

# FRIENDS OF GOLCAR LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1162979

## Details

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**Other names** FOGL

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-08-04

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO IS:TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN KIRKLEES, BY OPERATING AND MANAGING A LENDING LIBRARY IN GOLCAR.

**Activities:** To advance the education of the public in Kirklees, by operating and managing a lending library in Golcar.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Kirklees

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31		£24	£116	-
2024-12-31	£1,157		£721	-
2023-12-31	£74		£329	-
2022-12-31	£82		£60	-
2021-12-31	£0		£32	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>KAREN ARMITAGE</b>	Chair	2015-08-04
ANDREW MARCHINGTON		2015-08-04
Angela Sewell		2023-04-18
JEREMY CUSS		2015-08-04
JOHN CHAPPELL		2015-08-04
SUSAN EATON BSC ECON		2015-08-04
Sally Kerry		2024-04-11

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month January	Year 2025		Day 31st	Month December	Year 2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Friends of Golcar Library

**Other names charity is known by** FoGL

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1162979

**Charity's principal address**

Golcar Library, 12 Town End, Golcar	
Huddersfield	
West Yorkshire	
<b>Postcode</b>	HD7 4QD

### 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	Karen Armitage	Chair		FoGL Annual Meeting
2	John Chappell	Minutes and Membership Secretary		FoGL Annual Meeting
3	Jeremy Cuss	Project and Fundraising Officer		FoGL Annual Meeting
4	Andrew Marchington	Treasurer and Social Media Officers		FoGL Annual Meeting
5	Angela Sewell	Volunteer Co-Ordinator		FoGL Annual Meeting
6	Sue Eaton	Events Organiser		FoGL Annual Meeting
7	Beverley Ingham	Committee member	Left Oct. 2025	FoGL Annual Meeting
8	Nick Price	Committee member	Left July 2025	FoGL Annual Meeting
9	Sally Kerry	Committee member		FoGL Annual Meeting
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11				
12				

FoGL volunteers have continued to support the local library service throughout 2025. It has been a difficult year, with new staff and limited staffing levels particularly through the summer. During this time volunteers were called upon to open the library independently on a number of occasions. However, the last quarter of the year has been more settled with good working relationships re-established. A council review of the library service was completed and a new model of working introduced in order to protect the service. Although budgets are still tight the future appears more settled than in previous years.

Two trustees stood down – Beverley Ingham and Nick Price both due to moving away from the area. All the other trustees agreed to continue standing and bi/tri-monthly meetings have been held throughout 2025.

## 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)	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> elected by the AGM every year after the first AGM at which all the trustees resign and are eligible for re-election.

### 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.

The Friends of Golcar Library group is run by a management committee, all of whom are trustees of the CIO. This committee meets at least quarterly to decide how best to support the work of Golcar Library.

The volunteer rota is overseen by the volunteer co-ordinator.

Everyone (including trustees) who wishes to volunteer in the library is provided with an induction for this role.

There are several groups of library friends which form a network across Kirklees. They are all independent but learn from and give support to each other if the need arises.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the FoGL constitution, the accounts and the annual report for the previous year.

When the group started in 2015 a business plan was developed and the possibility of an asset transfer of the building considered. However, following careful consideration it was concluded that without significant fund raising it would not be financially viable to refurbish the integral flat (for income generation) or to fund the operation of the library. Kirklees Council have undertaken a review of library services and a new model of working introduced which, for the time-being, has protected the service. Whilst budgetary constraints remain significant the outlook is more positive

Although insufficient to maintain the library as it is now, refurbishment of the flat is something which, although unlikely, may need to be revisited.

Together with FoGL there are a number of voluntary groups within the local area, each providing advice, support and assistance to each other in regard to annual events and have been invaluable with input for our garden project.

# Section C Objectives and activities

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


To advance the education of the public in Kirklees, by operating and managing a lending library in Golcar with access to computer technology.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable.

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

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

FoGL have continued their involvement in the running of the library. Volunteer support has been provided to both regular and temporary members of library staff. Although not deemed to be a sustainable measure volunteers have also opened the library independently to prevent temporary closure during times of staff shortages.



One member of staff and one volunteer continue to open the library 15 hours a week over 4 days. Our volunteer list has remained relatively stable with a core group celebrating 10 years of volunteering with FoGL. We have also welcomed some new faces as well as some previous Duke of Edinburgh students who have come back to volunteer during their university holidays.

