

FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1173556

Details

Other names Wool Community Library

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-06-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN WOOL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A LENDING LIBRARY;(2) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF WOOL AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY 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.

Activities: Friends of Wool Library supports the operation of the Community Library in Wool which serves the population of Wool, Dorset and the surrounding area. As well as book loans, the library runs activity sessions for children under 11 during the summer holidays, assists the RVS with the Home Library Service to the housebound, and works with the Parish Council to provide a service to the Parish.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£1,054	£757	-	-
2024-02-29	£1,100	£1,046	-	-
2023-02-28	£1,331	£1,836	-	-
2022-02-28	£1,107	£571	-	-
2021-02-28	£809	£1,110	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alicia Rueda Alicantarilla		2026-01-05
Corinne Beverly Turner		2025-06-19
Judith Mary Price		2023-06-01
Laura Jane Beddow		2026-02-02
Rosemary Adams		2022-09-21

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FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY
MINUTES OF 14TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN
MAIN HALL, D'URBERVILLE CENTRE
ON
SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2025

Trustees: Judy PRICE (JP - Chair), Rosa ADAMS (RA - Treasurer), Claire KINGMAN (CK – Home Library Service), Jennifer COTTAM (JC - Membership Secretary), Andrew KERR (AK), Heather FLETCHER (HF)

Also present were: Annabelle GLASSPOOL, Sue KERR, Sharon PALMER, Eileen OSGOOD, Annette DYKE, Ali BURNELL.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Danzella TRASK, Simon KINGMAN, Esther FARR, Frank SNART (Trustee), David and Margaret SMITH (Honorary Members), Jane PEARSON, Pat STANLEY, Val PANTER.

2. Minutes of AGM held on 19th March 2024.

These were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Rosa ADAMS, seconded by Claire KINGMAN.

3. Annual Report of the Trustees Chair.

JP gave the following report, focusing on the events of the 2024-25 financial year:

Overview

JP reminded the meeting of the objectives of the CIO:

- to advance the education of the general public in Wool and the surrounding area, in particular, though not exclusively, by the provision of a lending library;
- to further benefit the residents of Wool and the surrounding neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by bringing together said residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the residents in particular in relation to leisure time occupation.

A big thank you went to the Parish Council, FoWL members and business partners for their continuing generosity and to library volunteers without whom the library couldn't continue its work.

It was decided to hold the AGM on a Saturday afternoon to enable those who work during the week to attend and to encourage attendance by those who prefer not to venture out in the dark in the winter. The choice of room was made to increase accessibility. The limited attendance might indicate the decision was not entirely successful and will be reviewed for future events.

The year will certainly be remembered by volunteers, particularly those who take the lead in managing the library, as the 'Year of the New System'. After nearly a year, there remain some hiccups with the New System, as with all complex new systems. All public and community Dorset Libraries experienced similar frustrations, and the Dorset Community Libraries Group were helpful and supportive, meeting more frequently than would normally be the case to share anxieties, advice and some solutions. Throughout this time problems experienced were reported to Dorset Libraries to raise awareness of the specific issues met with by community libraries. Ongoing is the lack of email notifications for reserved books and return dates. The roll-out to Libraries West of improvements has been announced but no timescale has been given as yet.

Despite these difficulties, the number of new customers has increased and, although Wool is the smallest community library, it didn't have the smallest increase. We don't have a breakdown of numbers of adult and children's books borrowed but the total number of books issued has gone down. Perhaps of relevance is that we sometimes hear people ask, 'Is there a library in Wool?'. However, in the last eight months, there was an average of 190 visitors to the library each month, the highest number (197) being in November. We started recording the numbers of children and adults in February and of 182 visitors that month, 25 were children. Very few sessions were recorded with no visitors. There is still a need to advertise and promote the library and its services more and to help this, we have a new flag at the corner of the library when open, and a new sign on the outside wall with our new logo. It will be interesting to see how things develop over the next year, with the extension now submitted to the planning authority.

Our volunteers and their activities

Each January a coffee morning is held for all the volunteers to celebrate the library's birthday. Currently, there are 20 volunteers and 7 lead volunteers, so it is quite a celebration and is hosted by the lead volunteers.

Children are important customers, and special thanks go to all those dedicating time to encouraging children's interest in books, stories, information - everything we can gain from the printed word. Historically, school visits to the library start in the January term. Sadly, Bovington Academy sometimes experiences staffing problems which prevent the children visiting. To overcome this problem, the library is being Taken Out to schools as well. Storytime sessions at Wool Church of England School started as planned and are much enjoyed.

The Summer Reading Challenge took place over the children's summer holidays with 49 children registering to take part. The volunteers encouraged the children by listening to their reports on the books they had read, and putting a star chart up in the library to show the numbers of books read. 26 children completed the challenge by reading six books, two children read 1 book, 5 children read 2 books and two children read 3 books. Prizes were awarded for each stage achieved. An activity session was held by the volunteers in August and enjoyed by 17 children. This was free for all the children and financed by FoWL contributions. We look forward to this

year's challenge - the theme being 'Story Garden - adventures in nature and the great outdoors'. A big thank you to Esther Farr and her team for all their hard work in making this annual event such a success for Wool Community Library and the children.

Plans to start a Lego Club in the school holidays have also been developed, with a successful trial run in the Easter holidays, organised by the busy children's team.

The library is also Taken Out by the Home Library Service team who have had a mixed year in terms of numbers of readers. This is a great free service, delivering books and audio books to anyone unable to get to the library. There were six readers for some time but we are now down to three. The team are always on the lookout for new users of this national service which, as reported in our newsletter, has received much praise in the past months.

The advertising space for local businesses in the entrance lobby is now full to overflowing, with 25 businesses taking the opportunity to have their business cards and some pamphlets on view. It is hoped we can ask the businesses to advertise the library in return with a sticker or library leaflet on display.

