

THE ALDEBURGH LIBRARY FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1150450

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [08211480](#)

Registered 2013-01-11

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A LENDING LIBRARY;2. TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: The Foundation encourages, promotes and supports the development of a thriving knowledge hub at the heart of the Aldeburgh community for the benefit of the whole community, in which reading, learning and sharing knowledge can help to shape the community's future well-being. It runs informal adult learning programmes, encourages young peoples' activities, and raises funds to improve facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£43,057	£35,888	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,012	£25,536	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,383	£24,273	-	-
2022-03-31	£32,789	£24,986	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,153	£17,217	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Jayne Green		2026-04-10
Ann Wills		2022-11-30
Ann-Catherine Batters		2021-05-21
David George Briggs		2023-12-14
Marianne Fellowes		2019-08-21
Sara Elizabeth Fox		2026-03-29
Simon Cobbin		2025-11-26
Virginia Dow		2025-05-22

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Trustees' Report, Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report
for the period of
15 months ended 30 June 2025

Trustees' report for 2024-2025

This is the report for the Trustees of the Aldeburgh Library Foundation (ALF) on how ALF carried out its activities to meet its charitable objectives for the public benefit and the financial resources generated and employed. The report should be read alongside the Accounts as well as the Data Privacy and Protection, Safeguarding, Equality and Inclusion policies that are posted on our website. Broadly ALF met its charitable objectives in the following ways:

Partnerships

ALF has continued its collaboration with other venues in the town such as the Aldeburgh Church Hall, the Jubilee Hall, the Fairfield Centre. The library is seen as a major educational resource and partners are keen to help ALF in achieving this. With over 1,000 users in the Aldeburgh area and good links with schoolchildren and their parents, the Trustees believe the library will continue to serve the whole community from young to elderly, working and retired adults.

Adult Education Classes

ALF has provided educational talks, classes and inclusive activities for adults aged 16 upwards, and enrolments have grown to over 800 a year since 2012 with the majority of these events taking place in the library. Physical exercise & craft activities take place in the Church Hall & Fairfield Centre. ALF's classes continue to attract new students.

The Friends of Aldeburgh Library

The Friends of Aldeburgh Library (FOAL) was established as a supportive branch of the Foundation. Membership is free and members are Associate Members of the Foundation with representation on the Board of Trustees alongside the Town Council and the Aldeburgh Society.

The Library in the Community

The Trustees ensure that ALF provides community activities and helps the library, when necessary, with material requirements such as the provision of a local newspaper, the East Anglian Daily Times. In 2024 funding of £4,921 was obtained from the project 'Your Needs Met', run by East Suffolk Council

on behalf of Suffolk County Council Public Health & Communities, for a pilot gardening project for Socially Prescribed participants which is ongoing.

Change in Accounting Reference Date

During 2024/2025, in order to streamline administrative and financial processes, the Trustees decided to change ALF's accounting reference date (financial year end) from 31st March to 30th June. The Trustees' Report and Accounts therefore cover ALF's activities for the period from 1st April, 2024 to 30th June, 2025. Subsequent reporting periods will be for the 12-month period from 1st July to 30th June.

The 15-month period ended June 30th, 2025

ALF had a strong operational 15-month period with courses generating a surplus. Due to the uncertainty concerning the continued provision of library services by Suffolk Libraries, the Trustees decided not to undertake any major financial projects until a decision was made and its implications understood.

Since 1st June, 2025 Suffolk County Council has run the libraries under the name of Suffolk Community Libraries.

Financial Report

Course revenues before expenses were £37,152.
ALF has maintained adequate financial reserves.

Financial Reserves Policy

As a charity ALF has a declared financial reserves policy to hold sufficient funds to meet contractual obligations for the running costs of the charity for the next 12 months.

Board Membership

ALF has recruited additional and replacement members to the Trustees as necessary.



