

Scope

This report highlights the activities of Bampton LARC and does not include details of the Library, run by Libraries Unlimited.

Visitors, volunteers, and general usage

- Usually 3 open sessions per week
- Noticed a decline in open session visitors
- We've retained our core group of very reliable volunteers who deserve enormous thanks for their time
- Improved usage of LARC during 2024 to 2025
 - Income from bookings was up on previous year
 - More independent regular sessions were booked
 - Some new users for one off meetings, such as AGMs

Fund raising and community events

- 2 major fund-raising events in 24 – 25
 - Plant swap in May 24
 - Book sale at Bampton Fair Oct 24
- Significant funds were raised from these events
- Popular summer reading challenge in conjunction with the library

Successes and Challenges

- Successes
 - Most groups who use LARC are very positive about it; they really like the space
 - Monday is always a busy day at LARC, Wellbeing walks, LARC open sessions and library open late afternoon
 - Bookings increased over previous years
 - Generous donations received
 - Positive feedback about our use of Signpost and Facebook
 - Craft sessions (championed by Jo and Gen) started, and were well received and successful (and have continued this year)
 - Library organised events proved popular (summer reading challenge, storytelling, and drumming workshop)
- Challenges
 - The Meet & Chat initiative ran for a while but failed to generate enough attendees to justify the organiser's time

- LARC continues to be an expensive building to heat, our electricity bill is one of the major expenses
- Repairs and renewals can be costly and are increasing as we approach the 10 years since opening (e.g., the outside shutter repair)
- Booking LARC is generally biased towards the start of a week, from midweek onwards to the weekends are sparsely used
- We rarely get new ideas or initiatives suggested for LARC, but we do encourage them

Trustees and management team

- No major changes in 2023-4
- Existing LARC trustees (Oliver Courtney (Chair) David Graham and Kelvin Holdom) have been joined by Monica Nichol
- Geoff Girdlestone has been our Treasurer and Derek Webster helps the management team

Thank You

- Stan and Sarah Vincent
- Pam Wheeler and Libraries Unlimited
- LARC Volunteers
- Geoff Girdlestone for managing our accounts and finances
- Management team at LARC
- All LARC users and supporters

Bampton LARC
Year to 31 March 2024

LARC Published Accounts 2024-2025

Receipts & Payments 2024/25

	Total	2023/24 Total
Donations	952.88	295.50
Grants	0.00	1035.00
Fund raising	820.02	479.50
Lettings & events	3481.00	3648.95
Licence fee LU	2730.00	2000.00
Electricity LU	941.85	718.86
Computer usage	0.00	2.00
Printing & Photocopying	66.52	81.20
Calenders & Books	1.00	2.00
Youth Club	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	393.24	163.73

Total Receipts	9386.51	8426.74
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Payments

Fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Event costs	0.00	0.00
Rent	1000.00	1000.00
Business rates	0.00	0.00
Insurance	449.46	392.43
Heat, light & power	2942.33	2932.04
Water	274.67	242.06
Cleaning/Covid supplies	570.00	531.38
Repairs and renewals	626.78	286.76
Holiday Club	0.00	0.00
Telephone & Internet	462.80	591.18
Printing & stationery	25.00	34.16
Wellbeing Group	0.00	0.00
Youth group	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	129.28	45.00

Total Payments	6480.32	6055.01
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Larcs net receipts	2906.19	2371.73
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Statement of Funds at 31/03/2024

Nat West bank balance	6029	3247.00
treasurer	117	258
float	15	15

Cash at bank and in hand	6161	3520
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Investments

United Trust Bank	5768	5503
Fidelity Funds Network see below * (Artemis strategic Bond Fund)	5000	5000
Total Investments	10768	10503

Total funds	16929	14023
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value at 31/03/22 was £7472

£2000 sold on 6 Jan 2023.

value at 31/03/23 was £4985