

'THE GLOBE' COMMUNITY LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1171473

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-02-06

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROVISION OF A LIBRARY AND INFORMATION HUB FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS OF STOKESLEY AND NORTH YORKSHIRE WIDE, AND FOR FACILITATING COMMUNITY ACTIVITY. THE CHARITY WILL PROVIDE THAT SERVICE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION ON GROUNDS OF GENDER, AGE DISABILITY OR OTHER PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS.

Activities: The charity provides a community library service and information hub for the benefits of the local community and provides a venue for facilitating community activity.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,496	£48,316	-	-
2024-03-31	£15,462	£12,212	-	-
2023-03-31	£12,973	£12,875	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,587	£6,453	-	-
2021-03-31	£3,848	£3,720	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID MICHAEL HEGGARTY	Chair	2021-10-21
Carolyn Judith Kitching		2020-07-05
Claire Louise Craster Claire		2024-09-24
Gillian Anne Lawson DeCosemo Gill		2025-10-21
Jeffrey Edward King Jeff		2022-01-27
Melisa Angus Melisa		2025-06-09
PETER CHANDLER		2017-02-03
Philip David Maudsley Phil		2025-10-21
ROBERT EDWARD ROBERTS		2017-01-05
Rudolf William Bilous Rudy		2024-03-20
Sally ElizabethAtkinson Sally		2022-11-17

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**Annual Report to Charity Commission for
Year to 31 March 2025**

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Structure, Governance and Management

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David Heggarty (Chairman)
Carolyn Kitching (Treasurer)
Bob Roberts (Secretary)
Sally Atkinson
Rudy Bilous (appointed May 2024)
Jon Borwell (resigned January 2025)
Peter Chandler
Claire Craster (appointed July 2024)
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Jan Hunter
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Jane McGill

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In planning activities during the reporting period, trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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Having given notice in the press, social media and 'flyers' in the local area, we held our Annual General Meeting on 20th November 2024; despite advertising the event, trustees were disappointed that, as in previous years, few from the community attended.

Management and Volunteers

Stokesley Parish Council (STC), through the local precept, continue to employ the Library Manager (currently a job-share post) whilst the charity trustees oversee their work. This funding is vital if we are to continue this community service. Following the Government's announcement that National Insurance will be increased from April 2025, STC advised trustees that they would not fund that increase nor continue as employer of the Library Manager. Accordingly, Trustees accept that the Charity will have to become an employer from 1st April 2025.

We continue to benefit from the generosity of volunteers in giving their time in support of the Charity; we have 53 volunteers (a rota of 30 who man the desk, 10 running the children's group, 8 delivering the home library service and 2 in the events committee). Additionally, 2 students have supported us during the year. The management and volunteer team provided the library service, operated a Home Library Service to those in the community who are housebound and delivered a varied range of community activity. Trustees recognise and appreciate the resilience, expertise and unstinting effort the library team provides to the community.

Funded by the National Lottery, refurbishment of the library was completed 19 July 2024. The work included a full upgrade of decor and flooring, improved entrance desk, furniture and shelving and provision of a 'Teen's Area' with comfortable sofas.



Library emptied prior to refurbishment



Post-refurbishment entrance desk



Library refurbished

The upgrade also provides improved ambience in the children's area including seating for parents - three volunteers painted a delightful wall mural in the area.



Children's Area wall mural



Teen's Area

Activity

Library Service

The core function of the charity is to provide a first-class library service and we report a significant increase in footfall - 50,993 compared to 45,600 the previous year.

Disappointingly, book issues (35,163) in the year showed a decline of 1,899 on the previous year, mirroring a national downward trend.

We continued to visit local schools with a pop-up library; this work was undertaken by Gill, one of our volunteers and former Library Manager. She visited local schools to publicise the National *Summer Reading Challenge* and children's arts event held in the library. In Gill's three-weekly visits to a local Church of England Federation of two small schools we provided a library service for 54 pupils; it was pleasing to hear that the children told Ofsted Inspectors that the pop-up library supported them in their reading for pleasure.

As in previous years, we participated in the national '*Summer Reading Challenge*' for children; of 132 starting the challenge 106 completed and received a challenge certificate, many being presented at local schools.

Community Activities

The Charity continued to provide a varied range of community events and activities for all ages - a selection of these is listed in Table 1.

Table 1

Health Drop-ins - for parents of under 10s.

Art for Wellbeing - creative work with like-minded people.

D-Day tea party & Christmas Party - for senior citizens.

Ancestry - experienced family historians run courses, using library facilities, to teach how to find information on ancestors.

IT learning - talk by our resident IT buddy and Q&A about on-line safety.

Gardening Club - monthly meetings.

Book Talk - reading group.

Children's development group - seasonal activities throughout the year.

Theatre - '*Murder at Stokesley Towers*' - comedy devised and played by Library staff, volunteers and trustees. Also, '*The Plot Thickens*' staged by Just Some Theatre in collaboration with Rural Arts.

