

Cosby Community Library

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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.
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 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