

# FRIENDS OF CORFE CASTLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1162163

## Details

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Other names	FCCCL
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-06-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Corfe Castle Community Library 67 East Street Corfe Castle Wareham BH20 5EE
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Website	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/corfecastlecommunitylibrary/home">https://sites.google.com/site/corfecastlecommunitylibrary/home</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN CORFE CASTLE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A LENDING LIBRARY;2) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF CORFE CASTLE 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:** Management of a community library in Corfe Castle run by volunteers, with help from Dorset County Council. As well as library sessions, we run children's activities and host talks for the community.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Dorset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£5,753	£2,925	-	-
2024-12-31	£847	£3,525	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,443	£8,891	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,757	£4,115	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,096	£3,242	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Margaret Elizabeth Pearce	Chair	2026-01-29
JOY CARTER		2017-06-23
MARTYN JESSOP		2015-01-30

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## FCCCL Committee Report – January 2026

My name is Maggie Pearce and I joined the library as a volunteer in March 2025. I was welcomed by Alison who was very caring and continued to check in with me for weeks following my first session. Very sadly Alison passed away in June, I subsequently was asked to be the new Volunteer Co-ordinator. Alison was much more than this, she had saved the library from closure by organising an amazing group of volunteers, many who are still caring for the library in varying roles.

As this is a committee report I would like to highlight what has been happening within the library since July 2025. I would like to thank James, our Team leader from Dorset Council library service, he has not only supported me but has started to give training to some of our volunteers, he attends the library on a weekly basis and is always happy to answer any questions we may have. We do experience problems with our computer system and photocopier, James does his best to sort these problems.

The Summer Reading Challenge participant numbers were much improved. The volunteer team has purged, tidied and re-organised the stock, this is on-going with ideas and feedback welcome from our volunteers. New building and operational processes have been put in place. Our Facebook page is updated regularly with increased engagement. Our website is being updated with new pages being added. A new OPEN flag has been purchased and is displayed in the garden to increase our presence. A new flyer is being developed ahead of a concerted marketing drive.

In November we welcomed Fiona Deal, a local author, who gave a talk titled “Egyptian Mystery and Adventure”. We have several talks planned for the coming year, starting today.

We have built a closer relationship with our primary school and pre-school. This term several children will take part in an after-school session which hopefully will encourage more membership and use of our library. On a Tuesday two of our volunteers run a reading club for pre-school children which is well attended and popular.

In December we held a well-attended Christmas get-together for our volunteers, friends and family. Subsequently we have 4 new library members and a new volunteer. I would like to extend my thanks to all the committee members, our dedicated volunteers and the friends of the library. Your help and support are keeping the library going from strength to strength.

**FRIENDS OF CORFE CASTLE LIBRARY**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

<u><b>BANK ACCOUNT MOVEMENT SUMMARY</b></u>	2025	2024
Lloyds Bank balance b/f	£8,590.69	£11,268.38
<u><b>INCOME</b></u>		
Donations inc Friends subscriptions	£1,311.32 *	£97.00
Dorset Council	£3,961.48	£48.37
Solar Panel Income	£50.64 **	£321.72
Fund raising	£429.70	£380.00
	£5,753.14	£847.09
<u><b>EXPENDITURE</b></u>		
ScottishPower & Water	£564.12	£1,498.39
Littlebirds & Window Cleaner	£740.00	£524.20
Insurance/Fire	£673.63	£957.38
Advertising		£200.00
Sundry expenses	£947.39	£344.81
	(£2,925.14)	(£3,524.78)
Lloyds Bank balance c/f	£11,418.69	£8,590.69
<u><b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b></u>		
Total banked	£5,753.14	£847.09
Total spent	£2,925.14	£3,524.78
Accrual for 2024 grant paid in 2025	£1,951.00	
Accrual for 2024 grant paid in 2025		(£1,951.00)
	£4,876.14	£1,573.78
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	£877.00	(£726.69)
<u><b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b></u> <u><b>at 31 December 2025</b></u>		
Bank balance at year end	£11,418.69	£8,590.69
Bank balance less unfulfilled liabilities	£11,418.69	£8,590.69

\* This figure includes £1204.32 that was donated in memory of Alison Allwright

\*\*Actual solar power income is £311.28. Octopus energy deduct the income from their bills.

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## **FCCCL Committee Report – January 2025**

This year has been a challenging one for the library. Dorset Council underwent changes in its library organisation in May, including allocating Petra, formerly our very helpful link to the council library service, to another job. We now have James with the same role but re-labelled as ‘team leader’. At the same time Libraries West changed its library management system from one which all our volunteers had used for many years, to a very different one which required a lot of training. This transition brought problems to all Dorset libraries, but impacted especially on community-managed libraries and their customers. We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers for staying on, meeting the challenges with good humour, and dealing with customers’ frustration and problems.

