

# FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1154956

## Details

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**Other names** FBCL

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [08369031](#)

**Registered** 2013-12-10

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

## Contact

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London  
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**Website** [www.friernbarnetlibrary.org](http://www.friernbarnetlibrary.org)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO FURTHER ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF FRIERN BARNET 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. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

**Activities:** The Charity runs a library in Friern Barnet , in the London Borough of Barnet. The library is also used for childrens' activity groups and adult community activities.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Barnet
- Enfield

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£19,445	£16,365	-	-
2024-03-31	£18,832	£23,570	-	-
2023-03-31	£15,610	£23,803	-	-
2022-03-31	£20,559	£21,652	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,778	£11,626	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOANNA FRYER MA	Chair	2013-11-29
ANNE FINNIE		2013-05-20
Barry Rawlings		2014-06-04
David Gutmann		2024-06-05
Harold Gluck		2022-12-11
Maha Ibrahim		2024-06-05
Pauline Veronica Mary Coakley Webb		2014-06-04
Penny Marlton		2022-12-11

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

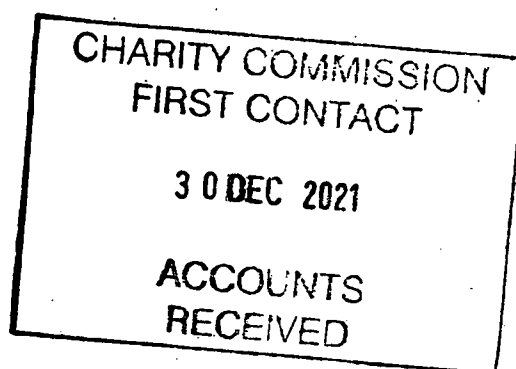
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# Accounts

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**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**



**COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER 8369031  
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER 1154956**

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
DIRECTORS REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Trustees and Directors present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS**

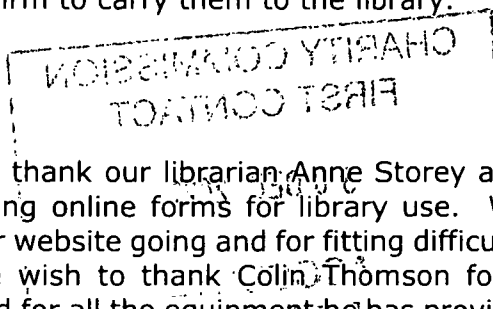
**EVENTS**

On 23 March 2020 the library closed until July, 2020. During lockdown some work went on behind the scenes like cataloguing. We were also required to run the water every week and check on the building frequently. From July 2020 we re-opened for only 3 days per week, 4 hours per day. Many of our volunteers did not feel safe returning to public duties. We were open for book borrowing and computer use only. All the toys were hidden. Computers were spaced 2 metres apart. We covered the keyboards with cling film and changed them after every user. We sprayed the tables with Dettol. We quarantined the borrowed books for 72 hours before recirculating them. Masks were compulsory. We kept windows and doors open.

Normal activities did not resume. We were unable to allow study groups, Knit and Natter or book groups. The only group usage of the library was from Bare Bones Drama's school groups when schools resumed and toddler music and movement groups when nurseries were allowed to resume. There was no Messy Play for pre-schoolers. There was no Summer Reading Challenge for children.

When Barnet House closed down, we were given the opportunity of acquiring new tables, chairs, cabinets and filing cabinets for free. However, we did have to pay a removal firm to carry them to the library.

**THANKS**



We wish to thank our librarian Anne Storey and her team for cataloguing books and providing online forms for library use. We wish to thank Farhad Izadi for keeping our website going and for fitting difficult forms onto our website for library users. We wish to thank Colin Thomson for keeping our broadband and wifi working and for all the equipment he has provided. We wish to thank our trustees for keeping guard on the building and we wish to thank our brave volunteers who returned to public duties even before we received our first vaccinations.

