

FRIENDS OF HONLEY LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1181829

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-01-31

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN HONLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY SUPPORTING THE PROVISION OF A LIBRARY.2) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF HONLEY AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, FOR RECREATION, LEISURE TIME, AND OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: Library service and related activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£51,830	£20,120	-	-
2024-03-31	£45,442	£39,178	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,404	£13,446	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,038	£1,497	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,175	£597	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JENNY LOCKWOOD	Chair	2018-06-14
Alison Meda Morgan		2025-07-23
Amanda Bronwen Cameron		2025-07-23
CAROL ANN BROOKS		2018-06-19
DAVID JOHN HUTCHINSON		2018-06-19
Geoffrey Winterbottom		2022-08-22
Glenn David Kirkby		2023-07-04
MALCOLM ELLIS		2020-03-04
Michael Roger Dove		2025-07-23
Nicholas Edward Helm		2019-09-12

FRIENDS OF HONLEY LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1181829

Accounts

Friends of Honley Library

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2025

	£	£
Income		
HVPC Grant 1	15,000.00	
Children's Activities Grant	850.00	
One Community Grant	2,484.00	
Sir George Martin Grant	3,000.00	
Kirklees Council Window Grant	1,500.00	
Edith Murphy Trust	3,000.00	
Loose change & Hall Glazing	400.00	
Babies into Books	50.99	
Room hire	70.00	
Other Events	433.55	
Extension Donations	22,765.88	
Gift Aid	1,469.35	
Donations	311.57	
Funding- Third Sector student	200.00	
Building Soc Interest	49.10	
Savings A/c Interest	246.03	
	<u>246.03</u>	
		51,830.47
Expenditure		
Insurance Public Liability	314.52	
Trustees' Liability Insurance	73.83	
Asset insurance	56.93	
Council Tax	1,022.95	
Electricity	1,225.25	
Gas	3,505.00	
Water	710.94	
Trade Waste	278.20	
Window cleaning	54.00	
Repairs & Maint (Grant 1)	199.59	
Grounds Maint	240.00	
Windows	864.00	
Garden (Local Giving)	362.50	
CCTV	35.00	
Supplies	96.54	
Sundry	156.66	
Fund raising	374.99	
Laptop & printer maintenance	135.00	
Website maintenance	457.20	
Legal & professional	480.00	
Broadband	506.40	
Stationery	10.70	
Extension expenses (Locality)	5,403.20	
Extension expenses	3,264.01	
Volunteers events	48.56	
Children's Other Events	244.69	
	<u>244.69</u>	
		20,120.66
Surplus for the year		31,709.81
Reserves brought forward at 1st April 2024		37,072.69
Reserves at 31st March 2025		68,782.50

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2025

	£	£
Assets		
Co-operative Current	13,534.50	
Co-operative Savings	52,561.44	
Yorkshire Building Society	2,170.21	
Cash - library	78.44	
Cash - treasurer	-	
Gas PrePayment	685.90	
	<u>685.90</u>	69,030.49
Liabilities		
Accrual Gas	176.76	
Accrual Electricity	71.23	
	<u>71.23</u>	247.99
Net assets		68,782.50
Financed By:		
Restricted Funds		
Capital Project Reserve	53,561.44	
Beaumont & Jessop	2,000.00	
Local Giving Grant	110.00	
Kirklees Council Window grant	636.00	
Edith Murphy Trust	3,000.00	
HVPC Grant 1 (Maintenance & running costs)	2,502.78	
HVPC Grant 3 (Energy efficiency measures)	2,293.60	
Locality	-	
Loose change	-	
One Community	2,484.00	
Childrens	1,130.95	67,718.77
	<u>1,130.95</u>	
Unrestricted Funds		1,063.73
Reserves		68,782.50

The Trustees declare they have approved these accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: Ann Brooks
Ann Brooks (Sep 1, 2025 11:51:40 GMT+1)

