

Cosby Community Library

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Registered Charity No. 1168347

Annual meeting of Trustees 21st January 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.
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 associates, together the said residents and Local Authority, Volunteer 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 has 3 trustees, a Management Team of 8 members and a further 30 volunteers. The team meets on a monthly basis, usually 1 or 2 of Trustees in attendance. The management team also communicate during the month via email and a Team WhatsApp group, to allow decisions to be made quickly on daily matters. The AGM is held in June and all the library community are invited.

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

Cosby Community Library			
Charity Number 1168347			
Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31st March 2024			
	2024		2023
INCOME			
Blaby District Council	400.00		4,350.00
Covid Grant			
Friends Of Cosby Library	360.00		375.00
Donations/Events	5,268.09		27,565.70
Fines			144.64
Coffee mornings	500.00		510.00
Raffles			843.00
Card Re-Issue			0.00
Reservation Fees			61.30
Miscellaneous income			77.46
Photocopying			101.50
Sale of Books & Christmas			647.90
Jigsaws/CDs			62.90
Refreshments			9.00
Crib			46.00
Gather Create and Grow	150.00		
WMVC	535.00		
Bank Interest	501.57		11.14
Total Income	7,714.66		34,805.54
EXPENDITURE			
Alarm	678.78		949.72
Gas & Electricity	4,678.09		1,682.50
Water	203.40		219.07
Insurance	739.01		670.44
Maintenance and garden	16,438.10		17,394.12
Stationery	57.98		41.80
Postage			13.04
Special Events			631.80
Refreshments			119.08
Three rings	336.00		
Bank charges	2.50		
Miscellaneous	323.50		239.02
Total Expenditure	23,457.36		21,960.59
Excess of income over expenditure	(15,742.70)		12,844.95
Brought Forward from 2022/2023	44,238.65		31,393.70
Balance Carried Forward	28,495.95		44,238.65
Represented By:			
Bank Deposit Account	19,450.21		18,951.14
Bank Current Account	8,676.90		25,164.55
Cash In Hand	368.84		122.96
	28,495.95		44,238.65
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