A variety of groups continue to use the library regularly for both educational and social gatherings. Groups include: - knit and natter, book reading, ancestry, walking, board games and jigsaws as well as story-time, crafts and Lego building. These groups and activities are enjoyed by a wide range of ages. A warm drink is also always available for anyone who just wants to call in. Story-time and craft sessions have been run weekly and through the school holidays. These sessions have been organised by two very committed volunteers and extremely well attended. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents/carers to bring children to activities which are free. The crafting activities are often linked to the library services reading challenges and funding for craft materials supported by FoGL.

Close links have been maintained with other local voluntary groups particularly the Golcar Environment and Golcar Winkle Club who have assisted with some of the physical aspects of our library garden maintenance. This year we have grown onions, garlic and some very tall sunflowers. Our garden has been utilised over the year and our long-term garden project continues.

**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**



Sunflowers previously planted by children on Golcar Lily Day (windblown and top heavy!)

The library continues to be central to local annual events with FoGL supporting and running events – Golcar Lily Day and the Christmas Lights Switch On. A year-on-year increase in footfall being noted. Another well attended event, organised as a finale to the summer school holiday craft sessions was Donkey Day.



Donkey Day



One of our craft sessions

In December world renowned author Lee Child chose to visit Golcar library. He gave a very interesting talk on his life and career. He also gave insight into how the local library had been so important to him as a child and stressed his belief in their benefit to the community and the significant value of volunteers in supporting them.



Lee Child visited Golcar Library

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This year has presented challenges with staff changes. However, because of good working relationships with senior library management difficulties encountered have been overcome. Limited staffing levels has also meant FoGL volunteers 'manning' the library particularly through the summer to ensure the library was open as usual.

FoGL have been able to publicise events on social media as an update of its Facebook page has been undertaken. Events have also been advertised within the library.

All members of the FoGL committee are Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation set up and registered with the Charity Commission on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015. We have continued with excellent attendance at management meetings which have taken place quarterly (more frequently if needed). A celebration of our 10-year anniversary was held with old and new volunteers attending.

World-famous author Lee Child visited the library in December to give a talk about his life and career – he stressed the importance of local libraries and the valuable input of volunteers to the service.

Following review of the library service and the adoption of a new model of working FoGL volunteers have again stepped up to support the service. After a difficult and unsettling year, we have shown we can meet challenges together and are confident we will be able to in the future.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

Apart from funding craft materials, there are no regular financial commitments at present and hence no need for significant reserves.

**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.

## Section F

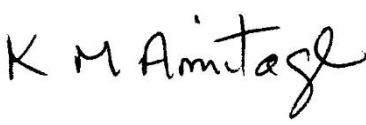

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Karen Armitage	John Chappell
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary

**Date** 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026



Charity Name Friends of Golcar Library	No (if any) 1162979
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st January 2025	To	31st Dec 2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Golcar Winkle Club	-	-	-	-	1,000
Colne Valley Lions	-	-	-	-	100
Badge Making	-	-	-	-	40
Donations	24	-	-	24	17
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,157</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,157</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Garden Bench	-	-	-	-	610
Resources for Garden	-	-	-	-	70
Resources for Library (Crafts)	91	-	-	91	40
Float to Library	25	-	-	25	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 92</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>655</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1,091</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	960		-
	Cash in Hand	38		-
		-		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Treasurer FoGL		Andrew Marchington	23rd Masrch 2026
Chair FoGL		Karen Armitage	23rd Masrch 2026

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 1st	Month January	Year 2024	Day 31st	Month December	Year 2024
<b>From</b>					<b>To</b>		

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Friends of Golcar Library
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	FoGL
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1162979
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Golcar Library, 12 Town End, Golcar
	Huddersfield
	West Yorkshire
	<b>Postcode</b> HD7 4QD

### 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)
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5	Angela Sewell	Volunteer Co-Ordinator		FoGL Annual Meeting
6	Sue Eaton	Events Organiser		FoGL Annual Meeting
7	Beverley Ingham	Committee member		FoGL Annual Meeting
8	Nick Price	Committee member	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	FoGL Annual Meeting
9	Sally Kerry	Committee member	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	FoGL Annual Meeting
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FoGL volunteers have continued to support library staff throughout 2024. However, due to budget constraints the future of library services within the area has been under discussion and review, making it an unsettling period yet again.