Aldeburgh Library Foundation		Charity No (if any)	1150450
Accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/04/24	To	Period end date 30/06/25

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £	Notes
Income						
Local Authority Grants	-	4,921	-	4,921	944	A
Charitable, Private Grants and Loans	200	-	-	200	40	
Donations	410	-	-	410	1,937	B
<i>Income From Charitable Activities</i>		-	-	-		
Subscriptions, Friends of Library		-	-	-	-	
Education & Events	37,152	-	-	37,152	27,618	
<i>Income from other trading activities</i>	374	-	-	374	473	
N.B. All amounts rounded		-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources	38,136	4,921	-	43,057	31,012	
Expenditure						
<i>Cost of Charitable Activities</i>						
Management and Operational Costs	1,015			1,015	731	C
Communication Costs	1,092			1,092	1,330	
Education Programme & Event Costs	23,583	3,387		26,970	18,367	
Library Support and Improvements	6,812			6,812	5,108	
<i>Cost of Trading Activities</i>				-	-	
Total resources expended	32,501	3,387	-	35,888	25,536	
Gross transfers between funds			-	-	-	
Net funds from Operations	5,635	1,534	-	7,169	5,476	
Net movement in funds	5,635	1,534	-	7,169	5,476	
Total funds brought forward	6,770			6,770	1,294	
Total funds carried forward	12,404	1,534	-	13,939	6,770	
N.B. All amounts rounded						

Opening Cash Balance 01/04/24		16,691	-	16,691	18,487	
Net funds from Operations		7,169		7,169	5,476	
Cash Movement						
	Loan repayment (decrease in creditors)	- 5,000	-	-	5,000	D
	Decrease in Debtors	858		858	1,017	
	Decrease in amounts received in advance	- 2,271		-	2,271	1,293
	Increase in other Creditors	172		172	2,548	
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Closing Cash Balance 30/06/25		17,619	-	17,619	16,691	

Section B

Balance Sheet

	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	-	-
Investments	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-
Current assets		
Debtors	341	1,199
(Short term) investments	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	17,619	16,691
<i>Total current assets</i>	17,960	17,890
Creditors: due within one year	4,021	11,120
Net current assets	13,939	6,770
Total assets less current liabilities	13,939	6,770
Creditors: due after one year	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-
Net assets	13,939	6,770
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	12,404	6,770
Designated funds		
Total unrestricted funds	12,404	6,770
Restricted income funds	1,534	-
Endowment funds	-	-
Total funds	13,939	6,770

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Director and Trustee Annique Batters


Director and Trustee Nick Barker

Chair

Treasurer

Signature

Date of approval

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1 The principal accounting policies adopted in preparation of the accounts are as follows:

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Aldeburgh Library Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going Concern basis

The Trustees are satisfied that the Foundation is a going concern.

1.3 Income and Expenditure recognition

Income from exchange transactions (e.g. the provision of educational events) is recognised on completion of the hosting of such events.

Income from non-exchange transactions (e.g. donations and grants) is recognised when there is reliable evidence of the charity's entitlement to receive the amounts of donations or grants.

The contribution of volunteers represents a valuable resource received by the charity and, in accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102, no financial measurements of the value of such contributions are included as income in the charity's accounts.

Expenditure is recognised when suppliers of goods and services have fulfilled their obligations to the charity.

1.4 Charitable Reserves Policy

The Foundation's cash reserve policy is to meet contractual obligations arising within 12 months.

1.5 Volunteers and employees

The Foundation has no permanent employees. All of the Trustee Board are volunteers, and receive no remuneration for their voluntary services. Separately from their Trustee role, one Trustee performs administrative services under a contract for which they are appropriately remunerated.

1.6 Corporation Tax

The Foundation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2 Notes on 2024/25 Accounts

- A The Foundation received £4,921 in local authority grants.
- B The Foundation received donations towards Library support and refurbishment including sums donated by Trustees.
- C The Trustees consider all management and operational costs to be associated with the Charitable activities of the Foundation.
- D The Trustees borrowed £30,000 to finance the balance of the Library refurbishment in 2019/20. During the 15 months ended 30 June 2025 the trustees repaid the remaining balance of £5,000. See Note F below.
- E The Cash in hand is held in the Bank Account and is sufficient to meet all operational and contractual obligations for the following 12 months.
- F The loan was an overdraft facility, interest free, not secured against assets of the Foundation, repayable by December 2024, and subject to a review by the full Trustee Board every 6 months. The overdraft facility was provided by a family member of one of the Trustees.
Since the death of Robin Boyd, his wife Caroline Boyd has become a trustee. She provided the original loan to the library. As of April 2024, £5,000 was still owing and this has since been repaid.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Aldeburgh Library Foundation ("the Foundation")

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the Foundation for the period of 15 months ended 30 June 2025 ("the Accounts").

