

FOLIO SUTTON COLDFIELD

England & Wales · Charity number 1175929

Details

Other names	FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OUR SUTTON COLDFIELD
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-11-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE AREA SERVED BY PUBLIC LIBRARIES WHICH ARE BASED IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF SUTTON COLDFIELD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR POLITICS, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:(A) SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE CURRENT LIBRARY SERVICE IN SUTTON COLDFIELD;(B) FACILITATING EDUCATIONAL COURSES AND EVENTS IN LIBRARIES AND THROUGH LIBRARY OUTREACH

Activities: FOLIO Sutton Coldfield stands for Friends Of Libraries In Our Sutton Coldfield. We facilitate educational and community-engaging events and programmes supporting Sutton Coldfield library services to ensure that public libraries in the town do not just survive, but thrive at the heart of our community. Our activities are largely financed by grant-making bodies and fundraising

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30		£98	£680	-
2024-06-30		£179	£1,038	-
2023-06-30		£2,129	£2,981	-
2022-06-30		£22,202	£30,875	-
2021-06-30		£16,814	£5,329	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ELIZABETH PARRY		2019-12-17
Eleanor Shipway		2025-03-10
JENNIFER JANE WILKINSON		2017-06-13
John Farrell		2025-03-10
Julia Velichko		2025-10-29

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FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OUR
SUTTON COLDFIELD



Annual Report 2024 – 2025



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1. Introduction

Welcome to the 2024 - 2025 annual report for FOLIO Sutton Coldfield. Although this reporting year runs from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, we have included key information from both before and after the period in order to provide a fuller picture.

Our vision is to help create an inspired and cohesive local community, passionate about reading and learning, which enjoys and engages with library services. But for this vision to be achieved, we need a local library service. The future of the libraries within Sutton Coldfield and across Birmingham was under threat during this period and so our focus was on campaigning to ensure that they continued to operate.

2. Changes to Library Services

Last year, we reported that Birmingham City Council (BCC) needed to save approximately £2.2 million from the library service and was consulting with residents regarding the future of libraries, which included a reduction in the library service across the city. This process continued into the 2024/25 year.

FOLIO Sutton Coldfield campaigned in relation to the proposals both independently and as part of the Birmingham Loves Libraries (BLL) coalition of friends of libraries groups. This campaigning took various forms:

- Arranging public meetings in Sutton Coldfield, with the first being held on 17 April 2024.
- Engagement with our MP, BCC councillors and officers, and Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council (RSCTC) councillors and officers.
- Attending a Birmingham Save Our Services rally on 6 May 2024 to show support for the Sutton Coldfield libraries.
- Participating in the BLL-organised creative activities such as the Bookmark Art Drop which involved making and releasing a bookmark into a library book for someone else to find from 25 May 2024.
- Arranging a Walk and Read event on 29 June 2024, with groups setting off from Boldmere, Mere Green and Walmley libraries and walking to Sutton Coldfield library for a 'read in'.
- Raising awareness of and encouraging participation in the consultation processes. This included offering support in the completion of the consultation survey.
- We also passed on to the consultation team messages of support from Boldmere Library users (4), and from the Deanery and the Holy Cross primary schools in support of Walmley Library (262).
- Attendance at the 'in-person' consultation sessions held in the libraries at Sutton Coldfield (9 September 2024), Mere Green (9 September 2024), Boldmere (12 September 2024), and Walmley (25 September 2024).

- The review of numerous documents and reports and the submission of commentaries on the proposals to members of BCC’s Cabinet, its Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the RSCTC.
- Attendance at various meetings of the two councils and their committees, observing, asking questions and lobbying.

We were also aware of the unsettling effect of the proposals on the library staff and offered them our unwavering support in order to emphasise that the services they worked so hard to provide were appreciated by the local residents who used them.

The outcome of the BCC consultation and decision-making process was that Sutton Coldfield’s library service was hit particularly hard. At the start of 2024, Mere Green and Sutton Coldfield libraries were open for 35 hours (5 days) a week each and Boldmere and Walmley libraries for 21 hours (3 days) a week each. This was a total of 112 hours a week. BCC’s decision in February 2025 meant that it would be providing a statutory library service of 28 hours (4 days) a week at Mere Green Library only.

Additionally, on 27 June 2025, BCC announced the closure of Sutton Coldfield Library “due to the significant investment required to address the condition of the building and associated Health and Safety concerns.” A Friday afternoon mobile library stop was introduced. Although we recognised that the building was not a suitable location for the library, we were very disappointed that there did not seem to have been any attempt to secure an alternative location for it. This means that the town centre is now without a library and its local history resources have been re-located to the Library of Birmingham, where they are less accessible to local residents.

Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council considered the implications of the BCC proposals. To our great relief, the Town Council, at its meeting on 23 September 2025, resolved to commission Birmingham City Council to provide a library service at Mere Green (for an extra day a week), Boldmere and Walmley (for 3 days a week each) and the adjoining community centres at Mere Green and Walmley. This was a total of an additional 49 hours a week.

The Town Council assumed control of the library and community centre service on 1 November 2025, with the initial contract running to 31st March 2030.

The timeline for the consultation and decision-making processes is shown in appendix 1 for BCC and appendix 2 for the Town Council.

3. FOLIO Services

We were involved in supporting the Warm Welcome sessions in all the Sutton Coldfield libraries by providing some refreshments and equipment to facilitate this activity.

We continued with our regular activities at Sutton Coldfield Library including monthly meetings of the Elderberries group for the over 50s and weekly IT surgeries until it closed on 27 June 2025. We considered relocating the Elderberries group but its

members lived in or near Sutton Coldfield town centre and the other libraries were not convenient for them. A member of FOLIO has maintained contact with some of the Elderberries and the volunteer offering the IT surgeries. The IT surgeries relocated to Mere Green library and are well-attended.

We continued to support Ukrainian refugees. Through our links with Sutton Coldfield Library we worked with North Birmingham 4 Ukraine to run weekly ESOL classes, conversation classes and weekly employment advice sessions. These activities were well attended and offered much needed support until the library closed on 27 June 2025.

We were able to offer additional support to children's activities and craft sessions in Sutton Coldfield Library in relation to its celebrations for its 50th anniversary on 12 December 2024.

Once Sutton Coldfield Library closed, we removed the FOLIO resources from the library.

4. Trustees

The three trustees in place at the start of the year (Noran Flynn, Elizabeth Parry and Jennifer Wilkinson) were re-appointed.

During the year, the trustees agreed that we needed to recruit some additional colleagues. We advertised the role, interviewed the applicants and offered the role to four people. John Farrell, Eleanor Shipway and Yulia Velichko are appointed as trustees for three year terms. We are awaiting some documentation to complete a fourth appointment.

Once the new trustees were in place, in September 2025 Noran Flynn withdrew from FOLIO in order to focus her energies on her other community commitments. She has been an active member of FOLIO since the days of its precursor, The Library Lobby, and more recently has been our chair. We are extraordinarily grateful to her for all the time and effort she has put in to supporting the Sutton Coldfield library services and the perspective and wisdom she brought to the role. We wish her well.

5. Thanks

We are extremely grateful to the trustees and volunteers who gave their time so willingly to make these events and activities possible.

