

# **The Friends of the Hyde Park Picture House**

Charity number 1168835

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2025**

### **Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Bill Walton	Chair
Wendy Cook	
Paul Betts	Treasurer
Stephen Brown	Digital Comms. Officer
Bill Hargreaves	
Pat Brown	Secretary

**Charity number** 1168835 Registered in England and Wales

<b>Registered and principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
73 Brudenell Road	Santander UK plc
Leeds	2 Triton Square
LS6 1JD	Regent's Place
	London
	NW1 3AN

### **Accountants**

#### **West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

Stringer House  
34 Lupton Street  
Leeds  
LS10 2QW

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 11 May 2014 as amended on 1 August 2016.

### **Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM. In addition the Leeds Grand Theatre & Opera House Limited appoints a representative as trustee. The current representative is Wendy Cook.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 5 April 2025**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

To advance the arts, in particular film and associated arts for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively by supporting the Hyde Park Picture House as part of the Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Ltd by such means as the trustees think fit including by:

Promoting, supporting and participating in the cultural landscape of Hyde Park, Leeds and Yorkshire, particularly through an appreciation and understanding of the art of cinema.

Celebrating the heritage of the Hyde Park Picture House and ensuring its preservation and continued use for cinema and related arts.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the arts and particularly film.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Friends committee has continued to operate with regular meeting but with a return to face to face meetings during the year.

In addition to organising the Annual General Meeting on 9 June 2024 the Committee has met on six occasions (22/4/2024, 13/5/2024, 24/6/2024, 15/7/2024, 17/2/2025, and 24/3/2025).

For many years one of the primary benefits of Friends membership has been a discounted rate at the cinema box office. When the cinema re-opened after the redevelopment project, it put in place its own membership scheme, aimed at attracting the widest audience possible.

As a result of this, the Friends membership scheme has changed, and the role of the organisation is evolving. It is intended that the Friends organisation will continue to work very closely with the cinema whilst moving towards more specific volunteering-based projects, which both support the cinema and which are in line with the aims and objectives of the Friends organisation.

During the year, the Friends have organised a regular event for those interested in film with a 'First Thursday film club' meet up after a chosen film, for further conversation and to review and discuss the film.

In addition, the Friends have chosen to support a cinema project which involves Asylum seekers, volunteering at the cinema on a regular basis. The Friends have supported the cinema by paying the bus fares of all the volunteers so that they have been able to travel to the cinema for the volunteering work. This is an ongoing project that the Friends continue to support.

The new Friends membership scheme was launched in the previous year and went live from 1st January 2023 in preparation for the reopening of the cinema in June 2023. The new membership scheme launch has been very successful. Members joining are now asked to join up on a 'Pay as you feel' basis and to make a donation to the Friends organisation. The initial membership donation period was extended to cover the period to 31 December 2024. The annual renewal donations commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

# **The Friends of the Hyde Park Picture House**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 5 April 2025**

### **Financial review**

The net payments for the year were £749, all unrestricted in nature.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £22,387.

The trustees have decided to adopt a lower limit and an upper limit for the amount of cash reserves within the organisation. In setting the lower limit the trustees have considered the level of expenses which may be required to cover a period of 12 months without any income and the costs of an orderly wind up of the charity should that be required.

In setting the upper limit, the trustees have considered the maximum amount of cash reserves that it should hold. The policy is in place to prevent the cash reserves of the charity accumulating over time to the point where the Charity could be considered to not be deploying its cash reserves appropriately to meet its charitable objectives.

The lower limit is £2,000

The upper limit is £50,000

Approved by the board of trustees on .....

Signed: ..... (Trustee)

Name: .....

**The Friends of the Hyde Park Picture House**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 5 April 2025**

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Membership	508	585
Bank interest	233	212
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>741</u>	<u>797</u>
 <b>Payments</b>		
Website	80	75
Accountancy	240	164
Zoom licence	-	250
Volunteer expenses	1,170	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>1,490</u>	<u>489</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	(749)	308
 <b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<u>23,136</u>	<u>22,828</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<u>22,387</u>	<u>23,136</u>

**The Friends of the Hyde Park Picture House**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 5 April 2025**

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Current account	177	565
Reserve account	22,210	22,571
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>22,387</u>	<u>23,136</u>

<b>Liabilities</b>	2025
	£
Accruals	240
	<u>240</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on .....

Signed: ..... (Trustee)

Name: .....

# **The Friends of the Hyde Park Picture House**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 5 April 2025**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

All funds are unrestricted (general) funds and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

#### **2 Related party transactions**

##### **Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

##### **Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.