We again saw an increase in the number of customers and we continue to see families with young children using the library regularly. Liz has helped with publicity on Facebook, which has brought us new customers. Links with the pre-school during Storytime have continued. We have also retained the ‘Warm Cuppa’ offer, providing an opportunity for a sit down and a chat for those who want it. The solar panels are doing a good job providing our electricity.

We had interesting talks from David and Chris Kemp on their trip to Antarctica, ‘Shopping in Bygone Swanage’ by John Patrick from Swanage Museum, ‘Swifts in Purbeck’ by Richard Caldwell and ‘Populism and Fatalism’ by Gerry Stoker. We finished off the year with a Christmas celebration in the library.

In April we helped organise a quiz hosted by Barry Stocks, who has also looked after the garden throughout the year with help from Mags Pettitt. David has produced some colourful new badges for the volunteers.

The annual accounts are reasonably healthy but once again outgoings exceeded income. The annual grant from Dorset Council, which has not increased since it was first agreed, is under review and we hope to link it with inflation. Thanks to our treasurer Karen for her hard work updating spreadsheets and providing statistics to help with these negotiations. Chris has also helped provide valuable background information on the library lease. Once this is all agreed with the council, we will be able to renew our service level agreement.

Thanks to all the committee, the Friends and to all our dedicated volunteers – your help is what keeps the library going. Thanks to Martyn for all his work on events and publicity. And last but not least, thanks to all our customers.

Alison Allwright (Chair, Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library)

**FRIENDS OF CORFE CASTLE LIBRARY  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER**

**BANK ACCOUNT MOVEMENT SUMMARY**

2024

Lloyds Bank balance b/f £11,268.38

**INCOME**

Donations inc Friends subscriptions £97.00

Dorset Council £48.37

Solar Panel Income £321.72

Fund raising £380.00

£847.09

**EXPENDITURE**

ScottishPower & Water £1,498.39

Littlebirds & Window Cleaner £524.20

Insurance/Fire £957.38

Advertising £200.00

Solar panels

Sundry expenses £344.81

(£3,524.78)

Lloyds Bank balance c/f £8,590.69

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Total banked £847.09

Total spent £3,524.78

£3,524.78

Net surplus (deficit) for the year (£2,677.69)

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**at 31 December 2024**

Bank balance at year end £8,590.69

Bank balance less unfulfilled liabilities £8,590.69

**2024**

2023

£14,716.38

£186.55

£1,988.48

£3,000.00 \*Grant

£267.92

£5,442.95

£807.16

£667.20

£599.88

£300.00

£6,000.00

£516.71

(£8,890.95)

£11,268.38

£5,442.95

£8,890.95

£8,890.95

(£3,448.00)

£11,268.38

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## **FCCCL Committee Report – January 2024**

This year has again seen an increase in the number of people using the library and some successful projects, including the recent installation of solar panels with the help of a grant from Low Carbon Dorset and the valued input of Mike Potter, who produced the plans, and David Kemp, who gave invaluable advice.

We continue to see families with young children using the library regularly. We have added decorations to the windows to encourage more younger visitors, and with the help of Inge and our Storytime team, we have re-established links with the pre-school. We have continued the 'Warm Cuppa' offer throughout the year, providing an opportunity for a sit down and a chat for those who want it.

We had some interesting talks from Gerry Stoker on Conspiracy Theories, Trev Haysom on Purbeck Stone, Louise Haywood on Norden and the Weldmar Hospice team. Some talks were so well-attended that we had to move them to the Village Hall. We're looking forward to David and Chris Kemp's talk on their trip to Antarctica this month.

Barry Stocks and Mags Pettitt took over the garden this year, and have tidied it up ready for the winter and spring. Many thanks to them for their extra contribution on top of their volunteering inside the library.

In September we celebrated 10 years as a community library. It is a real community venture, with customers, Friends and volunteers all contributing to a thriving village asset. The service level agreement with Dorset Council is being renegotiated and will hopefully be renewed this month.

The annual accounts show a generally healthy balance. Thanks again to Joan and also to our new treasurer Karen. We have moved to a new treasurer's bank account which is easier to manage.

Thanks to all the committee, the Friends and all our dedicated volunteers – your help is what keeps the library going. Thanks to Martyn for all his work on events and publicity. Also thanks go to Brian for producing all the rotation lists, which keep volunteers busy and the library stock refreshed.

