Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Webb & Co Ltd
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The primary purpose of the charity is to promote, maintain, improve and advance education by the production of educational plays, and the encouragement of the arts.

Public benefit

The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This has been another very successful year for the theatre with a variety of successful shows all of which sold well and made significant profits.

Our first production, entitled Forget-Me-Knot, was a farce set in the early 1990s in the days before email had become commonplace and smartphones had not yet been invented. It proved very popular with our audiences and made an excellent profit of £4,700.

Our Spring musical production was not the typical show we usually put on including, as it did, the usual singing, dancing and acting together with some rather large puppets. It was a very technical show and was also rather expensive, costing more than £9,000 to stage. However, with 86% of the seats being sold we made a profit of nearly £4,000.

The play in the autumn was a far simpler affair with low costs partly because it was Shakespeare's The Tempest and there were no royalties to pay! It made a very creditable profit of £2,700.

Our wonderful Pantomime team produced another winner with Puss in Boots at Christmas. With minimal expenses, even with a live band, and 100% ticket sales they made a magnificent profit of £16,405.

Subscriptions, bar sales and theatre hire have continued to make valuable contributions to the running costs of the theatre.

Overall the charity reported a net deficit of £4,802 (2022 profit of £19,990) due to substantial planned refurbishment costs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The trustees consider that the unrestricted reserves of £249,923 (2022 =£254,725) are adequate to meet the future requirements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees review the needs of the charity to ensure that new trustees are recruited with the necessary skills.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

They have reviewed the Safe Guarding policy of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

01377655 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

276308

Registered office

Little Theatre Chamberlain St Wells Somerset BA5 2PS

Trustees

R E Bass

G A Brown

E J Carey

T E Creswick

K Edmonds (Chair)

J R Hartley Scammell

N J Hope

A Lanfranchi (resigned 31/12/2023)

L Payne (resigned 11/4/2023)

P Perrin

E J Russell (resigned 1/4/2023)

M J Scammell

C S Hoare

G R Webster (resigned 31/12/2023)

D M Palmer (appointed 11/4/2023)

Independent Examiner

Barry Davidson Webb & Co Ltd Accountants and Business Advisers One New Street Wells Somerset BA5 2LA

Approved by order of the board of trustees on	and signed on its behalf by:
P Perrin - Trustee	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wells Operatic Society Limited Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wells Operatic Society Limited Company Limited by Guarantee ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Barry Davidson

Webb & Co Ltd Accountants and Business Advisers One New Street Wells Somerset BA5 2LA

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies		7,725	-	7,725	20,141
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre hire		43,177 2,352	- -	43,177 2,352	38,250 4,245
Other trading activities Investment income	3 4	4,528 2,097		4,528 2,097	6,092 419
Total		59,879		59,879	69,147
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		7,640	-	7,640	6,770
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre costs Support costs General costs Show costs		20,822 9,163 1,144 25,686 226	- - - -	20,822 9,163 1,144 25,686 226	16,973 11,351 4,403 9,660
Total		64,681		64,681	49,157
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,802)	-	(4,802)	19,990
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		254,725	-	254,725	234,735
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		249,923	<u> </u>	249,923	254,725

Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	9	146,526	-	146,526	149,046
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10 11	1,530 6,957 101,315	- - -	1,530 6,957 101,315	1,386 7,300 102,667
		109,802	-	109,802	111,353
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,179)	-	(2,179)	(1,837)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		107,623		107,623	109,516
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		254,149	-	254,149	258,562
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	13	(4,226)	-	(4,226)	(3,837)
NET ASSETS		249,923	<u> </u>	249,923	254,725
FUNDS Unrestricted funds	14			249,923	254,725
TOTAL FUNDS				249,923	254,725

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Balance Sheet - continued 31 December 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, rounded to the nearest \mathfrak{L} , which is the functional currency of the entity

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property - 2% on cost

Plant and machinery - 33.3% on cost and 10% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