The Library website has been updated in line with ICL. This includes the new books list which it is hoped can be expanded to include some recommendations and reviews. This can then be linked to our Facebook page which may also have a teenager/children's section. So, watch that space!

FoWL Membership

Membership happily retained member numbers during the year. We continue to be in a nicely balanced situation of the membership renewals together with donations giving an adequate income to cover our bills. It is always helpful if you make sure you have a receipt or a membership card as proof of your renewal payment.

Sadly, two volunteers, founding trustees and longstanding members of the library died this year – Chris Whish and Alasdair Berrie.

The Events Team - Taking the Library Out

As a new venture, the Events Team 'Took the Library Out' to the Wool Charter Fair and to a very windy Carnival last year. These were successful opportunities for increasing awareness of the existence of a library in Wool.

We took the opportunity to collect information by way of a survey at each event. A total of 35 surveys were completed. For the majority, the library was *important* or *very important* with borrowing materials, use of photocopier/scanner/printer, on-line services and inter-library services being most important. 24 respondents considered customer service to be *good* or *excellent*, with 20 assessing online services, inter-library services, reserving books and opening hours to be *good* or *excellent*. In all categories, the majority of responses not falling into the *good* or *excellent* category were rated as *don't know/not applicable*. For a full overview of the survey responses, please see the Summary of the WCL Survey 2024 on our display boards or request a copy directly.

These outings, together with the survey, enabled us to engage in conversations with people of all ages, walks of life and interests about their view of libraries and their place in the community today. We are always looking for additional places to Take the Library Out. Whilst at these events, we realised we had little knowledge of who many of our members are so, an enjoyable Tea & Cake afternoon was held in September to 'get to know you' and provide an opportunity for you to get to know each other. Another similar event is planned for later this year.

A quarterly newsletter has been shared with all members – by email or delivered by hand, keeping you up to date with our activities, plans and invitations. We hope you enjoy reading them.

Policies and Agreements

Our Service Level Agreement has been duly signed and submitted to Dorset. All policies have been reviewed as required and kept in line with Dorset Libraries.

4. Treasurer's Report

RA explained that, due to an unforeseen and long period in hospital, she has focused her attention on bringing all available information and documentation together. The accounts suggest a slight discrepancy of an extra, unexplained £2.50 compared to the actual bank balance. At the end of our financial year our bank assets were £6913.48 whereas the accounts showed £6915.98. As the paperwork needed to be able to check the discrepancy was not available to RA, it was agreed that the extra should be written off to enable this year's accounting to start with the correct balance.

The table below shows a general overview of the accounts (a more detailed version can be provided on request).

MEMBERSHIP INCOME	ADVERTISING INCOME	DONATIONS INCOME	FUNDRAISING	MISC. INCOME	TOTAL INCOME
£430.00	£165.00	£226.50	£102.00	£130.97	£1,054.47

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
£757.21

BANK ASSETS	PETTY CASH BOX	TOTAL ASSETS
£6,915.98	£0.00	£6,915.98

Due to LC stepping down as Trustee, HF will be approved by LC to replace her as bank signatory.

5. Election of Trustees

We started the year as a team of seven Trustees. We recently happily gained another one, Heather Fletcher having been successfully co-opted, but sadly will lose three today as Andrew, Claire and Lizzie are all stepping down. We are fortunate to have been approached by others wishing to join us so, hopefully, we will be back up

to a fuller number soon. We will still be delighted if others show an interest in joining us and with the new team we hope to continue to address the FoWL objectives successfully.

6. To approve the appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

External auditing was agreed as a useful element for transparency, even though not a requirement for the Charity Commission. Once the paperwork and the accounts have been checked by the Treasurer, they will be submitted for independent examination. An examiner will be sought in the meantime.

7. Future Development Strategy - Fundraising

The Trustees feel that, as our annual income from membership fees and donations balances with our expenditure and there is a large fundraising project on the horizon with our involvement in the D'Urberville extension project, we should save our energies and collect all available information regarding donors, and funding opportunities in preparation for this large task. The planning application has been submitted! With Dorset finances continually shrinking, Dorset Library is now sharing many funding opportunities. The Community Managed Libraries Network, of which we are a member, recently devoted their monthly meeting to Fundraising, sharing many links and potential sources of funding – a very useful meeting.

8. Matters arising not on the Agenda

It was highlighted that for ten days at the beginning of September, the D'Urberville Centre will be closed due to scheduled works being undertaken on the surrounding parking area.

Immense gratitude was expressed towards the Trustees who are standing down for all their work over the past years.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS AT A GLANCE

PERIOD 1 MARCH 2024 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2025

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LIBRARY ACCOUNT 1 MARCH 24 TO 28 FEBRUARY 25

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LIBRARY ACCOUNT 1 MARCH 24 TO 28 FEBRUARY 25

EXPENDITURE

VOUCHER	DATE	ITEM	HALL HIRE		INSURANCE		EXPENSES		TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
			CASH	CHQ/FPI	CASH	CHQ/FPI	CASH	CHQ/FPI	CASH	CHQ/FPI	TOTAL
EX1	19.3.24	AGM		13.13					0.00	13.13	13.13
EX2	20.3.24	SIM					1.99		1.99	0.00	1.99
EX3	23.04.24	ICL WEB						80.00	0.00	80.00	80.00
EX4	23.04.25	OFFICE					8.99		8.99	0.00	8.99
EX5	07.05.24	ICL WEB						10.00	0.00	10.00	10.00
EX6	02.07.24	ICL WEB						31.20	0.00	31.20	31.20
EX7	02.07.24	STAMPS					6.80		6.80	0.00	6.80
EX8	02.07.24	GIFT TOKEN					50.00		50.00	0.00	50.00
EX9	02.07.24	BOOK TOKEN					20.00		20.00	0.00	20.00
EX10	02.07.24	LEBARA					5.97		5.97	0.00	5.97
EX11	03.07.24	BOOK TOKEN					40.00		40.00	0.00	40.00
EX12	03.07.24	BOOK TOKEN					20.00		20.00	0.00	20.00
EX13	15.09.24			30.00					0.00	30.00	30.00
EX14	07.10.24	OFFICE					7.99		7.99	0.00	7.99
EX15	10.10.24	BOOK TOKEN						25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
EX16	10.01.25	INS				368.64			0.00	368.64	368.64
EX17	02.02.25	CML MEMB						37.50	0.00	37.50	37.50
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BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR ACCOUNTS

