



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 To

31st March 2023

Charity name: The Watson Players

Charity registration number: 515865

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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, or a General Meeting, shall from time to time determine.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In line with our powers to promote plays, drama, comedies, operas, operettas, and other dramatic and operatic works of educative value, we presented the family pantomime "Alice in Wonderland" at Landau Forte College, Derby in February 2023. This production continued our policy to be accessible to people from across the community and was a production which we felt would appeal to all ages.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging - In order not to unreasonably restrict the benefits, concessionary ticket prices and group discounts were offered for the above production. Membership of the Society is open to all – this offers opportunities to a broad range of members of the public to be involved in our activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	See "Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit" above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See Annual Accounts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	To hold enough reserves to assist the survival of The Watson Players should an unexpected event cause the cancellation or postponement of one of our productions.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14,010
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	"Constitution"
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members of the Society at a General Meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Watson Players
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	515865
Charity's principal address	89 Maine Drive Chaddesden Derby DE21 6JY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Trevor Chambers	President		
2	Aidan Repton	Chairman		
3	Angela Barradell	Vice-Chairman		
4	David Hooley	Secretary		
5	Robert Rodgers	Treasurer		
6	Angela Swift			
7	Sally Tickner-Mellor		01/04/2022-27/04/2022	
8	Nigel Taylor		01/04/2022-27/04/2022	
9	Jessica Baird			
10	Margaret Icely			
11	Karen Jones			
12	Elizabeth Woolley		27/04/2022-31/03/2023	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

No staff

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Robert Rodgers	Lynne Chambers
Full name(s)	Treasurer	Secretary
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	13 th November 2023	
Date		



STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>£ 2021/2022</u>	<u>£ 2022/2023</u>		<u>£ 2021/2022</u>	<u>£ 2022/2023</u>
Cash In Hand	160.61	139.15	Balance B/F	15,339.10	13,589.37
Barclays Bank	1.00		Surplus (+) / Loss (-) on year	-1,749.73	1,453.65
Nat West Bank	11,544.30	13,513.96			
Capital Reserve Account - Nat West	1,883.46	1,821.46			
Less Unpresented Cheques		-431.55			
	<u>13,589.37</u>	<u>15,043.02</u>		<u>13,589.37</u>	<u>15,043.02</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£ 2021/2022</u>	<u>£ 2022/2023</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£ 2021/2022</u>	<u>£ 2022/2023</u>
Bank / Building Society Interest	1.30	33.03	Bank Charges	10.35	
Donations In Lieu Of Subscriptions	265.00		Card Processing Charges	0.04	40.78
Donations	2,802.00	4,239.63	Derby Arts & Theatre Association Subs		10.00
Gift Aid	138.82	1,096.26	Equipment Purchase & Maintenance		4,034.88
Online Shopping Commission	115.71	49.64	Insurance	645.58	645.58
Panto 2023 Income		15,169.25	Long Service Awards	259.99	
Play 2022 Income	451.00	5,544.00	Lottery Licence	20.00	20.00
Play 2023 Income		50.00	Memorial Donations	50.00	
Subscriptions - Friends		245.00	NODA Subs	163.00	72.00
Subscriptions - Friends Additional Donations		75.00	Panto 2023 Expenditure	182.00	10,812.62
Subscriptions - Members		1,620.00	Panto 2024 Expenditure		1,395.00
			Play 2022 Expenditure	759.60	5,389.58
			Play 2023 Expenditure		1,153.06
			Postage	39.60	21.08
			Scenery Storage	2,880.00	2,900.00
			Stationery & Printing	18.00	63.18
			Video to DVD/Youtube Conversion	400.00	
			Website	95.40	110.40
Loss on Year	1,749.73		Surplus on Year		1,453.65
	<u>5,523.56</u>	<u>28,121.81</u>		<u>5,523.56</u>	<u>28,121.81</u>



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE WATSON PLAYERS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2023

Charity no
(if any)

515865

Set out on pages

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

W. L. Hooley

Date:

28/8/23.

Name:

W. Hooley

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:	42 Holtlands Drive
	Alvaston
	Derby DE24 0AR

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.