3.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
	Bar takings	£ 4,528	£ 6,092
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2023	2022
	Deposit account interest	£ 2,097	£ 419
5.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation - owned assets	2023 £ 5,885	2022 £ 5,708

6.	INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Independent examiners fee	2,221	2,274

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	10,141	10,000	20,141
Charitable activities			
Box Office	38,250	-	38,250
Theatre hire	4,245	-	4,245
Other trading activities	6,092	_	6,092
Investment income	419	-	419
Total	59,147	10,000	69,147

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL	ACTIVITIES - Unrestricted fund	continued Restricted fund £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	6,770	-	6,770
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre costs Support costs General costs	16,973 11,351 4,403 9,660	- - - -	16,973 11,351 4,403 9,660
Total	49,157		49,157
NET INCOME Transfers between funds	9,990 10,000	10,000 (10,000)	19,990
Net movement in funds	19,990	-	19,990
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward	234,735	-	234,735
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	254,725	-	254,725
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery	Totals £
COST At 1 January 2023 Additions	136,135	97,028 3,365	233,163 3,365
At 31 December 2023	136,135	100,393	236,528
DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2023 Charge for year	17,967 2,213	66,150 3,672	84,117 5,885
At 31 December 2023	20,180	69,822	90,002
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2023	115,955	30,571	146,526
At 31 December 2022	118,168	30,878	149,046
	EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds Charitable activities Box Office Theatre costs Support costs General costs Total NET INCOME Transfers between funds Net movement in funds RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS COST At 1 January 2023 Additions At 31 December 2023 DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2023 Charge for year At 31 December 2023 NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2023	Cost	EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds 6,770 -

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

10.	STOCKS			
	Stocks		2023 £ 1,530	2022 £ 1,386
			<u>====</u>	
11.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	₹	2023	2022
	Trade debtors Other debtors VAT		£ 2,574 -	£ 1,225 995 49
	Prepayments and accrued income		4,383	5,031
			6,957	7,300
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YE	AR		
			2023 £	2022 £
	Trade creditors VAT		1,329 850	1,837
			2,179	1,837
13.	ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME			
			2023 £	2022 £
	Accruals and deferred income		4,226	3,837
	Deferred income recognizes the value of subscriptions relati	ing to post yea	ar end activities	
14.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Net	
		At 1/1/23 £	movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
	Unrestricted funds General fund	254,725	(4,802)	249,923
	TOTAL FUNDS	254,725	(4,802)	249,923
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows	3:		
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
	Unrestricted funds General fund	59,879	(64,681)	(4,802)
	TOTAL FUNDS	59,879	(64,681)	(4,802)

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	234,735	9,990	10,000	254,725
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	234,735	19,990	<u>-</u>	254,725

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	59,147	(49,157)	9,990
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	10,000	-	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS	69,147	(49,157)	19,990

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	234,735	5,188	10,000	249,923
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	234,735	15,188		249,923

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	119,026	(113,838)	5,188
Restricted funds Michaelstone Trust	10,000	-	10,000
TOTAL FUNDS	129,026 	(113,838)	15,188

The unrestricted fund is to be used to meet the charity objectives, as the trustees see fit, in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the trust deed.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