Responsibilities and the basis of this report

As the Trustees of the Foundation (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the Accounts of the Foundation are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Foundation's Accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that:

1. satisfactory accounting records were maintained in respect of the Foundation as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
2. the Accounts accord with those records;
3. the Accounts comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than the requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is a matter which is beyond the scope of an independent examination, and
4. the Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I further confirm that my examination has revealed no matters to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to facilitate a proper understanding of the Accounts.



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Date: 8 August 2025

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year ended 31 March 2024

Annual report for 2023-2024

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Partnerships

Board members have continued our collaboration with other local Providers, such as Aldeburgh Church Hall, Aldeburgh Primary School, the Jubilee Hall, the Fairfield Centre and others. The library is seen as a major educational resource and partners are keen to help us in achieving this aim. With 1,000 users in the Aldeburgh area and good links with schoolchildren and their parents, we believe the library will continue to serve the whole community from young to elderly, working and retired adults.

Adult Education Classes

We have provided educational talks, classes and inclusive activities for adult age groups, enrolments have grown to over 800 a year since 2012 with the majority taking place in the library.

The Friends of Aldeburgh Library

The Friends of Aldeburgh Library (FOAL) was established as a supportive branch of the Foundation. Membership is free and members are Associate Members of the Foundation with representation on the Board alongside the Town Council and the Aldeburgh Society.

The Library in the Community

The Board ensures that ALF provides community activities and helps the library when necessary with ongoing material requirements.

Library Refurbishment

The Foundation has raised over £160,000 in funds since its inception via adult education and activities income, donations and small grants which has been used for refurbishment projects.

Current year to March 31st 2024.

The Foundation had a strong operational year with courses generating a surplus.

Financial Report

Course revenues were £27,618

We have repaid the final loan instalment of £5,000 and maintained adequate financial reserves.

Financial Reserves Policy

As a charity we have a declared financial reserves policy to hold sufficient to meet our contractual obligations for running costs of the charity for the next 12 months. These costs were £3,787 for the current financial year and the Board expects the same financial obligations to continue.

Board Membership

We have recruited additional and replacement members to the Board and are still seeking to expand the range of skills among our Board Members.



Aldeburgh Library Foundation			Charity No (if any)	1150450	
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/04/23	To	Period end date	31/03/24	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £	Notes
	Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £			
Income						
Local Authority Grants	944	-	-	944	100	A
Charitable, Private Grants and Loans	40	-	-	40	1,318	B
Donations	1,937	-	-	1,937	3,009	C
<i>Income From Charitable Activities</i>		-	-	-		
Subscriptions, Friends of Library	-	-	-	-	-	
Education & Events	27,618	-	-	27,618	25,328	
<i>Income from other trading activities</i>	473	-	-	473	628	
N.B. All amounts rounded	-	-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources	31,012	-	-	31,012	30,383	
Expenditure						
<i>Cost of Charitable Activities</i>						
Management and Operational Costs	731			731	1,543	D
Communication Costs	1,330			1,330	2,615	
Education Programme & Event Costs	18,367			18,367	15,407	
Library Support and Improvements	5,108			5,108	4,708	E
<i>Cost of Trading Activities</i>				-	-	
Total resources expended	25,536	-	-	25,536	24,273	
Gross transfers between funds			-	-	-	
Net funds from Operations	5,476	-	-	5,476	6,110	
Net movement in funds	5,476	-	-	5,476	6,110	
Total funds brought forward	1,294			1,294	- 4,870	
Total funds carried forward	6,770	-	-	6,770	1,294	

