

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)

With effect from February 2022, we were able to open for 12 hours per week, still 4 hours short of our pre Covid figure. Consultation has taken place with volunteers as to the best working option to get back to 16 hours. As a consequence, additional Tuesday afternoon openings began in July 2022. In addition we have also offered 2 x 1-hour sessions for under 5s per week in term time.

All activities have been undertaken by the trustees with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The library only operates on the huge contribution of volunteers from the community. The local community values this facility and appreciates the efforts of people who give up much of their time to keep the library open.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Visitor numbers have steadily grown month on month. From January 2022 to January 2023 there were 15,365 visitors to the library (including 1,300 for the weekend of the Scarecrow Festival).

From Jan 2022 to Jan 2023, we had 247 new joiners and we issued a total of 13,570 books. We now have 2,535 active borrowers. These numbers are now well on the way back to pre-Covid levels.

We have maintained our Trustee meetings by Zoom and in person. (using a hybrid model) Communications with volunteers have been kept up via team newsletters.

Communications with the public and library members have continued to be important to keep the library in people's minds, and let them know about our services. Our Facebook pages and Website have been kept up to date. In addition, newsletters have been written for the local Rothley Post and library events posters displayed around the village.

We have 34 active volunteers. 24 of whom work on the public counter in the library on a rota basis and the others work 'behind the scenes' offering support such as under 5's sessions, Lego Club, auditing, graphic design, art and craft activities, IT services, Health & Safety advice, gardening. We now have 7 Trustees elected altogether at the AGM in March 2022.

We have received large numbers of donations of books from the public. These have been sold in the library and at regular book sales, traded online and via specialist book shops. Any new suitable books have been added into stock. Book sales this year have raised over £1000.

The Leicestershire Libraries Summer reading challenge ran during July and August 2022. 76 Children took part registered with Rothley Library from 7 different schools. 38% completed the challenge.

For the first time, Rothley village held a Scarecrow festival. This was organised by the Library. This took place over 2 days on a weekend in September 2022. This proved to be very popular and was well received, - bringing 1300 visitors to the library. Scarecrow entry to the event was £1 and 65 scarecrows were on display. The festival raised £1000 for library funds and was supported by local businesses, shops, pubs and cafes.

In September 2022 we also held an outdoor film evening which was attended by over 200 people in the village.

In December 2022 the library also participated in the village 'Xmas lights switch on' by holding a book sale and providing information about the library.

The library has hosted a number of groups. The Under 5s Group resumed from February 2022 and now meets twice per week. Other clubs run at the library currently are Yarn Craft, Community Book group, Writers Group, weekly Chess Club, monthly Lego Club and a weekly opening session accommodating local childminders and their children. From January to October the library hosted a weekly Early Years social and communication group for parents.

The library has also been used by Freedom Active for a session each Friday lunchtime for the winter months as part of their community-based well-being and mental health programme.

The library has participated in the Charnwood Borough Council lottery scheme as a way of raising some additional funds and supporting other good causes in Charnwood.

There are a number of actions being undertaken to reduce energy consumption to reduce costs and make a positive impact to climate change. Electricity costs have been reviewed and measures taken to make the most of solar gains.

The library is still in a healthy financial position ,despite a reduction in its grant income Rothley Parish Council has agreed to some financial support for future years when our cash reserves are below £16k.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have a formal Reserves policy.

There was £19,537 of unallocated reserve at year end. In addition, there was £10,000 invested in a 1 year fixed rate bond.

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.

Rothley Community Library's principal sources of funds for this year have been generated by the charity itself.

These have been :

- book sales £1031
- events £1018
- Library hire £770
- library takings (fines, reservations, printing) £672
- Charnwood lottery £588
- donations £575

There was no grant funding.

Cash reserves have reduced by £6017 since April 2022.

Leicestershire County Council has provided the lease of the building at a peppercorn rent

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)	<i>S. Webster</i>	<i>S.E. Barnes</i>
Full name(s)	SANDRA WEBSTER	SUSAN ELIZABETH BARNES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	

27/5/23



DRAFT Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Rothley Community Library

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1163508

Charity's principal address

Mountsorrel Lane

Rothley

Leicestershire

Postcode

LE77PS

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	Steve Mitchell	Trustee		
2	Sandra Webster	Treasurer		
3	Jill Williams	Secretary		
4	Sue Barnes	Trustee		
5	Carol Timson	Trustee	To October 2022	
6	Michelle Stephenson	Trustee		
7	Grace Henry	Trustee		
8	Claire Cole	Trustee		
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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 Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected as per constitution and co-opted as appropriate when vacancies arise

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The provision of a public library in Rothley and surrounding area.
To advance education of the public in Rothley by operating and managing a lending library.
To promote for the benefit of the residents of Rothley and the surrounding area the provision of a public library for recreation and / or other leisure time.

Sub total	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Total payments	22,000	-	-	22,000	8,989
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 16,017	-	-	- 16,017	1,655
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,354	200	-	35,553.98	33,899.00
Cash funds this year end	19,337	200	-	19,537	35,554

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Total	19,337		-
	Co-op Grant		200	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,337	200	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
	1 Year fixed rate bond (Cambridge & Counties bank)	10,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
	Building alterations -counter, heaters , cabling		16,358	-
	Furniture		2,000	-
	Childrens area equipment		1,294	-
	Fixtures & fittings transferred from Council at nil value		-	-
	IT project		10,133	-
	Counters& cupboards & lighting		7,805	-
	Kitchen refurbishment		4,561	-
	Counter Sneeze screen		545	-
	Carpet & flooring		5,980	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	S. Webster	SANDRA WEBSTER	26/5/23	
	S.E. Barnes	SUGAN BARNES	27/5/23	



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Period end date
31/03/2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

Leicestershire County Council Section 106 Developer Funding					
Leicestershire County Council CML Revenue grant 21-22					
Donations	575			575	187
Gift Aid HMRC	82			82	24
Book sales (of donated books)	1,031			1,031	265
Library takings	672			672	141
Room hire	770			770	
Events	1,018			1,018	
Film Club takings	1,186			1,186	
Chamwood Lottery	588			588	696
Other	62			62	20
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Restart Grant Chamwood BC				-	8,000
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,983	-	-	5,983	10,644

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Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	5,983	-	-	5,983	10,644
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Running costs	7,195			7,195	6,384
Consumables	1,720			1,720	804
Film club costs	1,150			1,150	-
Events				-	250
Other	166			166	-
s106 Expenditure				-	
IT costs	1,770			1,770	1,550
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				-	-
Sub total	12,000	-	-	12,000	8,989

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