Monthly Film Night - well supported event showing recent films.

BookFest - hosting Stokesley Town Council's event: five local authors talked about their work and many more were able to display and sell their books.

Repair Cafe - well attended event in which a team help to repair items brought in by the community.

Code Club - weekly term time event enabling children to develop computer skills.

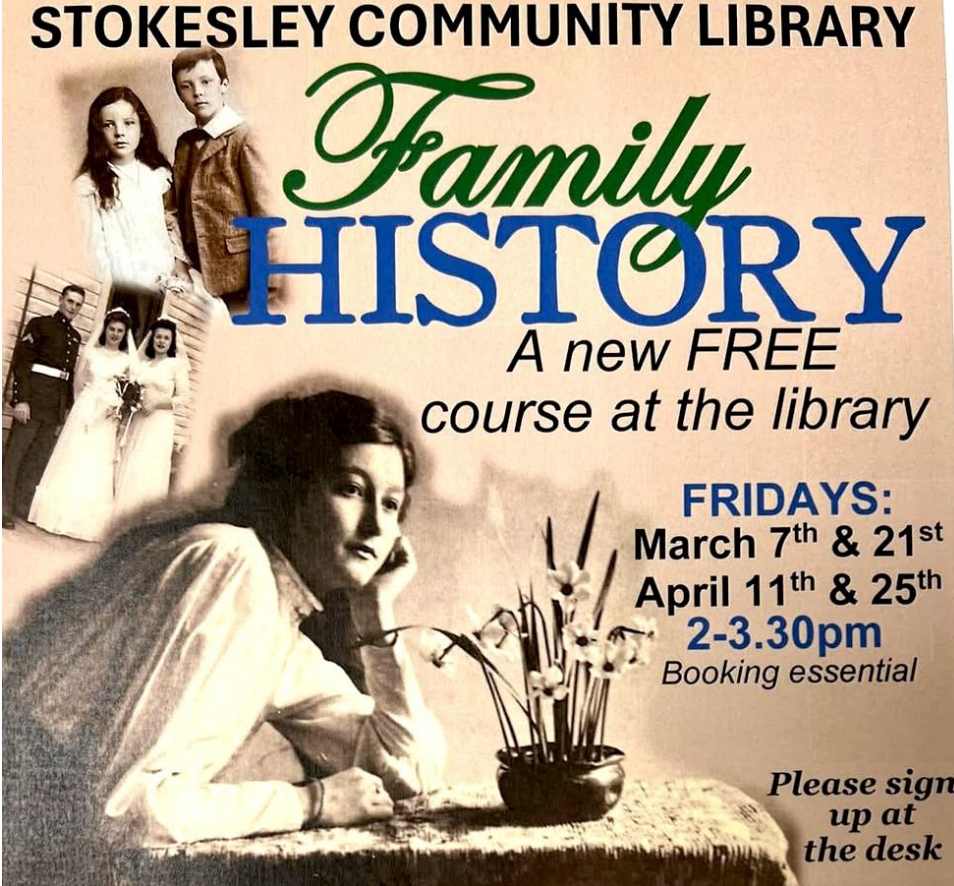
Film Night - monthly showing of recently released films.

The following illustrations provide a selection of some of our community activities:



BookFest

STOKESLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Family
HISTORY

A new **FREE**
course at the library

FRIDAYS:
March 7th & 21st
April 11th & 25th
2-3.30pm
Booking essential

*Please sign
up at
the desk*



Theatre - *Murder in the Manor* (cast of volunteers, managers and trustees)



Christmas Tea Party



Rishi Sunack MP meets Stokesley Academy pupils in our 'Teen Area'

Finance Review

In the year ending 31 March 2025 income had increased (£38,496 against £15,462 in the previous year; significant receipts were a National Lottery grant of £19,500 for the refurbishment of the library and increased receipts from events held in the library. Payments of £48,316 included £39,418 refurbishment costs. Excluding refurbishment, expenditure in-year was £8,898 against £3,314 in 23/24. Balance at year end was a loss of £9,820, which included the Charity's contribution to the refurbishment project. Cash balance at year end was £53,213 (£63,033 in FY 23/24).

Trustees are content that unrestricted funds remain sufficient to allow library operations to continue in FY25/26 and are well aware of the priority to utilise the charity's significant funds.

See finance statement at end of this report (pages 12 and 13).

Looking Ahead

Considerable time and effort was put into the Library refurbishment project, yet the service offered to the community continued unabated. Trustees now look to expand the pool of volunteers so as to ensure we have a team with the skills to operate the library service, deliver a greater range of community events and improve our ability to support the community in accessing government support services.

