

THE FRIENDS OF KENNINGTON LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1179939

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-09-14

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY SUPPORTING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY IN KENNINGTON, OXFORD FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL RESIDENTS

Activities: To provide financial support to and promote the services of Oxfordshire County Council Community Library's branch in Kennington, Oxford and to provide volunteers to assist library staff during opening hours . The charity holds regular free events for young children in the library and promotes readership more generally, including talks given by authors. It also arranges local fundraising events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£7,089	£5,927	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,581	£5,559	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,514	£6,543	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,089	£1,027	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,966	£273	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Louise Gilbert		2023-05-22
John Argyle		2021-05-27
Katherine Marsden		2025-01-07
Katherine Patricia Davenport		2025-01-07
Kay Honner		2025-01-07
Lucy Ayrton		2025-10-23

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**THE FRIENDS OF KENNINGTON LIBRARY ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2025**

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The 2023/2024 AGM was held on 27th June 2024 at St Swithun's Church Hall. Eleven members attended in person and proxy votes were submitted by three others.

Charitable Purposes and Public Benefit

The advancement of education for the public benefit by supporting the operation and maintenance of a public library in Kennington, Oxford, for the benefit of local residents. It is widely accepted that reading has a major contribution to general education. The Friends of Kennington Library (FOKL) exists to support the provision of library services in Kennington.

Charitable Activities

FOKL organises events throughout the year for all age groups; some are held regularly each month (e.g. Story Time and Rhyme Time for the younger age groups and author talks for the more mature reader). It also organises larger events periodically to attract the widest audience. These events cover a range of topics ranging from presentation of children's stories with audience participation to group discussion.

The Friends supported the ongoing relationship between the library and St Swithun's Primary School; the school appointed two library ambassadors who made a video about how great the library is for children, which can be viewed on the FOKL web site (<https://friendsofkenningtonlibrary.org.uk/>) by searching for "let us show you around".

Structure and Organisation

FOKL's operations are managed by its eight trustees who are listed below and who meet regularly throughout the year to review progress towards meeting its financial targets, its partnership arrangements with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and any related policies, as well as organising

fundraising activities and its regular events which are open to all. In accordance with our constitution two Trustees who have served longest stand down in rotation at the next Annual General Meeting of Members, although they may stand for immediate re-election if they so wish.

The 2025 AGM will be held in person at 7:30pm at St Swithun's Village Centre on Thursday 11th September at which three Trustees appointed in January 2025 will stand down and offer themselves for re-election; and three trustees will retire. Members will receive documentation in mid August including a proxy voting form and the Trustees very much hope that members will take advantage of this should they be unable to attend the AGM in person.

As in previous years, the rota of those working alongside the library staff has been covered by regular volunteers. During the period organisation of the volunteer group has transferred from Jenny Forder to new Trustee Kate Wright. The enthusiastic group of volunteers has been joined by several more during the year and some have retired or are having a rest from volunteering. The Trustees are very grateful to all those who give so willingly of their time and talents in support of the library. We currently have around 11 active volunteers, who between them help to cover five one hour and a half sessions in the library each week. These volunteers are augmented by Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. The Trustees always welcome new volunteers.

Following review by the trustees, the Partnership Working Agreement has been signed by both parties. Outreach, which for many years was funded separately by FOKL, is now funded by the OCC Library Service.

Regulatory Changes

The 2024 AGM resolutions amending the constitution to increase the number of trustees, etc. were submitted to the Charity Commission (CC) on 3rd July 2024 and duly received regulatory approval and were entered on the CC register on 24th October 2024.

After some fifteen years' serving as a Trustee and Officer Helen Hurrell's resignation effective on 31st December 2024 was entered on the CC register on 2nd January 2025.

The Recruitment and Appointment of three new Trustees, Kay Horner, Kathy Marsden and Kate Wright was duly entered on the CC Register on 7th January 2025.