CARRIED FORWARD AS OF:		01.03.2024
BANK BALANCE	PETTY CASH BALANCE	TOTAL BALANCE
£6,657.48	£95.12	£6,752.60

BANK ASSETS	PETTY CASH BOX	TOTAL ASSETS
£6,915.98	£0.00	£6,915.98

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18.3.24	DONATION	0.90		6.83
18.3.24	DONATION	1.00		7.83
	LEBARA			1.99
21.03.24				5.84
03.04.24				5.84
05.04.24				5.84
08.04.24				5.84
08.04.04	ANNETTE		8.99	-3.15
25.04.24	DONATION	10.00		6.85
25.04.24	STAMPS		6.80	0.05
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CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023/4

Overview

Friends of Wool Library (FoWL) is a registered charity and we submit our accounts and our annual report to the Charity Commission each year.

Friends of Wool Library has continued the management of Wool Community Library and successfully completed the eleventh year of operation on 15th January 2024. We held a Coffee morning to celebrate our birthday which was attended by 15 volunteers who had an opportunity to get together socially and meet people other than the Duty Coordinators!

The library has continued to open on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and on Thursday and Saturday mornings. The library is open for 8 hours a week across the 4 days. On average, and taken across the year, 12 customers come into the library each session.

We are indebted to the Parish Council for the support they give us in paying our rent and funding our heating costs. That support amounts to approximately £2000 a year so is not insignificant.

We have 80 members and we are extremely grateful for the support they give. Membership fees contribute to the running costs of the library and help to support initiatives such as the Summer Reading Challenge.

Trustees

The Trustees in the last year were:

Sue Kerr - Chair

Treasurer - Annette Dyke

Committee members - Andrew Kerr, Claire Kingman, Rosa Adams, Lizzie Chilvers, Judy Price and Jennifer Cottam. Judy Price joined us as a new Trustee on 1st June 2023 and Jennifer Cottam joined us as a Trustee and our new Membership Secretary on 19th September. We were sorry to say goodbye to previous Membership Secretary Judith Beeby who left the committee in September when she and her husband Robin moved away from the area. They were both highly valued members of the team.

Jane Pearson stood down as a Trustee at the last AGM but she remains our minute secretary and we are extremely grateful to her for all her hard work on our behalf.

The Trustees have met 5 times since the last AGM.

Under our constitution, the 2 longest serving members of the committee stand down unless they choose re-election or unless they have already been re-

elected 3 times. This year there are some major changes to our committee which I'll outline later.

Every one of our Trustees makes a contribution to our success, and I'd like to thank them all for their support and hard work over the last year.

Activities/Operation

We currently have 24 volunteers, most of whom are active either on shift or organising children's activities. We are very lucky to be able to attract so many willing helpers, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gives up their time to help us. In particular I'd like to thank our new Storytime team - Esther Farr, Margaret Evered, Tricia Hook and David Pritchard who have been reading to the Bovington Academy reception class on Thursday mornings at the library. Each week they are entertaining half of the class with a story and a chance to choose a book - thus bringing a new group of children into the library to enjoy reading.

We have up to date policies on Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Data Protection which are reviewed annually and which all volunteers sign to say they have read and agreed.

As outlined in last year's strategy report, we have continued to train volunteers on shift rather than in special sessions, and we were very grateful to Annette Dyke for allowing us to have our summer party at her home, so that volunteers could spend some social time together - something else that we decided was important when we were discussing what we wanted to do to retain our most important asset, our volunteers.

We run each shift with a Duty Coordinator and a volunteer. The Duty Coordinators form the Operational Management Group, which submits a written report to Trustees on the day to day running of the library. We currently have 7 Duty Coordinators - myself, Jane Pearson, Annette Dyke, Pauline Diment, Claire Kingman, Ali Burnal and Lizzie Chilvers. After each shift the Duty Coordinator will send a report to the other DCs so that any issues or concerns can be raised and so each shift can be prepared for what will be required. All the DCs have access to the library email and can print off the necessary lists and instructions from Dorset Libraries. This method of running the library has proved invaluable as the lead volunteers have been able to quickly communicate changes in practice required by County, and keep the library running smoothly. It has proved invaluable having 2 more Duty Coordinators this year, in line with the 2023 strategy, making it possible to cope better with inevitable absences through illness or holidays.

The Home Library Service, organised via the RVS using the library services, continues to help those who can't easily get to the library and we pay tribute to Claire Kingman and her team for their hard work to keep this valuable service going.

We are supported by Dorset Council with the help of a Community Library Liaison Officer - Petra Peters - who is on hand for support with the day to day running of the library. We also have support from the Customer Service Manager Nikki Blair who can give advice on operational matters. Dorset Libraries arranges 2 meetings a year where updates and policy are outlined and discussed - these meetings are attended by all the 8 Community Managed Libraries in Dorset.