Whilst two trustees stood down – John Walker and Hilary Richards, another two were appointed – Sally Kerry and Nick Price.

All the other trustees agreed to continue standing and bi-monthly meetings have been held throughout 2024.

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

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### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- 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.

The Friends of Golcar Library group is run by a management committee, all of whom are trustees of the CIO. This committee meets, on average, every 6 - 8 weeks to decide how best to support the work of Golcar Library.

The volunteer rota is overseen by the volunteer co-ordinator.

Everyone (including trustees) who wishes to volunteer in the library is provided with an induction for this role.

There is a network of library Friends groups across Kirklees. They are all independent but learn from and give support to each other if the need arises.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the FoGL constitution the accounts and the annual report for the previous year.

When the group started in 2015 a business plan was developed and the possibility of an asset transfer of the building considered. However, following a financial assessment of what would be needed to fund the operation of the library and undertake refurbishment of the integral flat, as a money generating venture, it was concluded at the time that it was not financially viable without other fund-raising. The current financial constraints of Kirklees Council have again put library services in jeopardy with a review of the service being undertaken, the outcome of which is still to be decided

Due to its potential for generating some income, although insufficient to maintain the library as it is now, refurbishment of the flat is something which may need to be revisited.

There are also a number of voluntary groups within the local area who FoGL have supported in regard to annual events. These groups have also provided advice and assistance particularly with our garden project.

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

To advance the education of the public in Kirklees, by operating and managing a lending library in Golcar with access to computer technology.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable.

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

FoGL have continued their involvement in the running of the library by providing volunteer support to the regular Customer Service Officer (CSO) as well as relief members of staff.

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



The library continues to be open 15 hours a week over 4 days with one member of staff accompanied by one volunteer. Our volunteer list has continued to be stable with a core group having been with FoGL since its inception. We have also welcomed some new faces including students undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh's award which has provided a welcome younger element to our troop.

Various groups and regular activities continue to take place within the library:- walking group, ancestry, knit and natter, board games, jigsaws, story-time and Lego building. Craft sessions have been held, run regularly and through the school holidays. These have been organised by a couple of new volunteers and have been very well attended providing an opportunity for parents/carers to bring children to activities which are free. FoGL has provided funding for craft materials. These activities have also married up with the library reading challenges which now run through the year rather than just during the summer holiday period.

FoGL have managed to successfully bid for funding from two local philanthropic organisations – Golcar Winkle Club and Colne Valley Lions, to support the garden project as well as purchasing craft materials.

The development of the garden has continued. Due to our links with the Golcar Environment Group we have, with their advice and support, been able to build a large raised vegetable/flower bed. We have also had garden equipment and compost donated by local firms and have bought a robust weather proof garden bench which will enable the community to enjoy the garden when the weather allows.

The library continues to be a focal point for regular local annual events – Golcar Lily Day and the Christmas Lights switch on. Both have seen increasing footfall in the library over the years with FoGL providing manpower, children's activities as well as prizes for the best decorated Christmas tree 'bauble'.

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

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

objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity



Christmas Lights switch on 2024



Collage and signage to our Secret Garden

Recent years have seen some relative stability within the library service with volunteers providing a lot of support. In 2024 however, the financial constraints of the council have again seen library services under review. Whilst we are hopeful the result will be positive; we await the outcome.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Throughout 2024 FoGL has maintained its full range of support to the library. Volunteers have continued to work with a variety of senior staff and our regular CSO. An extremely positive working relationship with the CSO has been established since her appointment in 2023.

Unfortunately, she left the post in December to take up a new post outside of the organisation, we await replacement and work with relief staff in the meantime.

FoGL publicise its presence within the library. Facebook has also been used in the past but requires reviewing and updating.

All members of this committee are Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation set up and registered with the Charity Commissioners on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015. We have continued to have excellent attendance at our management meetings. A good two way communication system between ourselves and senior library staff has been established, this has been particularly important during an unsettling period of review and staff changes.

It is still unclear how library services will be affected by the budgetary constraints. Nevertheless, we are confident we will be able to meet any challenges in the future and look forward to celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.

