

Friends of Whitburn Library

Registered Charity Number 1174421

Annual Report & Financial Statement

31st August 2022

Friends of Whitburn Library

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: Friends of Whitburn Library

Charity number: 1174421

Trustees: B Quigley(Chair)
H Larcombe (Treasurer)
J Warren
N Burns

Governing Document: The charity operates under its governance document as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered 30th August 2017

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Trustees Report

Friends of Whitburn Library completed its fifth year of operation as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 31st August 2022 and is governed by the constitution dated 30th August 2017

1. Objectives and activities

1.1 The objectives of the CIO are;

- i) to advance the education of the public in Whitburn, by the running and management of a community library for the benefit of the said residents and within which to educate the public about the history and heritage of Whitburn through educational displays and other such means as the trustees deem fit;
- ii) To promote for the benefit of the residents of Whitburn and its environs the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the objective of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

1.2 The activities of the CIO are focused in the area of;

- i) Education and training
- ii) Arts/culture/heritage/science
- iii) Recreation
- iv) The advancement of health and reduction of social isolation
- v) Provides opportunities to support the vulnerable and those with a disability
- vi) Economic/community development/employment
- vii) Other charitable purposes

1.2 Who the charity helps

- i) Children and young people
- ii) Elderly and/or vulnerable people
- iii) People with disabilities
- iv) The general public

1.3 How the charity helps

- i) Provides buildings/facilities and spaces
- ii) Provides services
- iii) Provides advocacy/advice/information
- iv) Provides an increasing range of recreational activities

2. Main achievements during the year

2.1 The library continues to operate under the management of the trustees and is well supported by volunteers who provide a range of support for the community. Recruitment of both trustees and volunteers remains strong. The trustees meet monthly to review the success of the library and plan its development.

2.2 Volunteers operate on a rota basis to welcome visitors who require books or other services, some provide specialist support e.g. IT expertise and French conversation. Others arrange activities for groups who meet regularly or raise funds through activities such as coffee mornings. Without our volunteers the library would not be such a vibrant and welcoming place.

2.3 The community managed library continues to receive support from the local council in the form of new stock (books), access to the library management software and inter library loans service, with support and advice from its employees.

2.4 In order to fund activities, resources, running costs and maintenance of the building our volunteers and trustees work hard to raise funds. This is done through donations, fundraising events/activities and through grant applications. Covid restrictions continued to have a significant impact on fundraising.

2.5 During the reporting period the trustees have been successful in securing grants to replace the automatic entrance doors ensuring that access to the library was available all.

2.6 The library has continued to provide services in the form of book borrowing, advice, access to computers and printing facilities.

2.7 Volunteers have continued to provide support for extra activities. These are;

- i) Reading groups
- ii) Mat making
- iii) Knitting groups
- iv) Conversational French
- v) A weekly music night
- vi) Monthly talks on a wide range of subjects by local experts.
- vii) Wine tasting
- viii) Local secondary school children were based in the library to help support the completion of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- ix) Arts and craft sessions were available to younger children during school holidays

2.8 New fundraising activities have been added

- i) Big booksales; selling donated books over 2 days with tombola.
- ii) Pilates classes

2.9 Community services

- i) Local council surgeries
- ii) Cuppa with a copper. The opportunity to have informal chats with the local community police officers

3. Risks

3.1 The trustees are aware of the challenges that we face with financial and operational risks which include but are not limited to;

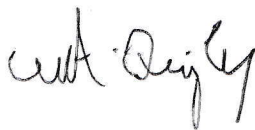
Developing sustainable income streams to meet the costs associated with opening and operating an ageing building.

- i) Planning for the replacement of a building which is not environmentally friendly and will come to the end of its useful life within the terms of the lease.
- ii) Recovering from covid restrictions with social distancing, which have seriously impacted on income.
- iii) The identification and access to funding/grants to support the introduction of activities and provide capital improvements to the building.
- iv) Succession planning for trustees and volunteers.

3.2 The trustees are confident that these challenges will be met with the continuing support of volunteers and the wider community.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed



Date

19-6-23.

Notes

No Trustees or persons connected to the charity received any remuneration during the year.

The charity has no employees.

There are no debtors/creditors at the end of the accounting year.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Friends of Whitburn Library

No (if any)
1174421

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2021		31/08/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,239	-	-	1,239	915
Printing/copying/refreshments	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising activities	12,036	-	-	12,036	1,876
Room rentals	462	-	-	462	500
Grants	685	10,000	-	10,685	3,696
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,422	10,000	-	24,422	6,987
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,422	10,000	-	24,422	6,987
A3 Payments					
Utilities	4,096	-	-	4,096	2,898
Licences & subscriptions	216	-	-	216	491
Insurances	1,105	-	-	1,105	1,159
R&M, cleaning and PPE	1,743	-	-	1,743	5,968
Telecoms and Website	898	-	-	898	1,285
Printing	40	-	-	40	232
Charitable events/activities	1,382	-	-	1,382	505
Catering supplies	180	-	-	180	28
Equipment	1,894	-	-	1,894	-
Other expenses	1,770	-	-	1,770	303
Prof charges & bank Charges	100	-	-	100	147
Sub total	13,424	-	-	13,424	13,016
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,424	-	-	13,424	13,016
Net of receipts/(payments)	998	10,000	-	10,998	- 6,029
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	998	10,000	-	10,998	- 6,029

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	10,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	10,000	-
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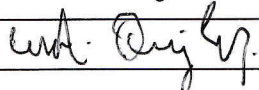
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	William Quickeley	19-6-23