

# Askern Community Library and Hub

## Chairs Annual Report October 2021

We started the year with the click and collect type of service for our customers. Then after long discussions our risk assessment was completed to allow us to have readers browsing our shelves once more. Askern is one of the few libraries open in the borough.

Fortunately, we have had many members returning and new members joining. This includes children, which we are very pleased about.

Our fund-raising activities have been non-existent this year but our charity shop, PCs, printing and photocopying services have been well used. The main funding has come from the Lottery Community Fund, DMBC and our local town council, who paid for our PPE requirements.

We have generated some funds from the room and office hire for community purposes.

Many people have enquired when our senior citizen's coffee morning and our reading group will be starting. We have now brought these back and they have proved successful again.

We realised that there was a need for a welcoming place to go for people with mental health problems or loneliness. We are trying to encourage people to visit us for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat. We are also providing art activities, knitting, board games and puzzles. Along with this we are working towards acquiring two mobile phones so people can ring us for a chat and not block our library landline.

Another project we are hoping to get up and running, along with four other libraries is a course for seniors on the Amazon Fire tablets. This will help them to keep in touch with others and update their IT skills. They also keep the tablet they have been learning on.

During the pandemic we have had to call on the council to do some minor and slightly more major repairs to the building. Hopefully the work will begin in the not too distant future and we hope this will not involve closing while the work is done.

We have been encouraged by the comments from our customers and now hope to be extending our opening hours back to what they were before Covid.

Gillian Carling

Chair of the trustees.

**Askern Community Hub**  
**Annual Financial Statement**  
**January 2021 – October 2021**



			<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>£9,899.23</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>PAID IN</b>	<b>PAID OUT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	
Jan 2021	£80.00	£973.99	£8,991.24	
Feb 2021	£10,743.99	£419.44	£19,315.79	
Mar 2021	£0	£825.00	£18,487.79	
Apr 2021	£0	£828.00	£16,964.79	
May 2021	£0	£150.00	£16,814.79	
Jun 2021	£0	£2,020.80	£14,793.99	
Jul 2021	£105.00	£828.00	£14,070.99	
Aug 2021	£10.00	£828.00	£13,252.99	
Sept 2021	£70.00	£828.00	£12,494.99	
Oct 2021	£1,333.10	£983.40	£12,844.69	
<b>Bank Totals</b>	<b>£12,342.00</b>	<b>£7,867.91</b>	<b>£12,844.69</b>	

Also cash taken from till during this period for sundry items.

Amount: £176.31

Total Income: £12,581.31

Expenditure: £7,867.91

Net Profit: £12,844.69