



## Market Bosworth Community Library

### Annual Report for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

Registered Charity Number 1165437

Principal Address        Market Bosworth Community Library  
Station Road,  
Market Bosworth,  
CV13 0LT.

#### 1) Achievements and Performance.

The highest achievement of the year happened on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 when Market Bosworth Community Library was included in the list, published in The Gazette, of organisations who had been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service. Described as the MBE for voluntary groups, the Award recognises outstanding achievements by groups of volunteers who regularly devote their time to helping others in the community, improving the quality of life and opportunity for others, and providing an outstanding service. It sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering. The awards were established by the late Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate her Golden Jubilee in 2002, and His Majesty has continued this tradition of recognising the UK's most exceptional voluntary organisations.

A celebratory gathering of Market Bosworth Community Library volunteers received the award crystal and certificate signed by The King from Michael Kapur OBE, the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire in April. In addition, two volunteers were invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in the summer, along with other recipients of this year's Award.

The Trustees of the charity were delighted that the hard work and commitment of past and present volunteers had been acknowledged by this award.

The endeavours of our volunteers to serve their community continued throughout the year in which we recruited 144 new members to the library, loaned 7,123 books which were almost equally balanced between adult and child readers and averaged 121 active readers each month compared to last years average of 111. All our regular groups have been sustained including Bridge Training, Knit & Stitch, Story & Rhyme and the Book Club. The library also hosted a range

of community events including the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan, a Cancer Research Coffee Morning and Christmas Civic Reception.

The library continues to open for six sessions each week Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 2:30 and 4:30 pm, Wednesday and Friday between 10:00 and 12:00 pm and on Saturday between 10:00 and 1:00 pm. We offer all of the facilities provided by the Leicestershire County Council Library Service and during these times the library is a designated "Warm Space and "Safe Space". We have donated books and jigsaws for sale alongside a range of greeting cards.

We were very fortunate to enthuse a large number of knitters to provide colourful squares which were transformed into a life sized Elmer, our winning entry for the 2023 Market Bosworth Scarecrow Trail. All those squares were not wasted as they were reformed by Loving Hands Desford into blankets which were donated to refugees in Ukraine.

The library Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time to ensure that this local community service continues, as well as our donors and community groups that support us.

## **2) Charity Trustees**

Brian Granger	Chairperson	
Susan Styche	Vice Chairperson	(Resigned as Vice Chairperson October 2023)
Kenneth Gilbert	Treasurer	( Resigned as Treasurer July 2023)
Tim Brooke		
Janet Greenfield		
Richard Bates		
Simon Paul		
John Pope	Vice Chairperson	(Appointed as Vice Chairperson October 2023)
Bryan Cole		
Isabel Granger		
Jacqueline Pope		
Liz Alun-Jones		
Jenny Jennaway	Treasurer	(Appointed as Treasurer July 2023)

## **3) Governance**

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a Constitution dated 1st February 2016 as its governing document.

Market Bosworth Community Library was entered in the Register of Charities on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Constitution requires that there shall be a minimum of three Trustees and no more than twelve Trustees at all times. The current Trustees were elected by members at the Annual General Meeting as defined by the constitution.

The charity is resourced entirely by volunteers



#### **4) Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are:

- a) The advancement of education for the public benefit in Market Bosworth and surrounding area by the provision of a volunteer run lending library.
- b) To promote for the benefit of the residents of Market Bosworth the provision of a public library for recreation and or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of said residents.

The main activities of the charity are:

- a) The continued availability of a public library service free of charge to the community of Market Bosworth and surrounding area for 13 hours each week including the loan of stock provided by Leicestershire Library Service and the provision of free internet access.
- b) The provision of information concerning the local community, its resources and groups operating within it to residents and visitors.
- c) Acting as a point of access for local community resources.
- d) The availability of a room for meetings of up to 80 seated.
- e) Providing group activities for a range of needs and ages.
- f) Income generation to ensure the continuance and development of the charity's activities

#### **5) Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had due regard of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and can confirm that our operations are in accordance with the guidance.

#### **6) Finance**

The total income for this financial year was £7,868 and our total expenditure was £5,059 giving £2,809 excess of income over expenditure. The total end of year cash fund of the library was £53,448 compared to £50,639 in the previous year

The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy whereby they have accumulated sufficient reserves to exceed the Charity Commission's minimum recommended six months operating costs. The Trustees undertook to maximise the reserves during the period when they were receiving grant support from the County Council. The Trustees believe that the current reserves will enable the continuation of library services for the foreseeable future, cover the level of liability in our lease agreement and enable the development of new provision as it is required.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Market Bosworth Community Library**

No (if any)  
**1165437**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	<b>01-Apr-23</b>		<b>31-Mar-24</b>

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
LCC Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other Grants	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Library Services	2,885	-	-	2,885	2,524
Donations	1,953	-	-	1,953	848
Room Hire	404	-	-	404	793
Photocopier Income	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising Events	195	-	-	195	937
200 Club Income	-	-	-	-	-
200 Club Subscriptions Net of Prizes	1,231	-	-	1,231	701
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,868</b>	<b>5,803</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,868</b>	<b>5,803</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Capital Spend	209	-	-	209	2,528
Repairs & Maintenance	638	-	-	638	1,396
Insurance	695	-	-	695	617
Light & Heating	1,830	-	-	1,830	1,492
Fund Raising Expenses	571	-	-	571	324
Communication Expenses	-	-	-	-	347
IT Expenses	324	-	-	324	-
Hard & Soft Premises Expenses	340	-	-	340	320
Other Premises Related Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	110	-	-	110	152
Sundry Expenses	342	-	-	342	287
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>7,463</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Purchases of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>7,463</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,809</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,809</b>	<b>- 1,660</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>50,639</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,639</b>	<b>52,299</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>53,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,448</b>	<b>50,639</b>



## 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	Cash at Bank	53,448	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>53,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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

B. Granger  
Simon Paul

Brian Granger  
Simon Paul

31/10/24  
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