefit of experiencing a working, professional theatre and enhancing their understanding of the arts in Northern Ireland.

From 1st – 3rd December 2022, the Alternative Medicine Theatre gave four performances of 'Once Upon a Time in PantoLand' to a combined audience of over 1,000 people. The positive feedback received demonstrates how the charity delivered public benefit by increasing awareness of and engagement with the arts in the Mid and East Antrim Council area.

Feedback received included:

"Went to see this with my family it was Fab!!! Such good fun my boys really enjoyed it. Thank you" – CL, audience member.

"The show was fantastic – well done to all involved" – CB, audience member.

The pantomime production raised £5,033.80 for the charity, from which The Alternative Medicine Theatre made donations to a range of other charitable and public sector organisations delivering public benefit.

The Alternative Medicine Theatre elected to donate money to Neuroendocrine Cancer UK, a charity supporting those with a rare form of cancer across the UK. Awareness of NCUK was also raised by Alternative Medicine Theatre through social media, marketing communications and announcements made during the performances.

Other donations were made to a local school and a local sporting whose facilities were made available to the Alternative Medicine Theatre, which are delivering further public benefits by supporting the continuing of their work.

The Trustees of the Alternative Medicine Theatre continued to exhibit prudent management of the charity's financial position and the charity remained financially healthy in this financial year, with no debts and no funds materially in deficit.

The Trustees believe that no harm has arisen from the purposes or activities of the charity during this year.

The Trustees remain content that while there is some private benefit to suppliers who supply critical equipment and consumable products that are required to achieve the purpose (such as suppliers of set, costumes and equipment), these benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

Overall, 2022 – 2023 marked the return to normal operations for The Alternative Medicine Theatre, with the charity maximising the benefits it brings to members and the public across Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, particularly through providing opportunities to engage in amateur dramatics, Educating and developing skills in the arts, providing opportunities for the general public to engage in the arts and raising awareness of and funds for health-related matters.

Alternative Medicine Theatre trustees

The Alternative Medicine Theatre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107943

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of The Alternative Medicine Theatre

I report on the accounts of The Alternative Medicine Theatre for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Date: 09-01-24.

