

Spring Grove Fringe

Report of the Trustees – year ending 30th September 2018

Charity details

Name Spring Grove Fringe
Number 1150982
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Trustees Gavin Chaplin
Helen Dawson
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Daisy Jones
Jenny Robson
Amanda Shaw (Secretary)
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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 2017/2018 has been another successful year for the Spring Grove Fringe. There were four productions, as follows:
Drinks before Dinner, in October 2017, with two one-act plays by Alan Ayckbourn: *Drinking Companions* and *Between Mouthfuls*.
A Crackers Christmas, in November, a revue with a seasonal flavour.
The annual pantomime, **Zorro!**, in February.
Arnold Ridley's play, **The Ghost Train**, 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.

Two successful play reading evenings were organised in June and July.

Financial Review Jayne Britten, an independent Chartered Accountant, has agreed to advise the group on financial processes and to review the accounts. Procedures for recording and accounting income and expenditure have been agreed by the Trustees.

At the end of the financial year, the total balance was £2475.66, all of which is unrestricted funds.

Reserves are held to cover hall rental, storage charges, future production costs and unforeseen expenditure, such as repairs. We aim to keep between £1500 and £2000 in reserves.

Following our productions, donations were made as follows:

£750 to Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

£500 to Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness

£250 to Macmillan Cancer Support

£500 to Man and Boy

£500 to Kingston Samaritans

Approved by the trustees on 16th October 2018 and signed on their behalf by

..... Sandy Gavshon (Chair)

..... Amanda Shaw (Secretary)