

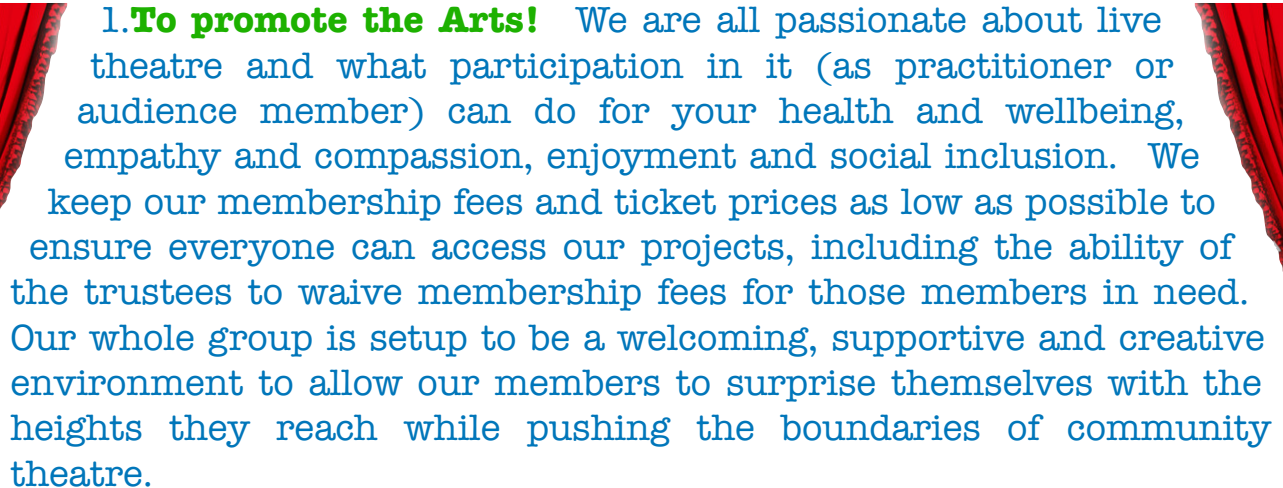


Our Mission...



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

On the 11th of March, after much hard work, Bispham CastAways were successful in our application to the Charity Commission to become a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England and Wales, (Registered Charity Number - 1182404). This means we have solely charitable purposes setup for the benefit of the public and are run by a group of volunteer trustees from our membership. Our aims are two-fold:



1. **To promote the Arts!** We are all passionate about live theatre and what participation in it (as practitioner or audience member) can do for your health and wellbeing, empathy and compassion, enjoyment and social inclusion. We keep our membership fees and ticket prices as low as possible to ensure everyone can access our projects, including the ability of the trustees to waive membership fees for those members in need. Our whole group is setup to be a welcoming, supportive and creative environment to allow our members to surprise themselves with the heights they reach while pushing the boundaries of community theatre.

2. **To help those in need.** Blackpool has a high level of people who can be described as in need, due to their age, disability, finances, mental health issues, gender identity or other issues which have caused social exclusion. The trustees believe that live theatre offers amazing opportunities to our community boosting confidence of members through social prescribing, increasing links between community groups to battle social isolation, providing free events in public places to show that theatre is nothing to be scared about and really is for everyone, and working to forge links with groups and facilities where there are a high number of those in need, for example retirement homes, mental health service providers and other charities.



We always have information on our events, goals and aspirations, our partnerships, and lots of membership details on our website at www.castaways.org.uk, where you can also sign up to our e-newsletter via MailChimp.

Bispham CastAways Community Theatre Group also has a very active social media presence on Facebook where there is always information on our events, news, competitions, pictures and videos from both on and backstage. **Like and follow our Facebook page** to always be in the know on all things CastAways!