N.B. All amounts rounded

Statement of Cash Flows

Opening Cash Balance 01/04/23	18,487	-	-	18,487	13,259	
Net funds from Operations	5,476			5,476	6,110	
Cash Movement						
Loan repayment	- 5,000	-	-	- 5,000	- 5,000	F
Increase in Debtors	- 1,017			- 1,017	- 77	
Increase in amounts rec in advance	1,293			1,293	978	
Decrease in Creditors	- 2,548			- 2,548	3,217	
Closing Cash Balance 31/03/24	16,691	-	-	16,691	18,487	

Balance sheet

Balance Sheet

	Total this year £	Total last year £	
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	-	-	
Investments	-	-	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	
Current assets			
Debtors	1199	182	
(Short term) investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	16,691	18,487	
<i>Total current assets</i>	17,890	18,669	G
 Creditors: due within one year	 11,120	 12,375	
 <i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	 6,770	 6,294	
 <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	 6,770	 6,294	
 Creditors: due after one year	 -	 5,000	H
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-	
<i>Net assets</i>	6,770	1,294	
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	6,770	1,294	
Designated funds			
Total unrestricted funds	6,770	1,294	
Restricted income funds	-	-	
Endowment funds	-	-	
<i>Total funds</i>	6,770	1,294	

Director and Trustee Ann-Catherine Batters

Director and Trustee Caroline Boyd

Chair

Treasurer

Signature	Date of approval
ACBatters	23 07 2024
Caroline Boyd	23 07 2024

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The Trustees are satisfied that the Foundation is a going concern.

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The contribution of volunteers represents a valuable resource received by the charity and, in accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102, no financial measurements of the value of such contributions are included as income in the charity's accounts.

Expenditure is recognised when suppliers of goods and services have fulfilled their obligations to the charity.

1.4 Charitable Reserves Policy

The Foundation's cash reserve policy is to meet contractual obligations arising within 12 months.

1.5 Volunteers and employees

The Foundation has no permanent employees or regular volunteers beyond the Trustee Board.

1.6 Corporation Tax

The Foundation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2 Notes on 2023/24 Accounts

- A The Foundation received £944 in local authority grants.
- B The Foundation received grants from East Suffolk Council and Aldeburgh Town Council.
- C The Foundation received donations towards the Library refurbishment project including sums donated by Trustees.
- D The Trustees consider all management and operational costs to be associated with the Charitable activities of the Foundation.
- E Expenditure on Library Support and Improvement included £992 spent on equipment costs.
- F The Trustees borrowed £30,000 to finance the balance of the Library refurbishment in 2019/20. This year the trustees repaid £5,000. See Note H below.
- G The Cash in hand is held in the Bank Account and is sufficient to meet all operational and contractual obligations for the following 12 months.
- H The loan was an overdraft facility, interest free, not secured against assets of the Foundation, repayable by December 2024, and subject to a review by the full Trustee Board every 6 months. The overdraft facility was provided by a family member of one of the Trustees. Since the death of Robin Boyd, his wife Caroline Boyd has become a trustee and taken over as treasurer. She provided the original loan to the library. As of April 2024, £5,000 was still owing and this has since been repaid.

I

Independent Examiner’s report to the Trustees of The Aldeburgh Library Foundation (“the Foundation”)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2024 (“the Accounts”).

Responsibilities and the basis of this report

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Date: 8 November 2024

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Annual Report for 2022/2023

This is the report of the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Aldeburgh Library Foundation ("ALF") on how it carried out its activities to meet its charitable objectives for the public benefit and the financial resources generated and employed. The report should be read alongside the Report and Accounts as well as the Data Privacy and Protection, Safeguarding, Equality and Inclusion policies that are posted on the ALF's website. Broadly, the Board ensures that ALF meets its charitable objectives in the following ways.

Partnerships:

Board members have continued their collaboration with other local charitable and educational providers, such as Britten Pears Arts, with the Red House facilities and staff, Aldeburgh Cinema, Aldeburgh Church Hall, Aldeburgh Primary School, the Jubilee Hall and the Aldeburgh Society amongst others.

Aldeburgh's Library ("the Library") is seen as a major educational resource, and partners are keen to help ALF in achieving its aims. With nearly 1,000 users in the Aldeburgh area, and good links with school children and their parents, the Board believes the Library will continue to serve the whole community across the spectrum from very young to elderly, working adults and retired.

