REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01377655 (England and Wales) REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 276308

Wells Operatic Society Limited Company Limited by Guarantee

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Webb & Co Ltd
Accountants and Business Advisers
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Wells
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

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 2024. 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

We have had four extremely successful productions this year beginning with The Glass Menagerie, directed by Kevin Hardacre which won the Rose Bowl award for best Shakespeare, Classic or Restoration play. This was followed by Sister Act, Witness for the Prosecution and Nativity: The Musical all of which were total sell-outs!

Subscriptions and bar sales have increased substantially and, together with theatre hire, continue to make valuable contributions to the running costs of the theatre.

We have received a considerable increase in donations over the year, some of which enabled us to purchase a defibrillator for outside the building. The introduction of sponsorship for shows has also added to the total.

An inspection of all our electrical and fire safety systems brought to light some quite considerable and necessary improvements. The most urgent of these have been undertaken and further work is planned for the coming year.

Overall the charity reported a net surplus of £4,608 (2023 - deficit £4,802).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The trustees consider that the unrestricted reserves of £254,531, (2023 - £249,923) 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.

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

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

Little Theatre
Chamberlain St
Wells
Somerset
BA5 2PS

Registered office

Trustees

R E Bass

G A Brown (resigned 22/3/2024)

E J Carey (resigned 22/3/2024)

T E Creswick

K Edmonds (Chair)

J R Hartley Scammell

N J Hope

P Perrin

M J Scammell

C S Hoare

D M Palmer (resigned 22/3/2024)

S Marshall (appointed 22/3/2024)

E Hardy (appointed 22/3/2024)

C Munckton (appointed 22/3/2024)

V Orman (appointed 22/3/2024)

J Holwill (appointed 22/3/2024)

A Watts (appointed 22/3/2024)

Independent Examiner

Barry Davidson - FCA, FCCA 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 2024.

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 - FCA, FCCA

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

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Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies		12,501	1,345	13,846	7,725
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre hire		59,163 2,285	- -	59,163 2,285	43,177 2,352
Other trading activities Investment income	3 4	9,705 2,665	- -	9,705 2,665	4,528 2,097
Total		86,319	1,345	87,664	59,879
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		9,417	-	9,417	7,640
Charitable activities Box Office Theatre costs Support costs General costs Show costs		40,702 14,229 10,674 8,034	- - - -	40,702 14,229 10,674 8,034	20,822 9,163 1,144 25,686 226
Total		83,056	-	83,056	64,681
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds	13	3,263 1,345	1,345 (1,345)	4,608	(4,802)
Net movement in funds		4,608	-	4,608	(4,802)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		249,923	-	249,923	254,725
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		254,531	<u>-</u>	254,531	249,923

Balance Sheet 31 December 2024

	Nata	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	8	142,443	-	142,443	146,526
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	1,645	-	1,645	1,530
Debtors	10	5,701	-	5,701	6,957
Cash at bank and in hand		114,845		114,845	101,315
		122,191	-	122,191	109,802
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,752)	-	(6,752)	(2,179)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		115,439	-	115,439	107,623
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		257,882	-	257,882	254,149
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	12	(3,351)	-	(3,351)	(4,226)
NET ASSETS		254,531		254,531	249,923
FUNDS	13			·	_
Unrestricted funds	10			254,531	249,923
TOTAL FUNDS				254,531	249,923

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 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 2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, rounded to the nearest £, 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.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

3.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		
	Bar takings	2024 £ 9,705	2023 £ 4,528
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2024	2023
	Deposit account interest	£ 2,665 ———	£ 2,097
5.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		2024 £	2023 £
	Depreciation - owned assets	<u>5,537</u>	5,885
6.	INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION		
		2024 £	2023 £
	Independent examiners fee	2,272	2,221

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST At 1 January 2024 Additions	136,135	100,393 1,454	236,528 1,454
At 31 December 2024	136,135	101,847	237,982
DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2024 Charge for year	20,180 2,169	69,822 3,368	90,002 5,537
At 31 December 2024	22,349	73,190	95,539
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2024	113,786	28,657	142,443
At 31 December 2023	115,955	30,571	146,526

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

9.	STOCKS			2024	2023
	Stocks			£ 1,645	£ 1,530
10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHI	N ONE YEAR		2024	2023
	Trade debtors VAT Prepayments and accrued income			£ 106 5,595	£ 2,574 - 4,383
	Trepayments and accrucy moonic			5,701	6,957
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITH	HIN ONE YEA	.R	2024	2023
	Trade creditors VAT			£ 6,752 - 6,752	£ 1,329 850
12.	ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME				
	Accruals and deferred income			2024 £ 3,351	2023 £ 4,226
	Deferred income recognizes the value of subsc	riptions relatin	g to post year en	d activities.	
13.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/24 £
	Unrestricted funds General fund	249,923	3,263	1,345	254,531
	Restricted funds Refurbishment fund	-	1,345	(1,345)	-

