

DESFORD LIBRARY COMMUNITY HUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1175964

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-11-28

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

Contact

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Main Street
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Activities

Objects: 1.THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN DESFORD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.2. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS OF DESFORD AND SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RECREATION AND OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, 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 OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID RESIDENTS.3. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN DESFORD AND SURROUNDING AREA BY OPERATING AND MANAGING A LENDING LIBRARY.

Activities: The provision of a public library for recreation and/or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances for the public at large in the interests of social welfare in Desford and surrounding areas

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£21,089	£14,811	-	-
2024-12-31	£17,310	£13,390	-	-
2023-12-31	£7,945	£19,057	-	-
2022-12-31	£13,775	£13,303	-	-
2021-12-31	£16,114	£11,975	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
COLIN CRANE		2017-10-10
Chris Bell		2025-01-07
Christopher Evans		2022-10-02
DAVID ANTONY CLARICOATES		2017-10-10
Jane Elizabeth Snookes		2017-10-10
John Miles		2025-01-01
PATRICIA CRANE		2017-10-10
Steeve Reeves		2019-01-22
Sue Hemsworth		2025-01-07

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DesfordCommunity Managed Library

Annual Report

Date of transfer to community management: 18th January 2018

Period being reviewed:December 2024 – November 2025

Date and time of annual review meeting:Tuesday 10th February 2026, 2.30pm

The requirement for an annual review is contained in the Support Agreement Schedule 9.

The annual review meeting will take place approximate every 12 months and will be organised by the Community Managed Libraries Support Officer and will be attended by the Principal Manager (Chair) and the Support Officer (Notes)

Sections of this report relating to performance statistics have been completed by your Support Officer. Please contact them if you require assistance to complete any other elements of the report.

1.0 Executive Summary

Overview of key highlights and issues that arose in the period being reviewed to include update progress achieved against previous years' plans and evaluation of new areas of activity.

Desford Library continues to provide an appreciated service to the local community. We continue to support DoE students from the local area. The exhibition for VE day & the dig for Victory garden where well received Invitation to relocate to a refurbished village hall as been reviewed & declined

2 New Trustees have been recruited & meetings are being held more regularly

Financially 2025 saw a headline deficit of £2892.35 With transfers to reserves & interest received this reduces to around a deficit of £22.00

Detailed plans to replace the frontage & to install a disabled toilet are inplace & should be auctioned early 2026

The proposed 5 year plan has not progressed well & still needs to detailed. It is recognised that operating costs must be reduced with plans in place. Also income needs to be increased, again ideas are being developed

2.0 Library Performance

2.1 Issue, new joiner, active borrower and annual visitor statistics.

	<i>Previous Year</i>	<i>Review Year</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Issues	6,800	5,323	Issues with Axiell stats so no accurate comparison
New Joiners	175	133	
Active Borrowers	343	352	+9
Annual Visitors		4420	

2.2 Analysis of performance

Given we have increased numbers by 133 not sure why active borrowers has fallen perhaps we need to do more publicity within the community

3.0 Community Managed Library Events and Activities

In the 3 tables below please provide an overview of events and activities undertaken (add rows as necessary).

3.1 Regularly scheduled events

Activity	Frequency	Average attendance per session	Average attendance per year
Knit & Natter	Weekly	16	
Wriggly Readers	Weekly	10	
Heritage Walks	6	16	
Heritage Family History	Twice monthly	10	
ABC Book Club	Monthly		
	weekly	12	

Total Attendance			

3.2 One-off activities undertaken in the library

Activity	Date	Attendance
Desford VE Day Exhibition	3 rd /4 th May	Not Recorded
A number of local organisation use the Library on an ad-hoc basis for meetings		
Total Attendance		

3.3 Events undertaken in the wider community

Activity	Date	Attendance
Desford neighbourhood Plan Working Group	5 meetings	
Parish Council & Committee Working Group Meetings	Monthly	
DCAG Meetings	Monthly	
DiB Committee meetings	Monthly	
Heritage Society Committee	Bi-Monthly	
Village Hall Meetings	Bi-Monthly	
Barns Charity meetings	6 monthly	

Total Attendance		
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4.0 Summer Reading Challenge (SRC)

The theme for this year’s challenge was Story Garden and ran in Leicestershire between 5th July & 6thSeptember 2025.

