

Spring Grove Fringe

Report of the Trustees – year ending 30th September 2024

Charity details

Name Spring Grove Fringe
Number 1150982
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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

Spring Grove Fringe put on five productions during the year.

A new venture was a film evening – the *sing-along Mamma Mia!* in October, which provided two enjoyable evenings with much audience participation.

In November, *London Assurance*, by Dion Boucicault gave an opportunity for members to perform a classic 19th century commentary on social manners

Our annual pantomime, *Dick Whittington*, in February, was written by one of the Group, and involved some new young performers. Ticket sales for all performances were very strong: we attributed this to vigorous publicity.

A number of scenes by Michael Frayn were performed in *Pocket Playhouse Plus*, in May, loosely connected to conversations and misunderstandings.

Collaboration with the group *TriTone* in August, led to an enjoyable *Jazz and Dinner* evening, a treat for a month in which we are not normally active.

Discovery of serious leaking in one of our storage sheds meant that we needed to take urgent action to make it waterproof.

Many props and costumes are stored in the Teddington garage, which was rationalised and tidied during the year.

Before some necessary refurbishment of stage flats is undertaken, we are due to have discussions with Hall Committee about future plans for the Hall.

We remain an inclusive, community-based group, open to all.

Financial Review

It was agreed at the 2023 AGM that subscriptions would be increased from October 2024 to £25 individual, £40 family.

It was agreed that the normal ticket price for a Supper Evening would be £25. This will be kept under review.

Charity donations of £2460 were made during the year:

£960 to Momentum (including £660 from the Jazz evening),

£500 to Shelter,

£500 to the British Heart Foundation,

£500 to British Red Cross

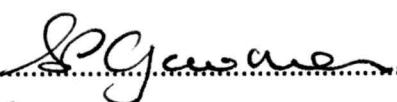
We are regularly claiming Gift Aid on membership subscriptions.

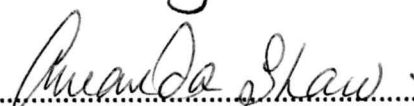
At the end of the financial year, the balance as in the accounts was all unrestricted funds.

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.

A Budget for the year 2024-2025 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 at the meeting on 29th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

.......... Sandy Gavshon (Chair)

.......... Amanda Shaw (Secretary)