Achievements

One of our major achievements this year was a new, enhanced approach to the annual Summer Reading Challenge, in line with our declared 2023 strategy. Trustees gave their blessing to increased investment into supporting the challenge by purchasing special book bags with the Summer Reading Challenge logo which were given out to children reading just 2 books. The idea behind this was to encourage more children to at least start the challenge - in the past we've noticed that children register but then don't return to the library having read any books. This new approach bore dividends in that 53 children signed up to take part and of those, 33 finished the challenge with only 7 children not reading any books at all. This is a marked increase in involvement compared to the previous year when 31 children started the challenge and 17 completed it. I would like to pay tribute to all our DCs and volunteers for wholeheartedly supporting the challenge and embracing the added work it brings. It is encouraging and exciting to see children so keen to come into the library and tell you about their reading. A big thank you too to the team that organised 2 free activity sessions in the summer holidays - it's a pity the weather was so hot that on one of the days we had no children to entertain!

We have had a little more involvement with local schools this year but school staffing still often means that an arranged visit will be postponed or even cancelled. I've mentioned the work we are doing on a regular basis with Bovington Academy and this is largely driven by the excellent relationship we have with the reception class teacher there. We attended schools to talk about the Summer Reading Challenge, and we also hosted a visit from Winfrith and Lulworth School in June and from Wool Primary in November. The work we do with local schools and youth organisations is crucial in bringing not just children but also their parents into the library and we are indebted to those who work hard to make these visits successful - in particular Esther Farr, Jane Pearson and Cathy Forbes.

Esther also continues to help us with coordinating the support we get from local businesses. This is a valuable addition to funds as you can see from the balance sheet and we hope to encourage more corporate sponsorship in the future.

We took the opportunity to join the Community Managed Libraries Network this year - this is a national group representing volunteer run libraries across the country and has given us access to advice and support from a wider network than just Dorset, although we have also benefited from meeting up with Dorset Community Managed library colleagues this year too when we attended meetings at Stalbridge and Charmouth.

Our vision for a bigger library hasn't gone away - simply been put on hold while the Parish Council submits plans for approval. The current financial climate is causing a delay in pressing on with the hoped for improvements to the D'Urberville Hall which will include a much larger space for the library, but we are assured that eventually our dream will materialise!

Perhaps one of our most notable achievements this year has been to advertise the library in a more physical sense with new signage. A big shout out to Tim Elliott of Print in the Bag who did all the design work for free on our new window treatment and banner. Members of the public can now see at a glance on our window when we are open and our contact details while our new banner proclaims in no uncertain terms that the library is OPEN.

I say it every year but that's because it's true - the library is dependent on its Friends, its Trustees, but most of all its volunteers. This is my last annual report as Chair of Trustees, but I'm proud to have been part of such a wonderful group and glad to be continuing as Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you - all of you - for doing what you do - and doing it so willingly and so well.

Friends of Wool Library Strategy report 2024

These were the points discussed at the strategy meeting held in January:

On funding - no plans are in place for any fundraising activity this year at the moment but we noted that if the Parish Council decides to press ahead with the extension to the D'Urberville Centre, including the library extension, we would need to approach grant aid providers for financial support. Trustees are keen to explore the possibility of approaching larger businesses in the area for enhanced corporate sponsorship. It was agreed that funding was an important issue for the next year and should be discussed as a regular agenda item.

On marketing - it was agreed that we should continue to promote the library especially to children and young people. We have again agreed to support the Summer Reading Challenge with the purchase of some branded merchandise which will be given to children to encourage them to continue with the challenge once they have signed up. It is felt that more involvement in the community is important so that people are reminded of the existence of the library.

On operational matters - we have updated our signatories to reflect the change in officers of the committee and transferred the management of the Charity Commission website to the new Chair. It was noted that the new Service Level Agreement between Friends of Wool Library and Dorset Council will be forthcoming in 2024 and that the Trustees would be responsible for ensuring its adoption.

On our policies - we reviewed our Health and Safety Policy and checked that our Safeguarding and Data Protection policies were in line with Dorset Council.

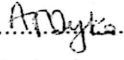
On training - we agreed that we would continue to train new volunteers on the job rather than in out of hours sessions, but we noted that with the new Library Management System planned for installation this year we might need more formal training sessions. Some Duty Coordinators will be trained in Dorchester with a view to cascading their knowledge to the other DCs.

Given that the new committee will be responsible for initiatives in the following year I'd like to invite Judy Price, as Chair designate, to give the meeting some information about ideas for marketing and promotion.

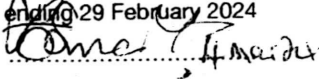
FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY - CHARITY NO 1173556

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 29th February 2024

2022/23	INCOME GROSS	2023/24	
445.00	Membership Fees		385.00
511.40	Donations		305.00
101.37	Half fines returned by Dorset Council		101.09
10.13	Credit from Amazon Smile		18.54
78.97	HMRC Gift Aid Reimbursement		104.89
	total		914.52
	Fund Raising		
10	AGM Raffle		0
175.00	Business Card Display		185.00
		Total	1099.52
	EXPENDITURE GROSS		
102.50.	Hire of Hall		76.00
329.00	Insurance		364.27
46.60	Asset purchase - signage		254.18
80.00.	Annual WCL Website fee		80.00
33.60.	Annual Domain maintenance		33.60
0.00	Annual ICL web design protection		10.00
0	Summer Reading Challenge Gift Bags		57.00
0	Membership of Comm. Libraries Network		37.50
		total	912.55
	Expense Claims		
42.61.	Office expenses		93.25
19.09.	Flowers - thank you gift		15.00
0.00	Membership Cards		25.00
			133.25
	Events		
1173.05	10 year celebration		0
10	Mobile top up		0
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1045.80
	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		53.72
	NET FUNDS AS AT 28th February 2023	6609.69	
	balance for year	53.72	
	Total as at 29th February 2024	6663.41	
	Cash in Bank	6657.48	
	Cash in Hand	5.93	
		6663.41	

Annette Dyke  Treasurer

I have examined the book and records of Friends of Wool Library and I am satisfied that the above account is a true record for the year ending 29 February 2024

Auditor: Frank Smart. 

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CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/3

Overview

Friends of Wool Library (FoWL) is a registered charity and we submit our accounts and our annual report to the Charity Commission each year.

