

COSBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1168347

Details

Other names CCL

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-07-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1)TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN COSBY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A LENDING LIBRARY.(2)TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF COSBY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: To provide by any legal means a public library service to the parish of Cosby and the surrounding area. In providing this service we intend to enhance the education and wellbeing of the community by supporting social and educational activities through in-house and bought in services . The library will also be a source for the dissemination of local information.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£9,384	£10,310	-	-
2024-03-31	£7,715	£23,457	-	-
2023-03-31	£34,806	£21,961	-	-
2022-03-31	£9,056	£10,204	-	-
2021-03-31	£15,091	£3,496	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Margaret Lapidge		2017-05-05
Lesley Joan Clarke		2017-05-09
Terry Crossley		2022-08-08

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Registered Charity No. 1168347

Annual meeting of Trustees 27th November 2025

In attendance: Lesley Clarke, Helen Lapidge and Terry Crossley
(the 3 trustees)

Cosby Community Library was registered as a charity on 21st July
2016.

Our objectives:

1. To advance the education of the general public in Cosby and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of a lending library.
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The library has 3 trustees, a Management Team of 8 members and a further 30 volunteers. The team meets on a monthly basis, usually 1 Trustee in attendance.

Achievements and Objectives for year

To support the management team with the running of the Library and additional events

Our preschool group (Ducklings) continues to be very well supported, and is bringing regular income towards the upkeep of the Library. This is providing a great service to Cosby and the wider community. Our Cribbage group has increased recently. We will suggest additional chairs and tables need to be researched for both Cribbage and Ducklings to use. Crime readers and Coffee mornings are also well supported, providing regular groups for our community. We supported the Christmas light switch on at the end of November. Ducklings ran a children's tombola and had games. Management Team ran an adult tombola and second hand

Christmas decorations. Another great fund raiser. Also, for the first time, the library ran 4 sessions of 'Storytime with Santa'. This was extremely popular, ran very well and loved by everyone who attended. It sold out within a few hours

Financial Review

During this period our costs, in particular for Gas and electricity, have increased significantly. Most other expenditure has remained similar/slightly increased.

Our Income has remained similar.

We hold regular second hand book and Jigsaw sales. Our Christmas events also helped increase our income and we are planning on expanding these.

We currently have a few ideas of improvements. The roof/drain problems have been repaired and the kitchen units and flooring have been replaced by Leicestershire County Council. The crack in the floor will continue to be monitored.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees.

Signature:

Full name: Lesley Joan Clarke

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 27th November 2025

Cosby Community Library
Income
Year ended 31/03/2025

	Cash	Bank	Total	
Yarn Bomb Café	626.00		626.00	
Donations	242.21	767.30	1009.51	
Easter Trail			0.00	
Books	240.50		240.50	
Coffee	509.00		509.00	
General	2436.23	1040.92	3477.15	
Plant sale	169.00		169.00	
Friends	55.00	305.00	360.00	
Grants		1049.98	1049.98	
Cosby Flower show		104.00	104.00	
Duck race	250.00		250.00	
Toch H		631.71	631.71	
Xmas market	321.15		321.15	
Santa	110.00		110.00	
Bank Interest		526.14	526.14	9384.14
	<u>4959.09</u>	<u>4425.05</u>	<u>9384.14</u>	

Expenditure

	Cash	Bank	Total
maintenance		1530.45	
Repairs		177.16	
Gas		1976.82	
Electricity		2247.05	
gardening		2434.97	
Water		211.73	
Expenses	26.31	822.73	
Service Charge		71.40	
Insurance		811.05	
PPs			
Ionos		1.20	
	<u>26.31</u>	<u>10284.56</u>	<u>10310.87</u>

Income less expenses **-926.73**

Brought Forward from 2023/2024 **28495.96**

27569.23

Represented By:

Bank Balance at **31/03/2025** 27540.22

Cash In Hand	30.00
Cash Book Position	<u>27570.22</u>
Diff	-0.99

This is the income and expenditure for the year to 31 March 2025

The income in the year has been derived from many sources
as can be seen from the above.