Liz Parry
Chair, FOLIO Sutton Coldfield

**Timeline of Birmingham City Council consultation and decisions on library services
February 2024 – June 2025**

27 February 2024	<p>Report to Cabinet</p> <p>Savings proposed for 2024/25 and 2025/26 agreed, including savings proposal 193 for Neighbourhood Advice and Information Service (NAIS) and Community libraries: This saving proposes changes to the NAIS and Community Libraries services into Early Intervention and Prevention Hubs 'community living rooms'. The focus is to deliver better outcomes for citizens, have a fit for purpose offer which gets to citizens much sooner, supports self-support and self-navigation, removes avoidable demand from higher cost services, whilst delivering efficiencies and savings. To save £1,260k in 2024/25 and £2,285k in 2025/26.</p>
4 April – 17 July 2024	<p>First consultation:</p> <p>Strategic framework for libraries</p> <p>Move away from 35 community libraries to a mixed delivery model of hubs offering library and early intervention and prevention services with some open 5 days a week and others open part-time hours; co-location with partners / community groups; community groups running library services via community asset transfers; expansion of mobile library provision. Anticipated circa 25 building-based library services.</p>
23 August – 27 September 2024	<p>Final consultation:</p> <p>Proposed 27 BCC-funded buildings-based community library services: 10 x full-time library hubs [Mere Green in Sutton Coldfield]; 13 x part-time library offer; 4 x co-location; and 7 x partner-led opportunities [Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, Walmley in Sutton Coldfield]; 1 x additional mobile library service [with 3 additional stops in Sutton Coldfield]; 1 x library closure [Spring Hill]</p>
23 October – 3 November 2024	<p>Consultation on revised proposal:</p> <p>A more equitable split of hours between the full-time and part-time libraries, with full-time libraries opening 4 days a week and part-time libraries opening either 3 or 2 days a week. [For Mere Green, this meant a reduction in proposed hours from 35 to 28 a week.]</p>
14 November – 12 December 2024	<p>Consultation following error rectification:</p> <p>An error was identified in the scoring mechanism used in the final consultation and the amended results were communicated for consultation. (This error did not affect the final recommendation.)</p>
27 November 2024	<p>Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>

	Progress report on savings proposal 193, which was rated 'red' meaning the savings would not be delivered in 2024/25. This was due to consultation timelines slipping.
5 February 2025	Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee Consideration of report being presented to Cabinet on 11 February 2025.
11 February 2025	Report to Cabinet This recommended the following model: "Under the proposed statutory service model Birmingham will retain 28 library service locations (including the Library of Birmingham), offering comprehensive coverage across the city. This will include 10 Community Library Hubs opening four days per week, one in each parliamentary constituency. The remaining locations will operate on a two or three-day basis determined by current usage. [Note that this is amended by Recommendation 3.4 of this Cabinet Report to increase opening hours to a minimum of three days for all part time locations.] There will also be an additional mobile library vehicle, totalling 2 mobile libraries for the service."
5 March 2025	Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee Consideration of requests for call-in of the 11 February 2025 Cabinet decision.
14 May 2025	Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee Consideration of report on progress of the transformation of libraries and neighbourhood advice and information services implementation programme, taking account of the OSC's recommendations made on 5 February 2024.
21 May 2025	Announcement of closure of Sutton Coldfield library on 27 June 2025 "due to the significant investment required to address the condition of the building and associated Health and Safety concerns." A Friday afternoon mobile library stop was introduced.

**Timeline of Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council consideration of library services
February 2024 – December 2025**

23 April 2024	<p>Strategy & Resources Committee</p> <p>Noted that the library consultation was now live and would run to the end of July.</p>
21 May 2024	<p>Council meeting</p> <p>Motion considered and passed: “This Council applauds and acknowledges the key role that libraries play in fostering local communities; supporting education and providing essential services to residents.</p> <p>The Council notes with concern the current proposed budget cuts to library services by Birmingham City Council. The Council urges Birmingham City Council to reverse the potential closure of library services across Royal Sutton Coldfield.”</p>
9 July 2024	<p>Strategy & Resources Committee</p> <p>Noted the temporary opening hours of Sutton Coldfield Library and considered the Town Council’s contribution toward the running costs of the service based in the Town Centre.</p>
18 September 2024	<p>Strategy & Resources Committee</p> <p>Noted the proposed changes to library services by Birmingham City Council and considered the Town Council’s response to the future of library services in Sutton Coldfield, including exploring a partnership approach. Also resolved to explore options including relocating Sutton Coldfield Library from the Red Rose Centre to a more prominent town centre location.</p> <p>Also noted that the Town Council ‘s consultation on the Strategic Plan 2024-2027 seeks residents’ views on the Town Council taking on more responsibilities for library Services and buildings and community services and buildings.</p>
11 February 2025	<p>Strategy & Resources Committee</p> <p>Noted letter to Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, correcting the position set out in the 11 February 2025 Cabinet report</p>
24 June 2025	<p>Strategy & Resources Committee</p> <p>To consider options for Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council (RSCTC) to provide a sustainable library service for the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield together with the management of Mere Green and Walmley community centres.</p>
15 July 2025	<p>Council meeting</p> <p>Received a petition calling for an agreement to safeguard Sutton Coldfield library for the future.</p>

17 September 2025	Strategy & Resources Committee To consider proposals for Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council to provide a sustainable library service for Sutton Coldfield, together with the management of Mere Green and Walmley Community Centres; and recommend to Full Council the recommendations outlined in this report.
14 October 2025	Strategy & Resources Committee To receive a verbal update on Town Council Library and Community Centre provision.
1 November 2025	RSCTC assumed control of the library and community centre service.
8 December 2025	Strategy & Resources Committee To receive a verbal update on Town Council Library and Community Centre provision.



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FOLIO Sutton Coldfield

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jul-24	To	30-Jun-25
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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	87	-	-	87	84
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	82
Gift Aid	11	-	-	11	13
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	98	-	-	98	179
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98	-	-	98	179
A3 Payments					
Printing	183	-	-	183	75
Equipment		-	-	-	157
Speakers and event providers		-	-	-	120
Refreshments	39	-	-	39	250
Digital	31	-	-	31	19
Insurance	206	-	-	206	196
Accountancy	216	-	-	216	216
Payment processing fees	5	-	-	5	5
Sub total	680	-	-	680	1,038
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	680	-	-	680	1,038
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 582	-	-	- 582	- 859
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,214	-	-	6,214	7,073
Cash funds this year end	5,632	-	-	5,632	6,214

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	Bank	5,606	-	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	Petty cash	26	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,632	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature 	Print Name Jenny Wilkinson	Date of approval 17/04/2026
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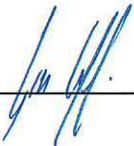
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I have examined the receipts and payments (income & expenditure) statements with the books and vouchers thereto and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

I certify that in my belief the receipts and payment statements give a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ending 30 June 2025 according to the best of the information and explanations given to me and shown by the books of the fund.

Any concerns should be expressed as qualifications to the above statement.

Signed  Ian Woodward BA HONS FCCA

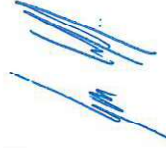
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Accounting records to 30 June 2025

	Current year to 30 June 2025	Prior year to 30 June 2024
Income		
Fundraising	0.00	82.21
Grants	0.00	0.00
Donations	87.00	84.18
Gift Aid	<u>11.25</u>	<u>12.50</u>
	98.25	178.89
Outgoings		
Speakers and event providers	0.00	(120.00)
Printing	(182.56)	(74.60)
Refreshments	(38.70)	(250.00)
Equipment	0.00	(157.11)
Insurance	(205.80)	(196.00)
Accountancy	(216.00)	(216.00)
Digital	(31.18)	(19.08)
Payment processing fees	<u>(5.34)</u>	<u>(5.40)</u>
	(679.58)	(1,038.19)
Net income	<u>(581.33)</u>	<u>(859.30)</u>

Cash at bank	5,606.35
Cash in Paypal	0.00
Cash in hand	25.62
Cash	<u><u>5,631.97</u></u>

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 Annual Report for FOLIO Sutton Coldfield.

During this year Birmingham City Council have consulted with residents regarding the future of libraries. As a result of the requirement for them to save money libraries have become a focus for cuts. Therefore this year FOLIO Sutton Coldfield has focused on leading the local community in campaigns to Save Our Libraries. We have run a number of events to raise the profile of libraries and gain local support to canvas city and town councillors to ensure that libraries in Sutton Coldfield will remain open and offer a much needed service to the community.

We continue with our regular activities including monthly meetings of the Elderberries group for the over 50s and weekly IT surgeries.

