

Spring Grove Fringe

Report of the Trustees – year ending 30th September 2022

Charity details

Name Spring Grove Fringe
Number 1150982
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Trustees Jayne Britten (Treasurer)
Helen Dawson
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Sandra Gavshon (Chair)
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 The ongoing issues with Covid restrictions in Autumn 2021 meant that we were not able to organise some of our usual events which would need more certainty.
A one-night 'Famous Names' Quiz, with boutique performances was arranged in October 2021, and had a full audience.
Falstaff, a version of Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor*, was able to go ahead in November, and was popular with players and audience.
Outside Edge, a more recent comedy, evoked the atmosphere of a local cricket club and its members to much amusement.
It was not possible to stage our usual pantomime in 2022. However, a play reading in February was popular and well supported by members.
The bank account has been moved from Santander to Metro Bank.
We remain an inclusive, community-based group open to all.
The ticket price for shows is kept under review, bearing in mind increased regular costs, the expenditure involved in each show, and the need to maintain a reserve in the bank.

Financial Review Members have remained loyal, paying subscriptions. We continue to discuss increasing our active membership.
We are regularly claiming Gift Aid on membership subscriptions.
Our hall hire charges have been increased significantly, because of increased costs of heating and maintenance.
At the end of the financial year, the balance as in the accounts was all 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.
Donations of £1200 were made during the year, as follows:
£300 to Kingston Hospital Charity
£500 to Refugee Action Kingston
£400 to Voices of Hope Britebox Project
A Budget for the year 2022/23 has been created, and income and expenditure will be actively monitored along with cash flow to ensure a healthy bank balance is maintained.

Approved by the trustees in October 2022 and signed on their behalf by

..... Sandy Gavshon (Chair)

..... Amanda Shaw (Secretary)