



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of

Kibworth Community Library ("the Trust")

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1177722

Set out on pages

3 to 10 inclusive

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

6 October 2025

Name:

Paul Simon Collins BSc FCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants In England And Wales

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 1 April 2024 To 31 March 2025
Period end date

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Kibworth Community Library

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1177722

Charity's principal address

Paget Street

Kibworth Beauchamp

Leicester

Postcode

LE8 0HW

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	Keith Gibbons			Board of Trustees
2	Julie Harrison			Board of Trustees
3	Ian Harrison		1 April 2024 to 16 December 2024	Board of Trustees
4	Val Moore			Board of Trustees
5	Christopher Pillar	Treasurer		Board of Trustees
6	Kate Wood			Board of Trustees
7	David Munnery			Board of Trustees
8	Janet Dowling		1 April 2024 to 20 January 2025 and 3 February 2025 to 31 March 2025	Board of Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Charitable incorporated organisation ("CIO")
Trustee selection methods	Initial trustees came forward as volunteers from the community. Additional trustees are to be interviewed and appointed by a properly constituted meeting of the current trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

A management group took on the running of the library from Leicestershire County Council ("LCC") on 23 May 2016. LCC granted a 10-year lease to Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council ("KBPC") for a peppercorn rent with the day-to-day operations being the responsibility of the management group and volunteers. The Kibworth Community Library Charity ("the Charity") was incorporated on 27 March 2018 and took over the running of the library from the management group with the members of the management group becoming the initial trustees of the Charity. The funds that had been generated by the management group were then transferred to the Charity for its purposes.

The library was part funded by grants from LCC which ceased with effect from 31 March 2022. Over time the Charity must continue to develop its own income streams to ensure future sustainability.

We have recruited and manage over 50 volunteers to help us deliver library services for the communities of Kibworth Beauchamp, Kibworth Harcourt and surrounding areas.

We are part of the Leicestershire-wide network of 34 Community Managed Libraries ("CML's") and Trustee representatives meet quarterly with representatives from a cluster of 5 local CMLs, attended by LCC Support Officers.

The challenges we face are:

- identification of and access to other sources of funding and development of sustainable income generation.
- succession planning and retention of trustees and a volunteer workforce.
- Significant inflationary increases in other costs.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To advance the education of the general public in Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of a volunteer-run community managed library providing access to community education and opportunities for learning.
2. To promote for the benefit of the residents of Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt and the surrounding area the provision of a public library for recreation and or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have 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

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to the Charity's objects are:

1. Operation of a public lending library and associated activities and services;
2. Provision of resources and IT facilities; and
3. Delivery of recreational and educational events and services for the benefit and enjoyment of the local community

The library has become an integral part of the community, engaging effectively with other local groups and organisations.

The Trustees declare that we have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and confirm that all our operations and activities are in accordance with such guidance.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Charity is not a grant-making organisation.

Apart from bank deposits the Charity does not currently hold any investments.

Our volunteers make a significant and much-valued contribution to the successful running of the library and the Charity is dependent on and extremely grateful for their commitment of time, help and support. Without them we would not have a library and the communities we serve would be deprived of a significant local resource.

The Charity has no employees and none of the trustees or volunteers is paid or remunerated, other than the reimbursement of reasonable expenses and expenditure on behalf of the Charity.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Achievements and initiatives of the Charity over the last year:

- Playing a significant part in the fundraising to enable the completion of the extension to the Kibworth Community Hub (formerly Kibworth Grammar School Hall) to provide a completely new library building. This has involved expenditure of around £450,000 which was raised from a wide range of sources. Since the inception of the project the Charity has raised grant funding of £45,000 and also contributed £31,400 from reserves to enable the new library extension to be completed. We are currently planning the re-location from the existing library building and have given notice under the existing licence to occupy. The Community Hub will be able to offer a greater range of services to the community. Initially the Charity will remain as a separate CIO with the current aim of transferring its activities to a new CIO (yet to be incorporated) which will comprise the activities of the Charity plus those of the current Kibworth Grammar School Hall charity.
- Retention of a knowledgeable board of trustees.
- The recruitment and training of 6 new volunteers, a very welcome addition to our much appreciated volunteers. We currently have over 50 volunteers.
- We have continued to run regularly scheduled events and one off events such as author events and talks. In the year to 28 February 2025 our scheduled events have had total attendances of circa 1,400 people whilst one off events have had attendances of circa 600 people.
- We continue to offer the opportunity to young people undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award volunteering roles from Bronze to Gold level as part of the service section of that award.
- Generating an underlying financial surplus for the year. Before the grant receipt from the Bernard Sunley Foundation of £15,000, a £10,000 donation from a local business, S106 receipts and other grants we generated an underlying surplus of circa £2,300. This was against a background of continuing inflationary increases in other costs.
- Expenditure in the year totalled £78,412 of which £61,900 was a contribution to the new library extension costs, £7,952 was the purchase of AV and computer equipment and £1,500 of fundraising commission. Operating costs were £7,060.
- Good relationships among trustees and volunteers — very much a community team effort where everyone's contribution is valued and appreciated.
- Successful delivery of library services—
 - total books issued in year to 28 February 2025: 11,444 (+1%).
 - total number of new library joiners in year: 222 (- 12% on 2023/24).
 - Active borrowers – 492 (-17% on 2023/24)

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We are a not-for-profit organisation and all funds received or generated directly support the purposes of the Charity and sustainability of the library. Surpluses are carried forward towards future running costs and we seek to retain sufficient reserves to cover events or situations that may occur, such as the Covid-19 lockdowns.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our total income for the year increased from £38,564 to £41,670 and net income reduced from a surplus of £28,287 to a deficit of £36,742 mainly reflecting the significant payments towards the new library building. However, the income for the year included a £15,000 grant from the Bernard Sunley Foundation, a £10,000 donation from a local business, £6,259 of S106 monies and a £1,500 grant from a local charity to purchase laptops. Funds from other fundraising activities increased from £6,450 to £7,105. This income came from a number of sources with the main contributors being book sales, the Harborough Lottery, the various groups that we run and event ticket sales. We have a diverse income base which means that we are not overly dependent on any one source of income.

All funds are invested back into the library and directly support our key objectives and provision of library services.

Our outgoings in the year totalled £78,412 compared to £10,277 in the previous year. The costs of £78,412 included £61,900 towards the library extension to the Kibworth Community Hub project and £7,952 used to

purchase AV equipment and the new laptops. The current year costs also included £1,500 commission payable to the fundraiser responsible for sourcing the Bernard Sunley grant of £15,000. The balance of costs was mainly utilities, alarm cost, insurance and maintenance costs. We continue to suffer significant inflationary increases in costs on certain overheads.

Section F

Other optional information

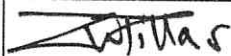
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM
PILLAR

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

CHAIR

Date

6 October 2025



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Kibworth Community Library

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Apr-24

To

31-Mar-25

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					
Grant funds received	-	22,759	-	22,759	30,000
Donations received	469	10,000	-	10,469	1,130
Room hire income	-	-	-	-	-
Library services	202	-	-	202	198
Investment income	511	623	-	1,135	785
Fundraising	7,105	-	-	7,105	6,450
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,287	33,382	-	41,670	38,564
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,287	33,382	-	41,670	38,564
A3 Payments					
Governance costs	255	-	-	255	263
Costs of fundraising	-	1,500	-	1,500	3,000
Charitable activities	6,805	-	-	6,805	7,014
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,060	1,500	-	8,560	10,277
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	69,852	-	69,852	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	69,852	-	69,852	-
Total payments	7,060	71,352	-	78,412	10,277
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,227	37,970	-	36,742	28,287
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,564	47,520	-	82,084	53,797
Cash funds this year end	35,791	9,550	-	45,342	82,084

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

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
Market Harborough Building Society	22,212	9,550	-
Lloyds Bank	13,261	-	-
Cash in hand	317	-	-
Total cash funds	35,791	9,550	-

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

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

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

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Utilities	Unrestricted	408	
Waste Collection	Unrestricted	-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<u>Christopher Pillar</u>	<u>CHRISTOPHER PILLAR</u>	<u>6/10/2020</u>