TOTAL FUNDS

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	86,319	(83,056)	3,263
Restricted funds Refurbishment fund	1,345	-	1,345
TOTAL FUNDS	87,664	(83,056)	4,608
Comparatives for movement in funds			
	At 1/1/23 £	Net 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
Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above a	re as follows:		
	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)

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

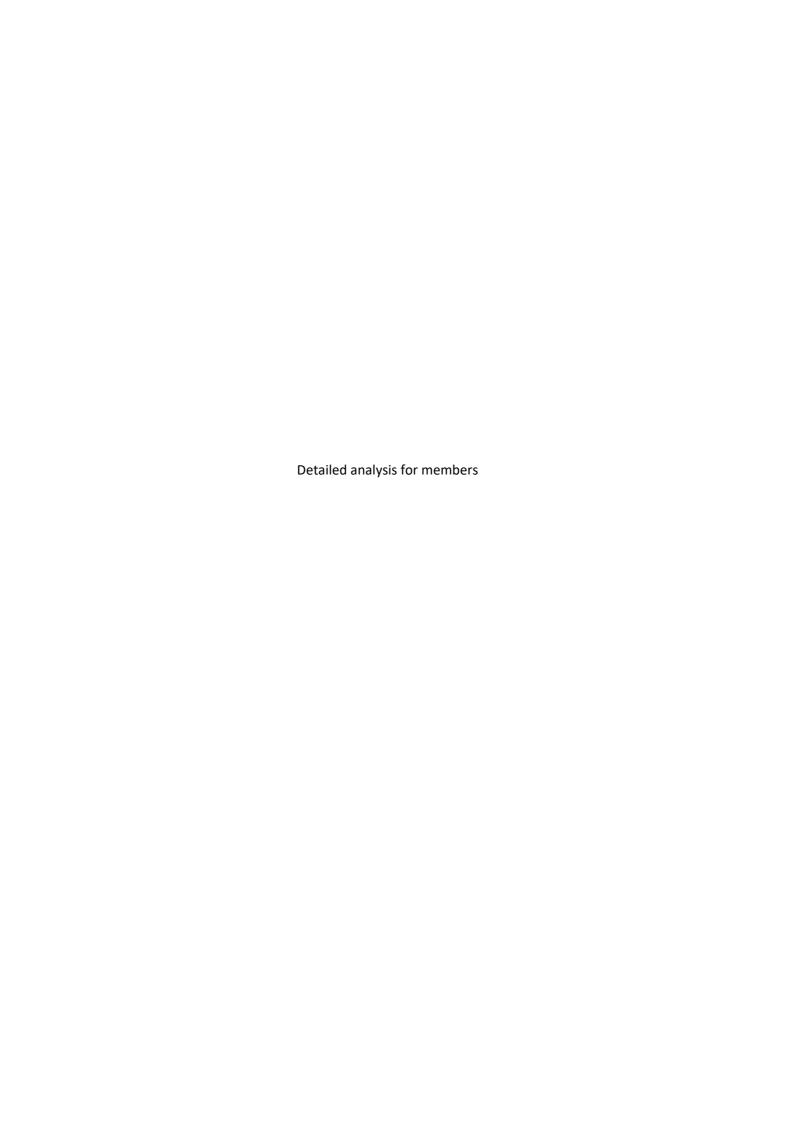
There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies Donations Subscriptions	6,941 5,560	1,345 -	8,286 5,560	4,286 3,439
	12,501	1,345	13,846	7,725
Other trading activities Bar takings	9,705	-	9,705	4,528
Investment income Deposit account interest	2,665	-	2,665	2,097
Charitable activities Box Office sales Programme sales Hire of theatre	56,992 2,171 2,285	- - -	56,992 2,171 2,285	41,660 1,517 2,352
Total incoming resources	61,448 86,319	1,345	61,448 87,664	45,529 59,879
EXPENDITURE				
Other trading activities Opening stock Bar purchases Bar licences Water rates Light and heat Insurance Bar cleaning Closing stock	1,280 4,834 140 22 2,323 799 1,414 (1,395)	- - - - - - -	1,280 4,834 140 22 2,323 799 1,414 (1,395)	1,136 3,564 220 30 2,108 716 1,146 (1,280)
Charitable activities Rates and water Insurance Light and heat Cleaning and refuse collection Stage production costs Online and credit card charges Repairs	67 2,397 6,970 3,299 27,995 4,649 17,060	- - - - - - -	67 2,397 6,970 3,299 27,995 4,649 17,060	90 2,147 6,323 2,674 16,240 2,029 16,686 46,189