Activities

The very popular coffee talks were held throughout the period. We have continued to use the large Main Hall at the Village Centre which has allowed a larger audience. The ever-popular FOKL Best Reads of the year event was held in December 2024. During the period these Wednesday morning events were augmented by evening talks following requests by members for evening events for those who are unable to attend during the working week. These events were very successful and FOKL plans to continue them in future.

Four fundraising events were held during the period, a Murder Mystery Evening, a talk on animation by Joanna Harrison, the popular Quiz Night, kindly sponsored by Tonks Brothers and a new fundraising event, the Authors and Artists Fair where local authors and artists displayed their work.

Children's events at the library, such as Rhyme Time, Stories and Sing-Along and Craft activities have continued throughout the year. Kennington Library has taken part in the 2024 Children's Summer

Read Challenge on the theme of “Marvellous Makers”, culminating in an End of Summer Read Party at the Village Centre at which the children were presented with their certificates. Outreach activities for nursery and school children have continued throughout the year.

A recent initiative, the Board Games Club, has provided an opportunity for local people to gather at Kennington Library to practice competitive skills. This was hosted by FOKL, but responsibility for later events was taken over by OCC.

FOKL has supported a Tea Books reading group at Kennington Library, organised by Age UK, by paying for monthly hire of a room at the Village Centre.

The Warm Welcome Wednesdays initiative, in conjunction with OCC, has continued through the winter months with Kennington Library opening as a ‘warm space’ on Wednesday mornings, with the provision of hot drinks, etc.

Financial Report

The accounts have been prepared on a strict cash basis as in previous years and reviewed by our Independent Examiner, a copy of whose report to the Trustees is in the Treasurer’s file available for inspection. In the year ended 31st March 2025 the charity generated a modest excess of income over expenditure (~£1.350) thereby increasing its financial reserves.

There has been no material change in income from Members’ subscriptions in the year under review which underpin the sustainability of the charity’s operations. We are most grateful for members’ continuing support as well as that of our sponsors, donors, Kennington Parish Council and Friends in these challenging times. Income from Fundraising events, at modest cost to participants, contributed some £1,500.

Notes to the accounts

1. The Charity has not given any guarantees and there are accordingly no potential outstanding liabilities in this regard as at 31st March 2025.
2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 31st March 2025.

FOKL Trustees

John Argyle (Chair), Claire Gilbert (Interim Secretary), Hugh Fleming (Treasurer), Jenny Forder, Sylvia Vetta, Kay Honner, Kate Wright and Kathy Marsden



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 2025
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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					
Membership Subscriptions	1,721	-	-	1,721	1,572
Fundraising Events	1,566	-	-	1,566	1,095
Donations, Grants & Sponsorship	3,051	-	-	3,051	1,256
Gift Aid Recovered	554	-	-	554	472
Bank Interest	197	-	-	197	186
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,089	-	-	7,089	4,581
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,089	-	-	7,089	4,581
A3 Payments					
Salary Contributions	4,790	-	-	4,790	4,524
Hire of Hall and Fundraising Events	625	-	-	625	744
Miscellaneous Expenses	170	-	-	170	87
Bank Charges	57	-	-	57	10
Supplies and Entertainment	285	-	-	285	194
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,927	-	-	5,927	5,559
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,927	-	-	5,927	5,559
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,162	-	-	1,162	978
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,163	-	-	19,163	20,141
Cash funds this year end	20,325	-	-	20,325	19,163

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	Current Account	178	-	-
	Deposit Account	20,117	-	-
	Petty Cash	30	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,325	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>H. Fleming</i>	H. FLEMING	16.06.2025

