



The Globe Community Library
(Registered Charity Number 1171473)

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Annual Report to Charity Commission for
Year to 31 March 2023

The Board of Trustees of Stokesley Community Library ([The Globe](#)) present their report, together with the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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	Bryn Griffiths
David Heggarty (Chairman)	Robert E Roberts (former Chairman)
Jeffrey King	Carolyn Kitching
Jan Hunter	Jane McGill
Sally Atkinson	Jon Borwell
Andy Wake (resigned mid-year)	

The library operates under a contract with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) - the Council provides, as their employee, a professional librarian who supports our Library managers. The Library is managed by two, job-share Library Managers both 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.

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.

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, recommended reading and publicises community event.

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.

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.

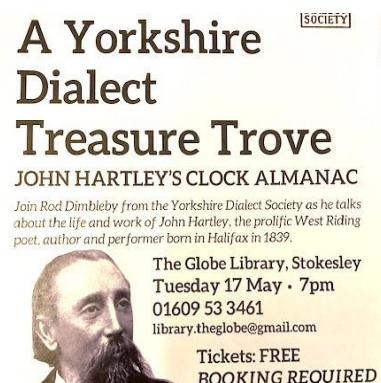
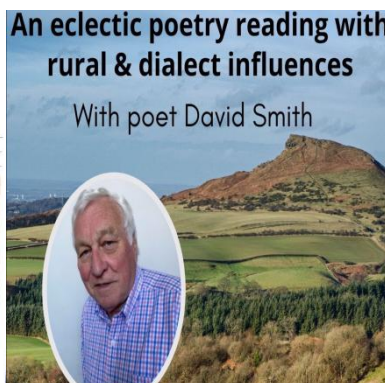
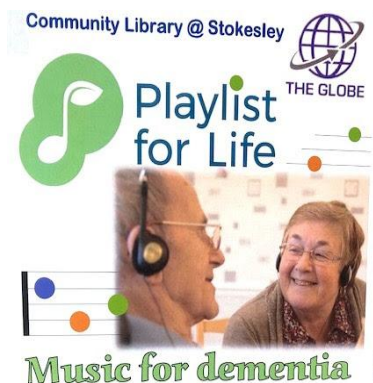
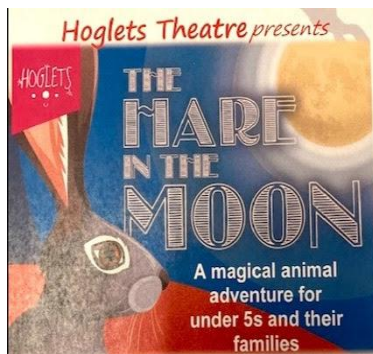
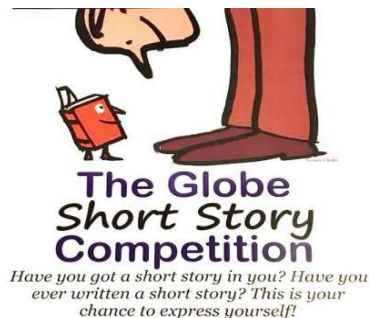
Trustees are content that unrestricted funds remain sufficient to allow library operations to continue in FY23/24. Moreover, trustees are well aware of the priority to utilise the charity's significant funds as plans are developed to restart and expand community activity following two years of restricted access to the premises.

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:





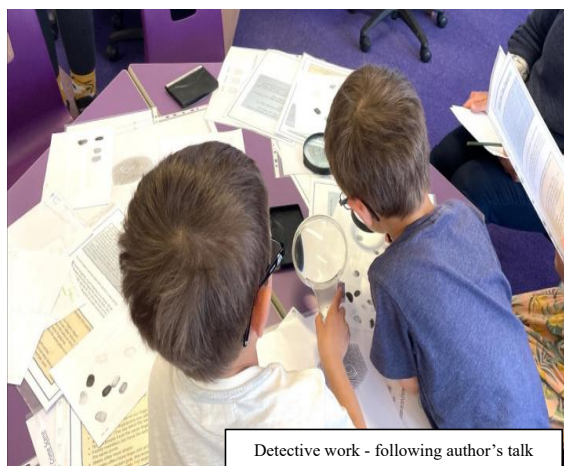
Our range of activities also includes: Chess Club, Silver Surfer's iPad Workshop, Scrabble Club, Robotics Club, Knitter & Natter, Coffee Mornings, Seniors Afternoon Tea, regular Under 5s Storytime, 'Junk Modelling'. We are particularly proud of the volunteer effort in providing a range of activities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

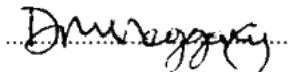
Our volunteer base shrunk significantly following the pandemic; from a pre-pandemic base of 100+ to 40 by the end of the reporting year. Clearly, having fewer volunteers has the potential to limit the delivery of community events, yet we have seen a reverse effect - community activity has flourished. 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.

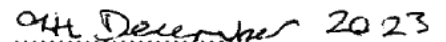
Trustees are looking ahead to widening the range of activities and events that enhance community involvement. With the potential for leasing additional rooms adjacent to the Library we will reduce the pressure on floor space in the library and be able to expand the range of community activity.

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)



**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
	12,973	7,587
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
	12,875	6,453
Excess of receipts over payments	98	1,134
Cash funds at 1 April 2022	59,685	58,423
Cash funds at 31 March 2023	59,783	59,685

**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 :

David Hegarty
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Carolyn J Kitching
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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

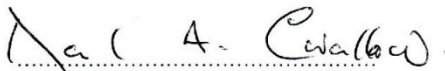
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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