



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 9th March 2024 **Period start date** To 8th March 2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: Book Relief UK

Charity registration number: 1134724

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Book Relief UK objective is the advancement of literacy in both the United Kingdom and developing countries primarily, though not exclusively through the active support and instigation of literacy advancement projects by working with or partnering with other specialist charities/organisations in both the United Kingdom and overseas as the trustees shall decide.
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 1.19	The charity runs a second-hand bookshop in Bideford as well as an eBay site. Funds are raised through the sale of books in our shop, on eBay, the sale of books to World of Books and through small additional financial donations received from time to time. Funds are used to give grants to worthy organisations who promote literacy e.g. schools, libraries etc. The bookshop is also an important community resource for Bideford and the wider North Devon area. The Charity is staffed entirely by volunteers.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity is entirely staffed by volunteers. We currently have 13 volunteers in addition to the trustees. Volunteers support the charity in a number of ways, including but not limited to collecting books (when necessary), sorting books, other shop related activities, managing ebay and running our website.
Other		

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	March 2024-25 has seen another very successful year for the charity. The charity made £8,427 in charitable donations compared to £5,650 in 2023-2. Donations were made to a range of organizations, including local schools and libraries, funding for the Peter Christie Memorial Competition, and internationally, to Empower the Gambia and Books 4 Africa. Books were also provided to a local food bank. As in previous years the focus has been on both adult and children's literacy initiatives. The increase in funding available for distribution was partly due to increased sales from our bookshop but also a substantial growth in eBay activity. At the end of the period covered by this report, more than 1,000 books were listed on eBay. In terms of resourcing, we have continued to attract volunteers to our charity by advertising in the shop window and through word of mouth. We now have 13 volunteers engaged in various aspects of the charity. We also have a revamped website which attracts enquiries with respect to volunteer positions and a steady supply of donated books. New safeguarding and financial policy has been adopted and documents pertaining to these policies have been shared with all volunteers and copies of these placed under the counter in the shop.

		Our current treasurer is stepping back from her role after 10 years of service at the end of the 2024-25 financial year and we are very grateful to her for her efforts in helping us find a new treasurer and working with him for the first two months of 2025 to ensure a smooth transition.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	March 2024-25 has seen another very successful year for the charity with a net income of £20,842 and a bank balance of £52,747.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to ensure that the Charity can cover removal and other ongoing costs in case of a major disruption to the business. We currently have circa 20,000 books in our shop so moving these and fixtures and fittings as well as identifying and paying a deposit on a new shop frontage would be very expensive. In addition, if we were faced with a major shop closure for an extended period of time, our reserves would cover 18 months of fixed costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,000
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	None

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	Sale of donated books through our shop and through our Ebay site.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risk relates to the continued rental of the bookshop and a suitable space for storing books which have been listed on eBay.
Other		

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, CIO)	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	Our trustees are local to the area and are known to have a specific interest in literacy and the charity's objectives.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Book Relief UK
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1134724
Charity's principal address	2 Crowbeare Meadow Torrington EX387DX

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	John Carvosso	Former chair		Trustees and other committee members
2	Jeremy Bell			Trustees and other committee members
3	John Carter			Trustees and other committee members
4	Mary Beer			Trustees and other committee members
5	Frank Arnold			Trustees and other committee members
6	Sarah Rich	Current chair		Trustees and other committee members
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)	Sarah Rich,	
Full name(s)	SARAH AUCÉ LOUISE RICH	JEREMY AIDAN BELL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee.

Date 25/09/2025



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

BOOKRELIEF UK

On accounts for the year
ended

8th March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1134724

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **08 / 03 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

22/9/2025

Name:

Keith Berry

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:

Berrys, Chartered Accountants, 12 High Street, Torrington, Devon
EX38 8HN

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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Charity Name
Book Relief Uk

1134724

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

09/03/2024

To

08/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Book sales	48,266	-	-	48,266	32,368
Donations	126	-	-	126	251
Interest	647	-	-	647	352
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,039	-	-	49,039	32,971
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,039	-	-	49,039	32,971
A3 Payments					
Admin	19,671	-	-	19,671	14,259
Donations	8,427	-	-	8,427	5,650
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,098	-	-	28,098	19,909
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Asset purchase	-	-	-	-	162
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	162
Total payments	28,098	-	-	28,098	20,071
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,941	-	-	20,941	12,900
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,836	-	-	31,836	18,936
Cash funds this year end	52,777	-	-	52,777	31,836

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	52,747	-	-
	Cash	30	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	52,777	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Fixed assets	Unrestricted	1,583	296
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
S Rich	SARAH RICH	22/9/2025