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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					
Membership Subscriptions	1,572	-	-	1,572	1,613
Fundraising Events	1,095	-	-	1,095	104
Donations, Grants & Sponsorship	1,256	-	-	1,256	1,299
Gift Aid recovered	472	-	-	472	452
Bank Interest	186	-	-	186	46
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,581	-	-	4,581	3,514
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,581	-	-	4,581	3,514
A3 Payments					
Salary Contributions	4,524	-	-	4,524	5,917
Hire of Hall and Fundraising events	744	-	-	744	481
Miscellaneous expenses	87	-	-	87	59
Bank charges	10	-	-	10	7
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Online Services	-	-	-	-	29
Supplies & Entertainment	194	-	-	194	50
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,559	-	-	5,559	6,543
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,559	-	-	5,559	6,543
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 978	-	-	- 978	- 3,029
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,141	-	-	20,141	23,170
Cash funds this year end	19,163	-	-	19,163	20,141

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	Current Account	112	-	-
	Deposit Account	19,021	-	-
	Petty Cash	30	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,163	-	-

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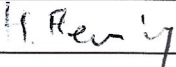
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Hugh Fleming	25/4/2024



**THE FRIENDS OF KENNINGTON LIBRARY ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2024**

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The Friends of Kennington Library operated as normal during the year ending 31st March 2024. Kennington Library was open throughout the period.

The 2022/2023 AGM was held on 22nd June 2023 at St Swithun's Church Hall. Eleven members attended in person and proxy votes were submitted by two others.

Charitable Purposes and Public Benefit

The advancement of education for the public benefit by supporting the operation and maintenance of a public library in Kennington, Oxford for the benefit of local residents. It is widely accepted that reading has a major contribution to general education. The Friends of Kennington Library (FOKL) exists to support the provision of library services in Kennington.

Charitable Activities

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Structure and Organisation

FOKL's operations are managed by its six trustees who are listed below and who meet regularly throughout the year to review progress towards meeting its financial targets, its partnership arrangements with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and any related policies, as well as organising fundraising activities and its regular events which are open to all. In accordance with our constitution two Trustees who have served longest stand down in rotation at the next Annual General Meeting of Members, although they may stand for immediate re-election if they so wish.

Following review by the trustees, the Partnership Working Agreement has been signed by both parties. Outreach, which for many years was funded separately by FOKL, is now funded by the OCC Library Service.

Claire Gilbert was confirmed as a Trustee at the 2022/2023 AGM.

The 2024 AGM will be held in person at 7:30pm at St Swithun's Church Hall on Thursday 27th June at which two Trustees will stand down in rotation. Members will receive documentation in early June including a proxy voting form and the Trustees very much hope that members will take advantage of this should they be unable to attend the AGM in person.

A recruitment drive was organised during the period. As part of this exercise a survey of members was undertaken to understand what members wanted from FOKL.

An online membership application process was introduced which has simplified the process of applying for membership of FOKL. This was combined with an improved paper membership form for those who prefer to apply using traditional methods.

As in previous years, the rota of those working alongside the library staff has been covered by regular volunteers. The enthusiastic group of volunteers has been joined by several more during the year and some have retired or are having a rest from volunteering. The Trustees are very grateful to all those who give so willingly of their time and talents in support of the library. We currently have around 11 active volunteers, who between them help to cover five one hour and a half sessions in the library each week. These volunteers are augmented by Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. The Trustees always welcome new volunteers.

The very popular coffee talks were held throughout the period. We have continued to use the large Main Hall at the Village Centre which has allowed a larger audience. The ever-popular FOKL Best Reads of the year event was held in December 2023. During the period these Wednesday morning events were augmented by an evening talk on Wildlife on 11th January 2024, following comments by members expressed in the membership survey requesting events for those who are unable to attend during the working week. This event was very successful and FOKL plans to continue this initiative in the coming year.

Two fundraising events were held during the period, a Murder Mystery Evening and the ever-popular Quiz Night, kindly sponsored by Tonks Brothers.