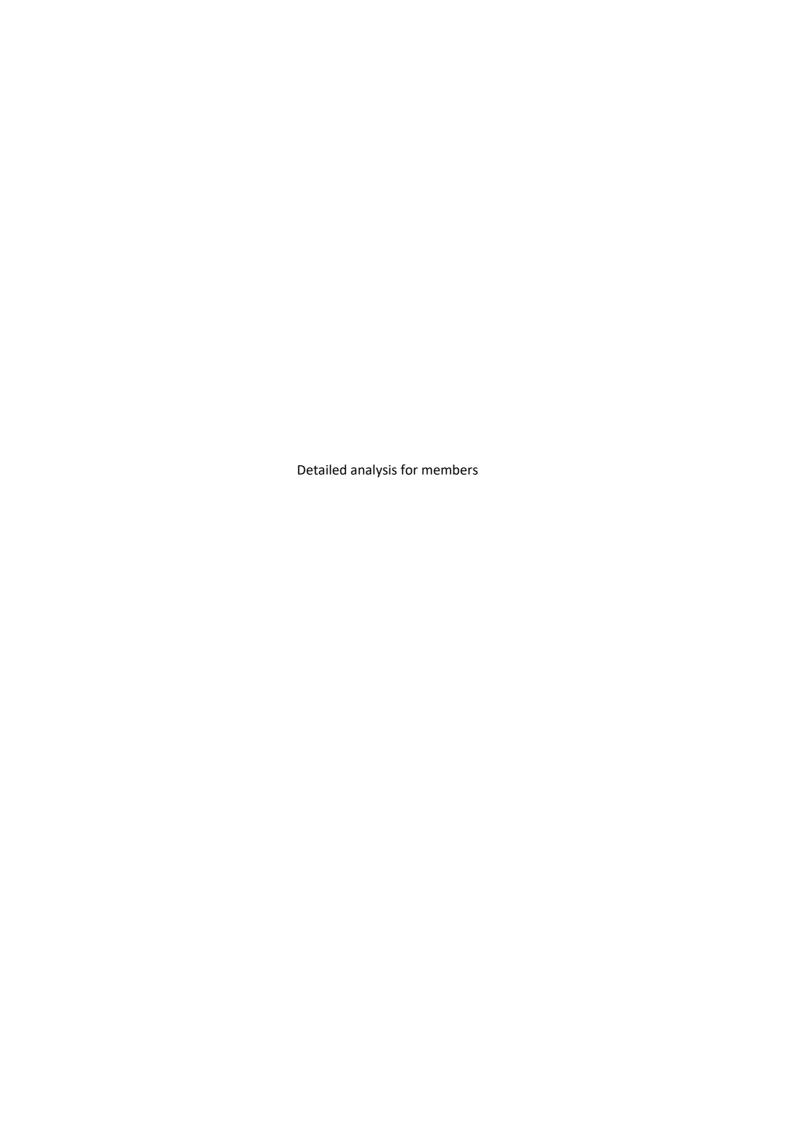
There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

			2023	2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £	
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations and legacies Donations Grants	4,286	- -	4,286	3,756 13,667	
Subscriptions	3,439		3,439	2,718	
	7,725	-	7,725	20,141	
Other trading activities Bar takings	4,528	-	4,528	6,092	
Investment income Deposit account interest	2,097	-	2,097	419	
Charitable activities Box Office sales Programme sales Hire of theatre	41,660 1,517 2,352 45,529	- - -	41,660 1,517 2,352 45,529	36,708 1,222 4,565 42,495	
Total incoming resources	59,879	-	59,879	69,147	
EXPENDITURE					
Other trading activities Opening stock Bar purchases Bar licences Water rates Light and heat Insurance Bar cleaning Closing stock	1,136 3,564 220 30 2,108 716 1,146 (1,280)	- - - - - - -	1,136 3,564 220 30 2,108 716 1,146 (1,280)	872 3,087 211 231 1,926 639 940 (1,136)	
Charitable activities Rates and water Insurance Light and heat Cleaning and refuse collection Stage production costs Online and credit card charges Repairs	90 2,147 6,323 2,674 16,240 2,029 16,686 46,189	- - - - - -	90 2,147 6,323 2,674 16,240 2,029 16,686 46,189	694 1,918 5,778 2,193 15,117 2,693 3,232 31,625	