Friends of Wool Library has continued the management and running of Wool Community Library and successfully completed the tenth year of operation on 15th January 2023. We celebrated our tenth birthday with a party for Friends, volunteers and invited dignitaries including His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dorset, author Minette Walters, and representatives from Wool Parish Council, Dorset Council and the Dorset Library Service.

The library has continued to open on Tuesday afternoons and on Thursday and Saturday mornings, and in January this year we started our Wednesday afternoon sessions which have proved quite popular. We had a great deal of support from the Parish Council who agreed unanimously that an extra session could be added and that the Parish Council would cover the additional running costs involved. The library is now open for 8 hours a week across the 4 days.

We have 82 members and we are extremely grateful for the support they give. Membership fees contribute to the running costs of the library and help to support initiatives such as the Summer Reading Challenge.

Trustees

The Trustees are:

Sue Kerr - Chair

Secretary - Jane Pearson

Treasurer - Annette Dyke

Committee members - Judith Beeby, Andrew Kerr, Claire Kingman, Rosa Adams and Lizzie Chilvers. Rosa and Lizzie were co-opted as Trustees on 21st September and 16th February respectively and I'd like to welcome them to their first AGM as Trustees. We hope to welcome Judy Price as a new Trustee at our next meeting.

The Trustees have met 6 times since the last AGM.

Under our constitution, the longest serving members of the committee are required to stand down after they have been re-elected 3 times. We'll discuss this under item 6 on the agenda.

The Trustees have worked hard this year to ensure that the library meets the needs of the community in terms of accessibility, and I'd like to thank Rosa

Adams especially for her help in making sure we improved the library in this area.

Every one of our Trustees makes a contribution, and I'd like to thank them all for their support and hard work over the last year.

Activities/Operation

We currently have 29 volunteers, most of whom are active either on shift or organising children's activities. We are very lucky to be able to attract so many willing helpers, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gives up their time to help us. A special mention is due to Eileen Osgood who celebrated a wonderful anniversary of work - 15 years - with the RVS and who helps to supply books via the Home Library Service. Thanks are due to Claire Kingman who leads that initiative.

We welcomed several new volunteers since our last AGM - Ali Burnal and Harriet Green started helping on shifts earlier this year and we welcomed back Jenny Villis and Arun Orgee. Arun is using his volunteering with us to help him to achieve his Duke of Edinburgh award. More recently we have been approached by Pat Stanley and Jenny and David Hyde who have just started their volunteering with us.

We have up to date policies on Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Data Protection which are reviewed annually and which all volunteers sign to say they have read and agreed.

We run each shift with a Duty Coordinator and a volunteer. The Duty Coordinators form the Operational Management Group, reporting to Trustees on the day to day running of the library. We currently have 5 Duty Coordinators - myself, Jane Pearson, Annette Dyke, Pauline Diment and Claire Kingman, and those 5 are shortly to be joined by Lizzie Chilvers and Ali Burnal. Thank you, Lizzie and Ali, for agreeing to take on the extra responsibility. Having a small group of people who have access to the latest information from Dorset Libraries means that we can offer the very best customer service to everyone using the library, and it also means that everyone who wants to volunteer can enjoy the experience and let the Duty Coordinator take the strain!

We are supported by Dorset Council with the help of a Community Library Liaison Officer - Petra Peters - who is on hand for support with the day to day running of the library. We also have support from the Customer Service Manager Nikki Blair who can give advice on operational matters.

Achievements

We were once again able to run a successful Summer Reading Challenge with free activity afternoons that were much enjoyed. 31 children signed up to take part and of those, 17 finished the challenge. This is a better percentage of finishers to those signing up than previous years. School visits proved difficult to organise again this year, as reduced staff numbers made it impossible for schools to arrange supervision for visits to the library. However, we are just about to start regular visits from the reception class at Bovington Academy for a story time on Thursday mornings and we hope to rearrange a postponed visit from Winfrith and Lulworth in the near future. A huge thank you to all those who put the time in to make these activity sessions and school visits a success, in particular, Esther Farr, who takes the lead on these important initiatives.

Esther also helps us with coordinating the support we get from local businesses. Recently she has been joined by Sharon Palmer and between them they have encouraged many new supporters who advertise in the library lobby and also have a presence on our website. Thanks to both of them for adding to our funds in this way.

We made an attempt to reinvigorate our work with Dorset's Digital Champions last November and we have had some success in helping a few people to get online.

We've worked closely with our colleagues in Dorset Libraries this year - participating in the second phase of the library survey, and working to develop a revised Service Level Agreement with the County. Our relationship with County and the Parish Council continues to flourish, and we are still working hard with the Parish Council to realise our dream of a bigger library. This has only been put on hold because of the rise in interest rates but we hope to progress this in 2023. It is my hope that we'll have something good to say about this at the next AGM.

In October last year we were visited by a delegation from Kent authority to investigate how we run a Community Library and to discuss best practice. It was encouraging to note how complimentary these visitors were about how we go about things and particularly how welcoming they found us. All of us on the committee are convinced that the personal service we try to give at Wool is the key to our success.

The people at the heart of that success are our volunteers. We are only able to continue to serve the community because of the dedication and commitment of our volunteers and the Trustees would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helps us - we couldn't do it without you!

Friends of Wool Library Strategy report 2023

These were the points discussed at the strategy meeting held in February:

On funding - it was agreed that there should be no increase in subscriptions. No plans are in place for any fundraising activity this year at the moment but we noted that if the Parish Council decides to press ahead with the extension to the D'Urberville Centre, including the library extension, we would need to approach grant aid providers for financial support.

On marketing - it was agreed that we should continue to promote the library especially to children and young people. We have agreed to support the Summer Reading Challenge with the purchase of some branded merchandise which will be given to children to encourage them to continue with the challenge once they have signed up. We noted that the Home Library Service needs further promotion.