Full name: Carol Ann Brooks OBE

Position: Chair of the Trustees

Date: 01/09/2025



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/24 To 31/03/25

Charity name: Friends of Honley Library

Charity registration number: 1181829

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In accordance with our Charitable Constitution, to provide a safe, accessible and welcoming hub for the community.• Increase access to online services through provision of high-quality computer facilities.• Provide opportunities for children and young people to experience a range of reading activities, in order to increase their interest in literature.• Work with local and national organisations to improve access to information for residents and visitors.• Host a range of activities that provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of facts, ideas and information.• Prepare clear information about our income and expenditures and business plans that reflect our forward plan.
<p>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.</p>	<p>Continuing development of wide and varied events and activities with care to ensure relevance and accessibility for all ages and needs within the Honley community.</p> <p>Development of clear and appropriate communications strategies.</p> <p>On-going development and review of a 5-year business plan.</p> <p>Identification of, and considerable progress towards meeting, the need for additional space and facilities to develop a hub for the community and to further achieve the identified purposes.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Contribution made by volunteers	Friends of Honley Library is a charity comprising entirely of volunteers.
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Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>By working in partnership locally, Friends of Honley Library has considerably developed its work towards the aims of our Mission Statement namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to advance the education, skills and well-being of the general public in Honley and the surrounding area by supporting the provision of the library service from Kirklees Council and providing events, courses, talks, availability of IT, training and children's activities. We aim to continue to grow these services.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	<p>In last year's report the Friends of Honley Library outlined the plans in place to provide additional space at Honley Library to develop as a thriving community hub. We have had to revise these plans as follows:</p> <p>1. Original Plan to extend Honley Library</p> <p>The original plan was to build an extension to the library building, consisting of a new accessible entrance, accessible toilet, kitchen, store and meeting room, new heating system, solar panels and window replacement for the current entrance, leading to remodelling of the existing library. At the latest estimates the cost of this plan was approaching £443,000 including VAT. Unfortunately, this plan is no longer feasible and has been retired.</p> <p>The withdrawal of the Community Ownership Fund (value £250,000) by the new Labour Government without any similar replacement scheme means the project is now unaffordable. We were fairly well advanced in applying for this grant and were hopeful that we would be successful until the change in government.</p> <p>Consequently, we have decided to implement a smaller plan.</p> <p>2. Revised smaller extension plans for Honley Library</p> <p>The revised extension plans will retain the existing entrance. The extension to the rear of the building will consist of an accessible toilet, store and lobby area.</p> <p>The revised costs for the smaller extension are significantly lower than the original plans and are estimated at £150,000.</p>
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	<p>Revised plans have been drawn up by our architects, who are in the process of discussion with local authority planners. We would then expect to go out to tender with local builders for the construction costs in the second half of 2025.</p> <p>As will be seen from the Financial Review in the next section, the Friends of Honley Library have continued to raise smaller grants successfully, from a number of different organisations, and there are other grant applications in place.</p> <p>In the year ended 31st March 2025, Friends of Honley Library also raised donations of £22,766 from the local community towards the extension. These amounts include tax recovered as a result of our Gift Aid registration last year.</p> <p>We have also continued to receive the annual grant of £15,000 towards maintenance and running costs from Holme Valley Parish Council and we are very grateful for their support.</p>
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Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 are attached.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<p>The accounts show income of £51,830 (2024 - £45,442) with expenditure of £20,120 (2024- £39178) resulting in a surplus for the year of £31,710 (2024 - £6264).</p> <p>The increase in income of £6,388 is mainly a result of donations received towards the proposed extension (£22,766) offset by reduced grants from Holme Valley Parish Council (£10,000) and Kirklees Council (£5,000).</p> <p>The reduction in expenditure of £19,058 is mainly a result of less expenditure on repairs and maintenance as a significant amount of work was carried out in 2024 following the Friends of Honley Library taking on, by a lease from HVPC, the running of the property since the transfer of the asset from Kirklees Council, and carrying out much needed repairs.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p>At 31st March 2025, the Friends of Honley Library had net assets and reserves of £68,783, an increase of £31,710 over the position at the 31st March 2024. Of the £68,783 of reserves, £67,719 are held in Restricted Funds which can be only used against specific expenditure, mainly relating to the extension and improvement of the building.</p> <p>The balance of £1064 represents our Unrestricted Funds. Our Reserves Policy states that we intend to build the unrestricted reserves to a value of £5,000 over a 5-year period.</p>
Amount of reserves held	As above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	n/a
Type of governing document	CIO
How is the charity constituted?	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	Trustees can be nominated and voted into position by the Board of Trustees. Additional trustees with specific skills to enable FoHL to progress their key activities or provide appropriate advice and guidance can be invited for nomination.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Friends of Honley Library works with Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC) Kirklees Library Service (Kirklees Council) and with a range of other statutory and voluntary organisations within the community and neighbouring villages.
Relationship with any related parties	Holme Valley Parish Council: 25-year full repairing no rent lease to Friends of Honley Library w.e.f. December 2022 Kirklees Library Service (Kirklees Council): Library services operate under the terms of a hosting agreement between FoHL and KLS.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Honley Library
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1181829
Charity's principal address	Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley, Holmfirth HD9 6HF

