

St Nicolas Players
Treasurers Report
For the Year Ended 30 September 2024

I am pleased to report, once more a successful financial year for our dramatic society, with a net increase of funds of just over £1,100. As always this is not purely as a result of our financially positive productions. Only small income achieved from our fund raising events during this last year, however thankfully our ever wonderful Community Brass Band also generates further funds for our coffers!. At the financial year end, our Music Hall department is still not really up and running again - but that is another string to our bow that will hopefully generate income for us again in the future.

We have to take into account what we have spent to achieve this income, costs for maintaining the facilities of The Patch alone is around £5,500. This is however, an essential element of the Society - without which we would most likely incur even greater expenses - hiring venues to rehearse in, having to create sets from scratch for every show as we would have nothing in stock, hiring somewhere to do this building and storage in the period immediately before and after the show itself, hiring in costumes/props for use, and likely many other costs!

We are therefore indebted to those firms that generously donate to our funds as 'sponsors, and most of all our mystery benefactor who has for many years now contributed an incredibly generous £1,500 annually which is a significant contribution towards our rent of our beloved Patch. We are exceedingly grateful.

These sources are most important for us to maintain to ensure the continued existence of the Society. If we were depending only on our productions and membership income from you - our members - then we would be eroding our funds, and potentially struggling to survive year on year.

Without this £2,000 income from Sponsors and Donors instead of our funds increasing by £1,100 over the last year, they would have instead gone down by £900. Although this doesn't sound much, when you consider that we made profits of over £4,500 on our two shows in the last year, you can see that our expenses use up all of that gain.

So whilst we have a healthy bank balance at present, if we were to have no sponsors / benefactors, this could soon be quite quickly used up.

Please continue to be a member, to support the society by being on-stage, back stage, in the audience, creating and attending fund-raising events, perhaps even getting more businesses on board as sponsors.

In conclusion, well done and thank you to all members, the band, those involved in productions and fund-raising events who have all contributed to our successful financial year - not forgetting of course our audiences.

Let's all help the Society continue to thrive and to be present in the community for many more years to come.