

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)

We are open as a lending library for 14 hours per week .

In addition, we host a number of regular groups in the library . Under 5s runs twice per week. Yarn Craft 2 x per month, monthly Book Group, weekly Chess Group and Lego club running once per month.

We also host outside groups: the Writers' Group monthly, 'Adopters' group monthly, and a Dementia support group.

We have a number of community book boxes erected around the village .

We have joined the 'warm spaces' initiative and now offer hot drinks to those who want them.

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)

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.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p>	<p>Visitor numbers have steadily grown month on month. From March 2023 to March 2024 there were 10,152 visitors to the library (including 1,150 for the weekend of the Scarecrow Festival).</p> <p>From March 2023 to March 2024, we had 203 new joiners and we issued a total of 8,883 books. We now have 3,280 active borrowers.</p> <p>We have maintained our Trustee meetings by Zoom and in person. Communications with volunteers have been kept up via team newsletters and 'Three Rings' volunteer management system. 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.</p> <p>We have 34 active volunteers. 28 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, art and craft activities, IT services, Health & Safety advice, gardening. We now have 8 Trustees elected altogether at the AGM in March 2024.</p> <p>2 students have completed their bronze awards with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and we currently have one young person from the local community working on a Saturday morning.</p> <p>We have received large numbers of donations of books from the public. These have been sold in the library and at regular library book sales, traded online and via specialist book shops. Any new suitable books have been added into stock. Book sales this year have raised £1,258</p> <p>The Leicestershire Libraries Summer reading challenge ran during July and August 2023. 104 Children registered with Rothley Library from 7 different schools. 47% completed the challenge.</p> <p>For the second year running Rothley village held a Scarecrow festival. This was organised by the Library. This took place over 2 days on a weekend in September 2023. There were 65 scarecrow entrants and the event proved to be very popular and was well received -bringing 1,150 visitors to the library.</p> <p>In September 2023 we also held an outdoor film evening which was attended by over 250 people in the village.</p> <p>In December 2023 the library participated in the village 'Xmas lights switch on' by holding a book sale, raffle and providing information about the library.</p> <p>The library has hosted a number of groups. Each group has increased the number of participants this year. The Under 5s Group now meets twice per week. Other clubs run at the library currently are Yarn Craft, Community Book group, Writers Group, an 'Adopters' group, weekly Chess Club, and a monthly Lego Club.</p> <p>The Community Book boxes which were popular and well used during the summer months, were emptied in October 23 and will be refilled by March 24. These provide books for parents/carers to share with their</p>

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have a formal Reserves policy.

There was £25,357 of cash reserves at year end. Of this £15,157 was held in an interest paying deposit account.

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 were :

- Donations £2,940
- Events £1,971
- Library takings (fines, reservations, printing) £1,764
- Book sales £1,258
- Library hire £610
- Charnwood lottery £605
- Bank Interest £490

There was no grant funding.

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)	S. Webster	S. Newman
Full name(s)	SANDRA WEBSTER	SANDRA NEWMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	Trustee

10/6/2024

15/6/24



FINAL Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2024

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	Claire Cole	Trustee		
6	Michelle Stephenson	Trustee		
7	Grace Henry	Trustee		
8	Sandra Newman	Trustee	March 2024	
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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 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.

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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.

AS per AM



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Name
Community Library

No (if any)
1163508

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,461	1,213	-	2,674	575
Gift Aid HMRC	266	-	-	266	82
Book sales (of donated books)	1,258	-	-	1,258	1,031
Library takings	1,535	-	-	1,535	672
Room hire	610	-	-	610	770
Events	1,479	-	-	1,479	1,018
Film Club takings	492	-	-	492	1,186
Charwood Lottery	605	-	-	605	588
Printing	230	-	-	230	-
Interest	490	-	-	490	-
Other	-	-	-	-	62
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,425	1,213	-	9,638	5,984
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,425	1,213	-	9,638	5,984
A3 Payments					
Running costs	5,535	-	-	5,535	7,195
Consumables	574	-	-	574	1,720
Film club costs	325	-	-	325	1,150
Other	-	-	-	-	166
IT costs	1,787	-	-	1,787	1,770
Printing	803	-	-	803	-
Refreshments	431	-	-	431	-
Newspapers	248	-	-	248	-
Premises maintenance	3,754	-	-	3,754	-
Ring fenced donation	-	361	-	361	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,457	361	-	13,819	12,001
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Transfer from/ to 1 year fixed rate bond (Cambridge & Counties bank)	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
Total payments	3,457	361	-	3,819	22,001
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,968	852	-	5,820	16,017
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,337	200	-	19,537	35,554
Cash funds this year end	24,305	1,052	-	25,357	19,537

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 unrestricted	24,305	-	-
	Tarmac - scarecrow Sept 2024	-	700	-
	RHT	-	152	-
	Co-op grant	-	200	-
		24,305	1,052	-
Total cash funds		OK	OK	OK

(agree balances with receipts and payments
account(s))

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		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details		16,358	-
	Building alterations - counter, heaters, cabling		2,000	-
	Furniture		1,294	-
	Children's area equipment		-	-
	Fixtures & fittings transferred from Council at nil value		10,133	-
	IT project		7,805	-
	Counters & cubboards & lighting		4,561	-
	Kitchen refurbishment		545	-
	Counter sneeze screen		5,980	-
	Carpet & flooring			

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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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	24,305		-
	Rothley Heritage trust		152	
	Co-op Grant		200	-
	Tarmac	-	700	-
	Total cash funds	24,305	1,052	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use (original cost for info)			-	-
	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	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<u>S. Webb</u>	SANDRA WEBSTER	11.6.24
<u>S. Newman</u>	SANDRA NEWMAN	15/6/24