

FRIENDS OF BARHAM LIBRARY
(Company Limited by Guarantee)

31 March 2025

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Legal and Administrative information

Directors & Trustees	Paul Lorber Chirag Gir Francis Paul Henry
Secretary	Paul Lorber
Charity Number	1142113
Company Number	7597621
Registered Office	17 Stapenhill Road Wembley HA0 3JF
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. Their responsibilities include all the responsibilities of directors under the Companies Acts and of trustees under the Charities Act.

The Charity had a busy and successful year undertaking many activities and raising sufficient funds to sustain its activities. There are sufficient funds to continue to pursue its objectives as a going concern.

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The full name of the charity is Friends of Barham Library. The charity is also known by the name Barham Community Library.

The legal registration details are :-

<i>Date of incorporation</i>	23/03/2011
<i>Company Registration Number</i>	7597621
<i>Charity Registration Number</i>	1142113
<i>The Registered Office is</i>	17 Stapenhil Road, Wembley HA0 3JF
<i>Email:</i>	barhamlibrary@hotmail.co.uk

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

A summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document.

The charity's object and its principal activity continues to be that of providing a community library in the Sudbury area of London Borough of Brent for people of all ages and backgrounds. As part of this the charity also undertakes book related activities with others and provides affordable access to its facilities in Barham Park.

The charity's aims including the changes or differences it seeks to make through its activities

The charity provides access to books and study space for children, young people and adults with the aim of providing life long learning opportunities to enable everyone to develop their individual potential by offering a range of activities, and opportunities for self-expression, skill development and extending their knowledge attitude and experience.

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The Charity works in partnership with others to promote the love of books and reading.

Strategic Plan

The charity aims to support, extend and improve a wide range of services, facilities, and opportunities to encourage children and adults to read more and to develop their potential.

Alongside this, the charity continues to participate in local activities and initiatives that contribute to positive cohesion of local neighbourhoods and communities.

The charity considers the needs and interests of members of the local community in developing new activities to ensure as wide ranging participation from the diverse local population.

The trustees monitor and evaluate the work of the charity, against local and national standards in order to ensure that the maximum support and benefits are offered to individuals and groups in the community, that all relevant legislation is met, and guidelines are adhered to. This includes all safeguarding, health and safety, and other mandatory and advisory policies.

The charity also liaises with other relevant and interested parties to work where possible in partnership and for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

The charity aims to provide interesting volunteering opportunities to local people.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning future activities the Trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidelines on public benefit. The Charity looks to promote our library and the value of reading and all the related activities for the benefit of local people living and working in the area close to Barham Community Library. Our objective is to help improve the well being and quality of life of local people

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year.

The charity operates a community library and undertakes a variety of activities from its library premises in Barham Park and shop in Sudbury Town Station. It also undertakes book related activities including history talks, celebrations and provision of public accessible art.

All our projects offer safe and stimulating environment for people of all ages encouraging them to participate and develop by trying something new.

An explanation of the charity's strategies for achieving its stated objectives.

The stated objectives are achieved by working in partnership with local people and other community organisations providing similar facilities.

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Details of significant activities (including its main programmes, projects, or services provided that contribute to the achievement of the stated objectives.

We have had another busy year maintaining and growing our activities. Our biggest challenge remains the recruitment of sufficient volunteers to maintain and grow our activities. Our Library and Shop maintained our opening hours and activities through the year.

Our Lease for the premises in Barham Park will expire in October 2031. The Council is considering redevelopment plans for the Barham Buildings and we may need to find new premises.

Financially, as a result of hard work by our team and continuing growth in activities 2024/25 was a satisfactory year.

We continued to receive steady income throughout the year, especially from donations and Ebay and shop sales. The Charity is therefore financially secure. We expect to generate sufficient income in 2025/26.

Future Developments

The Trustees will continue to seek additional funding from other sources to sustain and expand the activities of the community library and related activities and to accumulate sufficient funds for new premises.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The directors of the company are also trustees of the charity. Eligibility for membership of the charity, and membership of the board of trustees is governed by the memorandum and articles of association. There are no restrictions in the governing document on the operation of the charity or on its investment powers, other than those imposed by general charity law.

The organisational structure of the charity and how decisions are made.

Trustees' of the charity meet on a regular basis and agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the charity, including consideration of investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance.

Volunteers of the charity have delegated authority to carry out day to day work within policies and direction agreed by the board.

Membership of a wider network

The charity works in partnership with other community libraries in Brent and has ongoing relationship with Brent Council's library service. We also work in close collaboration with other local groups.

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The major risks to which the charity is exposed and reviews and systems to mitigate risks

The trustees identify the major risks to which the charity is exposed each financial year when preparing and updating a strategic plan, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity. The trustees then review any major risks which have been identified, and establish systems to mitigate those risks. The charity is satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks which have been so identified and reviewed.