This report was approved by trustees and is signed by the Chair of the Trustee Board:

Signed by

David Heggarty 

Date 19/12/25

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

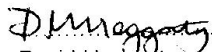
	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Library charges and sale of books	4,339	5,453
Room hire	2,711	3,308
Contributions from parish councils	700	500
Grants and donations	21,793	1,204
Gift Aid donations	1,102	1,148
Gift Aid refund	282	289
Events	6,485	3,445
Sundry sales	1,084	115
	<u>38,496</u>	<u>15,462</u>
Payments		
Library supplies	1,393	598
Insurance	314	357
Cleaning	937	918
Replacement blinds		818
Capital expenditure	865	3,727
Refurbishment costs	39,418	
Small items of equipment	508	335
Repairs and renewals	298	918
Website hosting	594	948
Events	3,317	2,422
Sundry expenses	410	638
Independent examination fee	200	510
Sumup charges	62	23
	<u>48,316</u>	<u>12,212</u>
Excess of payments over receipts	(9,820)	3,250
Bank balance at 1 April 2024	63,033	59,783
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THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Cash in hand	0	0
Cash at bank	53,213	63,033
	<u>53,213</u>	<u>63,033</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
Website	900	900
Furniture & equipment	17,849	17,849
Computer equipment	5,714	5,714
Donated assets	150	150
Refurbishment of library	39,418	
	<u>64,031</u>	<u>24,613</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	<u>150</u>	<u>200</u>

The attached notes form part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees on 23 July 2025 and signed
on their behalf by :


David Heggarty
Chair


Carolyn J Kitching
Treasurer

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Management and Volunteers

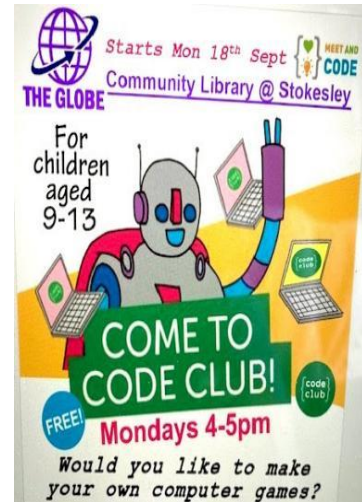
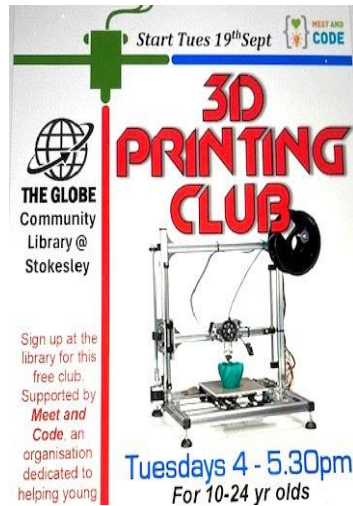
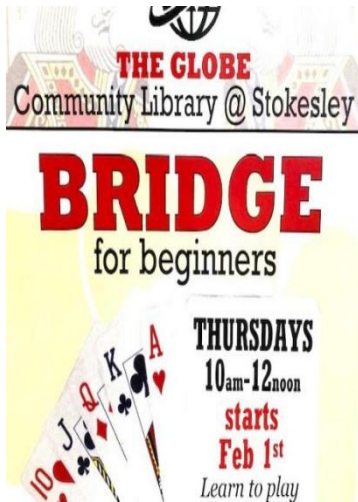
Stokesley Parish Council, through the local precept, continue to employ the Library Manager (currently a job share post) and the charity trustees oversee their work. This funding is vital if we are to continue this community service. Equally important is continued support from our wonderful volunteers; they deliver the library service, including our Home Library Service to those in the community who are housebound, and they plan and deliver a huge range of community activity.

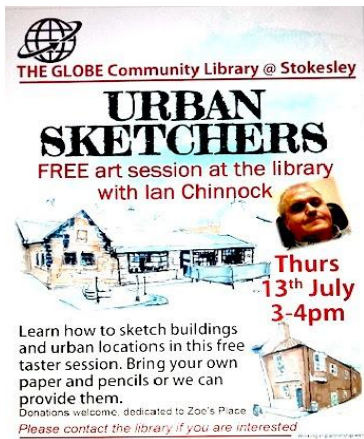
Together, both managers and volunteers continue to deliver a high class service to the community; their resilience, expertise and unstinting effort is quite remarkable. The Charity's trustees highly value these wonderful people, recognising that the library operation and delivery of community activity is wholly dependent upon this team.

Activity

The core function of the charity is to provide a high class library service and we report significant increase in footfall and book transactions. By the end of the year footfall had risen to 45,600 (compared to 38,067 the previous year) whereas, mirroring the national downward trend, book issues at 37,062 was 860 lower over the same period.

We continued to provide a diverse range of community events and activities for all ages; the following illustrations give a snapshot of the breadth of some of this community work:





(These posters were prepared by volunteer Pat)

However, these represent but a few of our activities; others range from crafts, art, talks and board games to knit and natter, silver surfers, film nights and story time for under 5s. This photo montage shows participants in a range of activity:



Games for children



Easter craft activity for youngsters

..... and, not forgetting activities with adults in mind:



Repair Cafe



Quieter moments



Meet a playwright

We continued to visit local schools to tell pupils about the range of books and, for the older pupils, the availability of periodicals and research papers that can be accessed through the library service.



