

Voices for Gainsborough Community Library

Annual Accounts statement 01 January 2023 – 31st December 2023

Receipts	This Year (2023)
Cafe	£10,767.68
General funds	£684.68
Fruit & veg	£3,628.22
Girls Group	£1,031.33
Top Time	£342.00
Building pot	£2,559.04
Singing Group	£476.62
SCF High Sheriff youth Sports	£1,000.00
SCF High Sheriff Singing group	£1,053.00
Youth sports	£114.08
Fun Day	£350.00
SCC Cllr Dance grant	£420.00
SCF Suffolk Sports Fund (dance)	£2,000.00
Men's Group	£116.26
SCF Food & Drink Fund	£1,300.00
SCC Cllr grant (shelves, books, talent show)	£1,250.00
M-Powered Group	£76.80
IBC Diversionary Project Fund	£974.00
SCF Girls PGL	£2,000.00
SCF Household Fund grant	£5,000.00
Total	£35,143.71

Payments	This Year (2023)
Cafe	£6,079.81
General funds	£1,026.87
Fruit & veg	£3,101.15
Girls Group	£28.68
Building pot	£165.00
Youth activities	£342.45
Friday crafts	£73.84
Area Committee Cafe	£2,256.81
SCF Coop/ High Sheriff Men can Talk	£1,637.32
SCF Coop/ High Sheriff youth Sports	£660.00
SCF Coop/ High Sheriff Singing group	£875.00
SCF Pargiter Top Time	£1,360.00
SCF Local Giving Girls	£1,000.00
SCC Public Mental Health	£8,183.01
SCF Suffolk Sports Fund (dance)	£843.60
Fun Day	£426.58
Arnold Clark	£408.90
SCC Cllr Dance grant	£420.00
SCF Food & Drink Fund	£680.00
SCCllr grant - shelves, books, talent	£1,250.00
IBC Diversionary Project Fund	£923.13
Total	£31,742.15

Prepared by: ML Grimwood – Treasurer

Checked by: L Porter

Approved by: K Gibson – Chair

Independently Reviewed by: S de Boos

Signed: *ML Grimwood*

Dated: 31/01/2024

Signed: *L Porter*

Dated: 5/02/2024

Signed: *K Gibson*

Dated: 7/02/2024

Signed: *S de Boos*

Dated: 17-5-24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Voices For GAINSBOROUGH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1165302

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

17-5-24

Name:

S. de Boos

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

District Commissioner Airguiding

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Wow where has this year gone. Thank you to everyone for their help and support this year.

Highlights

All groups have gone from strength to strength. Voices quiz nights have been held every other month, which have been very successful and well attended. Voices café has been open when volunteers have been available and good income was received for providing lunch for The Blank Page Project, which offers free art days to children aged 10 – 16 years. The café also offered monthly Top Time lunches to over 60s. The weekly Fruit & Veg pop-up shop continues to offer healthy food to 40+ people every week, with the addition of monthly supplies of toiletries.

February

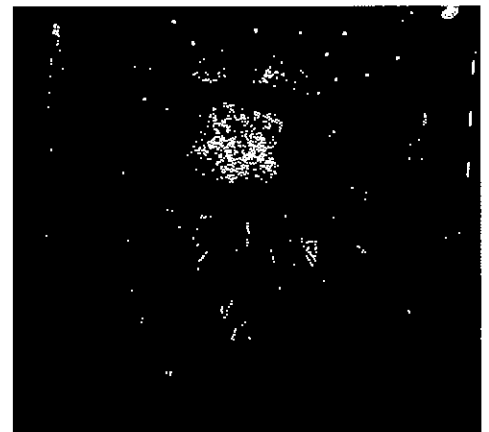
The libraries Men's Group planted flowers and vegetables in the planters.

March

For Suffolk library day volunteers washed cars in the car park. Girl's Group had a sponsored walk. Voices held a Medium Night.