Adult education classes:

ALF has provided educational talks, classes, and inclusive activities for adult age groups with enrolments growing to over 750 a year since 2012. Most of these activities are hosted in the Library.

The Friends of Aldeburgh Library:

Ensuring wide public participation in shaping the future of the Library was a key commitment. The Friends of Aldeburgh Library (FOAL) has been established as an integral "supporters' arm" of ALF. Those who join FOAL are also Associate Members of ALF, participating in its governance by nominating a member of the Board, as do the Town Council and the Aldeburgh Society.

The Library in the community:

The Board regularly reviews the work of the Library Manager in progressing the vision of Suffolk Libraries, and of ALF's vision for community engagement and activities. FOAL raises income annually to help fund an extension of staff hours to enable more time to be spent on partnerships with schools and other community groups to use the Library.

Library refurbishment

ALF has raised over £160,000 in funds since its inception in 2012, principally by providing adult education and activities, to help refurbish the Library's facilities, furniture and equipment - including a dedicated Children's Area. The largest refurbishment project was completed in 2019/20.

The year to March 31st, 2023

ALF had a strong operational year with its courses generating a surplus while maintaining fees to encourage participation by all members of the community.

The Board's thanks go to students and tutors who, following the pandemic, adapted to new online technologies with patience and verve, as well as to the Library staff who ensured that all visitors were hosted safely when in the building.

The Board is grateful for the generous donations from the FOAL membership as well as grants and donations from local community groups. The Library itself has demonstrated its real value as a community asset and ALF will continue to support it.

Financial Report

The outcome for the year ended 31 March 2023 showed the post pandemic return to normality for courses in the Library (or the Church Hall where appropriate). Course revenues returned to normal levels at £25,328 for the year and we received generous donations from FOAL members of £2,683. ALF continues to fund extra hours for the Library staff and has responded to the cost of living crisis by raising tutor fees by 10%. ALF has reduced the original refurbishment loan so that there is now only one final repayment to make, while continuing to maintain satisfactory levels of cash in the bank.

Financial Reserves policy

As a charity, ALF has a declared financial reserves policy to hold sufficient funds to meet ALF's contractual obligations for the running costs of the charity looking ahead 12 months. These costs were around £3,000 for the financial year covered by this report. The Board expects these charitable obligations to continue at around £3,000pa as the Library continues its community activities.

Board Membership

Additional and replacement members have been appointed to the Board, and the range of skills and experience of Board members has never been stronger. However, the Board is devastated by the news of the death of Robin Boyd, ALF's Treasurer and Company Secretary, who had been a crucial pioneer of the work of ALF over its lifetime. ALF is deeply grateful to Caroline Boyd for stepping in to take on Robin's work. For transparency, it is Caroline Boyd who provided the original loan of £30,000 to ALF in 2019. As of December 2023, only £5,000 is still owing and this will be repaid by December 2024.



Aldeburgh Library Foundation		Charity No (if any)	1150450
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/04/22	To	Period end date 31/03/23

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £	Notes
Income						
Local Authority Grants	100	-	-	100	950	A
Charitable, Private Grants and Loans	1,318	-	-	1,318		B
Donations	3,009	-	-	3,009	2,993	C
<i>Income From Charitable Activities</i>		-	-	-		
Subscriptions, Friends of Library	-	-	-	-	-	
Education & Events	25,328	-	-	25,328	28,405	
<i>Income from other trading activities</i>	628	-	-	628	440	
N.B. All amounts rounded	-	-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources	30,383	-	-	30,383	32,789	
Expenditure						
<i>Cost of Charitable Activities</i>						
Management and Operational Costs	1,543			1,543	1,008	D
Communication Costs	2,615			2,615	1,035	
Education Programme & Event Costs	15,407			15,407	18,833	
Library Support and Improvements	4,708			4,708	4,069	E
<i>Cost of Trading Activities</i>				-	-	
Total resources expended	24,273	-	-	24,273	24,946	
Gross transfers between funds				-	-	
Net funds from Operations	6,110	-	-	6,110	7,843	
Net movement in funds	6,110	-	-	6,110	7,843	
Total funds brought forward	-			-	-	
Total funds carried forward	1,240	-	-	1,240	4,870	
N.B. All amounts rounded						

