

Spring Grove Fringe

Report of the Trustees – year ending 30th September 2019

Charity details

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Nigel Duffin
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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

2018/2019 has been another successful year for the Spring Grove Fringe. There were four productions, as follows:
The Great American Dream, a review with a transatlantic theme, in October.
A Bunch of Amateurs, by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman, in November.
The annual pantomime, Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood, in February.
Oscar Wilde’s play, **Lady Windermere’s Fan**, 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.

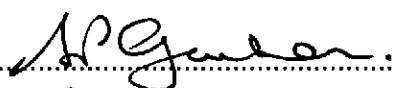
A well-attended, successful play reading evening was organised in July.

Financial Review

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.
Rent for the garage, for storage of props and costumes continues to be a significant expense and we are keen to find an alternative, less expensive storage solution.

Following our productions, donations of £4250 were made as follows:
£500 to Princess Alice Hospice
£500 to Pets as Therapy
£500 to Macmillan Nurses
£1000 to Salvation Army
£500 to Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness
£750 to Stroke Association
£250 to Shelter
£250 to Kingston Food Bank

Approved by the trustees on 9th October 2018 and signed on their behalf by

.....  Sandy Gavshon (Chair)

.....  Amanda Shaw (Secretary)