	Starters	Finishers	% Finishers	Trend
<i>Review Year</i>	47	35	74%	↑
<i>Previous Year</i>	54	23	43%	

5.0 Volunteers

Number of volunteers	Number of new volunteers	Number of volunteers Leaving in year
33	3	3

6.0 Library User and Volunteer Feedback

6.1

Library User and Volunteer Comments
Main comments from users are thanks for keeping the library open
Positive comments on introduction of jisaws

6.2

Library User and Volunteer Complaints

Temperature in Library has been an issue but resolved following recent boiler service

7.0 Financial Viability and Sustainability

Summary overview of finances including as appendices:

- 7.1 Annual profit/loss accounts
- 7.2 Funding position including summary of grant applications and outcomes
- 7.3 Capital investment plans where applicable
- 7.4 5 year financial projection

8.0 Progress Update on Current Plans and Future Plans for Development

Outline of future development plans including services to be provided and income generation.

Plan	Action Required	Progress	Risks

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9.0 Additional Information

Please use this section for any additional information you wish to provide.

There is a risk that the Parish Council may relocate which would likely make the library financially unviable – this is not seen as an immediate risk but should be noted

For 2026 we hold a £5000 credit with Gas supplier which should mitigate against any financial short fall for this year

10.0 Documentation Review

As part of the annual review process the Support Officer will review the following documents. These can be submitted electronically alongside your report or hard copies can be reviewed at the annual review meeting.

10.1 Insurance

Reviewed

10.2 Risk Log

Reviewed

10.3 Policies reviewed:

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding Adults

Health and Safety

Trustee Conflict of Interest

Data Protection

Volunteer Management

Complaints Procedure

Equality and Diversity

Financial Management and Control

Library User Complaints and
Compliments

Desford Library 2025 Accounts Summary

Opening Bank Statement	01/01/2025	13748.46
Closing Bank Statement	31/12/2025	10856.11
		-2892.35
2025 Income		22918.26
2025 Expenditure		25810.61
		-2892.35
Income	Book Sales	1346.39
	Easy Fund Raising	48.87
	Cash	310.00
	Warm Welcome	2700.00
	PCC	6500.00
	Grants/Sect 106	10863.00
	Gas Refund	1150.00
		22918.26
Expenditure	Total Energy	7656.77
	Castlewater	1045.65
	Cleaning (Sculthorpe)	1075.00
	LCC	295.67
	Bank Charge	40.00
	Maintenace	766.39
	Equipment	682.80
	3 Rings Service	
	Charge	95.34
	AJGIBL	617.73
	ADT	1701.26
	Proudcastle	720.00
	Ashwell	114.00
	Transfer to Reserves	11000.00
		25810.61
Assets	Deposit Account	60211.43

Grant Applications 2025

National Lottery Grant application for £9200 agreed with monies to be used for provision of disabled toilet in 2026

2 Grants received from Rural Council (?) for £250 towards purchase of laminator & £500 towards purchase of shelving unit

Grants totalling £2700 received from Warm Welcome (one of these was for services during 2024)

Replacement of Library frontage in progress after application for funding agreed

Capital Investment 2026

Once the disabled toilet is complete and assuming grants can be sourced then we will be looking at the following with a view to reducing operating costs :

changing existing lighting to LED tubes

installing double glazed windows

costing installation of A rated boiler (present boiler is G rated)

Financial Projection 2026 only

Core Operating Costs estimated at around £13500

Base Income estimated at £10300

Anticipated shortfall is £3200

It should be noted that costs for 2006 are below "normal" as we have a credit of around £3500 with total energies for overbilling of gas in previous years.

It is intended to approach local businesses with a view to gaining sponsorship

Future Projections

There are a number of issues that need to be resolved, main one being will the Parish Council remain as tenants within the Library given the option proposed to them of moving to the village hall. If this option is taken up we would see an immediate reduction of £6500 in income

Desford Library Community Hub Income and Expenditure Account

Year ending 31 December 2025

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Income:

Grants received:		
National Lottery	£9,200.00	
Rural Community	£750.00	
LCC	<u>£913.00</u>	£10,863.00
Desford Parish Council		£6,500.00
Warm welcome		£2,700.00
Book sales		£1,346.39
Fund raising		£48.87
Other income (fines, photocopier, donations)		£310.00
Total Gas refund		£1,150.00
Interest received		£870.34
		<u>£23,788.60</u>