Statement of Cash Flows

Opening Cash Balance 01/04/22	13,259	-	-	10,130	12,287
Adjustment due to change in accounting policy - see note 1.3				3,129	
Net funds from Operations	6,110			6,110	7,843
Cash Movement					
Loan repayment	- 5,000	-	-	- 5,000	- 10,000
Increase in Debtors	77			- 77	
Increase in amounts rec in advance	978			978	
Increase in Creditors	3,217			3,217	
Closing Cash Balance 31/03/23	18,487	-	-	18,487	10,130

Balance sheet

Balance Sheet

	Total this year £	Total last year £	
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	-	-	
Investments	-	-	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	
Current assets			
Debtors	182	-	
(Short term) investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	18,487	10,130	
<i>Total current assets</i>	18,669	10,130	G
Creditors: due within one year	12,375	-	
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	6,294	10,130	
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	6,294	10,130	
Creditors: due after one year	5,000	15,000	H
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-	
<i>Net assets</i>	1,294	- 4,870	
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	1,294	- 12,713	
Designated funds			
Total unrestricted funds	1,294	- 12,713	
Restricted income funds	-	-	
Endowment funds	-	-	
<i>Total funds</i>	1,294	- 12,713	

Director and Trustee Annique Batters

Chair

Signature

Date of approval

Annique Batters

30.11.23

Director and Trustee Caroline Boyd

Treasurer

Caroline Boyd

30.11.23

Notes to the Accounts

1 The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounts are as follows:

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Aldeburgh Library Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going Concern basis

The Trustees are satisfied that the Foundation is a going concern.

1.3 Income and Expenditure recognition

Income from exchange transactions (e.g. the provision of educational events) is recognised on completion of the hosting of such events.

Income from non-exchange transactions (e.g. donations and grants) is recognised when there is reliable evidence of the charity's entitlement to receive the amounts of donations or grants.

The contribution of volunteers represents a valuable resource received by the charity and, in accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102, no financial measurements of the value of such contributions are included as income in the charity's accounts.

Expenditure is recognised when suppliers of goods and services have fulfilled their obligations to the charity.

1.4 Charitable Reserves Policy

The Foundation's cash reserve policy is to meet contractual obligations arising within 12 months.

1.5 Volunteers and employees

The Foundation has no permanent employees or regular volunteers beyond the Trustee Board.

1.6 Corporation Tax

The Foundation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2 Notes on 2022/23 Accounts

- A The Foundation received £100 in local authority grants.
- B The Foundation received grants from Aldeburgh Society, The Long Shop and Magnox.
- C The Foundation received donations towards the Library refurbishment project including sums donated by Trustees.
- D The Trustees consider all management and operational costs to be associated with the Charitable activities of the Foundation.
- E Expenditure on Library Support and Improvement included £992 spent on equipment costs.
- F The Trustees borrowed £30,000 to finance the balance of the Library refurbishment in 2019/20. This year the trustees repaid £5,000. See Note H below.
- G The Cash in hand is held in the Bank Account and is sufficient to meet all operational and contractual obligations for the following 12 months.
- H The loan is an overdraft facility, interest free, not secured against assets of the Foundation, repayable by December 2024, and subject to a review by the full Trustee Board every 6 months. The overdraft facility is provided by a family member of one of the Trustees. A further £5,000 has been paid off in the year 23/24.
Since the death of Robin Boyd, his wife Caroline Boyd has become a trustee and taken over as treasurer. She provided the original loan to the library. As of December 2023, £5,000 is still owing and this will be repaid by December 2024.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Aldeburgh Library Foundation ('the Foundation')

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and the basis of this report

As the Trustees of the Foundation (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the Accounts of the Foundation are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Foundation's Accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that:

1. satisfactory accounting records were maintained in respect of the Foundation as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
2. the Accounts accord with those records;
3. the Accounts comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than the requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is a matter which is beyond the scope of an independent examination, and
4. the Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

My examination has revealed no matters to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to facilitate a proper understanding of the Accounts.

