

Cosby Community Library

Registered charity no: 1168347

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

Secretary's Report

Cosby Community Library is a registered charity, registered on 21st July 2016. The charitable objectives are:

- 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.**

The library is run by volunteers on a day to day basis and is overseen by a Management Team which includes the Trustees. The Charity took over the running of the Library from Leicestershire County Council [LCC] in September 2016 and is responsible for all costs with respect to the building and general equipment. The book stock and I.T. systems continue to be provided by LCC.

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

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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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