

Spring Grove Fringe

Report of the Trustees – year ending 30th September 2025

Charity details

Name Spring Grove Fringe
Number 1150982
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Jayne Britten (Treasurer)
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Daisy Jones
Scott Milligan
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Amanda Shaw (Secretary until May 2025)
Tony Tresigne

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 objectives 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 three productions during the year.

In October 2024, *Chance Encounters* was a supper evening with, in the first half, a number of casual encounters/conversations on a park bench, each with a slight twist. The second half was a four-round quiz between tables.

Around the World, in November 2024 was a musical adventure with solo, small group and chorus songs, representing many countries and styles. The cast had the benefit of training from a vocal coach.

For our annual pantomime in February, *Alice in Wonderland – the Pantomime*, we were able to attract a number of new young performers, through contact with the Rose Youth Theatre. All three performances were sold out.

We also recruited a number of new adult members during the year. They have already appeared on stage, and we hope they are enjoying being part of the group.

A party for members was held in April, to celebrate 40 years of the group.

Kingston Vale Operatic and Dramatic Society (KVODS) closed during the year and generously donated us part of their funds to continue their aims as a local theatre group. They also donated us props, flats and other items, in storage at Big Yellow, in New Malden. We have been able to negotiate with Big Yellow to take on the KVODS locker, which is a charity arrangement with the company.

Along with other regular users, we met with the Parish Hall Committee. They outlined plans for redecoration and refurbishment. It was hoped to make a start on this over the Summer, using funds they already have. Applications for grants are being made to complete the works.

We have reviewed and agreed our policies and procedures for
Data Protection,
Financial procedures
Risk assessments for meetings/rehearsals, performances, maintenance
Safeguarding of children and young people, including use of photos,
Social media.
These policies and procedures are available on the website.

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

Financial Review

Charity donations of £1500 were made during the year:
£300 to Man and Boy
£300 to the Alzheimer's Society
£400 to Home Start
£500 to Crisis

We are regularly claiming Gift Aid on membership subscriptions.
At the end of the financial year, the balance of £6861, 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. Currently, reserves are higher than this, because of the recent donation from KVODS.
A budget for the year 2025-2026 has been created, and income and expenditure will be actively monitored, along with cash flow, to ensure a suitable bank balance is maintained.

Approved by the trustees by email on 25 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by

..... Sandy Gavshon (Chair)

..... Jayne Britten (Treasurer)