Pop Up library at Stokesley Primary School

Not forgetting the older generation, in conjunction with Broadacres and Stokesley Community Care we held two tea parties; a summer party on the theme of the 1940s and a Christmas party, both seating 48 from the local community



Summer Tea Party and Entertainers

Financial review

In the year ending 31 March 2024 income had increased from that in the previous year (£15,462 against £12,973) - significant were increased receipts from events held in the library. Payments of £12,212 that year were £663 lower than the preceding year. Balance at year end was a surplus of £3,250. At the end of the year cash balance was £63,033 (£59,783 in FY22/23) and is available to expend on activities that further charitable purposes.

Trustees are content that unrestricted funds remain sufficient to allow library operations to continue in FY24/25 and they are well aware of the priority to utilise the charity's significant funds. Plans are well advanced for significant refurbishment of the Library in 2024.

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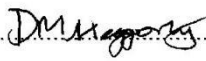
Looking Ahead

Our volunteer base is 40, all from the local community; they continue to plan and deliver an extensive range of community activities. The Board of Trustees records its grateful thanks to our managers and volunteers for their dedication in support of the local community. Mindful not to over-burden our willing helpers, Trustees will seek to expand the volunteer pool in the coming year.

For a third year we gave opportunity to Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme youngsters to do community work by volunteering at the Library. The Board of Trustees salutes these boys and girls and much values their involvement in the Library; we look to supporting others in the future.

Trustees are looking to widen the range of activities and events that enhance community involvement, particularly in the arts. With the potential for leasing additional rooms adjacent to the Library, pressure on floor space in the library will ease. Targets for 2024: to undertake the refurbishment of the Library, to expand live theatre and, hopefully, to expand the volunteer team,

This report was approved by trustees and is signed on behalf of the Board:

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Dated 15/12/24.

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David Heggarty (Chair of Trustees)

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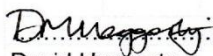
	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
Library charges and sale of goods	5,453	6,729
Room hire	3,308	3,038
Contributions from parish councils	500	700
Grants and Donations	1,204	901
Gift Aid donations	1,148	
Gift Aid Refund	289	305
Events	3,445	
Sundry sales	115	
Sponsorship - Tanton Industries		300
Fundraising in memory of Rosie Page		1,000
	15,462	12,973
Payments		
Library supplies	598	537
Insurance	357	359
Cleaning	918	1,840
Replacement chairs		2,170
Replacement screen and sound system		780
Replacement blinds	818	
Capital expenditure	3,727	1,684
Small items of equipment	335	
Repairs and renewals	918	1,058
Website hosting	948	594
Donation to NY Hospice in memory of Rosie Page		1,000
Events	2,422	1,505
Sundry expenses	638	1,048
Independent examination fee	510	300
Sumup charges	23	
	12,212	12,875
Excess of receipts over payments	3,250	98
Bank balance at 1 April 2023	59,783	59,685
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Donated assets	150	150
	<u>24,613</u>	<u>20,886</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	200	540

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Approved by the Trustees on 18th December 2024 and signed
on their behalf by :


David Heggarty
Chair


Carolyn J Kitching
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Globe Community Library

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 you as 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:

- 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.



Jane Neal

Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

4 Oaktree Grove, Hartburn, Stockton on Tees

19 June 2024

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Andy Wake (resigned mid-year)	

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Manager Gill De Cosemo retired in January 2023 after four years in post. Trustees are most grateful for her dedication, enthusiasm and energy and they acknowledge her inter-personal skills in managing 90 plus volunteers. Gill encouraged library users to expand their breadth of reading and she did much to nurture community activities and events in the Library. Throughout the covid pandemic lockdown Gill continued to provide a library service by providing an 'on demand' service and trustees believe that this will have provided some relief to the community at a difficult time.

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Having given notice in the press, social media and 'flyers' in the local area, we held our Annual General Meeting on 17 November 2022. Though the evening event was well advertised, Trustees were disappointed that there were few attendees from the community.

Celebration

The charity celebrated five years of service to the community on 1 April 2022. Trustees are pleased to report that our contract with NYC (Libraries) has been extended to 2032 thereby giving greater certainty to our continuing community work well into the future.

Financial review

In the year ending 31 March 2023 income had increased from that in the previous year (£12,973 against £7,587 in FY20/22) - significant were increased receipts from library charges and room hire. Payments doubled in year (£12,875 against of £6,453 in FY20/22) - significant was expenditure on improvements: replacing chairs, updating the screen and sound system, additional window blinds, payment for theatre and film performances, provision of art classes. Income/expenditure balance at year end was £98 in surplus. At the end of the year cash balance was £59,783 (£59,685 in FY21/22) and is available to expend on activities that further *The Globe's* charitable purposes. The cash balance includes £12,112 of restricted funds declared in the accounts for last year.

