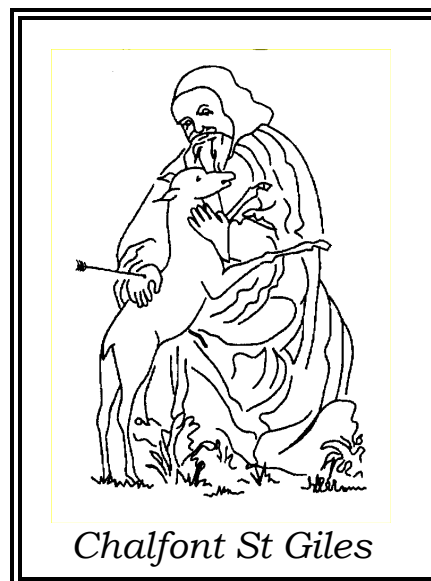




Chalfont St Giles Community Library

Trustees' Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2025



Charity number 1159743

Chalfont St Giles Community Library
Legal and administrative information

Chalfont St Giles Community Library is a foundation charitable incorporated organisation.

Charity number 1159743 - registered 30 December 2014

Trustees

Mr A J Hoare	President
Mrs J Brown	Chair
Dr M W Foxton	Secretary
Mr M J Bedford	Treasurer
Mr A J Davies	
Mrs S Long	
Miss K M Martin	
Mrs J M Thompson	
Mrs M Ware (to 30 January 2025)	
Mrs D Westall	

Independent Examiner

Mr A Penson F.C.A.
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Introduction

The trustees present their eleventh Annual Report as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

The library is a community managed public library working in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council (the County).

The Community Library opened in January 2007 following the closure of the County-run library in the village.

Object of the charity

The object of the charity is to advance the education of the public by providing a lending library and information service for the residents of Chalfont St Giles and the surrounding area. The service is provided to the public without discrimination on grounds of age, disability or other protected characteristic.

Structure, governance and management

The charity's activities are governed by a Management Committee (the trustees) who normally meet at least four times per year. Day to day management is delegated to the Officers who report progress to each Management Committee meeting.

Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. Those who served during the year are listed on page 1. None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity nor do they receive remuneration.

The trustees take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when carrying out their duties.

The officers and trustees assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and ensure that controls are in place to mitigate exposure to the risks. Insurance includes cover for public and volunteer liability and for the loss of stock, furniture and equipment. Banked funds are held in accounts protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

The Community Library is operated by and is entirely dependent on unpaid volunteers.

Under an agreement with the County, the County provides the Community Library with a grant towards running costs and provides without charge the IT equipment, a broadband link, the library management system, the public internet and Wi-Fi system together with technical support. The County provides a limited amount of library stock and supports the training of volunteers. The library is included in the County's inter-library delivery network. County support has been agreed through to March 2027.

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Lending from the Community Library is on the same terms as the County. Residents can borrow and return books across the county library network. Users can reserve county books at the Community Library or online for pick up at the library. Residents thus benefit from a service that is integrated with the County's library service.

A local information service is provided in the library building. This service is administered separately from the library. All volunteers work in partnership to achieve the best possible service for the village.

The library receives some financial support from village residents who are 'Friends of the Library'.

The library building is leased from Chalfont St Giles Parish Council.

Summary of main activities and achievements

The library continues to be well used by the village. The library had a positive 2025 with lending for the year just ahead of 2024. Opening hours were maintained at a healthy level and we continue to invest in the book stock to ensure it is up to date and relevant to users. We also added some books for very young readers thanks to a grant from the Misbourne Matins Rotary Club.

Both 'Bounce and Rhyme' on Friday mornings and 'Knit and Natter' on Monday afternoons continue to be popular. 'Storytime' has recently started for pre-school children on a Wednesday morning.

The children at the village school visited the library during the year class by class. A grant to support the use of the 'Reading Eggs' software at the village school was made for the final time in 2025.

The CIO's financial result for the year was a net cash outflow of £2,061. Action is being taken to reduce the deficit. At 31 December 2025 the charity had an unrestricted cash fund of £70,402.

As always, a huge thank you is due to all our volunteers who have again done a wonderful job over the past year.

The trustees also express their appreciation of the support for the library from village residents, local organisations and the Parish and County Councils.

Reserves policy

Since nearly all of the Community Library's services are provided free, the charity is dependent on grants and donations. The trustees consider that the charity should hold a level of unrestricted cash funds that will provide at least two years library running costs together with sufficient funds to maintain and where appropriate improve the library. Funds are required to periodically redecorate the library and to ensure the timely replacement of the library's stock, equipment and furniture.

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Maintaining reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, the charity can continue its activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Mrs J Brown
Chair

4 February 2026

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Trustees of the Chalfont St Giles Community Library
(Charity no. 1159743)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Mr A Penson F.C.A.

5 February 2026

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Receipts and payments

for the year ended 31 December

		2025		2024
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Buckinghamshire Council grant		6,000	-	6,000
Library friends' donations		1,952	-	1,952
Library operating receipts	(2)	2,042	-	2,042
Other income		-	-	-
Bank interest received		2,723	-	2,723
Total receipts		12,717	-	12,717
<u>Payments</u>				
Insurance		1,529	-	1,529
Electricity		4,064	-	4,064
Water and waste water		300	-	300
Telephone		315	-	315
Maintenance and repairs		1,444	-	1,444
Books, Newspapers etc.	(3)	3,888	-	3,888
Stationery, printing and promotion		231	-	231
Grant to CSG Village School - Reading Eggs		2,500	-	2,500
Minor refurbishment		-	-	-
Volunteer costs		222	-	222
Other costs		285	-	285
Total payments		14,778	-	14,778
<u>Receipts less (payments)</u>		(2,061)	-	(2,061)
Cash funds at the start of the year		72,463	30	72,493
<u>Cash funds at 31 December</u>		70,402	30	70,432

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Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December

	31 December 2025			31 December 2024
	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total £	Total £
Cash funds	70,402	30	70,432	72,493

The CIO also owns the library's furniture and most of the book stock.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Mrs J Brown
Chair

M J Bedford
Treasurer

4 February 2026

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting basis

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance for preparing receipts and payments accounts.

2. Library operating receipts

Library operating receipts arose from book fines, book sales, print charges, public internet usage and sundry sales.

3. Books, Newspapers etc.

Books, Newspapers etc. comprise the purchase of books, newspapers, book covers and labels. As well as purchased books, some books are provided by the County and by agreement books can be donated by the public.

4. Restricted fund

The Restricted Fund is to provide library materials for the visually impaired. £30 remains to be spent at 31 December 2025.

5. Secured debts and guarantees

The charity has no secured debts and has not provided any guarantees.