## Section E Financial review

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

There are no regular financial commitments at the present and hence no need for reserves. This will change in the future, if FoGL takes over financial responsibility for the library building, but this is not anticipated in the short or medium term.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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

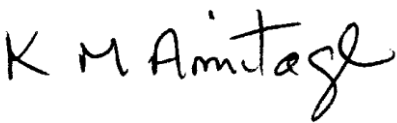

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## 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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Karen Armitage	John Chappell
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary

**Date** 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025



Charity Name Friends of Golcar Library	No (if any) 1162979
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st January 2024	To	31st Dec 2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Golcar Winkle Club	1,000	-	-	-	-
Colne Valley Lions	100	-	-	-	-
Badge Making	40	-	-	-	40
Donations	17	-	-	-	33
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Garden Bench	326	284	-	610	-
Resources for Garden	70	-	-	70	-
Resources for Library (Crafts)	40	-	-	40	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>- 284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	960		-
	Cash in Hand	131		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Treasurer FoGL		Andrew Marchington	10th March 2025
Chair FoGL		Karen Armitage	10th March 2025

**FRIENDS OF GOLCAR LIBRARY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162979

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>		Period start date			<b>To</b>			Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month January	Year 2023		Day 31st	Month December	Year 2023			

### Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Friends of Golcar Library
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	FoGL
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1162979
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Golcar Library, 12 Town End, Golcar
	Huddersfield
	West Yorkshire
	<b>Postcode</b> HD7 4QD

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	Karen Armitage	Chair	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023	FoGL Annual Meeting
2	John Chappell	Minutes and Membership Secretary		FoGL Annual Meeting
3	Jeremy Cuss	Project and Fundraising Officer		FoGL Annual Meeting
4	Sue Eaton	Events Organiser		FoGL Annual Meeting
5	Angela Sewell	Volunteer Organiser	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023	FoGL Annual Meeting
6	Andrew Marchington	Treasurer and Social Media Officer		FoGL Annual Meeting
7	Hilary Richards	Committee Member		FoGL Annual Meeting
8	John Walker	Committee Member		FoGL Annual Meeting
9	Beverley Ingham	Committee Member	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2023	FoGL Annual Meeting
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The FoGL volunteers have continued to support library staff throughout this period and it has not been necessary for any volunteer only opening.

At the AGM the Chair – John Walker stood down from this role but wished to carry on as a Trustee. A new Chair Karen Armitage was appointed as well as two new Trustees - Angela Sewell and Beverley Ingham. Angela took on the role of Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

The Trustees have met approximately every 6 – 8 weeks throughout the year moving from Zoom to in person meetings held at the library.

## 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)	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> elected by the AGM every year after the first AGM at which all the trustees resign and are eligible for re-election.

### 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.

The Friends of Golcar Library group is run by a management committee, all of whom are trustees of the CIO. This committee meets, on average, every 6 – 8 weeks to decide how best to support the work of Golcar Library.

The work of the volunteers is co-ordinated by the volunteer co-ordinator - Angela Sewell taking on the role at the AGM.

Everyone (including trustees) who wishes to volunteer for work in the library is provided with a full induction package for this role and is supported by the Library's Customer Service Officer.

There is a network of library Friends groups across Kirklees. They are all independent but learn from and give support to each other as required.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the FoGL constitution the accounts and the annual report for the previous year.

When the group started in 2015 a business plan was developed and the possibility of an asset transfer of the building was considered. However, following a financial assessment of what would be needed to fund the operation of the library (including work and refurbishment of the integral flat) it was concluded, at the time, that the library could not be run independently without other fund-raising. Thankfully, Kirklees funding of the library continued, so no asset transfer was required. Nonetheless, the current financial constraints on Council budgets have again put library services in some jeopardy with the future being uncertain.

The flat within the library building could be a source of income however this would need major refurbishment and would not be sufficient to maintain the library. However, due to its potential finance generating element, the refurbishing of the flat might be something which needs to be revisited in the future.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the education of the public in Kirklees, by operating and managing a lending library in Golcar with access to computer technology.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable.

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

FoGL maintained its involvement in the running of the library by offering volunteer support to members of staff attending the library. Following the retirement of the library's well established Customer Service Officer, FoGL welcomed a new member of staff and supported their new ideas for development of the library.



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

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

The library is open 15 hours a week over 4 days with one member of staff accompanied by one volunteer. Our list of volunteers has remained extremely stable with many being a volunteer since the inception of FoGL, we have also had several new members joining the team as well as Duke of Edinburgh students helping as part of their community involvement.