Alison Allwright (Chair, Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library)

**Friends of Corfe Castle Library  
Account as at 31.12.23**

	Receipts	Payments	Balance
Opening Balances as at 1.1.23			
Reserve Fund			4,716.38
Operating Account			10,000.00
			<b>14,716.38</b>
<b>Receipts:-</b>			
Friends Subscriptions	80.00		
Donations talks etc inc donation in petty cash a/c	302.42		
DCC Annual Payment	1,951.00		
DCC Share of Fines	37.48		
Grant for Solar Panels	3,000.00		
Sale of donated books	45.00		
Amazon	27.05		
<b>Payments:-</b>			
Insurance		599.88	
CVN		300.00	
Utilities ( Scottish Power + Water)		807.16	
A R Harris electrical		64.94	
Cleaning - Littlebirds		492.20	
Window Cleaner		175.00	
Fire Security		0.00	
Planning Permission and Signage		242.20	
Solar Panels		6,000.00	
Gratuities		24.99	
Library Consumables, General		114.73	
Step Ladder		25.00	
Cuppa and Biscuits Project		44.85	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,442.95</b>	<b>8,890.95</b>	
Operating Loss 2023			-3,448.00
Lloyds Bank balance as at 2.1.2024			<b>11,268.38</b>



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## **FCCCL Committee Report - January 2023**

This year has seen a welcome recovery in the number of people using the library. It has been particularly pleasing to see a growth in the number of families with young children using the library regularly. The children's area, which we extended and remodelled last year, has proved to be very popular and drawn in regular visitors.

In June we were pleased to be the sponsors of the Platinum Jubilee Poetry Competition. The entries from both children and adults were all of a good standard and the judge, the poet Sarah Barr, felt all of the children's entries deserved a prize!

Back in the spring committee member David Kemp had said he was keen to raise funds to assist Ukrainian refugees in Purbeck and asked whether the Friends could provide the organisation skills and support to arrange a concert by Ball and Socket. The event took place in October, was well-attended and raised £1300 for Purbeck Connect and other Ukraine charities. A good time was had by all.

Other events included talks by Zoe Squirrel on Para-Dressage, Gen Crisford of the National Trust on Beavers in Purbeck, Phil Judkins on 'Purbeck's Navy' and a talk by the Corfe Castle environmental group. We also hosted a film crew who needed a base for part of their film which was based in Corfe Castle - it was very interesting to see what goes on behind the scenes and they offered a donation towards our charity. Look out for 'Love's Mysteries'.

Friend and volunteer Barry Stocks offered to run a Christmas quiz night to raise funds for the library and the community. This proved to be a very enjoyable evening and raised £540 which was split three ways between the library's 'Cuppa and a Biscuit' sessions, the Corfe Community Kitchen ('Soup 'n Pud'), and Julia's House Children's Hospice charity. We have bought a fridge and set up a corner with table and chairs for the drinks and biscuits sessions, and so far we have had a good response.

The garden is now stocked with plenty of plants and flowers, and we thank Roy Ford for his continued help. Dorset Council sent a team to paint the fascias and to check the automatic door - this has rather an old mechanism which will need replacing, and we are in discussions with them about this.

The annual accounts show a healthy balance. Thanks to Joan for looking after them again. As Joan is planning to wind down her portfolio in the next year or so, we will be looking for a new treasurer; so if you are interested in helping out, please let one of the committee know.

Thanks to all the committee, the Friends and all our dedicated volunteers - your help is what keeps the library going. Thanks to Martyn for all his work on events and publicity, and to David for his good ideas on the organisational side. Also thanks go to Brian for producing all the rotation lists, which keep volunteers busy and the library stock refreshed.

In September we will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of taking over the library. What an achievement!

Alison Allwright (Chair, Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library)

**Friends of Corfe Castle Library  
Account as at 31.12.22**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>
Opening Balances as at 1.1.22		
Reserve Fund		
Operating Account		
<b>Receipts:-</b>		
Subscriptions(£90) & donations incl Quiz (£89.57)	179.57	
Purbeck Film donation	250.00	
DCC Annual Payment	1,951.00	
DCC Share of Fines	68.19	
Amazon	5.00	
<b>Payments:-</b>		
Running Costs: Insurance		569.15
CVN		200.00
Utilities (Scottish Power + Water)		859.96
Cleaner		453.60
Window Cleaner		250.00
Fire Security		157.52
Garden Maintenance		45.88
Blinds **		220.20
Gratuities (GP retirement gift)		25.00
Library Consumables, General		47.46
Jubilee (Bunting & Poetry Prizes)		105.97
Fundraiser for Ukraine	1122.87	1,122.87
Cuppa and Biscuits Project	180.00	56.92
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,756.63</b>	<b>4,114.53</b>
Expenditure charged to Reserve Fund **		
<b>Operating Loss 2022</b>		
Represented by:-		
Reserve Fund For Capital Projects b/forward		
Expenditure charged to Reserve Fund **		
Reserve Fund c/forward to 2023		
Operating Account balance as at 1.1.23		
NatWest account balance as at 31.12.22		
Minus O/S Cheques		
Plus O/S Credit		
Balance Sheet		
Opening Balance as at 1.1.22	15,074.28	
Plus Receipts	3,756.63	
Minus Payments	<u>-4,114.53</u>	
Closing Balance as at 31.12.22	<b>14,716.38</b>	