On operational matters - we agreed that we would develop willing volunteers to become Duty Coordinators and that we would seek to recruit more Trustees.

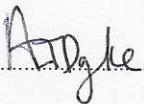
On our policies - we have updated our Safeguarding and Data Protection policies with guidance from Dorset Council and we simplified our Health and safety Policy using the template supplied by the Health and Safety Executive and with their guidance.

On training - we agreed that we would continue to train new volunteers on the job rather than in out of hours sessions, and that we would reinstate the volunteers' summer party so that volunteers have a chance to meet each other in a social setting.

FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY - CHARITY NO. 1173556

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 28th February 2023

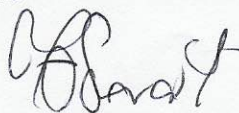
<u>2022-23</u>	<u>INCOME GROSS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>
£			£
430.00	MEMBERSHIP FEES		445.00
393.08	DONATIONS		511.40
104.75	1/2 fines return from Dorset Council		101.37
12.47	Credit from Amazon Smile		10.13
56.34	HMRC Gift Aid Reimbursement		78.97
			1146.87
	FUND RAISING:		
0		AGM RAFFLE	10
0.00		QUIZ EVENING & RAFFLE	0.00
0.00		DONATED BOOK SALES	0.00
110.00		BUSINESS CARDS DISPLAY	175.00
0.00		Misc Mob Cash	0.00
110.00		SUB TOTAL	185.00
			185.00
1106.64	TOTAL INCOME		1331.87
	EXPENDITURE GROSS		
0	HIRE OF HALL	102.5	
309.44	INSURANCE	329	
0	Asset purchase -DOOR BELL	46.6	
60	WCL WEB Site fee	80	
	Domaine maint	33.60	
25	Donation in memory of C. Reber		
394.44	SUB TOTAL	591.7	591.7
	EXPENSE CLAIMS -		
107.69	(a) LIBRARY - Office expenses	42.61	
0	(b) EVENTS: Flossies catering	990	
	drinks for anniversary	85.26	
	Commemorative pens	97.79	
48.51	(c) SUNDRY EXPENSES - flowers	19.09	
20	(d) Office mobile top up	10	
	SUB TOTAL	1244.75	1244.75
176.20	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1836.45
536.00	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		-504.58
7114.27	NET FUNDS AS AT 28 FEB22	7114.27	
	balance for the year	-504.58	
	TOTAL AT 28 FEB 23	6609.69	
	CASH IN BANK	6580.66	
	CASH IN HAND	29.03	
		6609.69	

Annette Dyke 

Treasurer

I have examined the book and records of Friends of Wool Library and am satisfied that the above account are a true record for the year ending 28 February 2023

auditor -

 (FRANK SMART)
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4. CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT. SK addressed the meeting as follows:

“Overview

The Friends of Wool Library (FOWL) has continued the management and running of Wool Community Library and successfully completed the ninth year of operation on 15 January 2022. Friends of Wool Library is a registered charity and we submit our accounts and our annual report to the Charity Commission each year.

The Library has continued to open for 3 sessions per week on Tuesday afternoons, and Thursday and Saturday mornings. But that's only since April 2021, because until 13th April we were in lockdown and providing an order and collect service which had proved very popular and successful. When we reopened the library it was on a one in, one out basis, and the shifts were run by a Duty Coordinator with one volunteer. We also reduced our opening hours on Tuesdays and we are still only opening between 3 and 5 on those afternoons instead of from 3 to 6. Our agreement with Dorset Council is for us to open a minimum of 6 hours a week, so we are not contravening our agreement with them. However, the Trustees are considering the possibility of opening additionally between 3 and 5 on Wednesday afternoons, and we're monitoring the number of customers attending each day to test the viability of this.

Trustees

The Trustees are:

Chair - Sue Kerr

Secretary - Jane Pearson

Treasurer - Annette Dyke

Committee members - Judith Beeby, Andrew Kerr, Claire Kingman

At the last (virtual) AGM, Sue Kerr and Jane Pearson were re-elected as per our constitution - being the longest serving members of the Committee.

The Trustees have met 6 times since the last AGM.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Trustees for all their support over the last year. They all do much more than you see, and they are the reason that Trustee meetings are both useful and thoughtful. All of our Trustees are also volunteers, which gives them an insight into the day to day issues. However, under our constitution, this will be my last year as a Trustee and therefore as

Chair - I'll need to stand down next March - so we are appealing once again for people to come forward as Trustees.

Activities/Operation

We currently have 23 volunteers on our list, 18 of whom are rostered on shift in the library. Of the rest, 3 help with either children's activities or Home Library Service and 2 are taking a break. This is a remarkable number of active helpers for a small charity to have and we are extremely grateful to everyone who gives up their time for us. Perhaps more importantly, that number continues to grow - we welcomed 2 new volunteers this year - Judy Price and Frank Snart - and we hope to welcome Irene Thorne to our ranks very soon. All of our new volunteers are trained by Pauline Diment, and every volunteer has to confirm annually that they have read both the Health and Safety and the Safeguarding Policies.

As you'll see in the Financial Report, the bulk of our revenue is from subscriptions by Friends. We have 85 Friends and their support has been even more important over the last 2 years when we have been unable to raise funds in other ways. But we also have a number of very generous donations - many from individuals - but including this year from the Scarecrow Competition in Wool. Thank you to all our Friends and benefactors.

We run each library shift now with just one volunteer and a Duty Coordinator - this has proved extremely efficient in that it ensures that only a few designated individuals are required to keep abreast of - and implement - any operational changes required by Dorset Libraries and it means that shifts are busier which makes for a more fulfilling session. In a recent meeting with the new Service Manager for Dorset Libraries, Liz Crocker, this system was applauded for enabling Wool to quickly react to the many changes that arose because of the pandemic, and I'd like to thank the Duty Coordinators for all the effort they have put in over the last year. We said goodbye to one of our DCs this year - Chris Corteen - while we welcomed back Pauline Diment. Recently, we were joined by new DC, Claire Kingman, who will be helping to spread the load this summer.

