

THE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN

England & Wales · Charity number 1102634

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2004-03-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE LIFE LONG EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARIES THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF FRIENDS AND USERS GROUPS.

Activities: Support & advice to Library Friends, Campaign & User Groups. Advocacy for libraries; public libraries in particular. Liaison with library-related groups & organisations, e.g. CILIP, UNISON, SCL, The Reading Agency, Voices for the Library. Submission evidence to reviews. e.g. Sieghart We run a website, social media accounts & produce a magazine, to inform & engage all on library issues.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£13,010	£9,562	-	-
2024-03-31	£6,438	£10,190	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,237	£9,378	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,383	£12,811	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,658	£8,411	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Laura Swaffield	Chair	
Alison Frances Margaret Richards		2024-06-15
Andrew Alan Coburn		2017-04-24
BOB GOODRICK		2013-12-19
Barnaby David Allan		2024-06-15
GEOFFREY GEORGE DRON		2013-12-13
Isadore Nikolai Dvash Auerbach George		2024-06-15
James Fish		2024-06-15
James Frank Rawlings		2024-06-15

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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2022

Period start date To 31/03/2023 Period end date

Charity name: The Library Campaign

Charity registration number: 1102634

Objectives and Activities

	SCRP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the lifelong education of the public by the promotion, support, assistance and improvement of libraries through the activities of friends and user groups.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.18	Advocacy to Government (local and central) and industry bodies. Stimulate the establishment of local Friends and User groups by the provision of information and publicity materials. Facilitate the exchange of information between Friends and User groups and represent their views nationally. Disseminate information on local initiatives through The Library Campaigner , conferences, email newsletter and other means. Campaign whilst remaining independent of all political parties. Affirm that publicly funded libraries and information services continue to play a key role in lifelong learning.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	To confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SCRP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.28	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.31	n/a

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	n/a
Other		n/a

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>A monthly email newsletter was established which goes to all Campaign members and all Friends groups for whom we have an email address. It is also available to anyone else to sign up. Covers local and national developments in libraries</p> <p>Advice to local groups who have requested it on local library issues (e.g. East Sussex – Peacshaven, and Worcestershire -Redditch. Both of these were about retaining a local library in a suitable place / state)</p> <p>Met with Baroness Sanderson on her review of public libraries for the DCMS. Also gave detailed written evidence.</p> <p>Magazine (The Library Campaigner) produced twice a year and widely circulated to library users & heads of service.</p> <p>Maintenance of a 'one-stop' website where friends of libraries can get information and advice.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	n/a
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Legacy received was used to fund work of a self-employed person to help develop our social media, website and the newsletter mentioned above.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Reserves have risen considerably thanks to an unexpected legacy donation. Spending also higher than usual to make use of this to improve our social media and communications as above
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves held awaiting suitable occasion to spend. Before the legacy they had reduced as we had already begun to use them to boost social media and communications
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,000. i.e. total assets less likely operating costs
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Legacy unusual and unprecedented. Normal income is from membership subscriptions and smaller donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.48	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.49	n/a
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIC)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Chair, Secretary and Treasurer plus not less than two and not more than six members elected at the annual general meeting. At least two of these shall be elected from representatives of local Friends or User groups. The Executive Committee (Trustees) may in addition appoint not more than 3 co-opted members ...

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	One to one briefing by officers
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		n/a

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Library Campaign
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1102834
Charity's principal address	27 Old Gloucester Street LONDON WC1N 3AX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Laura Swaffield	Chair		
2	Andrew Coburn	Treasurer		
3	Geoff Dron			
4	Bob Goodrick			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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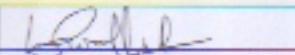
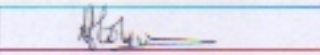
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LAURA SWAFFIELD	ANDREW ALAN COBURN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	23 NOVEMBER 2023	

The Library Campaign (Charity (England & Wales) 1102634)			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES			
(including income and expenditure account)			
for the year ended 31 March 2023.			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Income			
Members' subscriptions and pledges		2237	2314
Donations		22397	2060
Interest		603	9
Total		25237	4383
Expenditure			
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:			
Telecomms		210	173
Travel and subsistence		337	15
Postage, stationery and printing		236	425
The Campaigner		2220	2104
Web site		5889	8826
Advertisements		250	250
Bank Charges		73	19
Miscellaneous		163	999
Total		9378	12811
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the year		15859	(8428)
Net movement in funds			
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year		15859	-8428
Balances brought forward at 1 April 2022		28795	37152
Balances carried forward at 31 March 2023		44654	28795
Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023 (provisional)			
Assets			
Balances at bank: COIF Charities Deposit Fund		39403	20800
HSBC		6177	4416
Santander		1074	3579
Net assets		46654	28795

Note: There are a number of life members who have the right to indefinite membership. No attempt has been made to calculate the value of this. Life membership is no longer offered, but the Campaign continues to service those taken up in the past.				
and were signed on their behalf by Andrew Coburn
Trustee				
TREASURER'S REPORT				
Most of the donation income was in the form of a legacy but there were also two other four figure donations. It is not expected that this will be repeated.				
Website and Social Media costs include payments for assistance in creating an Instagram account, the email newsletter and other tasks, as well as hosting etc.				
My thanks to all who have supported us during the year.				
September 2023				

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Library Campaign for the year ended 31 March 2023.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martin Wright FCA	Date: 1 September 2023