



The Globe Community Library
(Registered Charity Number 1171473)

www.library.theglobe.org.uk



Annual Report to Charity Commission for
Year to 31 March 2024

The Board of Trustees of Stokesley Community Library present their report, together with the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

Stokesley Community Library 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

David Heggarty (Chairman)

Jeffrey King

Jan Hunter

Sally Atkinson

Rudy Bilous

Bryn Griffiths

Robert E Roberts (Secretary)

Carolyn Kitching (Treasurer)

Jane McGill

Jon Borwell

The library operates under a contract with North Yorkshire Council (NYC); the Council provide a professional librarian (their employee) who supports our Library managers. The Library is managed by two, job-share Library Managers both employed by Stokesley Town Council (STC), though the charity manages their day-to-day work. Trustees continue to value support given by the two Councils. Additionally, trustees are grateful for funding from some local Parish Councils.

Charity Objective

The objects of the charity: *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 during 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 public website (www.theglobellibrarystokesley.org) - the latter provides details of library services, recommended reading and also publicizes community events.

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

Having given notice in the press, social media and 'flyers' in the local area, we held our Annual General Meeting on 15 November 2023. Though the evening event was well advertised, Trustees were disappointed that, as in previous years, there were few attendees from the community.

Management and Volunteers

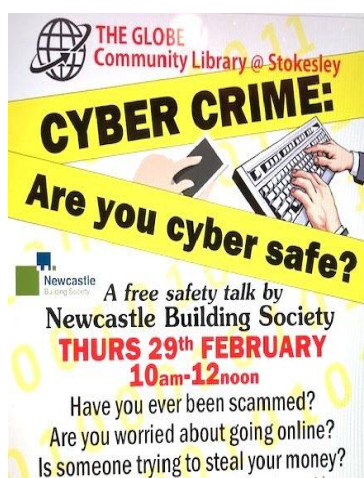
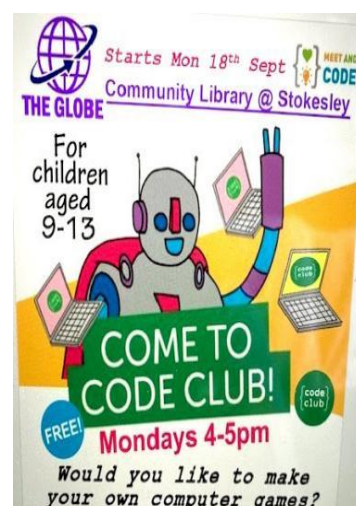
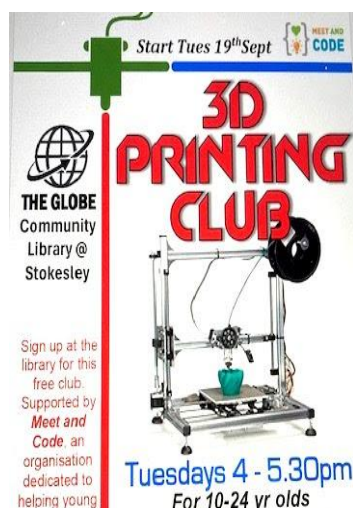
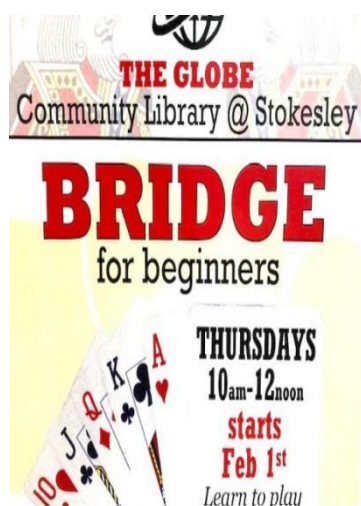
Stokesley Parish Council, through the local precept, continue to employ the Library Manager (currently a job share post) and the charity trustees oversee their work. This funding is vital if we are to continue this community service. Equally important is continued support from our wonderful volunteers; 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.

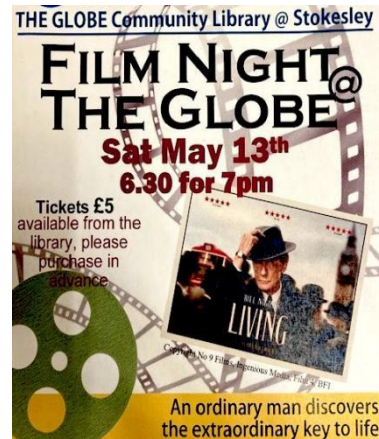
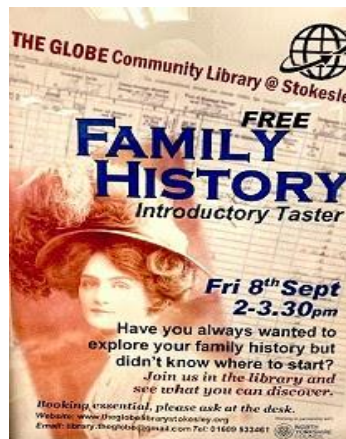
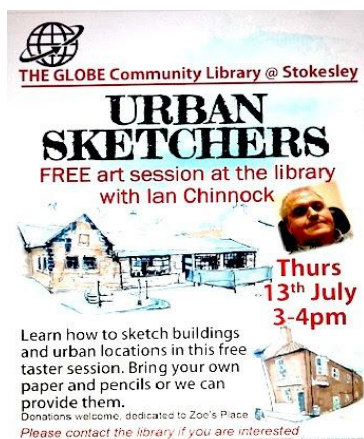
Together, both managers and volunteers continue to deliver a high class service to the community; their resilience, expertise and unstinting effort is quite remarkable. The Charity's trustees highly value these wonderful people, recognising that the library operation and delivery of community activity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

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


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)

**THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	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
Bank balance at 31 March 2024	63,033	59,783

THE GLOBE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Cash in hand	0	0
Cash at bank	63,033	59,783
	<u>63,033</u>	<u>59,783</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
Website	900	900
Furniture & equipment	17,849	14,798
Computer equipment	5,714	5,038
Donated assets	150	150
	<u>24,613</u>	<u>20,886</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	200	540

The attached notes form part of these accounts

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

David Heggarty
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Chair

Carolyn J Kitching
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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

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19 June 2024

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