We continue to support Ukrainian refugees through our links with Sutton Coldfield library we have been able to work with North Birmingham 4 Ukraine to set up weekly ESOL classes, conversation classes and weekly employment advice sessions. These activities are well attended and offer much needed support.

We have also been able to offer additional support to children's activities and craft sessions in the library specifically in relation to celebrating 50 years of Sutton Coldfield library.

We have been involved in supporting the daily Warm Welcome sessions by providing refreshments and successfully applying for equipment to facilitate this activity.

We continue to hold bimonthly trustee meetings in order to oversee the running of the charity.

We are extremely grateful to the trustees and volunteers who gave their time so willingly to make these events and activities so enjoyable

Noran Flynn
Chair, FOLIO Sutton Coldfield



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For the period from	01-Jul-23	To	30-Jun-24
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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					
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,812
Donations	84	-	-	84	138
Fundraising	82	-	-	82	150
Gift Aid	13	-	-	13	29
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	179	-	-	179	2,129
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	179	-	-	179	2,129
A3 Payments					
Printing	75	-	-	75	-
Equipment	157	-	-	157	-
Speakers and event providers	120	-	-	120	420
Refreshments	250	-	-	250	612
Digital	19	-	-	19	86
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	1,250
Insurance	196	-	-	196	294
Accountancy	216	-	-	216	216
Payment processing fees	5	-	-	5	103
Sub total	1,038	-	-	1,038	2,981
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,038	-	-	1,038	2,981
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 859	-	-	- 859	- 852
A5 Transfers between funds	- #	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,073	-	-	7,073	7,925
Cash funds this year end	6,214	-	-	6,214	7,073

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	Bank	6,188	-	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	Petty cash	26	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,214	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	IT equipment		-	-
	Display equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	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 Jenny Wilkinson	Date of approval 02/04/2025
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Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Woodward', written over a horizontal line.

Ian Woodward BA HONS FCCA

Date

31st March 2025

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Welcome to the 2022-2023 Annual Report for FOLIO Sutton Coldfield.

During this year we have reduced the activities and support provided through our charity as libraries have started to increase their activities and support to local residents

We are pleased that as a result of the past input from our charity the central library in Sutton Coldfield is now in a position to run activities at weekends for children and we continue to support these as and when required.

We continue with our regular activities including monthly meetings of the Elderberries group. The Elderberries is an ever growing, welcoming group offering opportunities for people over the age of fifty.

One development this year has been supporting Ukrainian refugees. Through our links with Sutton Coldfield library we have been able to work with North Birmingham 4 Ukraine to set up weekly ESOL classes. These sessions are well attended and offer much needed support.

We have also been able to offer additional support to children's activities and craft sessions in the library.

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For the period
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01-Jul-22

To

30-Jun-23

Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Grants	1,812	-	-	1,812	20,546
Donations	138	-	-	138	1,327
Fundraising	150	-	-	150	156
Gift Aid	29	-	-	29	173
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,129	-	-	2,129	22,202
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,129	-	-	2,129	22,202
A3 Payments					
Printing	-	-	-	-	1,815
Equipment	-	-	-	-	258
Speakers and event providers	420	-	-	420	9,381
Refreshments	612	-	-	612	761
Venue hire	-	-	-	-	465
Digital	86	-	-	86	242
Stationery	-	-	-	-	101
Phone	-	-	-	-	185
Postage	-	-	-	-	20
Advertising	-	-	-	-	642
Design	-	-	-	-	4,900
Prizes	-	-	-	-	282
Professional fees	1,250	-	-	1,250	8,369
Insurance	294	-	-	294	289
Accountancy	216	-	-	216	210
Payment processing fees	103	-	-	103	116
Sundry	-	-	-	-	1,314
Sub total	2,981	-	-	2,981	29,350
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
IT equipment	-	-	-	-	1,094
Display equipment	-	-	-	-	431
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,525
Total payments	2,981	-	-	2,981	30,875
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 852	-	-	- 852	- 8,673
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,925	-	-	7,925	16,598
Cash funds this year end	7,073	-	-	7,073	7,925

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	Bank	7,046	-	-
	Paypal	1	-	-
	Petty cash	26	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,073	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	IT equipment		-	-
	Display equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Notes

- Consultancy fees include £1,250 paid for project management services to an individual who was also a trustee.

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jenny Wilkinson	15/04/2024



Ian Woodward Accountancy Ltd

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I have examined the receipts and payments (income & expenditure) statements with the books and vouchers thereto and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

I certify that in my belief the receipts and payment statements give a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ending 30 June 2023 according to the best of the information and explanations given to me and shown by the books of the fund.

Any concerns should be expressed as qualifications to the above statement.

Signed  Ian Woodward BA HONS FCCA

Date 29th March 2024

Accounting records to 30 June 2023

Cash at bank 7,046.28
 Cash in Paypal 0.70
 Cash in hand 25.62
Cash 7,072.60

Prior year to 30 June 2022
 156.24
 20,545.83
 1,327.38
172.50 22,201.95

Current year to 30 June 2023
 150.56
 1,811.58
 137.70
28.75 2,128.59

Income		
Fundraising	150.56	
Grants	1,811.58	
Donations	137.70	
Gift Aid	28.75	2,128.59
Outgoings		
Stationery	0.00	(101.03)
Printing	0.00	(1,815.28)
Postage	0.00	(20.40)
Phone	0.00	(185.00)
Advertising	0.00	(642.00)
Prizes	0.00	(281.85)
Equipment	0.00	(1,783.09)
Speakers and event providers	(420.00)	(9,380.86)
Design	0.00	(4,900.00)
Venue hire	0.00	(465.00)
Professional fees	(1,250.00)	(8,368.95)
Refreshments	(612.05)	(760.93)
Insurance	(294.16)	(288.91)
Accountancy	(216.00)	(210.00)
Digital	(86.26)	(241.64)
Payment processing fees	(102.38)	(115.69)
Sundry expenses	0.00	(1,314.62)
		<u>(30,875.25)</u>
Net income		<u><u>(8,673.30)</u></u>

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FOLIO SUTTON COLDFIELD

England & Wales - Charity number 1175929

Accounts



Annual Report 2021-2022

Registered Charity (No. 1175929, registered in England and Wales).
Registered address: 28 Goldieslie Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5PQ

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Annual Report for FOLIO Sutton Coldfield.

This year was a slightly mixed year for us, with Covid-19 pandemic restrictions in place for some of the time but also plenty of opportunities for getting together in person.

We held more local interest talks online and continued with our Telling Sutton's Stories project, bringing it to completion during the year. We hosted a CBSO musical story time in Sutton Coldfield library and also collaborated with Echo Eternal and a Holocaust survivor in a project which resulted in a patchwork quilt displayed in the library.

Our most significant project during the year was the Shakespeare in Sutton festival. As part of the Everything to Everybody project, Birmingham's First Folio had its first stop on its tour at Sutton Coldfield library on 23 April, Shakespeare's birthday. The visit was surrounded by activities and some lovely music and we welcomed over 350 visitors to see the book which was opened at the page referring to Sutton Coldfield. The festival itself ran from 9-30 April with exhibitions, performances, films and talks being held in a variety of venues across Sutton Coldfield.

We also continued with our regular activities including the Parkinson's Cafe sessions and monthly meetings of the Elderberries group. Elderberries collaborated with the local YMCA to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

We are extremely grateful to all the trustees and volunteers who gave their time so willingly to make these events and activities so enjoyable.

Several of our trustees had a change to their circumstances and we sadly said goodbye to them. We are very grateful to them for all their input into FOLIO and we wish them every success with their other commitments.

Although strictly outside the period of this annual report, we also said goodbye to Zoe Toft who stood down as a trustee and our chair at the end of July, after five years in those roles. She was a driving force behind the campaign to save the library when there were proposals to close it back in 2016 and her energy and enthusiasm carried The Library Lobby through into the formation of FOLIO Sutton Coldfield and the huge number of events and activities it has provided over the years. We are enormously indebted to her and offer her a massive 'thank you' for all she has done for us.

