

## **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 retiremenmt 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>			

## Friends of Corfe Castle Library Account as at 31.12.22

Balance
11,363.26
3,711.02
<b>15,074.28</b>
-220.20
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<b><u>14,716.38</u></b>
11,363.26
-220.20
<u>11,143.06</u>
<u>3,573.32</u>
<b><u>14,716.38</u></b>
<b>14,723.25</b>
<b>-186.87</b>
<b><u>180.00</u></b>
<b>14,716.38</b>