

BEDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Registered Charity Number: 1171085**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
for
Bedale Community Library**

for the year ended 31st March 2023

Board of Trustees:

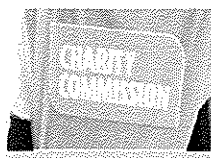
Andrew Hallett	Chairman
Sarah Maude	Secretary
Alan Shinkfield	Treasurer
Susan Perkins	
Michael Evitt	

Bankers:

Barclays Bank
Skipton Building Society

Independent Examiner:

Matthew Gibson



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 04 2022	To	31 03 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Hallett	Chairman		
2	Sarah Maude	Secretary		
3	Alan Shinkfield	Treasurer		
4	Susan Perkins			
5	Michael Evitt			
6	Amanda Dermott		Resigned 17 th Sept 2022	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Banker	Barclays Bank	Gadbrook Park, Northwich, CW9 7RB
Banker	Skipton B/Society	North End, Bedale DL8 1AF
Independent Examiner	Matthew Gibson	16 Greenacres, Morton on Swale, DL7 9TA

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 11 January 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by resolution passed at properly convened General Meetings of the Charity.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity maintains a Policies and Procedures Handbook which details all aspects of Governance and Procedures. This Handbook is reviewed annually.

The Charity works in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council Library Services which supplies expertise and support to enable the Charity to deliver a quality library service.

The Trustees maintain a Financial Risk Assessment Document that is reviewed annually.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the Charity is for the public benefit, to advance the education of the residents of Bedale, the residents of North Yorkshire and other library users through the provision of a community library facility and other services.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trustees are committed to the requirements of Section 17(s) Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission guidelines in having due regard to the public benefit through the delivery of a Library and Information Service to adults and children. This is achieved through the provision of books, audio books and DVDs that can be borrowed. There is also access through the Public Computers provided to all the online library services and the internet in addition to access to copying, printing and emailing facilities.

Support for national library initiatives such as the Summer Reading Challenge for young children has been given through the organisation of craft events and activities. Visiting author evening events have been organised for adults.

Health and Wellbeing initiatives have been supported through displays and the provision of subject related books.

The Library provides a space for the Citizens' Advice Bureau to hold a regular clinic. If not for this provision, people would have to travel 9 miles to the next town.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Charity is fortunate to have the support of a dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers from the local community to deliver both the core and additional activities, as detailed above.

In addition the Friends Group of committed volunteers have been very active in a variety of fundraising initiatives throughout the year to provide valuable additional funding for the Library, which in the last 12 months amounted to £3,000.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Library is now operating on normal opening hours of 20 hours per week following the earlier Covid related restrictions. The Trustees are pleased that it has been possible to restore the status quo for the public benefit following this very difficult period.

In addition to the delivery of the required library and information services we have held a Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative to encourage reading in the 4 to 11 year old age group, arranged themed talks and other events for children during school holidays as well as weekly Story Time sessions for pre-school children. We have also continued to hold a number of successful visits from children from local Primary Schools.

The Home Library Information Service has continued with its deliveries of books, audio books and DVDs to the elderly and housebound. In some cases this is often the only face to face contact that some of the housebound get, other than carers.

We continue to face challenges in this difficult economic climate, particularly the unprecedented increase of 250% in our energy costs. Fortunately we are able to continue to make use of our cash reserves, when necessary, to help during this continuing difficult period.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees consider that the Charity's reserves should be maintained at a level that is equivalent to a minimum of 12 months operational expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In order to achieve a degree of financial stability in our first year of operation various Local Authorities, including Parish Councils and other local organisations have provided initial grants and donations to support our own fund raising initiatives.

As part of our Service Level Agreement with North Yorkshire County Council they are providing an annual subsidy towards our premises costs.

Other funding sources have been accessed to help fund specific projects from time to time.

Section F


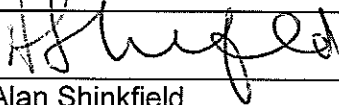
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew Charles Forsyth Hallett	Alan Shinkfield
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	20/4/23	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF BEDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 which accompany this Report

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

The Trustees of Bedale Community Library (the charity) are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT:

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MATTHEW GIBSON



9/6/23



Charity Name BEDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	No (if any) 1171085
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Receipts and payments accounts

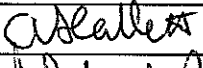

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.22	To	Period end date 31.03.23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Library services & overdue fees	1,647	-	-	1,647	1,467
NYCC subsidy	11,189	-	-	11,189	10,246
NYCC grants	25	-	-	25	-
Other grants & donations	-	-	-	-	-
Fund raising	4,024	-	-	4,024	2,452
Bldg Soc interest	335	-	-	335	121
Sundry receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,220	-	-	17,220	14,286
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,220	-	-	17,220	14,286
A3 Payments					
Rent, Service charges & rates	11,800	-	-	11,800	12,900
Administration costs	847	-	-	847	519
Insurances	394	-	-	394	382
Event costs	236	-	-	236	287
Energy costs	3,334	-	-	3,334	1,357
Marketing costs	-	-	-	-	46
Fund raising costs	120	-	-	120	120
Property management & other costs	201	-	-	201	64
Sub total	16,932	-	-	16,932	15,675
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,932	-	-	16,932	15,675
Net of receipts/(payments)	288	-	-	288	- 1,389
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	288	-	-	288	- 1,389

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	Barclays Bank	7,541	-	-
	Skipton Building Society	36,069	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	43,610	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Lap top computer	Unrestricted		-
	Signage & notice boards	Unrestricted		-
	Library furniture & fittings	Unrestricted		-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			ANDREW HALLETT	20/4/23
			ALAN SHINKFIELD	20/4/23