

Voices for Gainsborough Community Library
01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025

Cash B/F	£	-
Uncleared cheques	£	-
Bank B/F	£	18,627.06

Balance	£	18,627.06
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Income Cash	£	-
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Income Cheque	£	-
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Income Transfers	£	28,990.47
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Total Income	£	28,990.47
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Expenditure Cash	£	-
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Expenditure Cheque	-£	181.00
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Expenditure Transfers	-£	26,314.16
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Total Expenditure	-£	26,495.16
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Profit/Loss		<u>£ 2,495.31</u>
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Balance 31/12/2025	£21,122.37
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 Checked by: L. Porter L PORTER 3/2/2026

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Receipts	This Year (2025)	Last Year (2024)
General Funds	£ 2,884.98	£ 1,117.93
Café	£ 9,848.12	£ 11,385.32
Pop-up shop	£ 4,890.84	£ 4,834.68
Girls Group	£ 35.10	£ 849.19
Top Time	£ 906.52	£ 747.58
Youth	£ -	£ 88.37
Singing	£ 375.09	£ 414.72
Men's	£ 167.96	£ 166.10
Ladies	£ 138.60	£ 170.25
SCC HWF	£ -	£ 6,200.96
Arnold Clark	£ -	£ 2,500.00
Building pot		£ 13,633.81
SCF Women & Girls	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Wolsey 550		£ 2,588.00
Landscapes for All		£ 2,000.00
IBC Diversionary		£ 1,000.00
SCF Household Support Fund	£ 5,000.00	
IBC Community Resilience	£ 1,434.26	
IBC Sustainable Community Food	£ 2,309.00	
Total	£ 28,990.47	£ 48,696.91

Payments	This Year (2025)	Last Year (2024)
General Funds	£ 2,102.67	£ 1,716.85
Café	£ 6,013.29	£ 10,979.09
Pop-up shop	£ 4,991.00	£ 4,042.08
Girls Group	£ 110.41	£ 1,868.29
Top Time	£ 978.97	£ 1,132.66
Youth	£ 19.46	£ 55.08
Singing	£ 675.00	£ 297.00
Men's	£ 179.38	
Ladies	£ 80.00	£ -
SCC HWF	£ 1,485.00	£ 3,773.71
Arnold Clark	£ 1,267.20	£ 269.26
Building pot		£ 26,210.09
SCF sports		£ 1,091.50
SCF Food & Drink		£ 620.00
SCF Port Community Fund		£ 2,000.00
SCF Household Support Fund		£ 5,000.00
SCF Women & Girls	£ 334.94	£ 1,000.00
Wolsey 550		£ 2,503.26
Landscapes for All		£ 2,000.00
IBC Diversionary Grant		£ 646.51
SCF Groups grant		£ 1,201.95
SCF Household Support Fund	£ 5,000.00	
IBC Community Resilience	£ 1,434.26	
IBC Sustainable Community Food	£ 1,823.58	
Total	£ 26,495.16	£ 66,407.33



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Voices for Gainsborough Community Library

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1165302

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date:

3-2-26

Name:

Sophie de Boos

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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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.

Treasurers report January – December 2025

Unreserved funds at year end are £11182.90

V4GCL raise funds mainly through the volunteer run café, which has had a difficult year, due to volunteer vacancies and sickness. The café made a profit of £3834.83, which was boosted by £3037.00 income from catering for the Blank Page Project.

Voices continued to raise funds through a variety of fundraising events during the year.

Voices hold pots of money for Top Time, Men's group, youth sports, adult singing group, men's group, ladies' group, the pop-up shop and Girls Group.

Remaining funds from Suffolk County Council Health & Wellbeing Fund and Arnold Clark Community Fund enable Voices to continue to support the health and wellbeing of the local community.

Funding received during 2025:

Women and Girls Fund through Suffolk Community Foundation for Girls Group - £1000

Household Support Fund through Suffolk Community Foundation £5000

Ipswich Borough Council Community Resilience Fund £1434.26

Ipswich Borough Council Sustainable Food Fund £2309.00

Mandy Grimwood

Treasurer

AGM Report 2025

This has been my third, and final (for now), year as chairperson. I would again like to thank everyone who has supported me during this time and all the volunteers who have worked so hard this year both the new joiners, and the old hands. This has been another very busy and hugely productive year, with the community continuing to grow and flourish.

Throughout the year our garden room has enabled the library to offer additional space for activities benefiting the local community. Users included tutors, NHS Stop Smoking sessions, digital literacy course, library groups and Santa's Grotto.

During colder months Voices Café has offered a Warm Space to socialize, with free hot drinks, cuppa soup, pot noodles and toast on offer to anyone in need. Our offer has been boosted by regular donations from The Hygiene Bank.

January.

Was a relatively quiet month allowing everyone to decompress from the year before and Christmas in advance of the year to come.

However, the ever-popular Fruit and Veg pop-up continued weekly throughout the year. In addition the IBC Tenancy team, community police, Feel Good Suffolk & Citizen's Advice visited the library throughout the year during the pop-up shop to offer support and advice.

The fortnightly Men's Group, and Ladies Group continued, giving a space to socialize and chat during the evenings.



Voices offered another Line Dancing evening that's still successfully encouraging fitness and community, the evenings continue every other month.

Girls Group went to see a show at The Wolsey theatre.



