Warwick Town Council
Interim Report

The Futures redevelopment at Playbox Theatre is well underway, and the company is grateful for all the support it has received. The financial award from Warwick Town Council and the validation of our work for this town is immensely important in ensuring our continued strong, strategic presence as arts provider for young people aged 3-21.

The re-designation and downsizing of office space is now in its final stages enabling our new studio to inhabit the previous office space. It is vital that in an operation of our breadth and scope that our ongoing communications with the public, with members, with families and with each other is efficient and able us to respond to the many demands made upon us. The IT world moves quickly, and we had fallen behind in being able to deal with all our tasks in a highly efficient manner.

Futures is to secure The Dream Factory’s strategic position in Warwick as a European model of excellence for artistic expression, training, creativity and support the young. The technical upgrades developed with Leap IT go a long way to improve internal and external comms serving an organisation that has demonstrated that it never stands still.

In our mid-project progress report, we identify a new and environmentally rewarding landscape surround to our centre. This is a vast improvement for regular attenders and visitors, once more, ensuring that the town can boast a facility that is on a par with any in Europe for young people. The inclusion of interactive spaces within the landscape also provides zones of play and relaxation. The new storage facility has provided the much-needed ability to free up essential space within the facility to enrich provisions for young people.

Collaborations are ongoing with WDC for developing projects over 2020-21 in theatre, movement and visual arts, opera companies specialising in reaching new audiences and commissioning new writing for under 10s. In presentation, one may think the support of comms system upgrade is rather less exciting than a core artistic enrichment. For Playbox it is the maintenance of ‘life support’ the method in which we ensure that our mission in the town is efficient, effective and far reaching. In short, we hope you share our pride in the Futures development as we move into the next phases.

Again, our sincere thanks to WTC for the generous support of our work in the town and we look forward to attending next year’s AGM to report on the successful conclusion to FUTURES PROJECT.