Children's events at the library, such as Rhyme Time, Stories and Sing-Along and Craft activities have continued throughout the year. Kennington Library has taken part in the 2023 Children's Summer Read Challenge on the theme of "Ready, Set, Read!", culminating in an End of Summer Read Party at the Village Centre at which the children were presented with their certificates. Outreach activities for nursery and school children have continued throughout the year.

A new initiative, the Language Café, has provided an opportunity for local people to gather at Kennington Library to practice language skills. This was initially funded by FOKL, but responsibility for later events was taken over by OCC.

FOKL has supported a Tea Books reading group at Kennington Library, organised by Age UK, by paying for monthly hire of a room at the Village Centre.

The Warm Welcome Wednesdays initiative, in conjunction with OCC, has continued through the winter months with Kennington Library opening as a 'warm space' on Wednesday mornings, with the provision of hot drinks, etc.

Financial Report

The accounts have been prepared on a strict cash basis as in previous years and reviewed by our Independent Examiner, a copy of whose report to the Trustees is in the Treasurer's file available for inspection. In the year ended 31st March 2024 the charity generated a modest excess of expenditure over income (£978) thereby reducing its financial reserves. The loss arose following the continued catch-up of payments due in settlement of contractual salary contributions to Oxfordshire County Council amounting to £4,524.

Income from Members' subscriptions which underpin the sustainability of the charity's operations has been marginally reduced in the year under review. It is reassuring to note that subscriptions from individual members remain largely unchanged. We are most grateful for members' continuing support as well as that of our sponsors, donors and Friends in these challenging times. Income from Fundraising events, at modest cost to participants, contributed in excess of £1,000.

Notes to the accounts

1. The Charity has not given any guarantees and there are accordingly no potential outstanding liabilities in this regard as at 31st March 2024.
2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 31st March 2024.

FOKL Trustees

John Argyle (Chair), Helen Hurrell (Secretary), Hugh Fleming (Treasurer), Jenny Forder, Sylvia Vetta, Claire Gilbert

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1st April 2022 To 31st March 2023

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					
Membership Subscriptions	1,613	-	-	1,613	1,830
Fundraising Events	104	-	-	104	639
Donations, Grants & Sponsorship	1,299	-	-	1,299	835
Gift Aid recovered	452	-	-	452	403
Bank Interest	46	-	-	46	2
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	380
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,514	-	-	3,514	4,089
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,514	-	-	3,514	4,089
A3 Payments					
Salary Contributions	5,917	-	-	5,917	-
Hire of Hall and Fundraising events	481	-	-	481	234
Miscellaneous expenses	59	-	-	59	188
Bank charges	7	-	-	7	4
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	160
Online Services	29	-	-	29	189
Supplies & Entertainment	50	-	-	50	252
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,543	-	-	6,543	1,027
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,543	-	-	6,543	1,027
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,029	-	-	- 3,029	3,062
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,170	-	-	23,170	20,108
Cash funds this year end	20,141	-	-	20,141	23,170

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	Current Account	225	-	-
	Deposit Account	19,894	-	-
	Petty Cash	22	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,141	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

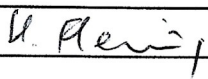
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Hugh Fleming	5/5/2023



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31st MARCH 2023**

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The year to 31st March 2023 has seen the removal of all remaining Covid-19 restrictions and The Friends of Kennington Library has returned to normal activities. Kennington Library was open throughout the period.

With the removal of Covid-19 restrictions we were able to return to 'in person' meetings and the 2021/2022 AGM was held on 23rd June 2022 at St Swithun's Church Hall. Fifteen members attended in person and proxy votes were submitted by four others.

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Structure and Organisation

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constitution two Trustees who have served longest stand down in rotation at the next Annual General Meeting of Members, although they may stand for immediate re-election if they so wish.

Following review by the trustees, both the Partnership Working Agreement and Outreach Agreement have been signed by both parties.

At the 2022 AGM David Miles stood down as a Trustee. The Trustees are very grateful to David for the work that he has done as a Trustee including work on the membership records.