Noran Flynn
Chair, FOLIO Sutton Coldfield

Events 2021-2022

2021-2022 saw FOLIO continue with its successful online programme of local interest talks, covering topics as wide ranging as 'Recording the wildlife of Sutton Coldfield' to 'Sutton Coldfield before the time of Veysey'



These talks were all recorded and are available to view on FOLIO's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiuCY4E05yUZJrUwxe7dalw>

2021-2022 also saw the completion of our project Telling Sutton's Stories, <http://foliosuttoncoldfield.org.uk/map>. This is an interactive, collaborative map project exploring people's connections with Sutton Coldfield, highlighting the local history resources available through the library service. Thanks to a grant from Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme we were able to host a series of in-person local history events exploring the archive photos held by Sutton Coldfield Library.



Events, deliberately set in a wide variety of settings including cafes, pubs and churches across Sutton Coldfield, featured exhibitions of local historical maps, photos and ephemera to prompt reminiscence. A number of in-person events also featured musicians and visual artists to prompt different ways of engaging with the project.

In the period 1 April - 31 December 2021 the map was viewed 2289 times.

The 10 online and 11 in-person events, reached 651 visitors / attendees / participants
4 local artists & musicians were employed, resulting in 1 collaboratively created song for Sutton and 1 art installation
11 new volunteers offered their time to FOLIO as a result of this project - all of whom were over 50. 6 were men.
25 new pieces of Flash Fiction were written about Sutton Coldfield.

Project photos









Feedback on the project included:

“Was really interesting. And you had truly put so much effort into the presentation & research! Very much appreciated”

“I wanted to send you an email to say how much I have been enjoying the photos and stories and paper cuttings you have been sharing on the recent online events. I find these thoroughly enjoyable and it was so lovely a couple of weeks ago after the Part 1 show of the photos of Sutton Park that I was able to share the knowledge I had learnt then to my friend who I was taking a walk with!”

“Many thanks for the warm welcome on Sunday and for arranging such an uplifting and thought-provoking community event. The woodland provided an ideal setting for relaxed conversation with people from a wide range of backgrounds”

“Thank you for a wonderful afternoon - so much enjoyment, fun and learning from each other”

“It was like we created the things that have been missing in Sutton Coldfield. Joyful on so many levels. Thank you for making it happen.”

“We would like lots more singing, sharing stories, learning from each other, making connections and building community cohesion. We would like more opportunities to participate in inclusive events that are meaningful for all ages as was your Song for Sutton Event.”

“Thank you for your attendance at the St Georges Assisted living complex on the 3rd of this month which was such a success with the owners of the linked properties here [...] the local history presentation [was. a] way to help us out of lock-down and the negative impact it has had on us by way of a loss of self confidence and social anxiety. Thanks to the great material you had and your strong friendly communication skills made the afternoon a great success enjoyed by all of us, even those who had not grown up in the area. The great collection of photographs and books about old Sutton Coldfield proved to be a great catalyst to get people talking and sharing anecdotes.

As I say I myself and many of the owners are most grateful that this remarkable asset was available to not only help re-motivate us, which it has, but also increase our collective identity within the area.”

“I have enjoyed these sessions immensely and have always finished the evening wanting to learn and explore more. I have shared any pertinent information to my 87 year old mother who is also keen on local history but not herself computer literate. It's great to share an interest with like minded individuals and I do hope that I will be able to participate in face to face meetings during the summer. Thank you for organising these events which have brightened an evening during these difficult days of lockdown.”

“The Telling stories has been a breath of fresh air, during this pandemic. Participating in the on line events has increased my feeling of community and well being. Having lived in Sutton all my life, I have found the presentations fascinating. I have recommended the presentations and the website to my house bound 92 year old Aunt who is from Sutton, now living in Stratford on Avon. She is still very connected with Sutton, being a

proud owner of several books on Sutton Park. Thank you for a wonderful set of presentations and website.”

“I have really enjoyed all the Folio Telling Stories I have taken part in. I have learned such a lot about the history of Sutton Coldfield. All the talks have been really well illustrated with photographs, other visual material, maps, sound clips etc. What has also been very useful is the email sent out after each talk which have included various links to click on, to find out more about the subject covered. Not only have I learned a lot but each session has been particularly important during the Covid pandemic when communication with others and attending classes on subjects of interest have been very limited.”

“I think the project is fantastic, and is helping me to reconnect with the wider community here in Sutton. The online sessions have worked brilliantly, although I'm also looking forward to some face-to-face events as well. Many thanks to you and Folio for enabling a real sense of community under such difficult circumstances.”

In October 2021 FOLIO was delighted to host a CBSO Musical Storytime in Sutton Coldfield Library



January 2022 saw FOLIO once again collaborate with Echo Eternal and Holocaust survivor, Agnes Kaposi, for a project called Patchwork stories and the Great Sew. We ran two online creative sewing sessions which resulted in a series of fabric panels inspired by Agnes Kaposi's testimony. These were then sewn together to create a patchwork quilt which was displayed in Sutton Coldfield Library:



In April 2022 we hosted Shakespeare in Sutton - FOLIO's fun festival for all

This was a Shakespeare inspired multi-arts festival, featuring more than 20 events/activities in 9 locations around Sutton, during April 2022.







The festival was a great success in terms of:

- The number of participants (see below)
- The resulting increased profile of FOLIO locally (based on considerable increases in our social media followers and newsletter sign ups)
- The number of new FOLIO volunteers who chose to donate time and skills to helping make the festival happen
- The strength of new relationships created with other local community groups and artists, including feedback that they would like to collaborate with FOLIO again
- The feedback we received from festival attendees.

Feedback included:

“Inspiring. Increased my social confidence.”

“Inspirational and fun!”

“I have too many words in my. Head. You helped me release some of them. Thank you. I suffer from mental health problems. The arts help immensely.”

“Grateful that FOLIO is out here offering workshops. It was therapeutic and educational. Really impressed and thoroughly enjoyed,”

“Excellent. Vey informative, concise, professional and fun. Thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you.”

“It was a brilliant session. It was a tonic for me.”

“Inspiring and enthusiastic teacher! Got me writing poetry.”

“A great engaging and supportive space, thank you.”

“This workshop has helped me unlock a certain part of me. It was a wonderful experience. Thanks for having me.:

“Great to get the opportunity to perform. Fantastic tutors.”

“A marvellous afternoon. It was enlightening and invigorating”

“A well organised and run event”

“I found this session really comforting as it is my first time atone of these and I am only young. The comfort of the people’s voices before and after performing helped me realised that it’s not all about the poem but also the person performing.”

“Wonderful event. So friendly, really boosted my confidence. Great to find out about new events.”

“Been really good opportunity. A great enthusiastic and supportive, welcoming environment.”

”I thoroughly enjoyed today.”

“So grateful of this space, something has been sparked within. You made me feel so welcome. Also This is so healing. Thanks for this being free. My heart’s full, and after the biscuit my belly is too”

“Really enjoyed the session. It’s been very informative, warm and friendly. Thank you to all involved.”

“Super session brilliantly run. Very much enjoyed it and learned a lot.”

“thank you for putting together such an enjoyable and informative event”

“Thank you for being so kind, pleasant and for the way you and your colleagues looked after us and keeping us well watered.”

”I’d just like to say how much fun, and how inspiring were both workshops on Saturday.”

"It's exciting seeing the Folio. It's the oldest book I have ever seen"

"I enjoyed the atmosphere, discovering interesting, related facts while waiting and being reminded of the Shakespeare Library in Birmingham and its accessibility."

"I enjoyed seeing people I haven't seen since pre-Covid! Seeing the folio and the commentary. I enjoyed knowing that my love of Shakespeare is also enjoyed by so many others."

"I've enjoyed the great atmosphere of enthusiasm. Loved the music and love the map. It's inspired me to look out for children's versions of the plays for my son."

"We're really excited to see this here in Sutton Coldfield. So glad we decided to pop into town."

"Such an incredibly popular event! It's enriched my knowledge and felt very special to be able to view such an historically important object."

