



Wardrobe Department

What is it?

This department is responsible for all costume requirements for SAC productions. We have an under stage store of well over 1,000 items including hats, head dresses, footwear, wigs and as masks. We cater for all ages, shapes and sizes. We also hire out some items to other drama groups or individuals who might need them. We also have an extensive storage of fabrics patterns and sewing notions, machines and over lockers. These are mainly called for when we do pantomime/Christmas productions and the big summer show, when there are large casts and many changes of costume needed.

A large team is needed for the bigger shows and members of our team have varying degrees of sewing skill- from those who happily unpick old garments and cut out trimmings or decorative items, hand sewers, simple machining, making up garments, or the full Monty of design cutting and tailoring. Some gents are members of our team - we have one who does the most exquisite embroidery!!

Where do you start?

The director of the show will approach you if they would like you to lead the costumes for a show. Alternatively, the person responsible for the costumes for the particular show will get in contact with you to see if you would like to be part of the costume team.

What do you need to know?

When the read through for a show is taking place - that is a good time to find out about the production, cast numbers, design style and what the degree of commitment is likely to be.

What skills would help?

Very basic sewing skills are handy but not obligatory we can help you develop skills you didn't know you had. The atmosphere in the Costume workshop is always friendly and conducive to bolstering confidence

What help will I get?

As much as you need, - just ask!

Most challenging part?

Deadline! It is always a week too early. There is never enough time...

Most enjoyable part?

Seeing something you have had a big hand in looking fabulous on stage.

Why do it?

Because you want to be part of something that can widen your circle of friends, give you a chance to show off your skills and to learn new ones.