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Support costs	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Governance costs				
Independent examiners fee	2,272	-	2,272	2,221
Telephone	439	-	439	367
Other office costs	1,772	-	1,772	1,813
Computer and website	1,182	-	1,182	565
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,537	_	5,537	5,886
	11,202		11,202	10,852
Total resources expended	83,056		83,056	64,681
Net (expenditure)/income	3,263	1,345	4,608	(4,802)



Wells Operatic Society Limited Summary of Income and Expenditure Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Year to 31/12/2024 £	Year to 31/12/2023 £
Little Theatre productions	20,177	18,881
General Account	(17,645)	(18,969)
Bar Account	288	(3,114)
Donations	7,325	4,286
Depreciation	(5,537)	(5,886)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,608	(4,802)

Wells Operatic Society Limited Little Theatre Account Year Ended 31 December 2024

	£	Year to 31/12/2024 £	£	Year to 31/12/2023 £
Theatrical productions	ı	Ľ	Ľ	r
Forget me Knot		-		4,684
Avenue Q		-		4,089
The Tempest		-		2,697
Puss in Boots		(310)		16,405
Glass Menagerie		3,983		-
Sister Act		4,563		-
Witness for the Prosecution		11,928		-
Nativity		13,051		
		33,215		27,875
Hire of theatre and catering		2,285		2,352
Advertising		320		350
Irrecoverable VAT		(1,406)		(1,288)
		34,414		29,289
Less Theatre expenses;				
Heat, light and power	4,646		4,214	
Water rates	45		60	
Insurances	1,598		1,431	
Cleaning and refuse collection	3,299		2,674	
Online and card charges	4,649		2,029	
		14,237		10,408
Net surplus for the year		20,177		18,881

Wells Operatic Society Limited General account Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Year to 31/12/2024		Year to 31/12/2023
		£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions		5,560		3,439
Deposit account interest		2,665		2,097
Deposit account interest		2,003		2,037
		8,225		5,536
Expenses				
Telephone	439		367	
Accountancy	2,272		2,221	
Website expenditure	1,182		565	
General repairs	17,060		16,685	
Light and heat	2,324		2,108	
Water rates	22		30	
Insurance	799		716	
General office expenses	1,772		1,813	
		25,870		24,505
Net (deficit) for the year		(17,645)		(18,969)

Wells Operatic Society Limited Bar account Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Year to		Year to
	£	31/12/2024 £	£	31/12/2023 £
Income	L	r	-	L
Takings		9,705		4,527
Cost of sales				
Opening bar stock	1,280		1,136	
Purchases	4,834		3,564	
Closing bar stock	(1,395)		(1,280)	
		4,719		3,420
Gross profit	51.38%	4,986	24.45%	1,107
Expenses				
Heat and light	2,323		2,109	
Cleaning expenses	1,414		1,146	
Insurance	799		716	
Water rates	22		30	
Licences	140		220	
		4,698		4,221
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	=	288		(3,114)

Glass Menagerie

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		5,695
Programme sales		172
r rogramme sales	_	5,867
		3,807
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	396	
Script/score	93	
Staging, costumes and props	492	
Advertising, posters and programmes	709	
Sundry	194	
		1,884
Net surplus	_	3,983

Sister Act

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		14,408
Programme sales		482
Donations		220
	_	15,110
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	3,014	
Script/score	500	
Director/choreographer	2,300	
Staging, costumes, lights and props	4,162	
Advertising, posters and programmes	334	
Musical director/orchestra		
Sundry	237	
		10,547
Net surplus	_	4,563

Witness for the Prosecution

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		15,728
Programme sales		650
	_	16,378
Expenses		
Royalties /performance fee	792	
Script/score	184	
Musical director		
Staging, costumes and props	1,280	
Advertising, posters and programmes	1,006	
Sundry	1,188	
		4,450
Net surplus	<u>-</u>	11,928

Nativity

	£	£
Income		
Box Office		21,161
Programme sales		547
Donations		740
	_	22,448
Expenses		
Payalties /nerformance for	2 705	
Royalties /performance fee	2,795 2,690	
Script/score		
Staging, costumes and props	2,310	
Advertising, posters and programmes	546	
Musical director/orchestra	1,000	
Sundry	56	
	_	9,397
Net surplus	=	13,051