Expenditure:

LCC waste disposal	£295.67	
Security	£1,701.26	
Insurance	£617.73	
Cleaning	£1,075.00	
Property maintenance	£1,600.39	
Equipment	£682.80	
Heat and light	£8,702.42	
Subscriptions	£95.34	
Bank charges	£40.00	
		<u>£14,810.61</u>

Surplus for the year

£8,977.99

Deposit Account:

Interest received:	<u>£870.34</u>	
Transfer from Current a/c	<u>£11,000.00</u>	
Total	£11,870.34	

Deposit a/c statement:

bf 31/12/24	£48,341.09	
cf 31/12/25	£60,211.43	
Movement	<u>£11,870.34</u> as above	

Current a/c:

Income:

	Book Sales	Cash (Other Income)	Easy fund raising	Desford PC	Warm Welcome	National Lottery	Rural Community	LCC	Gas Refund	Total
RM summary:	£1,346.39	£310.00	£48.87	£6,500.00	£2,700.00	£9,200.00	£750.00	£913.00	£1,150.00	£22,918.26
Corrections										£0.00
	<u>£1,346.39</u>	<u>£310.00</u>	<u>£48.87</u>	<u>£6,500.00</u>	<u>£2,700.00</u>	<u>£9,200.00</u>	<u>£750.00</u>	<u>£913.00</u>	<u>£1,150.00</u>	<u>£22,918.26</u>

Expenditure:

	Refuse	Cleaner	Insurance	Security	Gas/Electric	Castle Water	Deposit a/c tfr	Equipment	Subscriptio	Property Maintenance	IT System	Bank charges	Expenses reimbursed	
RM summary:	£295.67	£1,075.00	£617.73	£1,701.26	£7,656.77	£1,045.65	£11,000.00	£682.80	£95.34	£1,600.39		£40.00		£25,810.61
Corrections							-£11,000.00							-£11,000.00
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Current a/c Net expenditure (above) -£2,892.35

Bank statement (current a/c)

bf 31/12/24	£13,748.46	
cf 31/12/25	£10,856.11	
Movement	<u>-£2,892.35</u>	£0.00

Check totals

Bank bf	£62,089.55	
Bank cf	£71,067.54	
Increase	£8,977.99	
Surplus for the year	<u>£8,977.99</u>	£0.00

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 Period start date To 31st December 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Desford Library Community Hub

Charity registration number: 1175964

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees aim to provide public library facilities to advance the education of the public in Desford and the surrounding areas

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP Preference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Following the constraints placed upon us by the Covid Pandemic, the Trustees are proud to report the following actions of the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wills Projects scheme initiated by the Rural Community Council to support residents to prepare CVs for work and education activities • Assisting young people in their work to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh award • Continuing the activities of working with Parents/Guardians in enabling pre-school children to have a taste for early learning in our Wriggly Readers sessions • The library provides a facility for the Local Area Co-ordinator of Social Services, Leicestershire County Council, enabling residents to have confidential meetings in their own locality • Enabling the Knit and Natter Club to meet in the Library on every Thursday. In conjunction with the Desford Tapestry Group they have been instrumental in skilled stitching of the Tapestry – a historical image of life within the Parish of Desford. We have also agreed to be the base for the finished tapestry when it is not being shown in other venues throughout the Parish and beyond. • We have regular liaisons with the Primary and Secondary schools within the area. We are presently working with the Secondary School on a mosaic project. Artwork from each of the schools is regularly displayed within the library • The library has been used as the base for the newly created Heritage Walks. We were instrumental in gaining grant support to enable 16 Heritage Boards to be sited around Desford Village. We acted as the base for the successful 2-day Heritage Festival that received over 10,000 visitors • The library was the base for the

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Additional information (optional)

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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's Financial position at the end of the period	Para1.21	Net surplus as of 31st December 2024 is- £4137.22
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para1.22	Reserves are held to cover maintenance costs or repairs to the building
Amount of reserves held	Para1.22	£47,415.92
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para1.24	No deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para1.47	Grants from local council and businesses
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para1.46	The cost of repairs required to the building and increasing costs of heating
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees must be a natural person appointed and agreed by a resolution passed at an officially convened meeting. In appointment of a trustee, the trustees will consider skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. There will be at least three Trustees with no maximum number