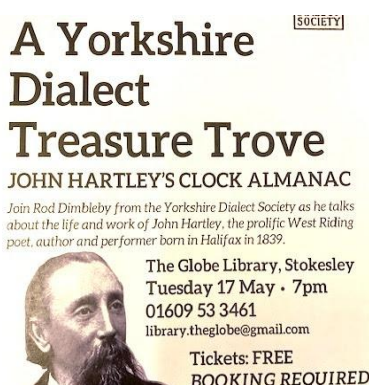
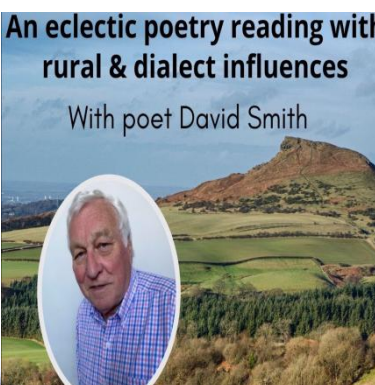
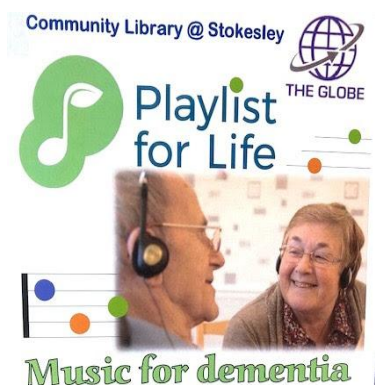
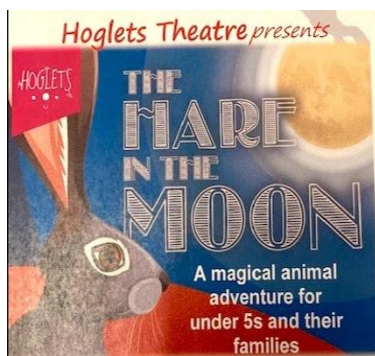
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See finance statement at end of this report (pages 9 to 11).

Activity

The core function of the charity is to provide a high class library service and we report significant increase in footfall and book transactions as we recover from the hiatus of the pandemic. By the end of the year footfall had risen to 38,067 compared to 12,812 the previous year and book issues at 37,922 was 2,105 higher than FY21/22.

We significantly increased the number and variety of community events and activities. The following illustrations give a snapshot of the breadth of some of our community work:





Our range of activities also includes: Chess Club, Silver Surfer's iPad Workshop, Scrabble Club, Robotics Club, Knitter & Natter, Coffee Mornings, Seniors Afternoon Tea, regular Under 5s Storytime, 'Junk Modelling'. We are particularly proud of the volunteer effort in providing a range of activities for children.



Robotics Club



Craft activity



Detective work - following author's talk



Queen's Jubilee activity

We continued to visit local schools (Primary, Secondary and 6th Form) to tell pupils about the range of books and, for the older pupils, the availability of periodicals and research papers that can be accessed through the library service.



Looking Ahead

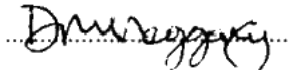
Our volunteer base shrunk significantly following the pandemic; from a pre-pandemic base of 100+ to 40 by the end of the reporting year. Clearly, having fewer volunteers has the potential to limit the delivery of community events, yet we have seen a reverse effect - community activity has flourished. The Board of Trustees records its grateful thanks to our managers and volunteers for their dedication. Mindful not to over-burden our willing helpers, Trustees will seek to expand the volunteer pool in the coming year.

For a third year we gave opportunity to Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme youngsters to do community work by volunteering at [The Globe](#). The Board of Trustees salutes these boys and girls and much values their involvement in the Library; we look to supporting others in the future.

Trustees are looking ahead to widening the range of activities and events that enhance community involvement. With the potential for leasing additional rooms adjacent to the Library we will reduce the pressure on floor space in the library and be able to expand the range of community activity.

Plans are in hand to make improvements to Library facilities: upgrading the entrance and reception area, reducing the footprint of the reception desk so as to enhance the ambiance, adding additional shelving and making improvements in the children's area. The project envisages moving the public PCs area to gain additional floor space in the central area thereby allowing for seating for lectures/film nights. Trustees look to complete these improvements in 2024.