We work with Dorset Libraries to ensure that the service we provide is wherever possible a mirror of that which can be experienced at any library in Dorset and we continue to receive excellent support from our Community Library Liaison Officer, Petra Peters. We are also able to exchange views with our Community Managed Library colleagues across Dorset - albeit this year online. We have also utilised the Dorset Libraries risk assessments to help us run the library safely.

Sadly this year we lost one of the founding members of the library. Christine Reber died very suddenly in January and we were all reminded just how influential and crucial she was to the library - establishing procedures and helping to train not just our volunteers but those across Dorset. I don't think we will ever match her enthusiasm and energy, but she left us a great legacy.

Achievements

This time last year we were conducting our Trustee meetings on Zoom, and the pandemic certainly made it more difficult to do some of the things that we would normally like to achieve. We tried several times through the Autumn and Winter months to organise school visits, but each time the school had to cancel. This was a great shame, especially given the enormous amount of work several volunteers had undertaken in order to design activities for the event. We were also unable to run our activity sessions to support the Summer Reading Challenge but we did take part as usual in the Challenge itself and of the 33 children who joined at Wool, 22 completed it. This was completely in line with the Dorset completion rate. We were able to support the promotion of the Challenge with a Zoom assembly for Bovington Academy.

Radio Solent ran an interview last April about how we had coped with the pandemic and our plans for reopening and in July we were thrilled to win Volunteer Group of the Year Award for 2021. We had some lovely messages following that award - it was nice to know we'd made a difference.

Our website has been updated again and now has an electronic version of the business cards in the lobby and list of the latest books received at the library.

Our Facebook page is well used and has proved a useful way for some customers to contact us.

We were very involved during the winter with the Dorset Libraries public consultation. Many of our volunteers and Friends completed online surveys to give feedback on what the library service might look like over the next 10 years. As Chair, I was invited to also attend 2 online workshops involving many possible partners across Dorset including Citizens Advice and Age UK. The sessions were run by research group Shared Intelligence and the clear theme that emerged was that libraries should be places where people can be "alone but not lonely" - a safe space. There will be a further public consultation in the summer when the proposed new library strategy will be presented.

This year we have worked hard to keep the Parish Council informed of our activities, and we were able to supply some useful information about the current benchmark figures for the size of libraries according to the population they serve which will be used in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Our biggest achievement has been to keep the library open and safe for customers. We continued to supply customers who couldn't get to the library via the brilliant Home Library Service, with help for some of the year from Wareham Library. It has been incredibly rewarding to see how well used the library is most sessions - we're averaging 160 customers a month - and while occasionally there are very quiet shifts, equally there are shifts when the library is bursting at the seams - 33 customers in one session seems to be the current record.

Finally, although it can't be regarded as our achievement, we were able to bask in the reflected glory of our first Chair, David Smith, when he was awarded an MBE for services to libraries in the New Year's Honours list. It was David's hard work that secured us the fantastic contract we have with Dorset Libraries and since he left us, he has gone on to lead the Community Managed Libraries National Peer Network, which has just secured National Lottery funding to support Community Managed Libraries. In recognition of his many achievements we offered - and he accepted - Life membership for him and Margaret of the Friends of Wool Library. Thank you, David, for all your support."

FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY - CHARITY NO. 1173556

income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 28th February 2022

<u>2020 -21</u>	<u>INCOME GROSS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>
£			£
410.00	MEMBERSHIP FEES		430.00
146.05	DONATIONS		393.08
128.78	1/2 fines return from Dorset Council		104.75
17.45	Credit from Amazon Smile		12.47
76.48	HMRC Gift Aid Reimbursement		56.34
	FUND RAISING:		
0		AGM RAFFLE	0
0.00		QUIZ EVENING & RAFFLE	0.00
0.00		CARNIVAL	0.00
20.64		DONATED BOOK SALES	0.00
0.00		BUSINESS CARDS DISPLAY	110.00
10.00		Misc Mob Cash	0.00
20.64		SUB TOTAL	110.00
809.40	TOTAL INCOME		1106.64
	EXPENDITURE GROSS		
0	HIRE OF HALL		0
299.37	INSURANCE		309.44
114.98	Asset purchase - 2 x heaters		0
32	Asset purchase -Quarantine boxes		0
234	Asset purchase - Covid screens		0
200	Contribution to Paris Council for insulation		0
230	WCL WEB Site fee		60
0	Donation in memory of C. Reber		25
1110.35	SUB TOTAL	394.44	394.44
	EXPENSE CLAIMS -		
155.57	(a) LIBRARY - Office expenses		107.69
0.00	(b) EVENTS:		0
0.00	(c) SUNDRY EXPENSES - flowers as a leaving gift and children's books		48.51
0.00	(d) Office mobile top up		20
155.57	SUB TOTAL	176.20	176.20
1265.92	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		570.64
-456.52	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		536.00
6578.27	NET FUNDS AS AT 28 FEB 21		6578.27
	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		536.00
	TOTAL AT 28 FEB 22		7114.27
	CASH IN BANK		7084.13
	CASH IN HAND		30.14
			7114.27

Annette Dyke
Treasurer

I have examined the book and records of Friends of Wool Library and am satisfied that the above account are a true record for the year ending 28 February 2022

auditor -

(SJ Smith)

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Friends of Wool Library - Annual Report of the Trustees 2020/21

Overview

The Friends of Wool Library (FoWL) has continued the management and running of Wool Community Library and successfully completed the eighth year of operation on 15th January 2021. FoWL is a registered charity whose aims are:

- (1) To advance the education of the general public in Wool and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of a lending library;
- (2) To further or benefit the residents of Wool and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary 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 charity was registered in 2017. The library serves residents of Wool and the surrounding area including East Stoke, Lulworth, Winfrith Newburgh and Bovington.