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Support costs	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Governance costs				
Independent examiners fee	2,221	-	2,221	2,274
Telephone	367	-	² 367	[′] 301
Other office costs	1,813	-	1,813	1,921
Website expenditure	565	-	565	559
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,886	<u>-</u> _	5,886	5,707
	10,852		10,852	10,762
Total resources expended	64,681		64,681	49,157
Net income	(4,802)		(4,802)	19,990



Wells Operatic Society Limited Summary of Income and Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Year to 31/12/2023 £	Year to 31/12/2022 £
Little Theatre productions	18,881	16,897
General Account	(18,969)	5,721
Bar Account	(3,114)	(678)
Donations	4,286	3,757
Depreciation	(5,886)	(5,707)
Net surplus for the year	(4,802)	19,990

Wells Operatic Society Limited Little Theatre Account Year Ended 31 December 2023

		Year to 31/12/2023		Year to 31/12/2022
Theatrical productions	£	£	£	£
Blood on the Canvas		-		2,096
Big Fish		-		2,816
Then There were None		-		8,194
Wizard of Oz		-		10,148
Forget me Knot		4,684		
Avenue Q		4,089		
The Tempest		2,697		
Puss in Boots		16,405		
		27,875	-	23,254
Hire of theatre and catering		2,352		4,565
Advertising		350		
Irrecoverable VAT		(1,288)		- 442
		29,289		27,377
Less Theatre expenses;				
Heat, light and power	4,214		3,853	
Water rates	60		463	
Insurances	1,431		1,278	
Cleaning and refuse collection	2,674		2,193	
Online and card charges	2,029		2,693	_
		10,408		10,480
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year		18,881		16,897

Wells Operatic Society Limited General account Year Ended 31 December 2023

		Year to 31/12/2023		Year to 31/12/2022
Income		£	£	£
Subscriptions Grants Deposit account interest		3,439 - 2,097		2,718 13,667 418
		5,536		16,803
Expenses				
Telephone	367		301	
Accountancy	2,221		2,274	
Website expenditure	565		559	
General repairs	16,685		3,232	
Light and heat	2,108		1,926	
Water rates	30		231	
Insurance	716		638	
General office expenses	1,813		1,921	
		24,505		11,082
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		(18,969)		5,721

Wells Operatic Society Limited Bar account Year Ended 31 December 2023

		Year to 31/12/2023		Year to 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Takings		4,527		6,092
Cost of sales				
Opening bar stock	1,136		872	
Purchases	3,564		3,087	
Closing bar stock	(1,280)		(1,136)	
		3,420		2,823
Gross profit	24.45%	1,107	53.66%	3,269
Expenses				
Heat and light	2,109		1,926	
Cleaning expenses	1,146		940	
Insurance	716		639	
Water rates	30		231	
Licences	220	_	211	_
		4,221		3,947
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year	-	(3,114)		(678)

Forget Me Knot

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		5,664
Programme sales		210
		5,874
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	364	
Script/score	85	
Staging, costumes and props	93	
Advertising, posters and programmes	630	
Sundry	18	
		1,190
Net surplus	_	4,684

Avenue Q

£		£
Income		
Box Office		12,944
Programme sales		270
Contribution to workshop	_	160
		13,374
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee 1,	,638	
Script/score 1,	,038	
Director/choreographer 1,	,510	
Staging, costumes, lights and props 3,	,323	
Advertising, posters and programmes	823	-
Musical director/orchestra		
Sundry	953	
		9,285
Net surplus	_	4,089

The Tempest

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		3,756
Programme sales	_	195
		3,951
Expenses		
Script/score	45	
Musical director	200	
Staging, costumes and props	261	
Advertising, posters and programmes	748	
Sundry		
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		1,254
Net surplus	_	2,697
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Puss in Boots

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		19,296
Programme sales		492
Sale of scripts	_	
		19,788
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee		
Script/score		
Staging, costumes and props	1,518	
Advertising, posters and programmes	845	
Musical director/orchestra	1,000	
Sundry	20	
		3,383
Net surplus	_	16,405