

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2023		31	March	2025

From

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

STRADBROKE COURTHOUSE AND LIBRARY TRUST

Other names charity is known by

SCALT

Registered charity number (if any)

1152629

Charity's principal address

THE COURT HOUSE QUEEN STREET

STRADBROKE

EYE, SUFFOLK

Postcode

IP21 5HG

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	MAUREEN JOHN	CHAIRMAN		
2	JAMES HARGRAVE	VICE-CHAIRMAN SECRETARY		
3	ALLAN HAMPSON	TREASURER		
4	TONI WISBEY			
5	LAURA EAVES CARR			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCOPRORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	1 APPOINTED BY SUFFOLK LIBRARIES, 1 APPOINTED BY STRADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL, UP TO 6 APPOINTED BY TRUSTEES

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1.TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN STRADBROKE, 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 STRADBROKE, 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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The Trustees have had regard of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

By supporting the Library and running the Courthouse as a community asset the Trustees are ensuring the resources of the Charity are applied for public benefit.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trustees continued the operation of the Courthouse building for public benefit under the terms of 25 year repairing lease on the Courthouse building (with the exception of the library space) from Suffolk County Council. The lease is on a peppercorn rent.

The Trustees usually use the Courthouse room in a number of ways:

- Community Café open regularly for two days a week
- Parish Council meetings monthly and ad-hoc council meetings
- Bookings for meetings and other activities
- Showing films, musicals and plays
- Book groups

These activities usually generate enough income to pay to maintain and operate the building and a surplus towards further development of the building including the Library,

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees apply all reserves to ensure the maintenance of the Courthouse building and good operation of the library for the benefit of the public .

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

SCALT undertakes fundraising and receives grant funding and donations to support the development of the Courthouse building in Stradbroke as a Community hub and the running of the Library.

Section F Other optional information

NONE

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MAUREEN JOHN	JAMES HARGRAVE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Date

10/1/2026

Stradbroke Courthouse & Library Trust Financial Statement for year ending 31st March 2025

Payments(Expenses)

Y/E 31/03/2025

Utilities

Rates	£72.77	
Electric	£3,585.33	
Water	£261.60	<u>£3,919.70</u>

Insurance

Hiscox	£1,564.83	<u>£1,564.83</u>
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SCALT Expenses

Sundry Purchases	£1,529.61	
	£0.00	
	£0.00	
	£0.00	
	£0.00	
		<u>£1,529.61</u>

Café Expenses

£1,190.71	
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Property Maintenance

Vax Cleaning Fluid	£32.99	
Replacement Water Heater	£977.90	
Fitting Water Heater	£456.00	
		<u>£1,466.89</u>

Total Expenses		<u>£9,671.74</u>
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Receipts(Income)

Y/E 31/03/2025

Fund Raising

Christmas Hamper	£183.00
Easter Hamper	£200.00
Photo Exhibition	£540.00
Sale of Books	£169.00
Metal Daisey	£150.00

£1,242.00

Room Rental

Parish Council	£300.00
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Grants

Mid Suffolk	£835.01
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Donations

Friday Friends Club	£540.00
Mita Higton	£276.00
10 Anniversary	£36.00

£852.00

Café Bankings

Café Takings	£11,086.30
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Total Receipts	£14,315.31
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Opening Balance

£45,192.51

Less Total Expenses

£9,671.74

Closing Balance

£49,836.08

Surplus/Defecit

£4,643.57

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