"I feel proud to see the First Folio in Sutton Lovely to see so many people interested in this event"

"What a show, enjoyed every minute of it, very engaging, would book again."

"This was SO good! Brilliant actors, really engaging and great fun following them round the town. Will try to continue to imagine the police sirens and buses as the bells and gondolas of Venice

Thank you!!"

"Great fun to watch the strolling players"

"What a great experience, I didn't know what to expect but was enchanted for an hour as we moved around the Parish Church of Holy Trinity. To those who missed this, you missed a real treat."

"Well acted and very entertaining. Thank you to all involved"

"Such a captivating performance and very funny! Really enjoyed this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who made it possible."

"All the actors did a great job and we really enjoyed the performance"

"Thank you so much, this was so entertaining, thoroughly enjoyed!!"

"Love the Shakespeare walk, fun and informative. Actors were great and entertaining. Thanks to everyone organised and involved in the events."

"This was absolutely fantastic! me and my mum went along and we laughed the whole time! Great use of funds by the charity!"

"Thank you to the organisers and actors, we really enjoyed your show. It was lovely to have it in Sutton too!"

"well done for getting this and so many other great events off the ground for the festival (and still not over yet!!). I loved the quotations being used to make a new story and some clever misquotes too. I particularly enjoyed going up hill to the harbour in Naples then we were in Venice and as we came down the lychgate steps Cesario cried "Mind the gondolas" and it could almost have been a step down to the canalside. Great fun and a wonderful company."

"Thank you Folio, we really enjoyed the experience. Thanks for all the effort you put in!"

"Well attended event enjoyed by many. Well done Folio!"

"What hard work you and Folio have put into hosting the Shakespeare events. So I must congratulate you"

"the buzz was brilliant and I know that some visitors (young and old) were present all day, enjoying all aspects of the event."

What a great afternoon! Interesting lecture followed by a thought provoking play reading. Thank you Folio!"

"Thank you for organising, it was a really interesting afternoon, great venue to host and I shall definitely be looking out for George Dawson next time I'm in the library. It's been an eventful couple of weeks, really enjoyed the talks, thanks to all

"I have loved participating in this Shakespeare event. A magnificent job."

"I just wanted to say a huge congratulations to you. It was such an event you have co-ordinated and well you certainly pulled it off! I feel this has been a great success and for which you must feel immensely proud on behalf of FOLIO"

"this gives me chance to say well done for the festival, a wonderful thing for Sutton and worthy of an award for all the hard work."

The project benefited local people by:

- Providing a wide variety of arts events for them to enjoy for free on their doorstep, boosting a sense of community spirit and wellbeing
- Enabling community groups other than FOLIO to have a platform to showcase their skills and boost their profile
- Helping residents learn about their local history and feeling a sense of pride in their town
- Boosting spending in the town (e.g. refreshments bought by those visiting festival events) and employing local artists and professionals (including the festival designer, printers, festival fleeces, local venue hire, leaflet distributors)

The majority of our festival events required booking. Based on the booking and attendance figures we know that there were 1114 confirmed attendances over the course of the festival (it may be that multiple people attended multiple events, so we cannot put a figure on the exact number of people who attended the festival.)

In addition we had 248 people participate in our two festival competitions.

We also had several drop-in events/activities where it is not possible to ascertain the number of people who benefited from them. These included the Shakespeare play corner in Sutton Coldfield Library (which was accessible from 19-30 April), the children's craft activity in Sutton Coldfield library on April 23, and the map displayed in a disused shop window in the Gracechurch centre. Feedback from library staff and the artists running the children's craft activity on April 23 suggest at least 50 families accessed these. Anecdotal observation suggests the map in the town centre has engaged (and continues to engage) many visitors to the town.

Throughout 2021-2022 our regular Parkinsons Cafe sessions continued, and our Elderberries group went from strength to strength with day trips out and a collaboration with the local YMCA to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.





Governance



Liz Parry - Secretary



Noran Flynn - Chair



Jenny Wilkinson - Treasurer

We continued to hold monthly trustee meetings in order to oversee the running of the charity and support Zoe Toft who took the lead in organising our events and activities.

Several of our trustees had a change to their circumstances and we sadly said goodbye to them. We are very grateful to them for all their input into FOLIO and we wish them every success with their other commitments. Our remaining trustees are committed to ensuring that FOLIO continues to support the Sutton Coldfield library.

Communications

We have continued to grow our online support and newsletter mailing list in 2021-2022. We now have 1807 followers on Facebook, 1237 followers on Twitter and 847 newsletter subscribers.

Our Accounts for 2021-2022

Opening balance	£16,598
Income	£22,202
Expenditure	£30,875
Closing balance	£7,925
Of which:	
Reserves	£1,250
Restricted funds	-
Available balance	£6,675

FOLIO's annual operating costs are assessed to amount to c. £2,500. FOLIO's Board of Trustees considers it prudent to maintain a level of reserves in order to cover ongoing costs in the event that insufficient income is generated through activities such as fundraising and grants. The Trustees consider it appropriate to hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for a six-month period. FOLIO Sutton Coldfield therefore maintains a reserves balance of £1,250.

Thank you to our funders 2021-2022

Our activities in the year 2021-2022 were generously supported by grants or support in kind from the following bodies:



Using Birmingham's forgotten past to inspire our future:
Unlocking the world's first great people's Shakespeare Library for all



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jul-21	To	30-Jun-22
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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					
Grants	-	20,546	-	20,546	11,770
Donations	1,202	125	-	1,327	4,412
Fundraising	156	-	-	156	553
Gift Aid	173	-	-	173	79
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,531	20,671	-	22,202	16,814
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,531	20,671	-	22,202	16,814
A3 Payments					
Printing	187	1,628	-	1,815	153
Equipment	171	87	-	258	-
Speakers and event providers	103	9,278	-	9,381	175
Refreshments	34	727	-	761	618
Venue hire	-	465	-	465	-
Digital	174	68	-	242	1,634
Stationery	70	31	-	101	-
Training	-	-	-	-	112
Phone	-	185	-	185	91
Postage	13	7	-	20	-
Advertising	12	630	-	642	-
Design	-	4,900	-	4,900	-
Prizes	127	155	-	282	-
Professional fees	-	8,369	-	8,369	1,440
Insurance	289	-	-	289	220
Accountancy	210	-	-	210	210
Payment processing fees	116	-	-	116	34
Sundry	250	1,064	-	1,314	642
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,756	27,594	-	29,350	5,329
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
IT equipment	-	1,094	-	1,094	-
Display equipment	-	431	-	431	-
Sub total	-	1,525	-	1,525	-
Total payments	1,756	29,119	-	30,875	5,329
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 225	- 8,448	-	- 8,673	11,485
A5 Transfers between funds	586	- 586	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,564	9,034	-	16,598	5,113
Cash funds this year end	7,925	-	-	7,925	16,598

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	Bank	7,899	-	-
	Petty cash	26	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,925	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Lego and storage units		-	-
	Seating		-	-
	IT equipment		-	-
	Display equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Notes

- Consultancy fees include £6,500 paid for project management services to an individual who was also a trustee.
- Transfers from restricted to unrestricted funds have been made with the consent of grant providers.

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
_____	Jenny Wilkinson	28/04/2023



Ian Woodward Accountancy Ltd

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I have examined the receipts and payments (income & expenditure) statements with the books and vouchers thereto and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

I certify that in my belief the receipts and payment statements give a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ending 30 June 2022 according to the best of the information and explanations given to me and shown by the books of the fund.

Any concerns should be expressed as qualifications to the above statement.