The 2023 AGM will be held in person at 7:30pm at St Swithun's Church Hall on Thursday 22nd June at which two Trustees will stand down in rotation. Members will receive documentation in early June including a proxy voting form and the Trustees very much hope that members will take advantage of this should they be unable to attend the AGM in person.

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Children's events at the library, such as Rhyme Time, Stories and Sing-Along and Craft activities have continued throughout the year. Kennington Library has taken part in the 2022 Children's Summer Read Challenge on the theme of Gadgeteers, culminating in an End of Summer Read Party at the Village Centre at which the children were presented with their certificates. Outreach activities have continued, with children from St Swithun's School visiting the library, outside of normal opening hours, in class groups, all class groups have now visited the library.

Board Games Club, for adults and children, has been held at the Village Centre through the winter months. This has attracted a variable audience and the Trustees will review the continuation of this event.

A new initiative, Warm Welcome Wednesdays, in conjunction with OCC, has seen Kennington Library opening as a 'warm space' on Wednesday mornings, with the provision of hot drinks, etc.

Financial Report

The accounts have been prepared on a strict cash basis as in previous years and reviewed by our Independent Examiner, a copy of whose report to the Trustees is in the Treasurer's file available for inspection. In the year ended 31st March 2023 the charity generated an excess of expenditure over income almost exactly equivalent to the surplus generated the previous year, thereby reducing its financial reserves. The loss arose following the resumption of payments due in settlement of contractual salary contributions to Oxfordshire County Council amounting to £5,900, which had been waived the previous year.

Income from Members' subscriptions which underpin the sustainability of the charity's operations have been reduced in the year under review by the absence of bulk subscriptions from Small World Nursery children; it is reassuring to note that subscriptions from individual members remains unchanged. We are most grateful for members' continuing support as well as that of our sponsors, donors and Friends in these difficult times.

Notes to the accounts

1. The Charity has not given any guarantees and there are accordingly no potential outstanding liabilities in this regard as at 31st March 2023.
2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 31st March 2023.

FOKL Trustees

John Argyle (Chair), Helen Hurrell (Secretary), Hugh Fleming (Treasurer), Jenny Forder, Sylvia Vetta

THE FRIENDS OF KENNINGTON LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1179939

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**THE FRIENDS OF KENNINGTON LIBRARY ANNUAL TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2022**

Registered Charity number 1179939

Public Address – 19 Bagley Wood Road, Kennington, Oxford, OX1 5LY

The year to 31st March 2022 has seen a reduction of Covid-19 restrictions and The Friends of Kennington Library have been able to gradually return to something like normal activities during the period. Kennington Library was open throughout with several restrictions, including reduced opening hours, at the start of the period. Full opening of the library resumed in September 2021.

The Friends were successful in a request to Oxfordshire County Council for a change in library opening hours. The change consisted of cutting the last hour of Friday opening and adding 30 minutes to both the Monday and Wednesday opening times, thus maintaining the same total opening hours. The change was implemented early in 2022 and has led to a more logical and consistent set of opening times.

The 2020/2021 AGM was held online via Zoom, with Friends attending virtually. This year's AGM will be held in person at 7.30pm on 23rd June 2022 at St Swithun's Church Hall.

Charitable Purposes and Public Benefit

The advancement of education for the public benefit by supporting the operation and maintenance of a public library in Kennington, Oxford for the benefit of local residents. It is widely accepted that reading has a major contribution to general education. The Friends of Kennington Library (FOKL) exists to support the provision of library services in Kennington.

Charitable Activities

FOKL organises events throughout the year for all age groups; some are held regularly each month (e.g. Story Time and Rhyme Time for the younger age groups and author talks for the more mature reader). It also organises larger events periodically to attract the widest audience. These events cover a range of topics ranging from presentation of children's stories with audience participation to group discussion.