There are regular activities and various groups who use the library (including outside of opening hours) these include: - a fortnightly walking group, ancestry, knit and natter, board games, jigsaws, story-time, lego as well as craft sessions. Some of these are led by library staff whilst others organised and supported by FoGL volunteers.

Kirklees Council has dedicated libraries as 'warm spaces' with Golcar library being utilised by older people as well as younger members of the community. FoGL has provided funding support for prizes for children taking part in activities over the Easter and Christmas period as well as purchasing a jigsaw 'folder' so any jigsaw started can be safely stored until the next session.

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)



The garden continues to be developed, planting of more flowers has been undertaken, a hut erected and links established with Golcar Environment Group. Further plans for the garden are in the development stage incorporating suggestions by library users. Thanks to a local firm who donated some railway sleepers it is anticipated that a large planter can be made which will be at an accessible height for both young and old. FoGL have also supported this development work both financially and with manpower. Following work by local primary school children, facilitated by library staff and FoGL volunteers, a mural has been erected to the rear of the library overlooking the garden. The 'big reveal' of this mural was undertaken by way of a Garden Party. This was very well attended by the local community with FoGL members providing support, information (composting) and activities - seed planting and crafts.



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

The FoGL was set up from a Foundation meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 and became a registered CIO with an approved constitution on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

It was anticipated at that time that the new FoGL organisation would need to fundraise to take over the Golcar Library building and to run the library with volunteers only in 2017. Fortunately, the cuts to library provision were not as severe as anticipated and the threat of closure at that time was removed and the need to apply for an asset transfer no longer required. However, currently with financial constraints within the council's budget it is not clear how this will affect library services in the future.

Therefore, the future of the library continues to be under review however, Kirklees Council continues to meet the running costs of the library – including the computers and other IT equipment which are to be updated in the near future enabling library users easier access to the IT equipment.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

FoGL has continued to maintain its full range of support to the library throughout 2023. It publicises its presence both within the library but also on Facebook which is currently being reviewed and updated.

Historically we have had an excellent attendance at our Management Committee meetings and this has continued throughout 2023 gradually moving away from Zoom to in person.

All members of this committee are Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was set up and registered with the Charity Commissioners on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

It is unclear how the current budgetary constraints of the Council will, as yet, affect library services.

It has not been necessary to have any volunteer only opening of the library but it may be something which we need to revisit in the future if budget constraints limited staff availability. However, only volunteers who have built up enough expertise and experience will be used should volunteer only opening be required.

We have a strong team in our Friends group, and we are confident that in co-operation with the Kirklees Library Service we will be able to face future challenges.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

There are no regular financial commitments at the present and hence no need for reserves. However, this may change in the future depending on the actions required by the Council to eliminate their current deficit.

**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.

A small amount of fund raising (badge making) was undertaken at various events throughout the year. This has allowed FoGL to ensure various library initiatives were enhanced e.g prizes for children entering the Easter and Christmas 'art' competitions, jigsaw folder as well as supporting development of the garden.

## Section F

## Other optional information



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## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Karen Margaret Armitage	John Chappell
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary

**Date** 11/03/2024



Charity Name Friends of Golcar Library	No (if any) 1162979
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<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	1st January 2023	To	31st Dec 2023

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Badge Making	40	-	-	-	
	33	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Easter Resources	145	-	-	145	
Garden Work		100	-	100	
Jigsaw Storage	28	-	-	28	
Rosources for Light Switch on	25	-	-	25	
Lego	31	-	-	31	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 156</b>	<b>- 100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	527	384	-	911	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	296	284	-
	Cash in Hand	75		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


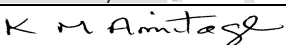
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Treasurer FoGL		Andrew Marchington	11th March 2024
Chair FoGL		Karen Armitage	11th March 2024

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month January	Year 2022		Day 31st	Month December	Year 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

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**Registered charity number (if any)** 1162979

**Charity's principal address**

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Huddersfield	
West Yorkshire	
<b>Postcode</b>	HD7 4QD

### 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)
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6	Hilary Richards			FoGL Annual Meeting
7	John Walker	Chair		FoGL Annual Meeting
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Thankfully, the Coronavirus outbreak has not led to any library closures this year, therefore FoGL volunteers have continued to support library staff throughout the period. The current staff establishment has not necessitated any volunteer only opening in the year.