This report was approved by trustees and is signed on behalf of the Board:



David Heggarty (Chair of Trustees)

04 December 2023

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Library charges and sale of goods	6,729	3,497
Room hire	3,038	445
Grants		420
Contributions from parish councils	700	1,100
Donations	901	1,531
Gift Aid tax refund	305	294
Fundraising in memory of Rosie Page	1,000	
Sponsor - Tanton Industries	300	300
	<u>12,973</u>	<u>7,587</u>
Payments		
		-
Library supplies	537	285
Insurance	359	355
Cleaning	1,840	1,722
Professional fees		668
New & Improved Chairs	2,170	
New Blinds	1,684	
Replacement Screen & New Sound System	780	
Short Story competition prizes	275	
Other Repairs & Renewals	1,058	
Website Hosting	594	
Theatre & Film performances	670	
Art classes	560	
Donation to NY Hospice in memory of Rosie Page	1,000	
Purchase of Assets		1,547
Independent examination fee	300	342
Sundry expenses	1,048	1,534
	<u>12,875</u>	<u>6,453</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	98	1,134
Cash funds at 1 April 2022	59,685	58,423
Cash funds at 31 March 2023	<u>59,783</u>	<u>59,685</u>

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Cash at bank	59783	59685
	<u>59783</u>	<u>59685</u>
 Fixed Assets		
Website	900	900
Furniture & equipment	14798	13114
Computer equipment	5038	5038
Donated assets	150	150
	<u>20886</u>	<u>19202</u>
 Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	<u>540</u>	<u>342</u>

Approved by the Trustees on ...26 August '23 and signed
on their behalf by :

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David Hegarty

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Carolyn J Kitching

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

I report on the accounts of The Globe Community Library for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.


.....
David A Swallow FCA

6th October 2023

'THE GLOBE' COMMUNITY LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1171473

Accounts



The Globe Community Library
(Registered Charity Number 1171473)

www.theglobelibrarystokesley.org.uk



The Board of Trustees of The Globe Community Library present their report, together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

The Globe Community Library (**The Globe**) was registered on 6 February 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation constituted under a governing document dated 23 January 2017. The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees - under the Constitution there should be not less than 5 and not more than 11 appointed trustees. Every trustee is appointed for a term of 3 years. The trustees who have served during the year were:

Peter Chandler

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Andrew Wake

Bryn Griffiths

Robert E Roberts

Carolyn Kitching

The library operates under a contract with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC). The Library Manager and her relief are funded and employed by Stokesley Town Council, though the charity manages her day-to-day work; Trustees continue to value support given by the Town Council. North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) provides an employee who works 15 hours per week to support the manager.

In order to achieve extended community activity the Trustee Board is looking to increase the number of trustees, thereby broadening the knowledge base of the management team. At the same time we look to develop closer closer working relationships with partner organisations.

Charity Objective

The objects of the charity are to:

Provide facilities for the education and social welfare of the public by the provision of a library and information hub for the benefit of residents of Stokesley and North Yorkshire-wide and for facilitating community activity.

In planning activities for the reporting period, trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Keeping in Touch

Library services and activities are made known to the community through the local press, via posters in local venues and businesses, on social media and on our website (www.theglobelibrarystokesley.org) - the latter provides details of library services, events, news and recommended reading.

Our website also gives details of how the charity can be supported by individuals and businesses. Trustees very much value the support given by Friends of The Globe and business sponsors.

Activity

Government covid lockdown requirements continued to limit the service operation of the library and delivery of community events. Though these restrictions resulted in a significant reduction in the number of available volunteers, the Library Manager and a small team were again able to provide an unbroken library service. Moreover, the 'home library service' continued where it was safe to make deliveries. Trustees record their thanks to this dedicated team for providing an unbroken service during lockdown, especially noting that the number of library users increased despite the covid restrictions. As restrictions were eased the public were able to access bookshelves and public access to computers was made available again.

Even though late in the year there was more freedom for groups to meet, we were unable to resume community activities as we would have liked. It became clear that covid restrictions beyond March 2022 would be eased to the point where the provision of community activities and events could re-start and Trustees and the Library Manager are keen to rekindle community involvement. Plans are in hand to provide an expanded programme of activities, thereby enabling us to fully deliver the Charity's objective. There is the prospect of access to additional floorspace in the building which, if it becomes available, will for the first time give trustees the facility to conduct concurrent activities and increase room hire.

Financial review

Notwithstanding covid restrictions, in the year ending 31 March 2022 income had near doubled that in the previous year (£7,587 against £3,848 in FY20/21) - significant was receipts from the resumption of library charges and from sale of goods (£3,497 against £916 in FY20/21). Payments in year of £6,453 were £2,733 higher than in FY20/21 - significant was £1,547 to purchase window blinds and protective screens. Income/expenditure balance at year end was £128 in surplus.

At 31 March 2022:

- a. The surplus on unrestricted funds was £47,573 (FY20/21: £45,599) and is available to expend on activities that further the charitable purposes of The Globe Community Library.
- b. The Charity held restricted funds of £12,112 (£12,245 in previous year), funds which the donors have specified are to be used solely for a particular projects undertaken by the charity.

Trustees are content that unrestricted funds remain sufficient to allow library operations to continue in FY22/23. Moreover, trustees are well aware of the priority to utilise the charity's significant funds as plans are developed to restart and expand community activity following two years of restricted access to the premises.