Signed  Ian Woodward BA HONS FCCA

Date 6th April 2023

Accounting records to 30 June 2022

	Current year to 30 June 2022	Prior year to 30 June 2021	
Income			
Fundraising	156.24	552.98	Cash at bank
Grants	20,545.83	11,770.00	Cash in Paypal
Donations	1,327.38	4,412.40	Cash in hand
Gift Aid	172.50	78.75	Cash
	<u>22,201.95</u>	<u>16,814.13</u>	7,899.24
			0.00
			25.62
			<u><u>7,924.86</u></u>

Outgoings			
Stationery	(101.03)	0.00	
Printing	(1,815.28)	(152.90)	
Postage	(20.40)	0.00	
Training	0.00	(112.00)	
Phone	(185.00)	(90.65)	
Advertising	(642.00)	0.00	
Prizes	(281.85)	0.00	
Equipment	(1,783.09)	0.00	
Speakers and event providers	(9,380.86)	(175.00)	
Design	(4,900.00)	0.00	
Venue hire	(465.00)	0.00	
Professional fees	(8,368.95)	(1,440.00)	
Refreshments	(760.93)	(617.46)	
Insurance	(288.91)	(220.25)	
Accountancy	(210.00)	(210.00)	
Digital	(241.64)	(1,634.22)	
Payment processing fees	(115.69)	(34.14)	
Sundry expenses	(1,314.62)	(642.40)	
	<u>(30,875.25)</u>	<u>(5,329.02)</u>	
Net income	<u><u>(8,673.30)</u></u>	<u><u>11,485.11</u></u>	

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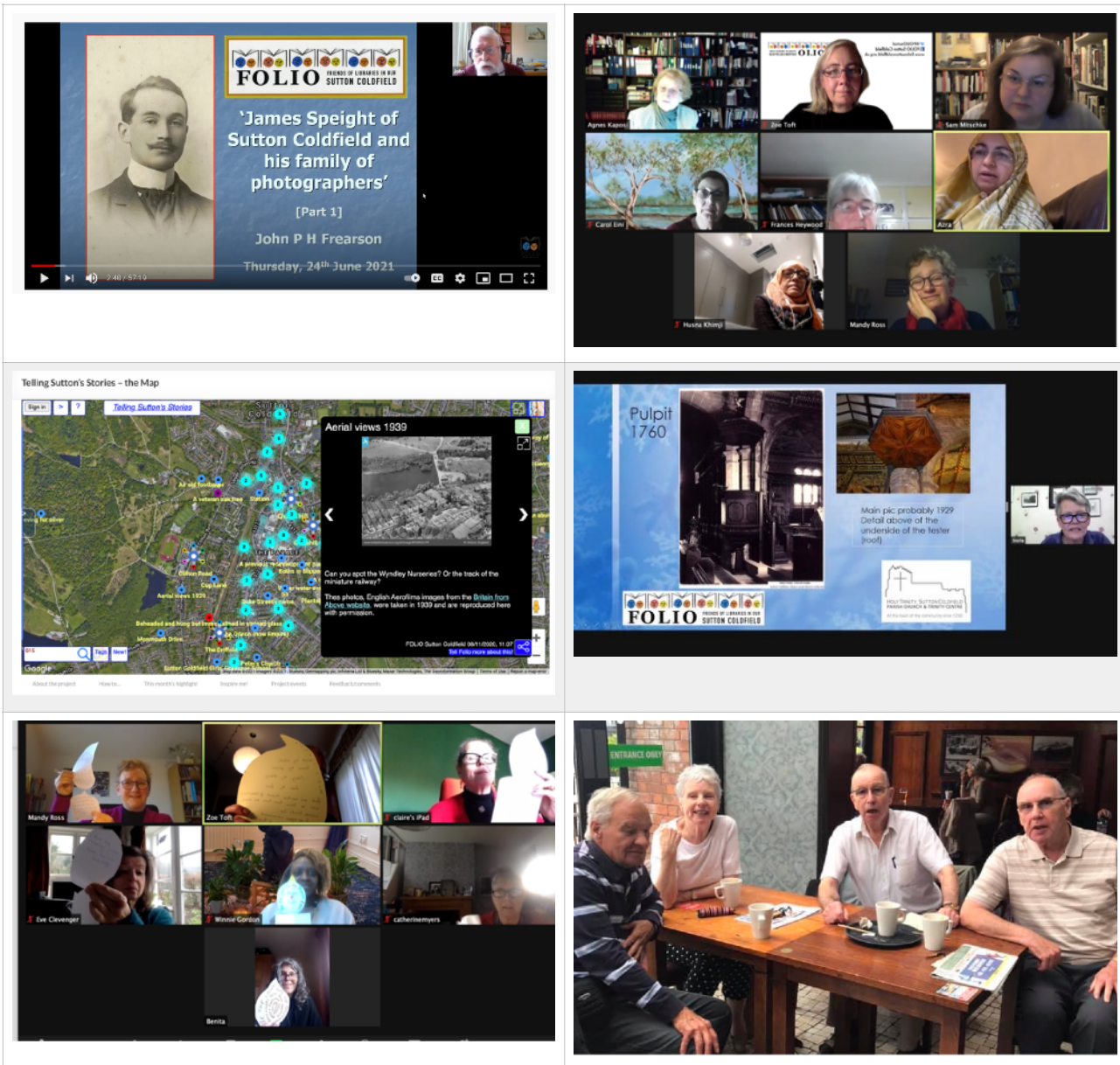
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Accounts

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FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OUR
SUTTON COLDFIELD

Annual Report 2020-2021



Registered Charity (No. 1175929, registered in England and Wales).
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Welcome to the 2020-2021 Annual Report for FOLIO Sutton Coldfield.

2020-2021 was a demanding year for FOLIO, with Sutton Coldfield Libraries largely shut during this period due to the Covid pandemic. However we rose to the challenge using the time to do considerable work on governance of our charity, and adapting to offering events online and at distance, delivering resources and support to members of the groups we run, even if we were, for the most part, not able to meet in person. We worked hard to promote online library resources and services, such as order and collect, e-books and online research databases, making sure that our local community was aware of all the library service had to offer even if the buildings were shut.

Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 we held 25 events directly reaching 1100 people. We continued to support our Elderberries group with telephone calls and deliveries of afternoon tea and treats to reduce their sense of isolation. As part of a Fun Palace, and also at Christmas time, we created craft packs which we delivered out to families. A series of online local interest talks were extremely successful, with several events having audiences of almost 200. A collaboration with the commemorative Holocaust arts engagement body, Echo Eternal as part of their Horizons Festival and our own celebrations of Black History Month and LGBT History Month were purposeful decisions to engage with our wider community as a response to the new mission, vision and values we adopted as part of our Governance overhaul during the year. These are worth highlighting here in full:

Our **vision** is to help create an inspired and cohesive local community, passionate about reading and learning, which enjoys and engages with library services.

Our **mission** is to offer inspirational and transformational activities for the community to learn, interact and thrive, through engagement with local library services.

Our **values** are that we will be:

Welcoming:

- We reach out and welcome people in
- We are respectful and inclusive
- We engage fully with participants, funders and partners

Imaginative:

- We provide activities/events which are meaningful for the participants
- We offer activities/events which enrich library services
- We create a “wow” factor

Community-focused:

- We involve our local community and the wider community
- We collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders to deliver a variety of activities/events together
- We offer a wide range of activities/events that will appeal to different sections of our community

I'm enormously grateful to the volunteers who helped us to deliver our online and distance events and to my Board of Trustees who worked so hard to ensure FOLIO ended the year in a stronger position than it started despite all the complexities the past year. I'm proud that our organisation has been able to contribute to our community during these difficult months.



Zoe Toft, Chair - FOLIO Sutton Coldfield

Events 2020-2021

As one response to lockdown and library buildings be closed we created craft packs and delivered them to local families. We did this twice, once tying in with the nationwide Fun Palaces festival, and again at Christmas time. In addition to distributing our packs to our followers, we provided additional packs for distribution via a local food bank, and Homestart North Birmingham



Merry Christmas from all at FOLIO Sutton Coldfield!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy making these decorations. If you can send us a picture of the decorations you make we'd love to see them up and brightening your homes!

1. A sparkly bauble

2. Good old fashioned paper chains

3. A 3-D round bauble

3. A strip bauble

4. Chocolate books to hang on your tree

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“Thank you for our craft activity pack. The children have had lots of fun trying out new activities at home over the weekends. We really appreciate having new things to do.”