Signed:



Name: Mark Ballamy

Professional qualification: Chartered Accountant

Address: 114 High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, IP15 5AB

Date: 18 December 2023

THE ALDEBURGH LIBRARY FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1150450

Accounts

Annual Report for 2021/2022

This is the Report of the Trustees of the Aldeburgh Library Foundation (ALF) on how it carried out its activities to meet its charitable objectives for the public benefit and the financial resources generated and employed. The report should be read alongside the Report and Accounts as well as the Data Privacy and Protection, Safeguarding, Equality and Inclusion policies that are posted on our website. Broadly we meet our charitable objectives in the following ways.

Partnerships:

Board members have continued our collaboration with other local providers, such as Britten Pears Arts with the Red House facilities and staff, Aldeburgh Cinema, Aldeburgh Church Hall, Aldeburgh Primary School, and the Aldeburgh Society amongst others.

The Library is seen as a major educational resource, and partners are keen to help us in achieving this aim. Currently with nearly 1,000 users in the Aldeburgh area, and good links with school children and their parents, we believe the Library will continue to serve the whole community across the spectrum from very young to elderly, working adults and retired.

Adult Education classes:

We have provided educational talks, classes, and inclusive activities for adult age groups with enrolments growing to over 750 a year since our start in 2012. Most of these activities occur in the Library in a normal year.

The Friends of Aldeburgh Library:

Ensuring wide public participation in shaping the future of the Library was a key commitment. The Friends of Aldeburgh Library (FOAL) has been established as an integral 'supporters arm' of the Foundation. Those who join FOAL are also Associate Members of the Foundation, participating in its governance by nominating a member of the Board, as do the Town Council and the Aldeburgh Society.

The Library in the Community:

The board regularly reviews the work of the Library Manager in progressing the vision of Suffolk Libraries, and of the Aldeburgh Library Foundation for Community activities. FOAL raises income annually to help fund an extension of staff hours to enable more time to be spent on partnerships with schools and other community groups to use the Library, on exhibitions and displays, publicity and on leading the team of dedicated Library

Assistants. This activity was severely impacted by the pandemic restrictions but has recovered in the new year.

Library Refurbishment

The Foundation has raised over £150,000 in funds since inception, principally via adult education and activities income, donations, loans, and small grants to help refurbish the Library's facilities and its furniture and equipment including a dedicated Children's Area. The largest refurbishment project was completed in the 2019/20 year.

Current Year to March 31st, 2022

The Foundation had a strong operational year with both FOAL donations and courses generating good surpluses as the impact of the pandemic lessened.

Our thanks go to students and tutors who adapted to new online technology with patience and verve as well as to the Library staff who ensured we were hosted safely when in the building.

We are grateful for the generous donations from the FOAL membership that have continued as well as grants and donations from local community groups. The Library itself has demonstrated its real value as a Community asset and we will continue to support it.

Financial Report

The outcome for the year to March 2022 showed the impact of the end lockdown and return to courses in the Library or Church Hall where suitable. Course revenues reached £28,405 versus £15,954 last year and we received generous donations from FOAL members of just under £3,000, allowing us to resume funding of extra hours for the Library staff. We continued to repay tranches of the refurbishment loan and keep satisfactory levels of cash in the bank.

Financial Reserves policy

As a Charity we have a declared financial reserves policy to hold sufficient to meet our contractual obligations for running costs of the charity looking ahead 12 months. These costs were around £3,000 for the financial year for this report. Your Board expects these charitable obligations to continue at around £4,000 pa as the Library re-starts its community activities.