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	Ann Brooks	Chair Trustees	w.e.f. April 2024	
2	Geoff Winterbottom	Vice Chair Trustees	w.e.f. October 2024	
3	Mandy Cameron	Chair Management Committee		
4	Michael Dove		w.e.f. July 2025	
5	Malcolm Ellis			
6	Nick Helm			
7	David Hutchinson			
8	Glenn Kirkby			HVPC
9	Jenny Lockwood			
10	Alison Morgan		w.e.f. July 2025	HVPC

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved - n/a

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity – n/a

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others- n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Ann Brooks</i>	<i>Ann Brooks</i>
Full name(s)	Carol Ann Brooks OBE	Ann Brooks (Sep 1, 2025 11:51:40 GMT+1)
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of the Trustees	
Date	01/09/2025	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Honley Library

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of Honley Library (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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.

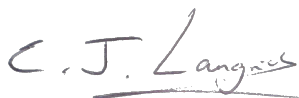
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

Signed:



C. J. Langrick FCA
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Date: 1st September 2025

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FRIENDS OF HONLEY LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1181829

Accounts

Income and Expenditure
As at 31 March 2024

Income

HVPC Grant 1	15000.00
HVPC Grant 3	10000.00
Huddersfield Common Good	2000.00
HVCT contribution for shed	515.00
HVCT Balance of shed as donation	35.00
Kirklees Council	5000.00
One Community Grant	1000.00
Local Giving	500.00
Children's Activities Grant	750.00
Charities Trust YBS	750.00
Locality	8940.00
Babies into Books	58.55
Other Events	625.84
Donations	100.00
Donation box	136.01
SumUp donations	0.98
Building Soc Interest	31.19

45442.57

Expenditure

Insurance Public Liability	282.60
Trustees' Liability Insurance	168.03
Council Tax	1022.16
Electricity	2071.91
Gas	1613.29
Gas certificate & Carb Mon Alarm	133.60
Water	323.19
Trade Waste	223.10
Window cleaning	144.00
Cleaning	30.00
Repairs & Maint (Grant 1)	758.75
Grounds Maint	582.00
Grounds tarmac	534.00
Grounds gates	1038.00
Tree maintenance and removal	3360.00
Environmental works (Grant 3)	7706.40
Internal painting (Kirklees)	2135.00
External painting (Kirklees)	2277.00
Blinds and shading	1148.00
Roof repairs (Kirklees & Grant 2)	1510.00
Hive System (One Community)	693.86
Shed (HCGT)	2515.00
Garden (Local Giving)	27.50
CCTV (HVPC 1)	1200.69
Alarm system (HVPC1)	1237.21
Supplies	85.22
Sundry	114.37
Professional fees HBA	130.00
Website maintenance	240.00
Broadband	395.23
Stationery	23.83
Equipment - Projector	248.99
Equipment - Microphone etc	80.56
Equipment - Laptops	785.00
Equipment - heaters	53.98
Sum Up Card reader	94.80
Extension expenses	3536.80
Volunteers events	231.43
Children's Other Events	422.91