“Thank you so much for the Christmas art pack. It's absolutely lovely. We really appreciated it.”

Another response to being unable to meet in person was an increased online engagement with our supporters, particularly through inviting them to contribute to our celebration of Black History Month and LGBT History month.

FOLIO FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OUR SUTTON COLDFIELD

Author Spotlight

JACQUELINE WILSON

Black History Month – connecting with our supporters (5)



Today, as part of Black History Month, we've book recommendations from Miss Randall (photographed), a library supporter, primary school teacher in Sutton Coldfield and YouTube children's storyteller on 'Storytime with Miss Randall'.

Here's what Miss Randall wanted to share with us all:

"Children's books can act as mirrors, to reflect the readers' own identity and lives, but also as windows so readers can learn about, understand and appreciate the lives of others. They can shape how young readers from varied backgrounds see themselves as well as how readers from a more dominant culture see and understand the complexity of diversity. I believe that's it's vital that all children have

access to diverse books featuring black and brown characters at the forefront, stories that have positive role models, inspire and empower.

My first recommendation is Look up! By Nathan Byron, Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the number 1 debut picture book of 2019.

As a big fan of stargazing myself, this book was an instant hit for me!

'All I know is that one day I'm going to be the greatest astronaut, star catcher, space traveler who has ever lived like Mae Jemison, the first African- American woman in space' -Rocket

Rocket loves to look up at the stars. She wants to be an astronaut after all, just like her hero Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space. Packed with fun facts about meteors and space to satisfy those curious minds, this charming picture book is laden with gorgeous illustrations that will convince children to get excited



LGBT History Month

PRIDE FLAGS

TRANSGENDER **NON-BINARY** **LGBT PRIDE**

PANSEXUAL **ASEXUAL** **INTERSEX**

BISEXUAL **GENDER FLUID** **LESBIAN**

FOLIO FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OUR SUTTON COLDFIELD

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14 October 2020 · 🌐

As you may know it is Black History Month, and here at FOLIO we've been having really interesting conversations with some of our supporters who are Black or who have African and/or Caribbean heritage about great books they'd like to recommend

Today we have some recommendations from Myke. As well as those titles in the picture below, he'd like to suggest Things Fall Apart by Nigerian author Chinua Achebe. This novel, depicting 1890's pre-colonial Igbo life (there are about 45 million Igbo people currently living in Nigeria, and also in Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon), was recently adapted for Radio 4 and you can listen to it here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000mstv>

Myke says, "I recommend Things Fall Apart because it's a book from my childhood aged 5 to 8, growing up in an African village. Life in Ghana, west Africa was a culture shock: being called Kofi; learning French at school; and meeting so many relatives. And of course, the title is from a WB Yeats poem: Things fall apart, the centre cannot hold. So apt for these Covid-19 times."

Things Fall Apart is available as an E-book if you have a Birmingham libraries card. There is also a copy in Boldmere library which you can reserve to collect from Boldmere.

The books pictured are additional books Myke would recommend:

Up from here by Iyanla Vanzant
Moving Voices - Black Performance Poetry, edited by Asher Hoyles
The Original African Heritage Study Bible

Copies of Moving Voices can be found in Kings Heath, Spring Hill and Tower Hill Libraries, though at the moment they cannot be ordered through to any library in Sutton.

Whilst we're all in favour of libraries, you might be interested to know about a specialist bookshop in Birmingham, <https://mybookbasket.com/>: "We have books from across the African diaspora; Britain, America, the Caribbean, Africa, and beyond and we believe that everyone, regardless of cultural background, will find something to fall in love with." You'll find My Book Basket at Legacy Centre (formerly The Drum) 144 Potters Lane, Birmingham B6 4UU

👍 Cecille Edgar, Suzanne Poynton and 9 others 3 comments

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Mk Ya
I'm beyond grateful Zoe & FolioSuttonColdfield for highlighting Black History Month. There's so much for all of us to learn. Because knowing our collective history [the good, bad & ugly] can help us all to acknowledge the past; navigate the present and ... See more

Our online local interest talks proved very popular. All were recorded and are available to view on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnKilcatBi4&list=PLZ3g60j-LMPa87xgig3blohRVubgA79Cp> We are extremely grateful to a private donor at the Wylde Green Rotary Club for funding our improved Zoom subscription which enabled us to host our large audiences at these events.

Free online talks about Sutton Coldfield history, mysteries and more

Public ZOOM talks by experts on local topics, hosted by FOLIO Sutton Coldfield. More details & booking: bit.ly/sutton-talks

We are very grateful to Rotary Club of Wylde Green for their support enabling this series of talks to run online.

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The Archaeology of Sutton Park

A free, online talk by Dr. Mike Hodder

19 November 7.30pm (45 minute talk followed by Q&A)

To register please email info@foliosuttoncoldfield.org.uk
Upon registering you will be sent a Zoom link for the event.

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Pulpit 1760

Main pic probably 1929 Detail above of the underside of the feeder (joist)

FOLIO

How to Create the Perfect Wife

The true story of one gentleman, two orphans and an experiment to create the ideal woman

WENDY MOORE

Tales yet to be told

Ghostly tales from Father Michael and Dr Florence

Patrick Hayes, Bella Hamblin and Amanda Perkins

MOOR HALL

More flexibility for hotel after £1m extension

Be fit for anything with help from the expert

Holy Trinity: walls

Chancel north wall (13th century)

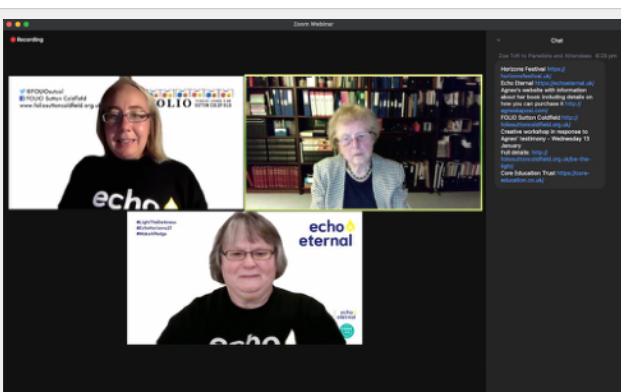
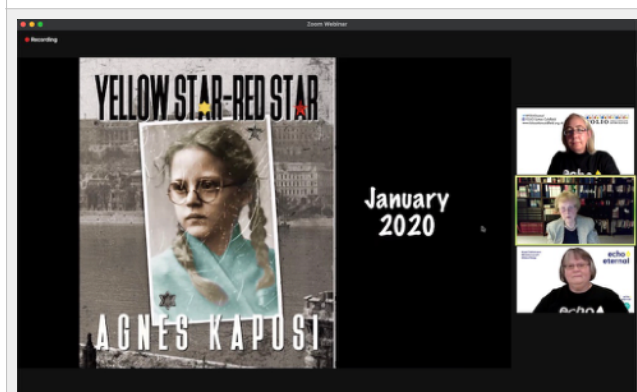
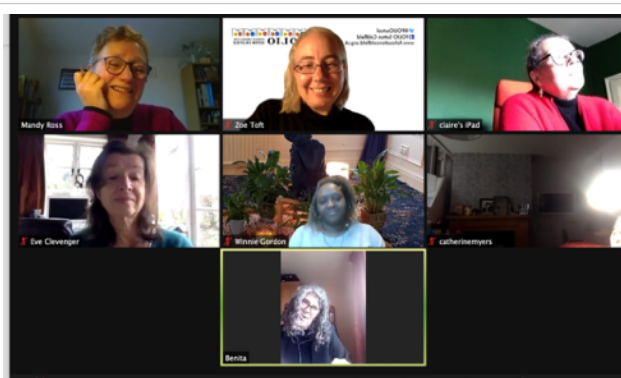
East end of chancel

Foundations of former south wall (14th century)



“Many thanks - and much appreciation of all you are doing through Folio.”
 “It was a really good evening and a great way to spend the evening”
 “I really enjoyed the talk last night, especially the way it was portrayed as a play, mental stimulation is so important, and more so during these COVID times.”

