Steph Park Nomination. Nominated by Jane Warwick. Seconded by Claire Fishleigh.

Please find attached a copy of my CV in response to the advertisement for new Trustees. In particular, I would be interested in contributing as a Treasurer or part of a finance team to make use of my professional experience. I am currently employed as an Accountant at a family firm in Launceston, where I have worked for almost seven years. During this time, I have completed the AAT qualification and I am currently a part-qualified Chartered Accountant having completed the majority of my ACA exams through the ICAEW. I will be taking my final exams this year and should hope to qualify by the end of the year.

I have lived in Cornwall all of my life and actively seek to support local venues in the hope this will contribute to helping such places gain the funding and recognition they deserve and provide the local community with opportunities. This is particularly important in Cornwall which often seems so far removed to encourage the local talent and provide a safe environment for expression.

Between 2015 and 2017 I volunteered across the UK at film and television conventions, experiencing all roles ranging from queue control to Personal Assistant. From this experience I had the pleasure of meeting a great variety of people from across the world including the fans, actors and their staff. Getting to know these people really highlighted the personal impact performance can have and the sense of community which can be created through these mutual passions.

Over the past couple years in my employment, I have been responsible for all of the charity clients and attend training events covering charity financial reporting and updates. My role includes the completion of accounts, ensuring compliance with reporting requirements and helping treasurers and trustees to understand the figures to better their charity’s performance in order to meet their objectives. In addition, I delegate work to junior staff members and train them in the fundamentals of charity accounting. Since developing this specialism it has become a real interest of mine which I would love to utilise and develop as part of the team in helping the theatre reach more people.

I have regularly attended various theatres throughout the years, including Sterts, and thoroughly enjoy every element of the experience. This is something I have particularly missed over the pandemic and cannot wait to be immersed in again once safe to do so. Although I do not have any direct trustee experience, I am always keen to learn and develop and consider this an exciting opportunity.