April

Author James Jenkins launched his latest novel and offered a writing workshop in the library. The library hosted the Blank Page Project with some inspiring artists. Girl's Group went on an amazing trip to London to watch the show "Wicked". The annual Easter Egg hunt was thoroughly enjoyed by lots of families.

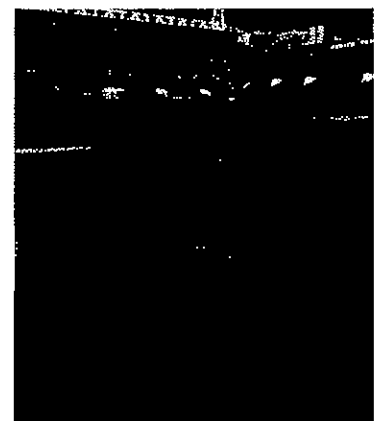


May

The library celebrated our King's Coronation with a street party. The mayor and local Councillors joined us. The library manager and the chair of Voices were lucky enough to be invited to watch our local Councillor become the new Mayor of Ipswich.

June

This month was the launch of "Paws-itivity" campaign. One of our Voices volunteers was chosen to paint one of the pups, which was displayed at the library. Girl's Group went on a trip to Pin Mill and visited the Nancy Blackett and had a brilliant time on a three day residential at PGL Bawdsey. Top Time went to Great Yarmouth for the day. The library started a M-Powered Group which now meets once a month, and through this a Ladies group started meeting fortnightly.



**July**

Five girls from Girls Group represented Suffolk in the Word Cup in Manchester.

The library and Voices held the annual Funday at Landseer Park, which was well attended. The weather was kind to us again.

**August**

The summer reading challenge was extra special this year as it linked to the women's football World Cup. Thanks to our volunteers who encouraged the children and listened to them read. Two more amazing library trips with the community to Great Yarmouth and Bury St Edmunds. The Blank Page Project was offered again through the summer holidays, working with some fantastic artists.

September

Voices volunteers and group attendees were invited to have tea with the Mayor at the Town Hall. Girl's Group went to Colchester for a day, enjoying the castle and swimming. The M-Powered Group held a Mindfulness and Wellbeing session at Murrayside Community Centre.

October

The library had a Harry Potter book day, attracting lots of children and families. Voices held a Pamper and Shopping event, showcasing local businesses, followed by a Mindfulness with nature evening. Hightide Theatre offered a ghost stories creative writing session at the library.

**November**

Suffolk libraries Warm Spaces was relaunched this month with kind donations from Waitrose and the Co-op. Our very successful IP3 has Talent show was hosted by Pipers Vale this year. IP3 has a lot of very talented young people, and the evening was enjoyed by their families and other local residents.

December

The Christmas Fair was well attended with over fifty children visiting Father Christmas. Carol singing and crafts were enjoyed, along with free hot drinks from the café.

BBC Radio Suffolk launched the "Be kind to a kid" campaign in partnership with Suffolk Libraries.

This enabled many families to share presents on Christmas day.

Girl's Group went to Dance East to watch "The Little Match Girl". The library held a Christmas

Celebration evening with the Guides which included carol singing, wreath and Gonk making and free

food and drink. Men's Group cooked Christmas

dinner at the library for their group and other

vulnerable people from the local community; it was

a great success. Blank Page Project took place again

during the Christmas holidays. Some of the Girls

group members took part in a performance at

Ipswich County Library

**Funding**

Thank you for the amazing support from funders which enables the library to offer so much more to the local community.

Suffolk County Councillor Liz Harsant £1670.00

Ipswich Borough Council Diversionary Project Fund £974.00

Ipswich Borough Councillors MAD Fund £250.00

Funding through Suffolk Community Foundation:

High Sheriff Fund £2053.00

Suffolk Sports Fund £2000.00

Food and Drink Fund £1300.00

Port Community Fund £2000.00

Household Support 4 Fund £5000.00

Warm spaces supplies were received from Waitrose and the Co-op

Toiletries and period products were received from FIND

Signed:

Dated