39178.41

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2024

Assets

Co-operative Bank	36195.51
Yorkshire Building Society	780.68
Cash - library	56.50
Cash - treasurer	40.00
	<u>37072.69</u>

Financed By:

Restricted Funds

Capital Project Reserve	13165.14
Local Giving Grant	472.50
HVPC Grant 1 (Maintenance & running costs)	13724.01
HVPC Grant 2 (Old repairs grant)	1191.03
HVPC Grant 3 (Energy efficiency measures)	2293.60
Locality	5403.20
Childrens	474.65
	36724.13

Unrestricted Funds

348.56

Surplus

6264.16 B/f total 30808.53 37072.69

37072.69

Mrs C A Brooks

Mrs C A Brooks (Aug 12, 2024 11:01 GMT+1)

Mrs C A Brooks



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/23 To 31/03/24

Charity name: Friends of Honley Library

Charity registration number: 1181829

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In accordance with our Charitable Constitution, to provide a safe, accessible and welcoming hub for the community.• Increase access to online services through provision of high-quality computer facilities.• Provide opportunities for children and young people to experience a range of reading activities, in order to increase their interest in literature.• Work with local and national organisations to improve access to information for residents and visitors.• Host a range of activities that provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of facts, ideas and information.• Prepare clear information about our income and expenditures and business plans that reflect our forward plan.
<p>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.</p>	<p>Continuing development of wide and varied events and activities with care to ensure relevance and accessibility for all ages and needs within the Honley community. Development of clear and appropriate communications strategies.</p> <p>Development of a 5-year business plan.</p> <p>Identification of, and considerable progress towards meeting, the need for additional space and facilities to develop a community hub and to further achieve the identified purposes.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Contribution made by volunteers	Friends of Honley Library is a charity comprising entirely of volunteers.
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Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>By working in partnership locally, Friends of Honley Library has considerably developed its work towards the aims of our Mission Statement namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to advance the education, skills and well-being of the general public in Honley and the surrounding area by supporting the provision of the library service from Kirklees Council and providing events, courses, talks, availability of IT, training and children's activities. We aim to grow these services.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	<p>In October 2023, FoHL outlined the plans in place to provide additional space at Honley Library to develop as a thriving community hub. These plans increase accessibility and include disabled and baby changing facilities, storage space, kitchen facilities and a small meeting room.</p> <p>Since then, FoHL has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applied for planning permission.2. Updated the FoHL Business Plan.3. Developed further the costings of the extension and improvement to the existing library building.4. Developed a major bid to the government's Community Ownership Fund (at present on hold due to the change in government).5. Launched major fund-raising initiatives at the local community and businesses.6. Progressed towards our match funding target.7. Obtained Gift Aid Registration.
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Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 are attached.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The accounts show income of £45,442 (2023 - £25,403) with expenditure of £39,178 (2023 - £13,446) resulting in a surplus for the year of £6,264 (2023 - £11,957). The increase in expenditure is a result of the Friends of Honley Library taking on the responsibility of the maintenance and running costs of the library building, as part of the asset transfer of the library building from Kirklees Council to Holme Valley Parish Council late in December 2022 and subsequently carrying out much needed repairs. To meet this increased level of expenditure Holme Valley Parish Council have again been very helpful in providing grant assistance towards running costs and also in relation to energy efficiency measures. We have also received grant monies from other sources to support a number of other improvement projects.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	At 31st March 2024, the Friends of Honley Library had net assets and reserves of £37,073, an increase of £6264 over the position at the 31st March 2023. Of the £37,073 of reserves, £36,724 are held in Restricted Funds which can be only used against specific expenditure, mainly relating to the extension and improvement of the building for current and anticipated increases in usage. The balance of £348.56 represents our Unrestricted Funds. Our Reserves Policy states that we intend to build the unrestricted reserves to a value of £5,000 over a 5-year period.
Amount of reserves held	As above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	n/a
Type of governing document	CIO
How is the charity constituted?	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	Trustees can be nominated and voted into position by the Board of Trustees. Additional trustees with specific skills to enable FoHL to progress their key activities or provide appropriate advice and guidance are invited.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Friends of Honley Library works with Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC) Kirklees Library Service and with a range of other voluntary organisations within the community.
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Relationship with any related parties	<p>Holme Valley Parish Council: 25-year full repairing no rent lease to Friends of Honley Library w.e.f. December 2022</p> <p>Kirklees Library Service: Library services operate under the terms of a hosting agreement with FoHL.</p>
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Honley Library
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1181829
Charity's principal address	Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley, Holmfirth HD9 6HF