February.

Realise Future hosted a digital literacy course in our garden room for those who wanted to learn about how to use a tablet. Attendees received a tablet to enable their digital journey going forward.

Voices received £5000 from the Household Support Fund through Suffolk Community Foundation, which enabled us to purchase supermarket shopping vouchers to give out to those in the local community who were struggling through the winter months.

March.

Voices gratefully received donations from Ipswich Hygiene Bank and St Joseph's College to complement the Fruit & Veg pop-up shop.

To promote Suffolk Library Day Men's Group held a car wash that was also accompanied by a bake sale, raising funds for Voices.

April.

This month we saw the start of another wonderful 6-week yoga course funded by SCC Health & Wellbeing

Fund which was well attended and these continued until the summer.

Voices held our Easter Fayre. It was again attended by Oona the Owl and the Easter Bunny to the delight of children, young and old.

Girls Group received funding from Women & Girls Fund through Suffolk Community Foundation to enable them to experience new activities to improve their confidence and self-esteem.

May.

This month we were visited by the NHS who held a Slipper Swap for the over 55's. This wonderful event ensured attendees were not putting themselves or others at risk by wearing footwear at home that could cause a trip, or fall.

With support from the Sustainable Food Community fund we were able to supply families with compost and tomato plant. The compost was placed in a canvas bag that the families had been able to decorate first. The fund also enabled us to hold a series of cooking workshops to coach people on their culinary skills to promote healthier eating and create their own recipe books. These continued through until the end of October.

Voices hosted a Medium night with Angie Farthing, which was popular and well attended.

June.

This month saw Suffolk Libraries become Suffolk Community Libraries under the auspices of Suffolk County Council.

Voices volunteers and library staff attended the Windrush Festival, celebrating the contributions made to our community by all people regardless of background.



July.

Voices volunteers joined library staff at the summer fair held at Ipswich Academy, offering a book quiz and distributing period products to the girls. The library offered The Blank Page Project sessions throughout the summer holidays. The sessions encouraged 10- to 16-year-olds to explore their creative expression with the help of experts in a variety of different artistic fields. Voices Café provided catering for all the sessions, we raised vital funds to be spent on library activities.

August.

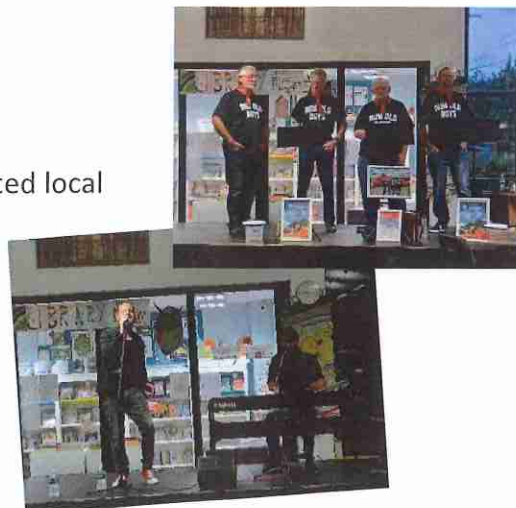
Thanks to the owner of The Orwell Lady, both Men's and Ladies Groups were gifted tickets for a cruise on the River Orwell.

The Men's Group visited the Wolsey Theatre to see Cyril Blake's show from the Edinburgh Fringe about the history and story of James Bond.

September.

Girls Group enjoyed their cruise on The Orwell Lady.

Voices held their annual musical event; during the day, many talented local artists performed, and other members of the local community performed during the open mic session. In the evening, we held a ticketed event, with Rum Old Boys and Painting the Science entertaining a select audience. Another well attended and enjoyable event.



Another fully booked family cooking workshop was held.

Six-week yoga sessions started again funded by SCC Health & Wellbeing Fund



October.

Voices held their annual Pamper and Shopping event, showcasing local businesses and promoting mental health and wellbeing.

One of the cooking workshops this month enabled families to cook pumpkin stew and carve a pumpkin in preparation for Halloween.

Voices held a Medium Night with Wayne McHugh which was well attended by members of the local community.

November.

Another successful quiz night was held in November, with the biggest attendance so far. Thank you to Colin for continuing to offer these quiz nights.



Alongside the fruit & veg Pop-up shop Voices were able to supply blankets, oodles, torches and flasks to those struggling to keep warm, thanks to remaining funds from The Arnold Clark Community Fund and IBC Community Resilience Fund

December.

Voices held our Christmas Fayre, where members of the community sold their wares. Knitting group made some lovely items to sell at the event. A large raffle was held thanks to donations from local organisations, with the event raising over £500 for future activities. This event was graced with the appearance of Mrs Claus this year, due to Santa having not been put on the Governments Nice List in time.

Voices catered for the library Blank Page sessions.

The library hosted a Yuletide Yarns event aimed at families with seasonal stories.

Voices had our fabulous telling of Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol, by Anthony Roberts which received much praise.

Voices offered a free toy shop for parents struggling to buy gifts for their children.

Our final event of the year was Fruit and Veg and mini-Christmas Fayre on the 23rd, rather than the 25th (obviously). This was attended by Santa Claus much to the relief of Mrs Claus!



Memories of.. Gainsborough Community Library Christmas Fayre 2025



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KAY GIBSON - CHAIR OF VOICES