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
DIRECTORS REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS**

The following served as trustees and directors since 1 April 2020:

Joanna Fryer	
Margaret Finnie	
Felix Maguire	
Rudolf Stravens	
Cllr Reema Patel	
Cllr Barry Rawlings	
Cllr Pauline Coakley-Webb	
John Jenner	
Farhad Izadi	Resigned 1 December 2020
Helen Daugherty	Appointed 1 July 2020

**STATUS**

The Library was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 20 January 2013 and registered as a charity on 15 December 2013.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The Library's reserves policy is as follows:

1. The charity needs reserves to provide for expenditure appropriate to its objectives both for regular activities and also to fund large scale projects should they arise.
2. As a guideline, the charity aims to retain reserves of approximately eight to ten years' forecast expenditure.
3. The trustees and directors review on an annual basis the steps necessary to maintain reserves at the agreed level and will monitor and review this policy.

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
DIRECTORS REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**DONATIONS IN KIND**

The trustees and directors wish to thank all those people who have given a significant number of hours of unpaid assistance during the year.

**ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS**



**Joanna Fryer  
Chair**

17 December 2021

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

We report on the financial statements of the charity and company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees/Directors and Independent Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("The Act") do not apply. It is our responsibility to state on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7)(b) of the Act whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records maintained by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

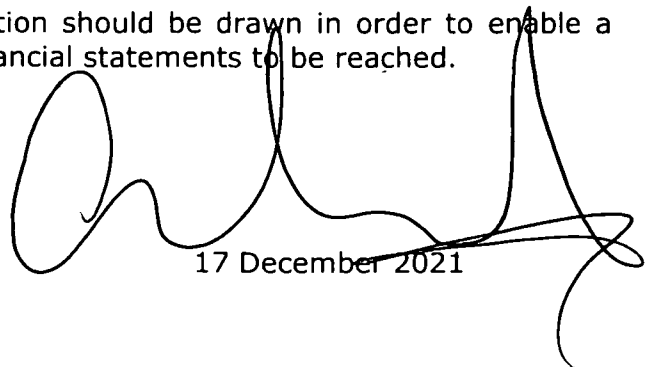
**Independent Examiners Statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
  - ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met
  
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**ARCHER ASSOCIATES  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**

Churchill House, 120 Bunns Lane  
London NW7 2AS

  
17 December 2021

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Awards and grants</b>				
London Borough of Barnet	10,000		10,000	
Co-op			5,245	
		10,000		15,245
<b>Other income</b>				
Sale of books, royalties received, donations and membership fees	578		4,372	
Hire of building	2,200		1,244	
Rates refund			2,097	
		2,778		7,713
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		12,778		22,958
<b>Less: DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>				
Broadband and telephone	326		531	
Computer running	-		150	
New Photocopier	540		-	
Insurance	1,408		1,188	
Library Management System	1,152		2,304	
Light and heat	5,184		5,590	
Water	75		534	
Rates	-		2,199	
Legal fee for Library Lease	-		975	
Books, stationery and materials	-		1,660	
Printing and photocopier repairs	-		395	
Personal protection equipment	224		-	
Sundries	447		1,051	
Van hire for tables and chairs	318		-	
Repairs and improvements	-		400	
New Garden Fence	-		1,650	
Bank charges	-		7	
Co-ordinators	1,219		3,642	
Independent Examiner's fees	733		673	
		(11,626)		(22,949)
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		1,152		9

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Bank	37,220			36,420
Petty cash	652			300
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Sundry creditors and accruals		(540)		(540)
		37,332		36,180
		37,332		36,180
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Designated Fund for Special awards		13,208		13,208
Non designated Surplus for the year		24,124		22,972
		37,332		36,180
		37,332		36,180

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its income and expenditure for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board on 17 December 2021  
and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs J Fryer  
Chair

Company no: 8369031  
Charity no: 1154956

**FRIERN BARNET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounts**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

All income is recording in the period in which it is receivable.

All revenue expenditure including computer equipment is accounted for when incurred. Any fixtures, fittings and equipment are written off in the year of acquisition as an expense.

**SHARE CAPITAL**

The company is incorporated at Companies House as a company without a share capital and is limited by guarantee.