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We act as a signposting venue for groups within the area to promote their own particular activity. We maintain a village diary for local groups/organisations
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We provide the venue for the Barns Charity for their trustee meetings and for the delivery of their tours to the Barns Charity Trust Fields
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Desford Library Community Hub
Other name the charity uses	Desford Library
Registered charity number	1175964
Charity's principal address	Desford Library Main Street Desford LE99JP Leicestershire

Fundsheldascustodiantrusteesonbehalfothers

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additionalinformation(optional)

Namesandaddressesofadvisers(Optionalinformation)

Typeof adviser	Name	Address

Nameofchiefexecutiveornamesofseniorstaffmembers(Optionalinformation)

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Exemptionsfromdisclosure

Reasonfor non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on

behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Colin Crane

Fullname(s)

Colin Crane

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Secretary

Date

29/10/24

Desford Library Community Hub Accounts 1st January 2024 until 31st December 2024

Totalsfor2024	
Total Income 2024	£17527.25
Total Expenses 2024	£13390.03
Net Deficit 2024	£11,142.11
Assets	£47,415.92

Desford Library Community Hub Expenses 1st January 2024 until 31st December 2024

Expenditure	
ADT Security	£801.92
Property maintenance	£1366.65
Bank charges	£61.55
Gas and Electric	£8258.92
Insurance	£606.91
Cleaning	£1225.00
LCC waste disposal	£443.02
IT system	£626.08
Total	£13390.03

Desford Library Community Hub Income/Donations 1st January 2024 until 31st December 2024

Income	
Desford Parish Council	£6,000
Book sale sand fines	£1374.48
Hire of library	£10.00
Bank Interest Received	£925.17
Donations	£9000.00
Total	£17527.25

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Colin Crane	Secretary		
2	Anna Regan	Chair		
3	Patricia Crane			
4	Jane Snookes	Treasurer		
5	Chris Martin			
6	David Claricoates			
7	Steve Reeves			
8	Richard Miles			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Colin Crane

Full name(s)

Colin Crane

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Secretary

Date

29/10/24

Desford Library Community Hub Accounts 1st January 2023 until 31st December 2023

Totals for 2023	
Total Income 2023	£7945.25
Total Expenses 2023	£19,057.31
Net Deficit 2023	£11,142.11
Assets	£47,415.92

Desford Library Community Hub Expenses 1st January 2023 until 31st December 2023

Expenditure	
ADT Security	£744.53
Property maintenance	£1102.95
Bank charges	£60.40
Gas and Electric	£9241.36
Expenses reimbursed	£209.73
Insurance	£586.49
Cleaning	£1275.00
LCC waste disposal	£674.85
IT system	162.00
Heritage Grant repayment	£4557.11
Heritage Grant Expenses reimbursed	£442.89
Total	£19,098.39

Desford Library Community Hub Income/Donations 1st January 2023 until 31st December 2023

Income	
Desford Parish Council	£6,000
Book sales and fines	£556.18
Hire of library	£30.00
Bank Interest Received	£730.52
Donations	£628.55
Total	£7956.28

DESFORD LIBRARY COMMUNITY HUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1175964

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2022 Period start date To 31st December 2022 Period end date

Charity name: Desford Library Community Hub

Charity registration number: 1175964

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision of a public library and the surrounding area
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The provision of a public library for recreation and/or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances for the public at large in the interests of social welfare in Desford and surrounding areas
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees aim to provide public library facilities to advance the education of the public in Desford and the surrounding areas

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Following the constraints place upon us by the Covid Pandemic, the Trustees are proud to report the following actions of the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wills Project scheme initiated by the Rural Community Council to support residents to prepare CVs for work and education activities • Assisting young people in their work to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh award • Continuing the activities of working with Parents/Guardians in enabling pre-school children to have a taste for early learning in our Wriggly Readers sessions • The library provides a facility for the Local Area Co-ordinator of Social Services, Leicestershire County Council, enabling residents to have confidential meetings in their own locality • Enabling the Knit and Natter Club to meet in the Library on every Thursday. In conjunction with the Desford Tapestry Group they have been instrumental in skilled stitching of the Tapestry – a historical image of life within the Parish of Desford. We have also agreed to be the base for the finished tapestry when it is not being shown in other venues throughout the Parish and beyond. • We have regular liaisons with the Primary and Secondary schools within the area. We are presently working with the Secondary School on a mosaic project. Artwork from each of the schools is regularly displayed within the library • The library has been used as the base for the newly created Heritage Walks. We were instrumental in gaining grant support to enable 16 Heritage Boards to be sited around Desford Village. We acted as the base for the successful 2-day Heritage Festival that received over 10,000 visitors