Looking Ahead

With the lifting of covid restrictions Trustees plan to rapidly restart community activities, especially with the prospect of holding concurrent events should access to additional rooms be granted. Plans are in hand to introduce cinema nights and to hold productions by local Arts Groups. Trustees are considering how to further extend community awareness and engagement and are looking to increase opening hours.

This report was approved by trustees and is signed on behalf of the Board

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(9) January 2023

David Heggarty (Chair of Trustees)

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

I report on the accounts of The Globe Community Library for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I 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.


David A Swallow FCA

16 November 2022

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
Cash Funds		
Cash in hand		
Cash at bank	59,685	58,551
	<u>£59,685</u>	<u>£58,551</u>
Other monetary assets		
Gift Aid Claim		
Payments in advance		0
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
Website	900	900
Furniture & equipment	13,114	13,114
Computer equipment	5,038	5,038
Donated assets	150	150
	<u>£19,202</u>	<u>£19,202</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	<u>£342</u>	<u>£300</u>

The attached notes form part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees on *15th November* and signed
on their behalf by :

David Hegarty
David Hegarty

Carolyn J Kitching
Carolyn J Kitching

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	2021 £
Receipts					
Library charges and sale of goods	3,497			3,497	916
Room hire	445			445	131
Grants		420		420	443
Contributions from parish councils	1,100			1,100	450
Donations	1,531			1,531	1,262
Coop Local Community Fund					0
Gift Aid tax refund	294		-	294	646
Fundraising			-		0
Sponsors	300			300	
	<u>7,167</u>	<u>420</u>		<u>7,587</u>	<u>3,848</u>
Payments					
Library supplies	285		-	285	527
Rates			-		
Insurance	355		-	355	
Cleaning	1,722		-	1,722	1780
Professional fees	668		-	668	758
Fundraising expenses					
Club expenses		1,260	-	1,260	18
Events			-		
Purchase of Assets	1,547		-	1,547	
Independent examination fee	342			342	300
Sundry expenses	274			274	337
	<u>5,193</u>	<u>1,260</u>		<u>6,453</u>	<u>3720</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	1,974	-840		1,134	128
Transfers between funds		133	(133)		
Cash funds at 1 April 2021	45,599	707	12,245	58,551	58,423
Cash funds at 31 March 2022	<u>47,573</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,112</u>	<u>59,685</u>	<u>58,551</u>

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:-

	At 1 April 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer to unrestricted funds £	At 31 March 2022 £
The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust	2,380	-	-	-	2,380
Co-op Local Community Fund	9,865			133	9,732
	<u>12,245</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>12,112</u>

The grant from The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust was a receipt towards the setting up of a craft area and other future capital expenditure within the library.

The grant from the Coop Local Community Fund is for the purchase of equipment to run film shows for all ages, IT sessions for silver surfers and a 3D printing workshop.

2. The movements in designated funds during the year were:-

	At 1 April 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer to unrestricted funds £	At 31 March 2022 £
Euro 500	-	419		-	419
		<u>419</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>419</u>

The grant received from Euro500 was to cover the costs of our entry into the 2019 Robotics for Girls' European Code Week competition. Surplus funds will be used by the Robotics Club for future projects.

3. The library is managed on a day to day basis by a library manager, employed and funded by Stokesley Town Council.
4. Grants received may be repayable if certain associated conditions are not or have not been met.

'THE GLOBE' COMMUNITY LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1171473

Accounts



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In partnership with North Yorkshire County Council

(8 pages after front cover)

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Structure, governance and management

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Peter Chandler

Bryn Griffiths

David Heggarty

Robert E Roberts (Chairman)

Fiona M Parkin

Roy Martin

Andrew Wake

Carolyn Kitching (from 5 July 2020)

The library operates under a contract with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC). The Library Manager and her relief are funded and employed by Stokesley Town Council - though the charity manages their day-to-day work. Trustees continue to value support given by the Town Council. A North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) library employee provides 15 hours work time to support the manager.

Charity Objective

The objects of the charity are to:

Provide facilities for the education and social of the public by the provision of a library and information hub for the benefit of residents of Stokesley and North Yorkshire-wide and for facilitating community activity.

In planning activities for the reporting period, trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Keeping in Touch

Library services and activities are communicated to the community through the local press, via posters in local venues and businesses, on social media and on our website - the latter provides details of library services, events, news and recommended reading.

The website also gives details of how the charity can be supported by individuals and businesses. Trustees value the support given by Friends of The Globe and business sponsors.

Activities

Government covid lockdown requirements imposed in March 2020 and subsequent staged easing of restrictions severely limited the service operation of the library. Despite this, throughout the lockdown the Library Manager and a small team of volunteers were able to provide a library service; in the early period of restrictions the service was limited to a 'click and collect' scheme until, as restrictions were eased, customers gained limited access to the bookshelves. Throughout, a copying service was provided and, as restrictions eased, public access to computers was made available. Moreover, the 'home library service' continued where it was safe to make deliveries. Trustees record their thanks to the dedicated team for providing the limited service during lockdown.