The expenditure has been the normal running costs of the building

No payments have been made to the Trustees or the volunteers
except for any reimbursement of necessary expenditure

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Achievements and Objectives for year

To get the library fully functional following Covid and to increase footfall. To introduce possible new groups to the library

Many of our groups have increased in number. Our preschool group (Ducklings) has been very well supported, and is bringing regular income towards the upkeep of the Library. We feel that this is providing a great service to Cosby and the wider community. Our Cribbage group, Crime readers and

Coffee mornings are also well supported, providing regular groups for our community. Our Warm Space initiative has been very successful. Although it officially finished in March, we have continued to offer free drinks and magazines/books to all those who visit when we are open.

Financial Review

During this period our costs, in particular for Gas and electricity, have increased significantly. Most other expenditure has remained similar/slightly increased.

Our Income has remained similar. Last year we had a significant donation, our bank interest has increased because of this.

We hold regular second hand book and jigsaw sales. Our Christmas events also helped increase our income and we are planning on expanding these.

We currently have a few ideas of improvements. Due to the roof/drain problems (now resolved) and a crack in the floor which is under investigation by the Local Authority, we are waiting before moving forward.

We also plan on asking the management team to add one off events separately on our payment/receipts account for the future. This we feel, will allow us to see how individual fund raisers have helped.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees.

Signature:

Full name: Lesley Joan Clarke

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 21st January 2025

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**7th AGM to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 19th June 2023 at
Cosby Community Library, Park Road, Cosby.**

Secretary's Report

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This report will cover the period from the previous AGM [18.5.2022] to this AGM.

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023:

During this period, finances have been healthy and there were a sufficient number of enthusiastic volunteers to cover all scheduled shifts.

The Library continues to open for 7 sessions a week. This includes 6 sessions as a lending Library, and 1 session for Ducklings [a termtime only, weekly activity session for preschool children]. Over the last year, we have gained an additional 222 new users [an increase of 45% on the previous year].

The Ducklings group is very popular. There are about 15 children, with their carers, at each session. Each week is based on a theme, and these have included recycling, the Queen's Jubilee, the seashore, Easter, the weather, the zoo, Outer Space, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Hallowe'en, Bonfire Night, and creepy crawlies, as well as a Christmas party and the Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic. The sessions include craft activities, stories and singing, as well as games. There is a fabulous team who organise all these endeavours, including Jan Humphries, Laura Meider, Lesley Clarke, Deb Bugg, Hilary Jones-Gerrard and Sarah Gordon.

Additional regular activities include Cribbage evenings, Thursday Coffee Mornings and Crime Readers.

The Library participated in the Summer Reading Challenge in July & August 2022, which had a good uptake from the children in the village, with some devouring books at an amazing rate. We also hosted classes from the school for World Book Day.

We took part in the Warm Space Campaign, providing magazines and jigsaws for people to enjoy, in addition to free tea and coffee. This has now ended, but it generated a steady stream of new visitors.

Other events have included a Easter Egg trail, a Community Craft Event aimed at both preschool and school age children, hosted Live & Local event [Rob Gee's one man show, 'Forget Me Not'], held book sales and craft events for both the Platinum Jubilee event and the Cosby Community Celebration Day, and a Lego Club during school holidays [organised by Sarah Gordon]. We have also introduced IT sessions on Friday afternoons, although take up has been very slow.

We have also held our second raffle, raising £390.

Within the Library, we have been able to renew the cladding, had a retractable awning fitted, completed necessary maintenance on the roof and drains, and have now commenced work on developing a sensory garden at the front of the building.

We are delighted to report that a new trustee, Terry Crossley, joined us during the year and I am delighted to say that he has confirmed that he is very happy to stay as a trustee. We also appointed a new Health & Safety Officer, David Ricketts. We also continue to have Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers working with us. Laura Meider continues to monitor our FaceBook page, posting information on the various activities and other matters.

The Management Team continues to meet on a monthly basis. Lesley has continued to lead the Management Team, aided by the varied and effective talents of the Management Team Members.