Financial Review

The financial results for the period are set out on pages 9 to 10.

Investment and Management Powers

These are vested in the Trustees' and are governed by the memorandum and articles of association of the charity.

Reserves

The Trustees have examined the charitable company's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and are satisfied that the level of current reserves are sufficient to give the charity a secure future and meet its future obligations.

Transactions and Financial position

The financial statements are set out on pages 9 to 15. The financial statements have been prepared implementing the 2019 Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). As stated in the introduction to this report, the trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

The Statement of Financial Activities show net surplus resources for the year of a revenue nature of £34,758 (2024 £ 56,855) .

The total reserves at the year end of £409,455 which are well above the charity's current annual level of expenditure.

Specific changes in fixed assets

There were no specific changes to the fixed assets during the year.

Share Capital

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital.

The Directors and Trustees of the Charity during the Year Ending 31st March 2025

All the directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. All of the trustees who served during the year are named on page 1.

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The board has 3 local trustees who continue to be actively involved in the running of the Charity.

The directors are members of the company.

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Charity at the date the report and financial statements were approved were:-

Paul Lorber
Chirag Gir
Francis Paul Henry

Bankers and Independent Examiner

These are stated on page 1.

Directors and Trustees Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Charity Law and the Companies Acts require the Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Directors and Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the auditors in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Method of preparation of accounts

The trustees, in their capacity as directors, state that the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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Independent Examiner

M Pattni & Co. Chartered Accounts of Harrow were appointed as Independent Examiner by the Board of Directors on 26 November 2018. A resolution proposing M Pattni & Co. be re-appointed as Independent Examiner of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Approval

Approved by the board of Directors and Trustees on 20 December 2025 and signed on its behalf.

Paul Lorber - Director & Trustee

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Friends of Barham Library

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the company are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mahendra M Pattni FCA
Independent Examiner
M Pattni & Co.
Chartered Accountants

21 Kingshill Drive, Kenton,
Kenton, Harrow
Middlesex HA3 8TD

Date : 20 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
		£	£	2025	2,024
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Charitable activities					
Donations inc. Gift Aid		-	31,516	31,516	28,027
Grants Received in cash	2(a)	-	500	500	29,901
Grants received in kind	2(b)	-	500	500	500
Other Incoming Resources					
Miscellaneous Income	3	-	16,347	16,347	13,327
Interest Receivable on Bank Deposit		-	14,992	14,992	12,434
Total Income		0	63,855	63,855	84,189
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Activity Costs	4	14,614	13,949	28,563	26,822
Other Expenditure					
Management and Administration Expense	6	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	7	-	534	534	513
Total Resources Expended		14,614	14,483	29,097	27,335
Net Movement of Funds		-14,614	49,372	34,758	56,855
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		49,337	325,350	374,687	317,832
Total Funds at 31 March 2025		34,723	374,722	409,445	374,687

All the charity's operations are classed as continuing. Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts

FRIENDS OF BARHAM LIBRARY**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	8	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	8,316	5,397
Cash at Bank and in Hand		416,051	384,993
		<u>424,367</u>	<u>390,390</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within twelve months	10	(922)	(5,704)
		<u>423,445</u>	<u>384,686</u>
Net Current Assets			
Provisions for liabilities and charges	11	(14,000)	(10,000)
		<u>409,445</u>	<u>374,686</u>
Net assets			
Funds :			
Unrestricted Funds	12	374,723	325,350
Restricted Funds	12	34,722	49,336
		<u>409,445</u>	<u>374,686</u>
Total Charity Funds			

The directors are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of Directors and Trustees on 20 December 2025 and signed on its behalf.

Paul Lorber
Director and Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Bases

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and all other applicable accounting standards, as modified by the 2019 Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales,. The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

b) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and fixed asset investments.

The charity is dependent on its ability to generate income from donations, grants and rental contributions and as a consequence the going concern basis is also dependent on its ability to continue to generate income from these sources..

c) Incoming Resources

All income from grants, donations, subscriptions are shown in the accounts in the period in which they are receivable. All income from fund raising activities is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

d) Investment Income

Bank Interest received is included on an accrued basis

e) Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accrual basis., inclusive of a VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

f) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events.