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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Friends of Corfe Castle Community Library

**Other names charity is known by** Friends of Corfe Castle Library

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1162163

**Charity's principal address**

67 EAST STREET  
 CORFE CASTLE  
 DORSET  
**Postcode** BH20 5EE

### 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	Alison Allwright	Chair		
2	Martyn Jessop	Secretary		
3	Joy Carter			
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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

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**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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

**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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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

1. To advance the education of the general public in Corfe Castle and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of a lending library;
2. To further or benefit the residents of Corfe Castle 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.

Main activities undertaken for public benefit during 2021 were:

Library services  
Occasional talks for the public  
Gardening  
Covid safety measures

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

**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)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

20-30 volunteers have helped with managing the library and gardening.

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

This past year has had its challenges, including for Corfe Castle Community Library, but thanks to our volunteers we have risen to them and made some positive changes.

During the early part of 2021 we were still operating a skeleton service, including looking after book groups, which we helped by paying the costs of booking a room in the Village Hall for their meetings. We opened up again in June with all the Covid safe arrangements that we still have, including hand sanitising, face coverings and ventilation – which often means volunteers wearing coats during sessions. We're happy to report that the library was not associated with any Covid infections over the last 2 years. We now have a small but regular stream of customers, and are really pleased at the numbers of families with children coming in.

In 2021 we also concentrated on making improvements to the library. These included an enlarged children's area with a colourful rug and beanbag, and new shelves in the porch to house the books for sale and the Free Loan books and jigsaws. This makes much better use of the space we have. We have made the front garden more accessible by removing part of the front wall and improving the paving. Our thanks go to Liz Roberts, Ray Bray and Roy Ford for their input on these projects – also thanks to the people who added their ideas during the planning phases.

The annual accounts again show a healthy balance.

Covid limited what we could do in the area of children's activities and talks, but we did manage a very enjoyable and well-attended talk on local photography by Deb Fullbrook in November. Thanks to Martyn for all his work on events and publicity, and for taking charge of the new and impressive Village Hall audio-visual technology.

Thanks to the committee and all our dedicated volunteers, who have soldiered on during the pandemic despite the autumn and winter cold. We look forward to a being able to hold more events in 2022 and bring the children's groups back in, so watch this space!

**Section E****Financial review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Reserves of £11,363.26 are held for capital projects.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**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.

**Section F****Other optional information****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)**

Alison Jean Allwright	

<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>		

**Friends of Corfe Castle Library  
Account as at 31.12.21**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>
Opening Balances as at 1.1.21		
Reserve Fund		
Operating Account		
<b>Receipts:-</b>		
Subscriptions(£90) & donations(£31.58)	121.58	
DCC Annual Payment	1,951.00	
DCC Share of Fines	8.54	
Amazon	15.11	
<b>Payments:-</b>		
Running Costs: Insurance		514.25
CVN		200.00
Utilities (Scottish Power + Water)		557.93
Cleaner		291.60
Window Cleaner		75.00
Garden Maintenance		40.00
Garden Project **		250.00
Entrance Porch **		518.00
Flooring & Children's area **		539.44
Gratuities		10.00
Library Consumables, General		22.35
Library Consumables, Covid		29.99
Village Hall bookings, Covid		105.00
Purbeck Film		17.01
Christmas Party		11.99
Competition prizes		60.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,096.23</b>	<b>3,242.56</b>
Expenditure charged to Reserve Fund **		
Operating Surplus 2021		
Represented by:-		
Reserve Fund For Capital Projects b/forward		
Expenditure charged to Reserve Fund **		
Reserve Fund c/forward to 2022		
Operating Account balance as at 1.1.22		
NatWest account balance as at 31.12.21		
Minus O/S Cheques		
Plus O/S Credit		
Balance Sheet		
Opening Balance as at 1.1.21	16,220.61	
Plus Receipts	2,096.23	

**Friends of Corfe Castle Library  
Account as at 31.12.21**

Minus Payments	<u>-3,242.56</u>		
Closing Balance as at 31.12.21	<b>15,074.28</b>		



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Account as at 31.12.21**