Cosby Community Library Accounts at		31/03/2023	
INCOME			
	Bank	Cash	Total
Leicestershire County Council	4,350.00		4,350.00
Friends Of Cosby Library	65.00	310.00	375.00
Donations/Events	26,512.15	1053.55	27,565.70
Fines		144.64	144.64
Coffee mornings		510.00	510.00
Raffles		843.00	843.00
Card Re-Issue			0.00
Reservation Fees		61.30	61.30
Miscellaneous income		77.46	77.46
Photocopying		101.50	101.50
Sale of Books & Christmas		647.90	647.90
Stationery			0.00
Jigsaws/CDs		62.90	62.90
Refreshments		9.00	9.00
Crib		46.00	46.00
Bank Interest	11.14		11.14
	30,938.29	3,867.25	34,805.54
EXPENDITURE			
	Bank	Cash	Total
Alarm	0.00		0.00
Gas & Electricity	1682.50		1,682.50
Water	219.07		219.07
Insurance	670.44		670.44
Photocopier	0.00		0.00
Maintenance	18343.84		18,343.84
Stationery	41.80		41.80
Postage	13.04		13.04
Special Events	631.80		631.80
Refreshments	119.08		119.08
Miscellaneous	49.80	189.22	239.02
	21771.37	189.22	21960.59
Income less expenses			12844.95
Brought Forward from 2021/2022			31393.70
			44,238.65
Represented By:			
Bank Balance at	31/03/2023		44115.69
Cash In Hand			122.96
Cash Book Position	31/03/2023		44238.65
Diff			0.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Cosby Community Library

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1168347

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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 31/03/2023

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

G Rawlings

Date:

28-01-2024

Name:

Glyn Rawlings

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

FCCA – Fellow Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

14 Chiltern Avenue

Cosby

Leicestershire LE9 1UF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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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**5th AGM to be held at Cosby Community Library at 7.00pm
on Wednesday 18th May 2022**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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This report will cover the period from the previous AGM (May 2021) to this AGM. It is good to meet person to person this time, rather than on ZOOM.

1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022:

During this period, finances were healthy and there were sufficient numbers of enthusiastic volunteers to cover all the scheduled shifts. The one exception to this occurred on Tuesday 29th March, when the Library had to close at 3pm, rather than 5pm. This was due to the last- minute urgency of the situation. Usually, enough notice of a volunteer's unavailability is given and a replacement volunteer is then able to cover. It is noteworthy that this is the only time this has happened since the take over of the Library in September, 2016.

Post-pandemic, the Library reopened on 13th April 2021, with 3 sessions a week at first. On Monday 19th July, we were able to recommence our normal opening hours.

Following the reopening of the Library, regular activities have gradually resumed. The Cribbage evenings, Thursday Coffee Mornings and Crime Readers are all now meeting regularly. The Ducklings group for pre schoolers meets on Tuesday mornings (term time only) and is very popular. There are about 12 - 15 children with carers at each session. John made them a fabric Christmas tree, which has remained up because it is such a popular display area for crafts, pictures etc.

The Library participated in the Summer Reading challenge during July & August 2021, which had a great uptake from the children of the village. We were also able to host classes from the primary school for World Book Day, also extremely successful.

A Tea Party was held for all the volunteers and Friends of Cosby Library in the autumn.

Other events have included a Treasure Trail in September, and a Duck Hunt around the village at the October half term. Many ducks were kept by their finders. We wish them well!

Within the Library, we have developed a 'Cosby Corner', focussing on the history of our village, and also information about local events, bus timetables, etc.

In addition, we've been able to purchase a dishwasher thanks to a grant. We have also purchased a shredder.

At Christmas, we held our first Raffle. Many local businesses contributed prizes, including Next, the Co-Op, the Tithe Barn, Attfields Farm Shop and Russell Smith Butchers. We sold 590 tickets.

A donation was received from ToCH, and a letter of thanks sent. It is hoped to use this donation and the money raised by the raffle towards developing the garden space into a sensory garden. This continues to be an ongoing project.

A new staff door has been fitted. The cladding has been replaced, and any rotten wood underneath made good. This has also led to work on the drainage from the roof.