Operation

This has been a strange 6 months since our last report. We were able to reopen the library on 15th October 2020 on a one in, one out basis. Many of our customers continued to use the order and collect service, but those that did venture into the library were pleased to have access and be able to choose books. Since the beginning of October the shifts have included one volunteer alongside a Duty Coordinator, and we were very glad to welcome back so many of our excellent volunteers again.

However, from January 4th, following government guidelines, we closed the library to browsing access and returned to our order and collect service only. It is anticipated that the library may be able to reopen to customers on April 13th, but this is subject to government approval.

We hope that once the library is open again we will be able to welcome back many of our regular customers and to be able to provide a full service to the community, (although access to the public network computers remains difficult because of the size of the library). There is

no doubt that fewer people have used the library during lockdown, but those that have, have appreciated it enormously.

It should be noted that our opening hours have reduced slightly during this period, as we are now only open from 3pm to 5pm on Tuesday afternoons. Opening hours on Thursday and Saturday remain the same at 10am to noon.

As noted in the Treasurer's report, our income has been less than our outgoings. This is due to the pandemic and our inability to hold fundraising events. The main aim of the Trustees in this period has been to keep the library as open as possible, and this has necessitated the purchase of several items to facilitate the safe operation of the service.

Trustees

Trustees currently are:

Sue Kerr, Jane Pearson, Annette Dyke, Claire Kingman, Andrew Kerr, Judith Beeby. Sue Kerr is currently Chair of Trustees, Jane Pearson is Secretary and Annette Dyke is Treasurer. Under our constitution, one third of Trustees (i.e. 2 members of the committee) must stand down each year, these being the longest serving Trustees. Sue Kerr and Jane Pearson are therefore seeking re-election this year. All other Trustees remain.

The Trustees have met twice since the last AGM in September, once in person and once via Zoom. Several meetings convened by Dorset Libraries online have been attended by Sue Kerr.

Policies

The Trustees update and approve the following policies annually, both of which must be adopted by volunteers on duty:

Health and Safety including Fire Safety

Safeguarding

Copies of these policies are available to view at the library.

A rigorous cleaning and sanitising regime has been followed during the pandemic and risk assessments have been completed by the Trustees and approved by Dorset Libraries.

The charity follows all data protection legislation regarding the names of Friends of Wool Library. Data protection regarding the data of library members is the responsibility of Dorset Council, but volunteers follow any guidelines required by the Council, including the use of protected passwords for library systems.

Impacts and benefits

It has not been possible to undertake much of the usual work to support literacy as we have not been able to open the library to groups of children. However, the Home Library Service has been able to continue with the guidance of the Royal Voluntary Service and the support of Wareham library.

We have been able to continue to supply the various Reading Groups with their choice of book, and, in addition to fulfilling library loans from our own catalogue and the LibrariesWest consortium, on several occasions we have been able to provide a personal service by phone or email. Our website and Facebook page have been updated regularly to keep customers informed.

We were pleased to be able to assist the Parish Council in providing hard copies of the Dorset Plan and the accompanying questionnaire for members of the community to borrow.

Future aims

Conversations with the Parish Council regarding a possible extension to the library are ongoing. This would give additional space for the children's section and allow more children to attend our Summer Reading Challenge sessions when we are able to resume those.

Sue Kerr

March 2021

FRIENDS OF WOOL LIBRARY - CHARITY NO. 1173556

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 28th February 2021

2019-20		INCOME GROSS		2020-21	
£				£	£
565.00	MEMBERSHIP FEES				410.00
115.00	DONATIONS				146.05
145.19	1/2 fines return from DCC				128.78
12.89	Credit from Amazon Smile				17.45
86.71	HMRC Gift Aid Reimbursement				76.48
	FUND RAISING:				
33.00		AGM RAFFLE	0.00		
409.00		QUIZ EVENING & RAFFLE	0.00		
79.17		CARNIVAL	0.00		
82.02		DONATED BOOK SALES	20.64		
140.00		BUSINESS CARDS DISPLAY	0.00		
		MISC - Receipt of Mobile cash	10.00		
743.19		SUB TOTAL	30.64	30.64	
1667.98	TOTAL INCOME				809.40
	EXPENDITURE GROSS				
62.50	Hire of Hall		0.00		
299.00	Insurance		299.37		
9.06	Asset purchase - Office Clock		0.00		
	Asset purchase - 2 Electric Heaters		114.98		
	Contribution to Library Ceiling Insulation		200.00		
	New WCL Website		230.00		
	Asset purchase - quarantine boxes		32.00		
	Acrylic Safety Screen for Desk		234.00		
25.00	Donation in Memory of Tom		0.00		
27.95	Library Plaque for Tom		0.00		
423.51		SUB TOTAL	1110.35	1110.35	
	EXPENSE CLAIMS -				
145.30		(a) LIBRARY - Office expenses			155.57
		(b) EVENTS:			
76.51		quiz food	0.00		
30.00		quiz (prize & printing)	0.00		
128.00		misc leaving gift and flowers	0.00		
234.51		SUB TOTAL	0.00	0.00	
803.32					
803.32	TOTAL EXPENDITURE				1265.92
864.66	BALANCE FOR YEAR				-456.52
7034.79	NET FUNDS AS AT 29 February 2020		7034.79		
	NEGATIVE BALANCE FOR YEAR		-456.52		
	TOTAL AT 28 FEB 2021		6578.27		
	CASH IN BANK		6573.52		
	CASH IN HAND		4.75		
		0.00	6578.27		
	Annette Dyke				
	Treasurer				

I have examined the book and records of Friends of Wool Library and am satisfied that the above account are a true record for the year ending 28 February 2021

Christine Corteen

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