

Spring Grove Fringe

Report of the Trustees – year ending 30th September 2016

Charity details

Name Spring Grove Fringe
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Structure, Governance, Management

The group is governed and regulated by the Constitution adopted by the members on 10th October 2012 and amended on 20th February 2013. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives and activities

Our objects are to promote the advancement and improvement of general education in relation to all aspects of the art of drama and the development of public appreciation of the art; to make such grants and donations for such purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

Spring Grove Fringe is a community drama group that aims to promote understanding of and participation in theatre, and to make donations to other local or national charities.

In planning the year's activities the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements 2015/2016 has been another successful year for the Spring Grove Fringe. There were four productions, as follows: **Two One-Act Plays** in October, featuring **Young Souls**, by local playwright Sally Brockway, **The Beaux Stratagem** in November, the annual pantomime, **Ali Baba**, in February and **A Question of Musicals** in May.

We had capacity audiences and donations were made to charities, as reported below. New active members have been welcomed and we remain an inclusive and community based group open to all. In the annual pantomime particularly, we welcome local children and young people.

We continue to be thankful to Centric Community Projects for use of storage space in Chertsey, for our costumes and props. This is at no cost to Spring Grove Fringe.

Cabling has been installed to make it easier to have sound and lighting control from different positions in the hall.

Financial Review At the end of the financial year cash held in the bank was £1786, all of which is unrestricted funds. Reserves are held to cover hall rental and unforeseen expenditure such as repairs. We aim to keep between £800 and £1200 in reserves at the year end.

Following our productions, donations were made as follows:

- November 2015 – £250 to St John’s Church
- November 2015 – £750 to the Otakar Kraus Music Trust
- January 2016 – £500 to Crisis at Christmas
- February 2016 – £500 to The Silverlining
- July 2016 – £600 to Save the Children

Approved by the trustees on 26 September 2016 and signed on their behalf by

..... Jonathan Rollason (Chair)

..... Amanda Shaw (Secretary)