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	Ann Brooks	Chair Trustees	w.e.f. April 2024	
2	David Hutchinson	Acting Secretary		
3	Geoff Winterbottom			
4	Mandy Cameron	Chair Management Committee	w.e.f. October 2023	
5	Jenny Lockwood			
6	Nick Helm			
7	Sean East			
8	Malcolm Ellis			
9	Pat Colling	Rep HVPC		
10	Glenn Kirkby	Rep HVPC		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved - n/a

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity – n/a

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others- n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Ann Brooks</i>	<u><i>Mrs C A Brooks</i></u>
Full name(s)	Carol Ann Brooks OBE	<small>Mrs C A Brooks (Aug 12, 2024 11:01 GMT+1)</small>
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	25/07/2024	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Honley Library

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of Honley Library (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

Signed:

C J Langrick

C J Langrick (Aug 13, 2024 11:01 GMT+1)

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Date: 12th August 2024

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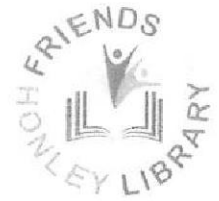


FRIENDS OF HONLEY LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1181829

Accounts

Friends of Honley Library: Annual General Meeting
Trustees Annual Report
7th November 2022 – 17th October 2023



Mission Statement

Working in partnership locally, our aim is:

To advance the education, skills and well-being of the general public in Honley and the surrounding area by supporting the provision of the library service from Kirklees Council and providing events, courses, talks, availability of IT, training and children's activities. We aim to grow these services.

FoHL Aims and Objectives

- In accordance with our Charitable constitution, to provide a safe, accessible and welcoming hub for the community.
- Increase access to online services through provision of high-quality computer facilities.
- Provide opportunities for children and young people to experience a range of reading activities in order to increase their interest in literature.
- Work with local and national organisations to improve access to information for residents and visitors.
- Host a range of activities that provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of facts, ideas and information.
- Prepare clear information about our income and expenditure and business plans that reflect our forward plan.

Chairmans Report

In my report for the AGM held 7th November 2022 I stated that 'We are at last in a position to move forward with much needed repairs and maintenance', also, 'We look forward to a harmonious relationship with Holme Valley Parish Council (HVPC)'. It is with gratitude and a feeling of considerable achievement that with the dedication and support of our Trustees, Management Committee, volunteers and Kirklees Library Service (KLS), so much has been achieved in such a short time.

- The financial support from HVPC, their Clerk and staff has been a key to our ability to do so much work to the structure of the building and grounds.
- Our business plan has been updated and Policies and Procedures (which dovetail with those of KLS) are in place. GAP registration (Level 5) has been achieved.
- Much needed building maintenance and work to the grounds has been carried out.
- Two excellent teams of volunteers have ensured that continuing development of all events and activities, both for children and adults.
- We are developing a robust communications strategy and our website and social media presence are a great asset in raising awareness of what we are doing.

Our success has been a key factor in identifying the urgent need for additional space if we are to develop as a thriving community hub and to achieve our aims and objectives. Currently many activities and events we host are limited by the space and facilities we are able to offer.

Urgently needed are public toilets including disabled and baby changing facilities; storage space, kitchen facilities and a small meeting room. Plans have been drawn up to provide an extension and the next stage is to get full costings and planning permission.

We are very fortunate that we have a local firm of architects developing plans at no cost to FoHL. A dedicated team of volunteers are preparing a major bid to the government's Community Ownership Fund. Also needed will be 20% of the total cost as matched funding, which will need to be in place.