The Management Team continues to meet on a monthly basis. The committee was joined by Jenny Whitby. We have also gained two volunteers who have taken on the monthly clean of the library. John, who has been invaluable with his health & safety expertise and provided security reports throughout the lockdowns, will be standing down as a team member and trustee following this AGM. Laura Meider, who overhauled our FaceBook page, continues to keep this updated and has also started to 'edit' our listings on Google.

Lesley has continued to lead the Management Team, aided by the varied and effective talents of the Management Team members.

Library Performance -

Annual Issues from April 2019 to March 2020: book issues	6,053
Annual Issues from April 2020 to March 2021: book issues	1,550
Annual Issues from April 2021 to March 2022: issues	5,876 book
New Joiners from April 2020 to March 2021:	61
New Joiners from April 2021 to March 2022:	153
Active Borrowers from April 2020 to March 2021:	97
Active Borrowers from April 2021 to March 2022:	375

Number of Annual Visitors:

April 2020 to March 2021:	214
April 2021 to March 2022:	3958 (includes 221 for World Book Day & 390 for Ducklings)

Average Number of Ducklings each Session April 2021 to March 2022:

12

Summary of Complaints / Compliments: No formal complaints.

Summary of Public / Volunteer Accidents: None

Overall Number of Volunteers April 2020: 37

April 2021: 36

April 2022: 34

April 2022

Cosby Community Library Accounts at		31/03/2022	
INCOME			
	Bank	Cash	Total
Leicestershire County Council	1,662.00		1,662.00
Friends Of Cosby Library	25.00	220.00	245.00
Donations/Events	967.20	439.08	1,406.28
Fines		72.07	72.07
Card Re-Issue		11.00	11.00
Reservation Fees		19.00	19.00
Audio Fees		58.00	58.00
Photocopying		112.75	112.75
Sale of Books & Christmas		430.89	430.89
Stationery		0.00	0.00
Jigsaws		21.70	21.70
Raffle		652.05	652.05
Refreshments		115.00	115.00
Covid Grant	4,250.00	0.00	4,250.00
	6,904.20	2,151.54	9,055.74
EXPENDITURE			
	Bank	Cash	Total
Alarm	479.56		479.56
Gas & Electricity	1402.33		1,402.33
Water	235.01		235.01
Insurance	653.18		653.18
Photocopier	0.00		0.00
Maintenance	6473.87		6,473.87
Stationery	61.97		61.97
Postage	18.12		18.12
Special Events	0.00		0.00
Refreshments	11.37		11.37
Miscellaneous	764.40	104.09	868.49
	10099.81	104.09	10203.90
Income less expenses			-1148.16
Brought Forward from 2020/21			32541.86
			31,393.70
Represented By:			
Bank Balance at	31/03/2022		31204.77
Cash In Hand			188.93
Cash Book Position			31393.70
Diff			0.00

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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting
of Cosby Community Library
(Committee/Trustees/Friends of Cosby Library)
Held via Zoom, 12th May 2021**

Present: Lesley Clarke (Chair), Sarah Gordan, Sarah Dauncey, Rachel Barstow, Helen Lagidge, Vivienne Scott, Liza Wayle, Mike Howkins, Jane Rawlings (Secretary)

Apologies: Julia Harrison, Angela Salmon, Angie Musgrave, Susan Reilly, Gill Fairgreaves, Charlotte-Jane Peberdy.

Minutes:

The report of the last AGM (22.5.2019) and the EGM (4.10.2019) were all approved.

Proposed by SD, seconded by SG.

Secretary's Report 2019-2021 and Financial Report 2019-2021: both accepted.

Proposed by LC, seconded by SD.

It was noted that both gas and electricity are now provided by a single supplier.

Confirmation of Existing Trustees:

JM / HL / LC.

It was noted that there is a need to find a further 2 trustees (this is also to be included in the Parish Council newsletter).

It was agreed to set up a "Trustee Drive", and to include the information that the Library has Trustee Insurance to cover any financial claims against trustees; that a trustee does not need to be a member of the management committee; it could be a non-executive role.

AOB:

The Management Committee vision is to reinstate full Library opening hours as soon as possible, and to again provide space for groups such as cribbage, Ducklings, etc.

SD gave a vote of thanks to LC for continuing to lead the management committee through these strange times.

