



Voices for Gainsborough Community Library Accounts 1 January–31st December 2021

Receipts (in)

General Funds	£3199.96
Café recovery grant	£676.90
Co-op fun day grant	£1370.00
IBC Councillors MAD fun day grant	£250.00
Building Fund	£2725.25
Girls Group	£214.65
SCF Youth Intervention Fund	£6200.00
UK Youth Fund	£6000.00
SCF RJB Craft Group grant	£1000.00
National Lottery Community Fund	£1000.00
Pop-up Fruit & Veg shop	£473.00
Youth Sports	£119.13
SCF 211043 Household grant	£3000.00
Arnold Clark community grant	£1000.00
Top Time grant	240.00
Total income:	£ 27468.89

Expenditure (out)

General Funds	£3414.44
Girls Group	£575.42
Girls and Women Fund	£1000.00
Top Time Pargiter Trust grant	£160.06
UK Youth Fund	£7469.25
British Science Week grant	£508.85
Fun Day grants	£1600.18
Café recovery grant	£676.90
Fruit & Veg pop-up shop	£545.00
National Lottery Community Fund	£942.12
Podcasting project	£853.35
Top Time	£442.39
Youth Sports	£1355.00
Arnold Clark community grant	£458.27
Total Expenditure	£20001.23

Total carried forward end of 2020: £15629.79

Total to carry forward to 2022: £22614.75

Current unreserved funds £1313.74

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Chair's report 2021

I have enjoyed my second year as chair of Voices for Gainsborough Community Library, but had to step down early due to family issues.

Voices Café

The café was still closed at the beginning of the year which means we have lost vital income and fundraising. The café was able to open again in April and vital supplies were purchased, including volunteer uniform, thanks to a Recovery Grant from Ipswich Borough Council. Since reopening we have a steady number of customers and some regular ones each week. We desperately need new café volunteers to enable the cafe to open regularly.

Community support

In October we were able to start our weekly Pop-up Fruit & Veg Shop. This has been very successful with 30 bags being sold each week for just £2. The cotton bags were purchased as part of the Recovery Grant, and we are working in partnership with Catchey's Fruit and Veg for the supply of weekly fruit and veg. At harvest Leighton Road Church donated their harvest gifts to our pop-up shop. Over the Christmas period we were able to provide a range of toiletries and gifts for children thanks to funding from The Arnold Clark Community Fund.



Voices secured funding through Suffolk Community Foundation for the Household Support Fund, which has enabled the library to support members of the local community with household costs through the winter.

Regular activities

Voices secured funding from UK Youth, and the Youth Intervention Fund through Suffolk Community Foundation to enable the library to expand the Girls Group and offer an exciting range of activities, including a weekend at PGL Bawdsey.



Unfortunately, our link with the Ipswich Methodist Group came to an end when we reopened after Covid. The library has continued to offer Friday family crafts, which have attracted many new families. Funding from National Lottery Community Fund, and RJB Fund through Suffolk Community Foundation.



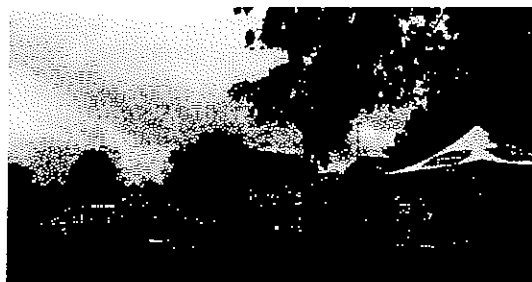
The community choir has a new home at the Landseer Road Methodist Church.

Events

Voices organized three weekends of garden sales during 2021, helping to raise funds for the garden room.

Our local Councillor awarded a grant to Kinetic Science to enable them to offer two workshops at the library.

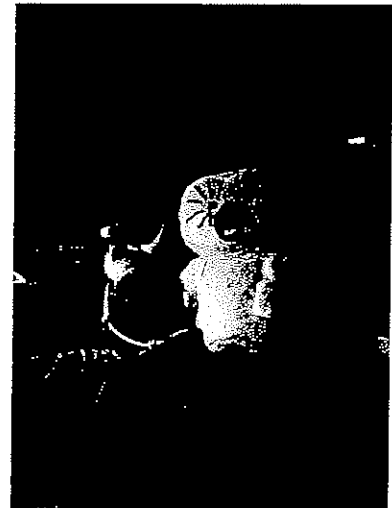
Gainsborough Community Fun Day was held in August with many organisations taking part. The weather was rather wet, but the event was well attended.





The community fun day was funded by Suffolk County Councillors, Ipswich Borough Councillors, Localgiving Fund, and an anonymous donor.

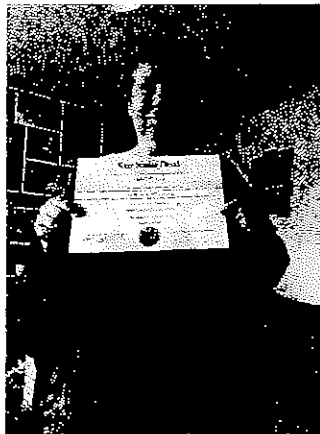
Voices continue to fundraise for the library garden room extension through various events. Events have included a Body Shop fundraising party, pamper day, wellbeing event, girls group sponsored walk, bake sale, car wash and Christmas Fair. Voices received a £500 donation from a regular library user. Sunday family bingo sessions are popular. Additional fund have been secured from Ipswich East Rotary Club and St Lawrence Parish Hall Trust. Funds raised towards our target of £45000 are £16500. Many thanks to all our supporters.



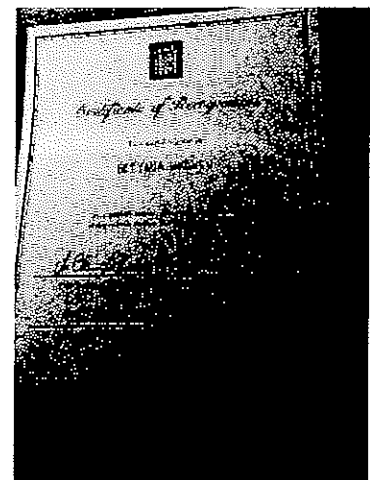


Awards

In June I was awarded a Star of the Year certificate and a named star from Small Charities Coalition for my work supporting Gainsborough Community Library through Voices.



My daughter Briyana received a Suffolk Hero Certificate of Recognition from the MP and a Suffolk Hope badge for helping me deliver the fruit and veg boxes in 2020.



Voices monthly meetings have continued, and I would like to say thank you to all the Voices members for their commitment and support during this last year.

S. L. Woolven

Sarah Woolven

Chair of Voices for Gainsborough Community Library