The trustees have met approximately every 4 to 6 weeks throughout, in person and by Zoom. There has been a gradual increase in uptake of library services through the year, and as a concomitant, an increase in volunteer activity.

The term of office of three of the trustees, John Chappell, Andrew Marchington and Jeremy Cuss was complete. All three wished to serve again and were re-elected at the AGM. *John please ring Hilary Richards, as well as John and Andrew, to ask her if she is willing to continue to serve. Her term of office is not over, but..... We do need some more trustees, so that needs to be an agenda item.*

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Friends of Golcar Library group is run by a management committee, all of whom are trustees of the CIO. This committee meets, on average, every 4-6 weeks to decide how best to support the work of Golcar Library.

The work of the volunteers is co-ordinated by the library staff in consultation with the trustees. This new arrangement has proved to be a success.

Everyone (including trustees) who wishes to volunteer for work in the library is provided with a full induction package for this role.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the FoGL constitution the accounts and the annual report for the previous year.

A business plan was developed when the group started 2015 and an asset-transfer of the building was considered. Following a financial assessment of what needed to be done to fund the operation of the library (including rehabilitation of the integral flat) it was concluded that the library could not be run independently without other fund-raising. We are delighted that Kirklees funding for the library will continue, so no asset transfer will be required.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the education of the public in Kirklees, by operating and managing a lending library in Golcar with access to computer technology.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable.

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

**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)**

FoGL maintained its involvement in the running of the library by offering volunteer support to members of staff attending the library. As covid restrictions have eased so associated groups have begun to restart activities, and some new ones initiated, including a health walk.

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

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

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



The FoGL was set up from a Foundation meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 and became a registered CIO with an approved constitution on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

It was anticipated at that time that the new FoGL organisation would need to fundraise to take over the Golcar Library building and to run the library with volunteers only in 2017. In fact, the cuts in the library provision across Kirklees Council were not as severe as had been anticipated. In 2018 there were a further round of consultations and the threat of closure was removed. So there is no need to apply to asset transfer Golcar Library to the Friends Group. Golcar Library is seen as robust enough to be supported on an ongoing basis. Continued support for the library was demonstrated by the replacement of a load-bearing beam at the front of the library and associated refurbishment work.

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**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Historically we have had an excellent attendance at our Management Committee meetings, and this continues to be the case.

All members of this committee are Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was set up and registered with the Charity Commissioners on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The overall budget for the Kirklees library service was                      in 2022.

The volunteers have been involved in the upgrading of the library garden and the facilities. Planters have been provided, and planting has taken place. This has meant that the garden can be, and has been, used by the Golcar community most notably as part of the Golcar Lily Day celebrations ,a garden party for volunteers, and the Green Gardens initiative.

We have a strong team in our Friends group, and we are confident that in co-operation with the Kirklees Library Service we will face the challenges now that the library is fully reopened.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

There are no regular financial commitments at the present and hence no need for reserves. This will change in the future, if FoGL takes over financial responsibility for the library building, but this is not anticipated in the short or medium term.

**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;
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## Section F

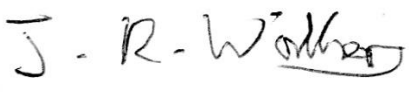

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	John Richard Walker	John Chappell
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary

**Date** 22/03/2023



Charity Name Friends of Golcar Library	No (if any) 1162979
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st January 2022	To	31st Dec 2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Golcar Lights Switch On	22	-	-	22	-
Donations	60	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Materials for Planters		60	-	60	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	445	444	-	889	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	470	384	-
	Cash in Hand	57		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


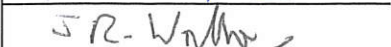
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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Treasurer FoGL		Andrew Marchington	22/03/2023
Chair FoGL		John Walker	22/03/2023

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month January	Year 2021		Day 31st	Month December	Year 2021
<b>From</b>				<b>To</b>			

## Section A Reference and administration details

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8	Pamela Ward	Committee Member		FoGL Annual Meeting
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The Coronavirus pandemic delayed the 2019 AGM from March 18<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. . The volunteer support for Golcar Library stopped from March 2020 when the library closed because of the pandemic and had not resumed at the time of the 2020 AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (although the library had partially reopened). As a result there was very little activity from the Friends of Golcar Library over the period of this report. The only trustee at the end of his 3-year term of office was John Walker. He was willing to stand again and was re-elected.

## 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)	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> elected by the AGM every year after the first AGM at which all the trustees resign and are eligible for re-election.