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The library was the base for the successful Scarecrow Festival held over 3-days on August Bank Holiday. • The library is the base for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group who are now working on a review of the made Neighbourhood Plan. We will facilitate the public viewing and consultation of the Plan Review • During the year the library has been used by 2 local Book Clubs. Although recently one of these clubs meets in a private house • The library was used for the book launch for Caroline Wessel titled “Beaumanor War and Peace” • The library is the base for the Desford Parish Council, enabling residents to have direct access to their local Council • The library keeps a village diary and acts as a noticeboard for local activities
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The trustees offer support to all newly created groups within the vicinity, and we are proud that the new created Heritage Group use the library as their meeting venue. In a short period of time they have created a set of heritage boards around the area and are now researching further heritage boards
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Net income as of 31st December 2022 is £471.70
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover maintenance costs or repairs to the building
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£46,685.40
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grants from local council and businesses
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The cost of repairs required to the building
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees must be a natural person appointed and agreed by a resolution passed at an officially convened meeting. In appointment of a trustee, the trustees will consider skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. There will be at least three Trustees with no maximum number

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We act as a signposting venue for groups within the area to promote their own particular activity. We maintain a village diary for local groups/organisations
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We provide the venue for the Barns Charity for their trustee meetings and for the delivery of their tours to the Barns Charity Trust Fields
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Desford Library Community Hub
Other name the charity uses	Desford Library
Registered charity number	1175964
Charity's principal address	Desford Library Main Street Desford LE9 9JP Leicestershire

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Colin Crane	Secretary		
2	Anna Regan	Chair		
3	Patricia Crane			
4	Jane Snookes	Treasurer		
5	Chris Martin			
6	David Claricoates			
7	Steve Reeves			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jane Snookes	
Full name(s)	Jane Elizabeth Snookes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	19/10/2023	

Desford Library Community Hub Accounts 1st January 2022 until 31st December 2022

Totals for 2022	
Total Income 2022	£13,775.38
Total Expenses 2022	£13,303.68
Net Income 2022	£471.70
Assets	£46,685.40

Desford Library Community Hub Expenses 1st January 2022 until 31st December 2022

Expenditure	
ADT Security	£782.58
Property maintenance	£1309.42
Gas and Electric	£8792.56
Bank charges	£60.90
Expenses reimbursed	£105.33
Insurance	£485.46
LCC waste disposal	£592.43
Cleaning	£1175.00
Total	£13,303.68

Desford Library Community Hub Income/Donations 1st January 2022 until 31st December 2022

Income	
Leicester County Council	£871.00
Desford Parish Council	£6,000
Book sales and fines	£633.38
Hire of library	£195.00
Neovia Grant	£6,000.00
Bank Interest Received	£30.29
Donations	£45.71
Total	13,775.38

DESFORD LIBRARY COMMUNITY HUB

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Net income as of 31st December 2021 is £4,139.48
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover maintenance costs or repairs to the building
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£46,589.17
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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2	Anna Regan	Chair		
3	Antony Stokes			
4	Patricia Crane			
5	Jane Snookes	Treasurer		
6	Michael Curry			
7	David Claricoates			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jane Snookes	
Full name(s)	Jane Elizabeth Snookes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	29/10/2022	

Totals for 2021	
Total Income 2021	£16,114.49
Total Expenses 2021	£11,975.01
Net Income 2021	£4,139.48
Assets	£46,589.17

Desford Library Community Hub Expenses 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2021

Expenditure	
ADT Security	£1,843.50
Property maintenance	£606.12
Heat and light	£7,860.48
Bank charges	£0.00
Expenses reimbursed	£545.96
Insurance	£0.00
LCC waste disposal	£393.77
Domain renewal	£25.18
Cleaning	£700.00
Total	£11,975.01

Desford Library Community Hub Income/Donations 1st January 2020 until 31st December 2020

Income	
Leicester County Council	8,819
Desford Parish Council	6,000
Book sales and fines	610.82
Hire of library	30
Grant	650
Interest received	4.67
Total	£16,114.49