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Charity registration number: 1120239

Ashbourne Arts Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2020



Coates and Partners Limited The Old Vicarage 51 St John Street Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1GP

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

J Marsh

S G Liverman

C R Welsby (resigned 8 October 2019)

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J P Rodgers
Mrs A F Rosser
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Secretary

Mrs A F Rosser

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The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

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Independent Examiner

Coates and Partners Limited

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Charity's objectives are to promote, maintain and advance the education of the public by the encouragement of the arts including the art of music, singing, drama, literature, painting and visual arts by the promotion of concerts, performances, exhibitions, workshops and other activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ashbourne and surrounding district. The trustees do this through the annual festival.

Public benefit

The objects of the Company are to provide opportunities for both professional and non-professional artists and the community of Ashbourne and surrounding areas to come together for the initiation, organisation and promotion of artistic activities, including in particular through an annual festival, and to promote the benefits of the arts generally within this community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

When the announcement of lockdown came in March 2020 all the events within the Ashbourne Festival 2020 were booked, deposits paid whet required and the programme almost ready to go to the printers. So it was a very sad day in the Festival office when the team had to switch from their final administration tasks to contacting everyone to tell them that the Festival was cancelled.

Once that was done we immediately moved our attention to what we could do to provide and encourage artistic input to our Ashbourne community and organised two main events, a summer Art Trail and a pre-Christmas Lantern Trail. Both were extremely well received giving a welcome attraction for locals out taking their permitted exercise. The Art Trail gave an important outlet for local artists and the Lantern Trail was very popular with families, who were delighted to have a Covid safe activity to which they could take their children. The Trustees are very grateful to the traders and Ashbourne Town Council for their support with both these events.

Ashbourne Arts Limited holds limited reserves, in line with their policy, to protect from the impact of unforeseen difficulty but none had envisaged an impact such as a global pandemic. Thankfully, the financial impact was lessened by:

- refunds received on hotel bookings for performers
- deposits carried forward to 20/21 for performers who were able to move their bookings to Festival 2021
- reduction in office rent due to us being unable to use the Festival office for many months
- small reduction in annual insurance as our activities were reduced
- receipt of a Government Covid Grant via Derbyshire Dales District Council

Going forward into 20/21 plans are now all in place for a Festival season in 2021, starting on 21 June 2021. With mostly outdoor events the Directors of Ashbourne Arts Limited are confident that, even if Covid Restrictions are re-introduced, the Festival can go ahead and tickets are already on sale.

Trustees' Report

Financial review

The Trustees of Ashbourne Arts continue to be extremely grateful and reliant on the financial help from local businesses and individuals through its Sponsors/Patrons/Supporters and Friends programmes. Many have been providing this support for many years now and as businesses move from being supporters to patrons and patrons to sponsors and then increasing their sponsorship we are encouraged that they are keen to work with Ashbourne Arts to sustain the Festival in Ashbourne. In addition to the direct financial transactions the Festival benefits from in excess of £50k of 'in kind' support, including use of venues at no or low cost, providing a box office or programme and website design to name just a few. Then there are the volunteers; sourcing funding, running our website and social media, organising all the events that make up the festival, distributing programmes, moving and setting up equipment, staffing bars, etc. From the office staff to the Trustees, everyone involved in the running of the Festival is a volunteer which, we have been told by the British Arts Festivals Association, is unique for a Festival of this size.

Policy on reserves

The Directors of Ashbourne Arts Limited have set a reserves policy which requires:

- Reserves to be built up and maintained at a level which ensures that our core activity, of an annual festival, could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.
- A proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.
- The calculation of the required level of reserves be an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast with consideration being given to the risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure, the planned activity level and the organisation's commitments.

At the end of the financial period the amount of funds held in reserves was £25,320.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

By bringing art in a great variety of forms to a rural community, the Festival not only inspires, encourages, challenges and entertains those who live and work in the area but also brings a visiting audience to Ashbourne and the surrounding area. The benefit to the local business community is shown in their continued financial and in-kind support for the Festival. The annual summer Festival and the winter lantern making workshops and procession are highly valued and appreciated features within the local calendar. Bringing individuals and the community together to celebrate and encourage creativity.