FRIENDS OF BARHAM LIBRARY**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025****1. Accounting Policies continued****g) Taxation**

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the company, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities

h) Governance Costs

Governance costs includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity including cost of running the charity, renting and running office premises, salaries for administrative staff, legal fees, accountancy and audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

i) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on the tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of the asset over its expected useful life, at the following rates :

Furniture & Office Equipment	25% on reducing straight line basis
Computer Equipment	33.33% on reducing straight line basis

2. Grants Received in

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025 Total	2024
	£	£	£	£
2(a) received in cash				
CAD Dementia Grant for Memory Lounge	-	-	-	9,201
LB of Brent Warm Spaces Grant	-	500	500	1,200
National Lottery - Memory Lounge	-	-	-	19,500
	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>29,901</u>
2(a) received in kind				
M Pattni - Independent Examination	-	500	500	500
	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

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3. Miscellaneous Income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rental contribution towards activities	15,747	10,977
Contribution to Heatings costs from Warm Spaces Grant	600	1,350
Other - Reversal of provisions	0	1,000
	<u>16,347</u>	<u>13,327</u>

4. Resources Expended	Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
Direct Charitable Activity Costs		£	£	£	£
Operating Expenses	5	-	13,949	13,949	14,579
Warm Places costs		-	-	-	1,350
Barham Celebrations		796	-	796	-
Memory Lounge activities		13,730	-	13,730	10,826
Arts & Crafts activities		88	-	88	67
		<u>14,614</u>	<u>13,949</u>	<u>28,563</u>	<u>26,822</u>

5. Operating Expenses	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Rent - Library at 660 Harrow Road Wemb	-	7,857	7,857	9,125
Rent - Sudbury Town Station Shop	-	553	553	500
Light & Heat	-	974	974	1,185
Repairs	-	13	13	-
Provision for Rent of Unit 7	-	2,500	2,500	0
Other expenses	-	771	771	727
Website & internet	-	309	309	271
Postage & Stationery	-	729	729	1,606
Defibrillator	-	-	-	950
Insurance	-	243	243	215
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,949</u>	<u>13,949</u>	<u>15,748</u>

6. Management and Administration Costs

These include the general running costs of the charity

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-
Depreciation	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Governance Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Annual Return	34	13
Independent Examination	500	500
	<u>534</u>	<u>513</u>

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8. Fixed Assets

As at 31 March 2025 the Charity did not own any fixed assets of material value.

9. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest due on Bank Deposits	7,184	4,972
Sport in Mind February & March 2025 hire charge	160	-
Gift Aid due from HMRC	972	425
	<u>8,316</u>	<u>5,397</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within twelve months

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other Creditors and Accruals	922	5,704
	<u>922</u>	<u>5,704</u>

11. Provision for liabilities and charges

	2025	2024
	£	£
Reserve for Service Charges	1,500	-
Reserve for Rent of Unit 7 for Memory Lounge	2,500	-
Reserve for Premises Reinstatement	10,000	10,000
	<u>14,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Currents assets	34,722	389,645	424,367	390,390
Creditor: falling due within one year	-	(922)	(922)	(5,704)
Creditor: falling due after more than one year	-	(14,000)	(14,000)	(10,000)
Net Assets at 31 March 2025	<u>34,722</u>	<u>374,723</u>	<u>409,445</u>	<u>374,686</u>

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13. Movement in funds	2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers between Funds
	£	£	£	
Restricted				
National Lottery - Celebrate Grant	1,601	-	(796)	
CAD Dementia Support Grant	6,628	-	(5,415)	
LB of Brent NCIL - Memory Lounge	14,150	-	-	
LB of Brent VSIF Grant	316	-	-	
National Lottery - Memory Lounge	25,217	-	(7,020)	
Love Where You Live - Arts & Crafts	129	-	(88)	
Brent Council Warm Spaces Grant	600	-	(600)	
Sports England Grant	695	-	(695)	
Wembley Stadium Trust - Memory Lounge	0	-	-	
Total restricted funds	<u>49,336</u>	-	<u>(14,614)</u>	-
Unrestricted				
General Funds	<u>325,350</u>	<u>63,855</u>	<u>(14,483)</u>	
Total unrestricted funds	<u>325,350</u>	<u>63,855</u>	<u>(14,483)</u>	-
Total Funds	<u>374,686</u>	<u>63,855</u>	<u>(29,097)</u>	-

Purpose of Restricted Funds

The restricted funds will be utilised against specified activities for which the grant was provided for.

The Unrestricted reserves at the year end of £374,722 will be utilised for the purposes of the operating expenses, improvements to premises and purchase of additional equipment.

14. Trustees Remuneration, Expenses and Donations

During the period the charity entered into following transactions with members of the trustees:

a) Payments made:

No members of the trustees received fees or expenses in the year. The total amount of £ Nil (2024: £NIL) was paid in the period in respect of fees and expenses.

b) Donations Received:

One of the Trustees made donations to the charity of £14,425 during the year (2024: £13,480)

15. Share Capital

The Charity is incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 and is limited by guarantee, each member having undertaken to contribute such amounts not exceeding one pound as may be required in the event of the company being wound up whilst he or she is still a member or within year thereafter.

16. Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.