Unsurprisingly, community events and activities were suspended and at the close of the reporting period had not been reinstated because social mixing restrictions were still in place. Trustees are eager to reopen community activities as soon as restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so.

Financial review

Inevitably, income of from library operations was significantly lower than in non-covid years - £3,555 in 2020/21 against £32,541 the previous year. Most significant were loss of income from library charges (cancelled by NYCC as help to library users - that income normally being assigned to The Globe), donations, fundraising, and room hire - for these the reduction in income was £15,160 compared to the previous year. On the other hand, expenditure of £3,720 was £9,118 lower than in the previous year. Loss of income overall was offset by reduced expenditure leading to a receipts/payments loss of just £165 for the year.

At 31 March 2021:

- a. The surplus on unrestricted funds was £45,423 (2020: £46,013) and is available to expend on activities that further the charitable purposes of The Globe.
- b. There was a surplus on designated funds of £707 (2020: £282), unrestricted funds are those that the trustees have set aside for a particular purpose.
- c. The charity held restricted funds of £12,245 (same in previous year), funds which the donors have specified are to be used solely for a particular projects undertaken by the charity.


The effect of lockdown on The Globe's finances has been a significant loss of income that cannot be recovered. However, trustees are content that unrestricted funds remain sufficient to allow library operations to continue in FY21/22. That said, trustees are well aware of the priority is to utilise the charity's significant funds as plans are developed to restart and expand community activity when pandemic restrictions permit.

Looking Ahead

The targets set for this reporting year were not achieved as covid restrictions prevented community gatherings in the Library. Given continuing restrictions trustees are unable to set targets for FY 21/22, other than to reinstate full library and community activities as soon as may safely be reintroduced, ~~and to:~~

In anticipation of returning normality, trustees will consider how to further extend community awareness and engagement.

This report was approved by trustees on 23 Dec 2021 and signed on their behalf by

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R-E Roberts D. HEGGARTY

Chair of Trustees

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £	2020 £
Receipts					
Library charges and sale of goods	916			916	5,500
Room hire	131			131	1,378
Grants		443		443	2,562
Contributions from parish councils	450			450	710
Donations	1,262			1,262	8,621
Coop Local Community Fund	0			0	11,762
Gift Aid tax refund	646		-	646	311
Fundraising	0		-	0	1697
	3,405	443		3,848	32,541
Payments					
Library supplies	527		-	527	339
Rates			-	-	
Insurance			-	-	374
Cleaning	1,780		-	1780	1,380
Professional fees	758		-	758	
Fundraising expenses			-	-	119
Club expenses		18		18	316
Events			-	-	1,114
Legal fees			-	-	
Independent examination fee	300		-	300	-
Purchase of assets					7,681
Sundry expenses	337	-		337	1,515
	3,702	18		3720	12838
Excess of Payments over Receipts	-297	425		128	19,703
Transfers between funds					
Bank funds at 1 April 2020	45,896	282	12,245	58,423	38,720
Bank funds at 31 March 2021	45,599	707	12,245	58,551	58,423

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021	2020
Cash Funds		
Cash in hand	0	117
Cash at bank	58,551	58,423
	<u>£58,551</u>	<u>£58,540</u>
Other monetary assets		
Gift Aid Claim	0	646
Payments in advance	0	318
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£964</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
Website	900	900
Furniture & equipment	13,114	13,114
Computer equipment	5,038	5,038
Donated assets	150	150
	<u>£19,202</u>	<u>£19,202</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	<u>£300</u>	<u>£300</u>

The attached notes form part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees on 7 December 2021 and signed
on their behalf by :


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R E Roberts


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Carolyn J Kitching

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:-

	At 1 April 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer to unrestricted funds £	At 31 March 2021 £
The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust	2,380	-		-	2,380
Co-op Local Community Fund	9,865			-	9,865
	<u>12,245</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,245</u>

The grant from The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust was a receipt towards the setting up of a craft area and other future capital expenditure within the library.
The grant from the Coop Local Community Fund is for the purchase of equipment to run film shows for all ages, IT sessions for silver surfers and a 3D printing workshop.

2. The movements in designated funds during the year were:-

	At 1 April 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer to unrestricted funds £	At 31 March 2021 £
Euro 500	-	443		-	443
		<u>443</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>443</u>

The grant received from Euro500 was to cover the costs of our entry into the 2019 Robotics for Girls' European Code Week competition. Surplus funds will be used by the Robotics Club for future projects.

3. The library is managed on a day to day basis by a library manager, employed and funded by Stokesley Town Council.
4. Grants received may be repayable if certain associated conditions are not or have not been met.

THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

I report on the accounts of The Globe Community Library for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 and 6 of the Annual Report

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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David A Swallow FCA

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