Following each Festival, the Trustees undertake a review to assess how well it enabled them to meet the aims and key objectives and to agree the changes that need to be introduced as part of the planning for the following year's Festival.

Trustees' Report

Going concern

Since March 2020, in common with many other companies, the outbreak of COVID-19 in the UK and the measures being taken to control its spread, have had a detrimental impact on our charity. Specifically the 2020 arts festival was cancelled and a number of costs could not be carried over to the 2021 festival, the charity did receive a discretionary grant from the local council to help meet the overheads of the charity.

The trustees have considered the impact on the company and concluded there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast doubt upon the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 19th April 2002.

The constitution of the charity is that of a limited company.

Trustees' Report

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Board of Directors when complete consists of at least five and not more than ten individuals, all of whom must be members.

One third (or the number nearest one third) of the Directors must retire at each AGM, those longest in service retiring first and the choice between any of equal service being made by drawing lots. Retiring Directors are eligible for re-election.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

J Marsh Trustee

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashbourne Arts Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- · observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

J Marsh

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashbourne Arts Limited

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Coates and Partners Limited

The Old Vicarage 51 St John Street Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1GP

12 May 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2020 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	9,938	9,938	23,388
Charitable activities	4			36,850
Total Income		9,938	9,938	60,238
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(11,825)	(11,825)	(63,388)
Total Expenditure		(11,825)	(11,825)	(63,388)
Net expenditure		(1,887)	(1,887)	(3,150)
Net movement in funds		(1,887)	(1,887)	(3,150)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		27,207	27,207	30,357
Total funds carried forward	12	25,320	25,320	27,207
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All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2019 is shown in note 12.

(Registration number: 04420519) Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets		_	_
Tangible assets	8	4,040	5,525
Current assets			
Debtors	9	3,141	2,341
Cash at bank and in hand		16,839	21,193
		19,980	23,534
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,296)	(1,665)
Net current assets		18,684	21,869
Total assets less current liabilities		22,724	27,394
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one			
year	11	(140)	(187)
Net assets		22,584	27,207
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		25,320	27,207
Total funds	12	25,320	27,207

For the financial year ending 31 August 2020 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 8 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

J Marsh Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Ashbourne Arts Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are not recognised in the accounts but they are acknowledged in the published material and website.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class

Office equipment Plant and machinery

Depreciation method and rate

33% straight line25% reducing balance

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	4,648	4,648	7,313
Donations from friends, supporters and patrons	545	545	10,110
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	4,745	4,745	5,965
	9,938	9,938	23,388

4 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Bar income	-	3,110
Ticket sales	-	28,469
Art sales and other activities	-	2,606
Other income		2,665
		36,850

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity undertaken directly £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Event expenses	4,098	4,098	53,734
Establishment costs	1,980	1,980	2,580
Office costs	1,821	1,821	1,368
Subscriptions and donations	249	249	274
Advertising and promotion	220	220	1,631
Accountancy fees	673	673	827
Insurance	1,299	1,299	1,264
Depreciation of tangible assets	1,485	1,485	1,671
Bank charges		<u> </u>	39
	11,825	11,825	63,388

£14,437 (2019 - £63,388) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £Nil (2019 - £Nil) to restricted funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2019	15,239	15,239
At 31 August 2020	15,239	15,239
Depreciation		•
At 1 September 2019	9,714	9,714
Charge for the year	1,485	1,485
At 31 August 2020	11,199	11,199
Net book value		
At 31 August 2020	4,040	4,040
At 31 August 2019	5,525	5,525
9 Debtors		
	2020	2019
Trade debases	£	£
Trade debtors	252	1,117
Prepayments	2,889	1,224
	3,141	2,341

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

10 Creditors: amounts falling du	ie within one ye	ar		
			2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors			-	801
Other creditors			46	61
Accruals			1,250	803
			1,296	1,665
11 Creditors: amounts falling du	ie after one year			
			2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors			140	187_
12 Funds				
	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(27,207)	(9,938)	11,825	(25,320)
•	Balance at 1 September 2018	Incoming resources f	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2019 f

Unrestricted funds

General

(30,357) (60,238) 63,388

(27,207)