### 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.

The Friends of Golcar Library group is run by a management committee, all of whom are trustees of the CIO. This committee meets, on average, every 4-6 weeks to decide how best to support the work of Golcar Library.

The work of the volunteers is co-ordinated by the volunteer co-ordinator.

Everyone (including trustees) who wishes to volunteer for work in the library is provided with a full induction package for this role.

There is a network of library Friends groups across Kirklees. They are all independent but learn from and give support to each other.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the FoGL constitution the accounts and the annual report for the previous year.

A business plan was developed when the group started 2015 and an asset-transfer of the building was considered. Following a financial assessment of what needed to be done to fund the operation of the library (including rehabilitation of the integral flat) it was concluded that the library could not be run independently without other fund-raising. We are delighted that Kirklees funding for the library will continue, so no asset transfer will be required.

Although it is clear that the income from the flat would be insufficient to maintain the library as it is now, refurbishing the flat as a finance generating element has not been taken out of the future business planning documents.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the education of the public in Kirklees, by operating and managing a lending library in Golcar with access to computer technology.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable.

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

FoGL's activities have been severely curtailed for the second accounting period due to the ongoing Covid pandemic. The Golcar library was closed in January 2021, along with the rest of the Kirklees library service. As restrictions were eased there was a partial re-opening on a collect and drop off basis, run by staff only, and from October a re-opening of the library with FoGL volunteers supporting staff members. As at December 2021 the library was still not operating at the pre-Covid hours.

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



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

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

The FoGL was set up from a Foundation meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 and became a registered CIO with an approved constitution on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

It was anticipated at that time that the new FoGL organisation would need to fundraise to take over the Golcar Library building and to run the library with volunteers only in 2017. In fact, the cuts in the library provision across Kirklees Council were not as severe as had been anticipated and the immediate threat of closure was removed.

The future of the library continues to be under review but Kirklees Council continues to meet the running costs of the library and has redecorated, refurbished the reception area, updated printing facilities, and invested in 2 gazebos for outdoor events, in the accounting period.

A volunteer co-ordinator has maintained contact with the volunteers during the closure of the library. There was an open-air staff-volunteer liaison meeting in August, at which the library service's proposals for re-opening and re-inducting volunteers was set out. All returning volunteers were issued with a statement of responsibilities and induction checklist. Volunteer assisted library sessions on 4 days a week resumed in October 2021. Current staffing levels mean that it has not been necessary to resume volunteer only opening.



Social events and activities have been similarly curtailed in the accounting period. The knit and natter group is back, and FoGL did play a major role in the library's contribution to the Christmas lights switch-on.

FoGL is confident that it can continue to discharge and enhance its support function in the future.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Friends group has continued to publicise its presence during the lockdown through our Friends of Golcar Library Facebook page and the library window.

Historically we have had an excellent attendance at our Management Committee meetings, Meetings resumed in February 2021, by zoom, and latterly by physical and on-line attendance.

All members of this committee are Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was set up and registered with the Charity Commissioners on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Currently staffing levels are such that we are not required to undertake volunteer only sessions. We have sufficient skills to discharge this role if required.

We have a strong team in our Friends group, and we are confident that in co-operation with the Kirklees Library Service we will face the challenges when the library fully reopens.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

There are no regular financial commitments at the present and hence no need for reserves. This will change in the future, if FoGL takes over financial responsibility for the library building, but this is not anticipated in the short or medium term.

### 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.

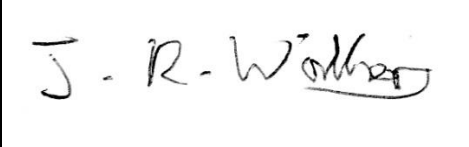

There were no fund-raising activities in 2021.

**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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	John Richard Walker	John Chappell
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	30/03/2022	



Charity Name Friends of Golcar Library		No (if any) 1162979		<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	1st January 2021	To	31st Dec 2021	

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Badge Making Components		-	-	-	32
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>		-	-	-	32
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>		-	-	-	
<b>Total payments</b>		-	-	-	32
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-	-	32
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	477	444	-	889	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	477	444	-	889	32

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	410	444	-
	Cash in Hand	35		-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>-</b>
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Treasurer FoGL		Andrew Marchington	30/03/2021
Chair FoGL		John Walker	30/03/2021