Our collaboration with Echo Eternal saw us kick off an ongoing relationship with Holocaust survivor Agnes Kaposi with a live online interview, two creative workshops inspired her testimony and the lighting up of Sutton Coldfield Town Hall with excerpts of her testimony and the poetry which was the result of our creative workshops.



“Thank you and Mandy for a great workshop. It was a privilege to participate with such wonderful women. If this awful pandemic has done anything good at all, it is bringing people together worldwide using the new technology of zoom.”

Watch our interview with Agnes: <https://youtu.be/y461F2Ctpwc>

Listen to our collaborative poem inspired by Agnes’s testimony: <https://youtu.be/q2RYPklvDKg>



During 2020-2021 we developed a new project called Telling Sutton's Stories, <http://foliosuttoncoldfield.org.uk/map> . This is an interactive, collaborative map project exploring people's connections with Sutton Coldfield, highlighting the local history resources available through the library service. Thanks to a grant from Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme we were able to host a series of online local history events exploring the archive photos held by Sutton Coldfield Library.

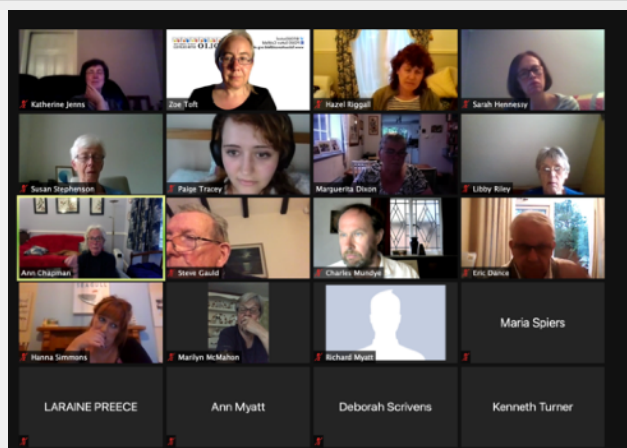


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WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2021 FROM 19:30 UTC+01-20:30 UTC+01

Exploring Sutton's history through food and drink!

Free · Online event



Telling Sutton's Stories - the Map

Google

About the project How to... This month's highlights Explore the map Project events Feedback & comments

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THURSDAY, 17 JUNE 2021 FROM 19:30 UTC+01-20:30 UTC+01

Exploring Sutton's history through music

Free · Online event

19

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 2021 FROM 19:30 UTC+01-20:30 UTC+01

Telling Sutton's Stories - Sutton Park part 2

Free · Online event

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SATURDAY, 24 APRIL 2021 FROM 14:00 UTC+01-15:00 UTC+01

Telling Sutton's Stories - Mill Street

Free · Online event

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THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2021 AT 19:30 UTC+01

Telling Sutton's Stories - The Parade

Free · Online event

“That was really interesting. Thank you for organising. Really appreciated it”
 “Really informative, professional, and enlightening.””

Throughout the year we kept in close contact with our Elderberries (older members of the community who we hosted regularly in Sutton Coldfield Library pre-pandemic) through a mixture of socially distanced meetings, resources and treats delivered to individuals' homes and telephone calls.



Governance



Liz Parry - temporary
Secretary



Noran Flynn - Lead on
volunteering and
safeguarding



Zoe Toft - Chair



Jenny Wilkinson -
Treasurer

FOLIO's Board of Trustees continued to meet monthly throughout 2020-2021, albeit over Zoom. Separate monthly meetings were held to focus solely on strategic development, enabling our Trustee meetings to focus on the day-to-day running of the charity.

Unfortunately 4 colleagues stepped back from working on FOLIO's board during 2020-2021. We are extremely grateful for the rigour, creativity and passion that John Cooper, Daksh Gupta, Cassie O'Boyle and Clare Rumble brought to our Board and we wish them all the very best.

Volunteers

Whilst many of our previously regular volunteers were unable to support the work of FOLIO due to pandemic we are very grateful to those who volunteered in new ways, making telephone calls, delivering resources and supporting FOLIO's work online. In particular we are grateful to Alan Cameron Wills who, with support of Geraint Pickard-Skeats, developed the bespoke software for Telling Sutton's Stories, donating over 100 hours of their time to do so.

Plans for 2021-2022

Following an extremely challenging year, in 2021-2022 we plan to recruit new trustees to ensure our Board remains robust and flexible. We are exploring ways in which to appoint a paid project manager, delivering on a strategic commitment we made last year.

As circumstances allow us we look forward to returning to in-person events.

Communications

One area we were able to grow considerably during 2020-2021 was in terms of our online support and newsletter mailing list. We now have 1665 followers on Facebook, 1132 followers on Twitter and 709 newsletter subscribers.

Our Accounts for 2020-2021*

Opening balance	5,113.05
Income	16,814.13
Expenditure	5,329.02
Closing balance	16,598.16
Of which:	
Reserves	1,250.00
Restricted funds	9,033.59
Available balance	6,314.57

FOLIO's annual operating costs are assessed to amount to c. £2,500. FOLIO's Board of Trustees considers it prudent to maintain a level of reserves in order to cover ongoing costs in the event that insufficient income is generated through activities such as fundraising and grants. The Trustees consider it appropriate to hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for a six-month period. FOLIO Sutton Coldfield therefore maintains a reserves balance of £1,250.

*At the time of preparing this report these figures had not been independently reviewed.

Thank you to our funders 2020-2021

Our activities in the year 2020-2021 were generously supported by grants from the following bodies:



This grant enabled us to support our Elderberries group.



A donation from a private benefactor from the Rotary Club of Wylde Green enabled us to upgrade our Zoom subscription to deliver online talks.



SUTTON COLDFIELD
NEIGHBOURHOOD
NETWORK SCHEME

A grant from the Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme enabled us to deliver online activities as part of the Telling Sutton's Stories project, and to plan for in-person activities in 2021-2022.

Thank you to the following funders who also awarded us grants:

The Thousandth Man - Richard Burns Charitable Trust (Squire Patton Boggs)





Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-Jul-20	To	30-Jun-21
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Grants	250	11,520	-	11,770
Donations	4,412	-	-	4,412
Fundraising	553	-	-	553
Event bookings	-	-	-	-
Fees	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	79	-	-	79
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,294	11,520	-	16,814
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,294	11,520	-	16,814
A3 Payments				
Printing	153	-	-	153
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Speakers and event providers	175	-	-	175
Refreshments	118	500	-	618
Digital	142	1,492	-	1,634
Stationery	-	-	-	-
Training	-	112	-	112
Phone	-	91	-	91
Postage	-	-	-	-
Consultancy fees	1,440	-	-	1,440
Insurance	-	220	-	220
Accountancy	210	-	-	210
Fees	34	-	-	34
Sundry	106	536	-	642
Sub total	2,378	2,951	-	5,329
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Equipment	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,378	2,951	-	5,329
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,916	8,569	-	11,485
A5 Transfers between funds	43 #	- 43	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,605	508	-	5,113
Cash funds this year end	7,564	9,034	-	16,598

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	7,513	9,034
	Petty cash	51	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	7,564	9,034
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Lego and storage units		-
	Seating		-
	IT equipment		-
	Display equipment		-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-

Notes

- Transfers from restricted to unrestricted funds have been made with the consent of grant providers.

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

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jenny Wilkinson', written inside a rectangular box.

Print Name

Jenny Wilkinson

CC16a



Last year

to the nearest £

3,480
1,283
221
323
1,120
-
-
6,427

-
-

6,427

221
39
5,700
906
50
26
331
202
15
2,600
274
210
28
606
11,208

628
628

11,836

- 5,409
-
10,522
5,113



Endowment funds
to nearest £

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Endowment funds
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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of
approval

4/20/2022

Date of approval
4/20/2022