Structure and Organisation

FOKL's operations are managed by its six trustees who are listed below and who meet regularly throughout the year to review progress towards meeting its financial targets, its partnership arrangements with Oxfordshire County Council and any related policies, as well as organising fundraising activities and its regular free events which are open to all. In accordance with our constitution two Trustees who have served longest stand down in rotation at the next Annual General Meeting of Members, although they may stand for immediate re-election if they so wish.

FOKL's trustee representatives have reviewed the New Partnership Working Agreement between OCC and FOKL, which sets out the obligations of the two parties for a period of two years commencing on 1st April 2022, and additionally the Outreach Agreement for the same period, and will recommend that trustees duly approve the continuation of the library service in Kennington as set out therein.

At the 2021 AGM Pamela Allen, who has left the area, stood down as Trustee and Chair of the Friends after many years of service. The Trustees are very grateful to Pamela for her service. At the same meeting John Argyle was elected as a Trustee and was subsequently appointed as Chair. The 2022 AGM will be held in person at 7:30pm at St Swithun's Church Hall on Thursday 23rd June at which two Trustees will stand down in rotation. Members will receive documentation in early June including a proxy voting form and the Trustees very much hope that members will take advantage of this should they be unable to attend the AGM in person.

As in previous years, the rota of those working alongside the library staff has been covered by regular volunteers. The enthusiastic group of volunteers has been joined by several more during the year and some have retired or are having a rest from volunteering. Some of the original group were advised not to volunteer when the library re-opened because of increased risk to their health posed by Covid-19. Those who volunteered during the period when the library was open were keen to help and to adapt to the new requirements and arrangements. The Trustees are very grateful to all those who give so willingly of their time and talents in support of the library. We currently have 10 active volunteers who help to cover six one hour and a half sessions in the library each week. The Trustees are actively seeking new volunteers and in particular one or more to act as Digital Helper.

Two fund raising events were held in November 2021. The first of these was an expanded author talk with the President of the Friends, Korky Paul and Richard O. Smith, who gave a most entertaining talk about their book *Oxford Zz to Aa*. The second was an evening event where Ray Foulk and his daughter Caroline talked about their book *Picasso's Revenge*. Though numbers at these events had to be limited in line with Covid-19 restrictions both were very successful and enjoyed by all who attended.

The very popular author talks were held throughout the period. Up until the removal of Covid-19 restrictions these were held online using Zoom, but from September 2021 we were able to resume face to face talks in the Village Centre. Starting from February 2022 these talks have been moved to the large Main Hall at the Village Centre which has allowed a larger audience whilst still maintaining social distancing. The ever-popular FOKL Best Reads of the year event was held in December 2021.

Children's events at the library, such as Rhyme Time and Story Time have resumed following the removal of Covid-19 restrictions. Outreach activities have resumed, with children from St Swithun's School visiting the library, outside of normal opening hours, in class groups.

Financial Report

The accounts have been prepared on a strict cash basis as in previous years and reviewed by our Independent Examiner, a copy of whose report to the Trustees is in the Treasurer's file available for inspection. In the year ended 31st March 2022 the charity generated a substantially increased surplus of income over expenditure compared with the previous year and thereby increased its financial reserves. Since Library opening was restricted for part of the year as a consequence of Covid-19 safety requirements, the surplus arose because Oxfordshire County Council kindly waived settlement of contractual salary contributions amounting to c£4,000 for the year under review and the first instalment will now fall due in April 2022 in respect of the six month period ending on 31st March 2023.

It is reassuring to note that regular income from Members' subscriptions which underpin the sustainability of the charity's operations have increased over last year, largely as a result of the resumption of Small World Nursery children visits to the library with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. We are most grateful for members' continuing support as well as that of our sponsors and Friends in these exceptional times. Successful fundraising events have also contributed some 60% of the increased reserves.

The surplus of income over expenditure in the year to 31st March 2022 has been added to reserves.