It was noted that there is a general feeling that people are grateful that the Library has been able to keep going.

It is intended to hold an Afternoon Tea for all the Friends, Committee Members, etc in the summer.

A question was asked whether forms had been sent out for Friends to be able to rejoin? The answer was No, as there is no benefits that can be extended to them at the moment, but it is intended to start this again next year. MH commented that most people would donate anyway.

It is hoped to fully open the Library after 21st June, although Book Sales should recommence from 17th May.

A new area is being set up in the Library – The Cosby Corner. Any ideas concerning this, or other specialist areas are very welcome.

Current footfall is about 20 people per session.

LCC are now delivering books again, and have supplied 8 boxes so far.

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4th AGM to be held via Zoom at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th May 2021

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Due to the extraordinary events that prevented the holding of an AGM in 2020, this report will cover the period from the EGM (September 2019) to this AGM.

May 2019 – April 2020:

During this period, finances were healthy and there were sufficient numbers of enthusiastic volunteers to cover all the scheduled shifts. In order to fundraise, but mainly to encourage recognition and community use of the Cosby Community Library, we continued to hold both 'on-off' and regular events. These included Lego Building Sessions, Live and Local drama event, Memory Boxes, a Murder Mystery Evening and our first Craft Fair. Regular events included Ducklings for pre-schoolers, and the Cribbage Club.

Blaby District Council also hosted drop in events, such as Tea & Cake in the Library building. Cosby Parish Council also displayed the Local Plan here.

The committee was joined by Laura Meider, who has overhauled our FaceBook page, and regularly posts news here.

A new back door was fitted, partly funded by a donation from Everards Brewery, and a grant received from LCC re the finished insulation work. A donation was also received from ToCH.

All of these events occurred prior to the National Lockdown in March 2020. The Lockdown resulted in the Library being closed from March to August, and several planned events (i.e. a concert by Wigston Male Voice Choir, the Spring Craft Fair and a second Live and Local drama event) were cancelled.

Following the National Lockdown declared on 23rd March 2020, the Library was closed. However, John Morris visited regularly and wrote security reports, which are filed with the minutes of each committee meeting.

The Library reopened on the 8th August, but again closed on the 4th November. John resumed his security checks. Fortunately, this prolonged shut down has not impacted noticeably on the building.

The Management Committee continued to meet, although often by Zoom.

During December, a second Craft Fair was held virtually. This had 16 stalls, and had 184 attendees. As well as raising funds, this event increased the number of people following the Library on FaceBook to 450. Special thanks to Laura Meider, without whom this would have been very difficult.

A donation was received from ToCH, and letters of thanks sent.

A new staff door is to be fitted during April 2021.

Cosby Community Library Accounts at		31/03/2021	
INCOME			
	Bank	Cash	Total
Leicestershire County Council	4,302.00		4,302.00
Friends Of Cosby Library	90.00	0.00	90.00
Donations/Events	699.37	0.00	699.37
Gift Aid On Donations	0.00	0	0.00
Fines		0.00	0.00
Card Re-Issue		0.00	0.00
Reservation Fees		0.00	0.00
Audio Fees		0.00	0.00
Photocopying		0.00	0.00
Sale of Books & Christmas		0.00	0.00
Stationery	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jigsaws		0.00	0.00
Raffle		0.00	0.00
Refreshments		0.00	0.00
Covid Grant	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Overs			0.00
	15,091.37	0.00	15,091.37
EXPENDITURE			
	Bank	Cash	Total
Alarm	459.36		459.36
Gas	747.23		747.23
Electricity	0.00		0.00
Water	78.50		78.50
Insurance	594.16		594.16
Photocopier	0.00		0.00
Cleaning & Maintenance	1566.98		1,566.98
Stationery	12.98		12.98
Postage	0.00		0.00
Special Events	0.00		0.00
Refreshments	0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous	36.99	0.00	36.99
	3496.20	0.00	3496.20
Income less expenses			11595.17
Brought Forward from 2019/20			20946.69
			32,541.86
Represented By:			
Bank Balance at	31/03/2021		32508.38
Cash In Hand			33.48
Cash Book Position			32541.86
Diff			0.00