Aldeburgh Library Foundation		Charity No (if any)	1150450	
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/04/21	To	Period end date	31/03/22

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £	Not
	Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £			
Income						
Local Authority Grants	950	-	-	950	1,550	A
Charitable, Private Grants and Loans		-	-	-	1,943	B
Donations	2,993	-	-	2,993	3,749	C
<i>Income From Charitable Activities</i>		-	-	-	-	
Subscriptions, Friends of Library	-	-	-	-	836	
Education & Events	28,405	-	-	28,405	15,954	
<i>Income from other trading activities</i>	440	-	-	440	121	
N.B. All amounts rounded	-	-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources	32,789	-	-	32,789	24,153	
Expenditure						
<i>Cost of Charitable Activities</i>						
Management and Operational Costs	1,008			1,008	1,637	D
Communication Costs	1,035			1,035	88	
Education Programme & Event Costs	18,833			18,833	8,670	
Library Support and Improvements	4,069			4,069	6,822	E
<i>Cost of Trading Activities</i>				-	-	
Total resources expended	24,946	-	-	24,946	17,217	
Gross transfers between funds			-	-	-	
Net funds from Operations	7,843	-	-	7,843	6,937	
Net movement in funds	7,843	-	-	7,843	6,937	
Total funds brought forward	-	12,713		-	12,713	19,650
Total funds carried forward	-	4,870		-	4,870	12,713

N.B. All amounts rounded

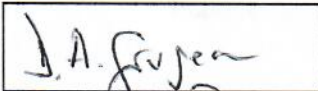
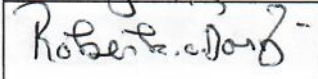
Statement of Cash Flows

Opening Cash Balance 01/04/21	12,287	-	-	12,287	10,350	
Net funds from Operations	7,843			7,843	6,937	
Cash Movement from Financing	- 10,000	-	-	- 10,000	- 5,000	F
Closing Cash Balance 31/03/22	10,130	-	-	10,130	12,287	

Balance sheet

Balance Sheet

	Total this year £	Total last year £	
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	-	-	
Investments	-	-	
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	
Current assets			
Debtors	-	-	
(Short term) investments	-	-	
Cash at bank and in hand	10,130	12,287	G
<i>Total current assets</i>	10,130	12,287	
 Creditors: due within one year	 -	 -	
 <i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	 10,130	 12,287	
 <i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	 10,130	 12,287	
 Creditors: due after one year	 15,000	 25,000	H
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-	
<i>Net assets</i>	- 4,870	- 12,713	
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	- 4,870	- 12,713	
Designated funds			
Total unrestricted funds	- 4,870	- 12,713	
Restricted income funds	-	-	
Endowment funds	-	-	
<i>Total funds</i>	- 4,870	- 12,713	

			Signature	Date of approval
Director and Trustee	David Grugeon	Chair		30.11.22
Director and Trustee	Robert Boyd	Treasurer		30.11.22

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1.1 *Basis of Preparation*

The Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The Aldeburgh Library Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

1.2 *Going Concern basis*

The Trustees are satisfied that the Foundation is a going concern.

1.3 *Income and Expenditure recognition*

Income and Expenditure are recognised on receipt or payment.

1.4 *Charitable Reserves Policy*

The Foundation's cash reserve policy is to meet contractual obligations arising within 12 months.

1.5 *Volunteers and employees*

The Foundation has no permanent employees or regular volunteers beyond the Trustee Board.

1.6 *Corporation Tax*

The Foundation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2 Notes on 2021/22 Accounts

- A The Foundation received £950 in local authority grants.
- B The Foundation received no Private grants.
- C The Foundation received donations towards the Library refurbishment project including sums donated by Trustees.
- D The Trustees consider all management and operational costs to be associated with the Charitable activities of the Foundation.
- E Expenditure on Library Support and Improvement included £992 spent on equipment costs.
- F The Trustees borrowed £30,000 to finance the balance of the Library refurbishment in 2019/20. This year the trustees repaid £10,000. See Note H below.
- G The Cash in hand is held in the Bank Account and is sufficient to meet all operational and contractual obligations for the following 12 months.
- H The loan is an overdraft facility, interest free, not secured against assets of the Foundation, repayable by December 2023, and subject to a review by the full Trustee Board every 6 months. The overdraft facility is provided by a family member of one of the Trustees.
- I All Funds for the charity were unrestricted
- J There were no transactions for remuneration or benefit of a Trustee



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ALDEBURGH LIBRARY FOUNDATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1159450

Set out on pages

Attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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.

**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:

- 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.

Signed:

Date:

8-11-2022

Name:

Simon Ive

Retired Bank Executive

Address:

The Cottage, Donkey Lane, Friston, Saxmundham, IP17 1PL