Notes to the accounts,

1. The Charity has not given any guarantees and there are accordingly no potential outstanding liabilities in this regard as at 31st March 2022.
2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 31st March 2022.

FOKL Trustees

John Argyle (Chair), Helen Hurrell (Secretary), Hugh Fleming (Treasurer), Jenny Forder, David Miles, Sylvia Vetta



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Friends of Kennington Library

1179939

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2021	To	31st March 2022
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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					
Membership Subscriptions	1,830	-	-	1,830	1,650
Fundraising Events	639	-	-	639	-
Donations, Grants & Sponsorship	835	-	-	835	479
Gift Aid recovered	403	-	-	403	816
Bank Interest	2	-	-	2	21
Miscellaneous	380	-	-	380	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,089	-	-	4,089	2,966
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,089	-	-	4,089	2,966
A3 Payments					
Salary Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Hire of Hall and Fundraising events	234	-	-	234	-
Miscellaneous expenses	188	-	-	188	76
Bank charges	4	-	-	4	4
Computer Equipment	160	-	-	160	193
Online Services	189	-	-	189	-
Supplies & Entertainment	252	-	-	252	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,027	-	-	1,027	273
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,027	-	-	1,027	273
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,062	-	-	3,062	2,693
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,108	-	-	20,108	17,415
Cash funds this year end	23,170	-	-	23,170	20,108

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	Current Account	205	-	-
	Deposit Account	22,940	-	-
	Petty Cash	25	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,170	-	-

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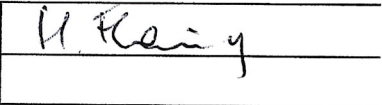
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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	Date of approval
	Hugh Fleming	25/4/22

THE FRIENDS OF KENNINGTON LIBRARY

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31st MARCH 2021**

Registered Charity number 1179939

Public Address – 19 Bagley Wood Road, Kennington, Oxford, OX1 5LY

The year to 31st March 2021 has of course been an extraordinary one during which we have all been forced to reduce our activities and The Friends of Kennington Library have been limited in what we could do since our library was only open under strict Covid regulations between 14th October 2020 and 23rd December 2020. Thankfully it is re-opening, but still under the same Covid safe conditions, on Wednesday 14th April. The 2019/2020 AGM was held on line and this year's will similarly be on line on Thursday 27th May at 7.30pm. To attend this meeting, members should email: secretary@friendsofkenningtonlibrary.org.uk no later than 6pm on Tuesday 25th May and will then be sent the Zoom link. It is hoped many Friends will be able to attend virtually.

Charitable Purposes and Public Benefit

The charitable purpose of The Friends of Kennington Library (FOKL) is the advancement of education for the public benefit by supporting the operation and maintenance of a public library in Kennington, Oxford, for the benefit of local residents. It is widely accepted that reading has a major impact on general education. FOKL exists to support the provision of library services in Kennington.

Charitable Activities

FOKL organises events throughout the year for all age groups; some are held regularly each month (e.g. story time and rhyme time for the younger age groups and author talks for the more mature reader). It also organises larger events periodically to attract the widest audience. These events cover a range of topics ranging from presentation of children's stories with audience participation to group discussion and practice of calligraphic and ideographic scripts.

Structure and Organisation

FOKL's operations are managed by its six trustees who are listed below and who meet regularly throughout the year to review progress towards meeting its financial targets, its partnership arrangements with Oxfordshire County Council and any related policies as well as considering and organising fundraising activities and its regular free events which are open to all. Two trustees who have served longest automatically have to stand down at the AGM, although they may stand for immediate re-election if they so wish. This Trustee rotation process is repeated each year.

As in previous years, the rota of those working alongside the library staff has been covered by regular volunteers. The enthusiastic group of volunteers has been joined by four more during the year. Some of the original group were advised not to volunteer when the library re-opened because of increased risk to their health posed by Covid. As the situation improves and vaccine courses are completed, the Trustees are very pleased to welcome them back. Those who volunteered during the period when the library was open

were keen to help and to adapt to the new requirements and arrangements. The Trustees are very grateful to all those who give so willingly of their time and talents in support of the library. We currently have 15 active volunteers.

