

Bembridge Community Library Report from 01/04/24 to 31/03/25

The Library continues to be responsible for the running of the library services as well as the maintenance of the building. This year the focus has been on improving the Community Room. A significant legacy received last year allowed us to replace the internal (false) ceiling in the Community Room along with new LED lighting. These changes considerably enhance the look and feel of the room. We will also allocate some of this money to refurbish the large glass windows at the front and rear of the building and re-point some of the external brickwork - items on our to-do list for the next financial year.

Discussions with Bembridge Heritage (BH) have continued through the year and, although they have insufficient funds to demolish and replace the rear extension (which the Library does not use) they are on course with plans to make the area water-tight. We await Isle of Wight Council approval for this to happen as they are the landlords of the whole building.

We continue to have regular 'author of the month' promotions, jigsaw sales and have provided talks/information to other local groups. Donated books and DVDs are scanned for possible resale value.

In terms of presenting itself to the community, the library was fully involved with the annual Bembridge Street Fair in May and attended a volunteering event in the Village Hall in July to promote the library and attract new volunteers.

The Library promotes events which specifically target the younger people of Bembridge. An evening session for the Bembridge Rainbows was held. In the summer, along with other libraries, the Library promoted the Summer Reading Challenge which included volunteers visiting two of the local schools to raise awareness of the scheme. World Animal day saw a colouring competition for children.

Our annual Christmas Coffee Morning and Raffle events took place as usual and were well attended, raising vital funds to help keep the library open. Also to help raise funds a representative from the library attended the annual Community Chest event and was successful in obtaining funding for a new till for the front desk. Also purchased for the front desk was a SumUp machine for taking card payments/donations. While there have been teething problems relating to the Wi-Fi configuration and poor macro network connectivity, the volunteers have persevered and overcome most of these issues.

In July 2024 the Library became a champion for Plastic Free Bembridge and have hosted an exhibition in the Community Room to spread information about plastic pollution in the environment and how to reduce/reuse more effectively.

Another local charity (Bembridge Belles WI) has chosen the Library as their charity of the year. This means that the Belles will focus fundraising on the Library and pass over monies raised to further the Libraries objectives.

Bembridge library is open from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings plus Friday afternoons from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. As well as offering access to the whole of the Isle of Wight library book catalogue our services include:

- Book and jigsaw sales
- Photocopying
- Printing
- Laminating (A4 & A3)
- Tourist point for tourists and local events
- A large community room for hire
- The free use of public computers
- Computer lessons (1-2-1)
- General information on services across the Isle of Wight

The library welcomes donations as well as unwanted books and puzzles.

Alison Austin and Ian Graham (Trustees - Bembridge
Community Library)

BEMBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY									
Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1179944									
Income & Expenditure Account - 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025									
Income		24/25	23/24	Expenditure		24/25	23/24		
	£ -		£ -	Non-Domestic Rates		£ 128	£ -		
Donations	£ 435		£ 544	Insurance		£ 184	£ 166		
Book Sales	£ 1,296		£ 931	Heat, Light & Power		£ 6,261	£ 5,332		
Copying & Printing	£ 226		£ 389	Repairs & Maintenance		£ 6,496	£ 3,583		
Book Fines/ Lost Books	£ -		£ 1	Licences (TV)		£ 166	£ 159		
Book Reservations	£ 171		£ 187	Office Equipment		£ 275	£ 186		
DVD Rental	£ -		£ -	Covid-PPE etc		£ -	£ 26		
Audio Book Rental	£ 19		£ 28	Stationery		£ 31	£ 143		
Room Rental	£ 1,091		£ 1,138	Computer & Related		£ 153	£ 164		
Craft and other Sales	£ 557		£ 604	Event Expenses		£ 60	£ 120		
Events	£ 751		£ 1,070	Professional Fees		£ 85	£ 75		
Bric-a-Brac	£ 121	£ 4,667	£ 108	Purchase of Books		£ -	£ -		
Grants and Other Income				Sundry Items		£ 20	£ 20		
Legacy	£ -		£ 21,740	Refreshments		£ -	£ 110		
BPC Community Chest	£ 250		£ 112	Presentation Gift		£ -	£ 42		
EDF Energy	£ -	£ 250	£ 150	Other		£ -	£ -		
Interest Received:				Other		£ -	£ -		
Bank	£ 418		£ 383	Other		£ -	£ -		
Fixed Term Deposit	£ 2,925	£ 3,344	£ 1,680						
TOTAL INCOME		£ 8,260	£ 29,064	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£ 13,859	£ 10,125		
<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>						-£ 5,599	£ 18,939		

BEMBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY									
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2025									
CURRENT ASSETS									
<u>Cash @ Bank</u>									
Treasurer's Account		39051360					1,673.49		
BB Instant Online		59157062					37,292.07		
Fixed Term Deposit		Nationwide					62,925.23		
Cash (Float in Use)							20.00		
Cash (Till Back-Up Change)							94.45		
Cash (Petty Cash)							23.20		
Cash in Hand / Transit							<u>123.18</u>	102,151.62	
<u>Debtors</u>									
Bank Interest		BB Inst					<u>30.79</u>	30.79	
<u>Prepayments</u>									
2 year - Hosting Plan		Siteground					<u>251.79</u>	<u>251.79</u>	
Total Current Assets								102,434.20	
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
<u>Creditors and Accruals</u>									
Business Stream		2770484					47.70		
							<u>0.00</u>	47.70	
Income Received in Advance							0.00		
							<u>0.00</u>	0.00	
Total Current Liabilities								0.00	
NET CURRENT ASSETS								102,386.50	
Represented by:									
Capital & Reserves as at 1st April 2024								107,985.48	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year								-5,598.98	
Capital & Reserves as at 31st March 2025								102,386.50	
Check								0.00	

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