Once again, in accordance with our constitution, 2 Trustees will stand down at the AGM. One will be eligible and standing for re-election, however, a second Trustee, Pamela Allen, who has served as Chairman is standing down, having moved to Herefordshire. It is planned to elect a Trustee in her stead. In addition to this report, the audited accounts and the AGM Notice, there is a proxy voting form. The Trustees very much hope that members will take advantage of this should they be unable to attend the AGM on line.

Whilst it has not been possible to hold any fund raising events this year, we have been very grateful to our members for their continuing support via subscriptions. As will be seen later in this report, although income has inevitably been reduced, Oxfordshire County Council has reduced its charges to FOKL in order to reflect the periods during which Kennington Library has been closed.

Charges for room rental in the Village Centre have been non-existent since none of the usual activities such as Rhyme Time, Story Time, Summer Reading Challenge events and author talks has been able to take place live. From September 2020, the programme of author talks has been given online in the usual slot of the first Wednesday of each month at 11am. These have been greatly enjoyed by a good many; following some problems with sound quality on the platform being used, the Trustees decided to purchase a Zoom licence which has proved successful. The Trustees thank John Argyle, one of the volunteers, who has hosted all the online events on behalf of FOKL.

Financial Report

The accounts have been prepared on a strict cash basis as in previous years and reviewed by our Independent Examiner, a copy of whose report to the Trustees is in the Treasurer's file available for inspection. In the year ended 31st March 2021 the charity generated an increased surplus of income over expenditure compared with the previous year and thereby increased its financial reserves which are healthy. Since the Library was closed for the vast majority of the year as a consequence of lockdowns and Covid-19 safety requirements, the surplus arose because Oxfordshire County Council deferred settlement of contractual salary contributions amounting to c£4,000 per year until the Library can open again in 2021.

It is gratifying to note that regular income from Members' subscriptions which underpin the sustainability of the charity's operations remained at a level consistent with previous years, the shortfall being substantially represented by the absence of bulk membership fees from one source resulting from the prolonged closure. We are most grateful for members' continuing support as well as that of our sponsors and Friends in these exceptional times.

The surplus of income over expenditure in the year to 31st March 2021 has been added to reserves.

Notes to the accounts,

1. The Charity has not given any guarantees and there are accordingly no potential outstanding liabilities in this regard as at 31st March 2021.
2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 31st March 2021.

FOKL Trustees

Pamela Allen (Chair), Helen Hurrell (Secretary), Hugh Fleming (Treasurer), Jenny Forder, David Miles, Sylvia Vetta



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Friends of Kennington Library

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **1st April 2020** To **31st March 2021**

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					
Membership Subscriptions	1,650	-	-	1,650	2,225
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	1,639
Donations, Grants & Sponsorship	479	-	-	479	1,429
Gift Aid recovered	816	-	-	816	226
Bank Interest	21	-	-	21	56
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,966	-	-	2,966	5,575
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,966	-	-	2,966	5,575
A3 Payments					
Salary Contributions	-	-	-	-	3,928
Hire of Hall and Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	655
Miscellaneous expenses	76	-	-	76	210
Bank charges	4	-	-	4	3
Computer Equipment	193	-	-	193	652
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	273	-	-	273	5,448
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	273	-	-	273	5,448
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,693	-	-	2,693	127
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,415	-	-	17,415	17,288
Cash funds this year end	20,108	-	-	20,108	17,415

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	Current Account	50	-	-
	Deposit Account	20,042	-	-
	Petty Cash	16	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,108	-	-

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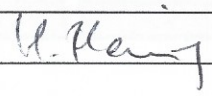
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Hugh Fleming	18/4/21