This has been a year of considerable activity with a heavy workload for our Trustees, Management Committee and volunteers. The support we have been given by local companies, individuals and KLS has been exceptional.

I hope we can continue to work with the local community to make Honley Library a warm, welcoming and vibrant community asset.

Jenny Lockwood – FoHL Chair of Trustees
On behalf of FoHL Trustees

Friends of Honley Library

**Income and Expenditure
As at 31 March 2023**

Income

HVPC Grant 1	15000.00	
HVPC Grant 2	10000.00	
Building Soc Interest	13.79	
Paypal	0.01	
Babies into Books	180.68	
Donation box	30.68	
Adults Events	37.97	
Book sales	100.71	
Honley Civic Society	40.00	
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		25403.84

Expenditure

Insurance Public Liability	172.00	
Trustees' Liability Insurance	154.40	
Website set up	1250.00	
Website maintenance	120.00	
Professional fees HBA	10.00	
Legal fees	53.60	
Banner	75.00	
Building works (Grant 2)	7718.94	
Building works (One Community)	2600.00	
Kitchen supplies	72.33	
Maintenance	176.57	
Window Cleaning	36.00	
Cleaning	20.01	
Council tax	282.51	
Trade waste	5.55	
Stationery	3.99	
Sundry	12.27	
Children's Summer Events	611.22	
Children's Christmas Events	51.49	
Gifts for volunteers	20.50	
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		13446.38

		B/f total		
Excess Income/Expenditure	<u>11957.46</u>	18851.07	30808.53	

**BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 March 2023**

Assets

Co-operative Bank	29919.21	
Yorkshire Building Society	799.32	
Cash - library	50.00	
Cash - treasurer	40.00	
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		<u>30808.53</u>

Funds

Restricted Funds

Asset Transfer	8165.14	
Contingency Fund	5000.00	
One Community Grant	0.00	
Childrens	89.01	
HVPC Grant 1	14473.00	
HVPC Grant 2	2281.06	
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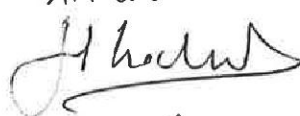
Unrestricted Funds

800.32

30808.53

FOHL Treasurer L Hawthorn

5th May 2023

L. Hawthorn


FOHL Trustee J Lockwood

Reviewed by R Haigh FCCA

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Honley Library

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of Honley Library (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

Signed:



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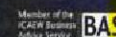
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Friends of Honley Library AGM – 7th November 2022

Board of Trustees' Report

This is the year when, after almost five years of negotiation, we can report that the transfer of Honley Library building is now completed.

This means that the building and surrounding land is now owned by Holme Valley Parish Council with the granting of a 25-year lease to Friends of Honley Library. There is also a hosting agreement between the Parish Council and Kirklees Council which protects the use of the building as a library and community space.

It is important to stress that the service provided by Kirklees Libraries will continue as currently provided. This will be supported by the Friends and as you will see from the Management Committee a great deal of progress has been made post-Covid.

We are indeed fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with the Kirklees Library Service staff and our stated aim is to continue to build on this relationship to provide a first class service to the residents of the Holme Valley.

There is a final document which is an agreement that the building could be used for a Polling Station should the need arise.

During the negotiation with Kirklees Council the support we have received from Holme Valley Parish Council has been exceptional and we look forward to a harmonious landlord and tenant relationship. We could not have progressed this transfer without the professional and financial support they have given.

We are now in a position to move forward with some much-needed repairs and maintenance. As mentioned in my 2021 report, a priority is to provide better lighting and heating controls to the building. Alongside this, following an independent fire risk assessment, we will be upgrading the system. This is a priority. Much of the initial work will be to ensure the building is secure, safe and watertight.

We have received a grant of £2,800 from *One Community* to do the lighting and heating controls. Moving forward, we hope that, subject to the Parish Council's approval, we may be able to extend the building to provide better storage, a servery, toilet facilities, and a space to hold small meetings. This will be subject to our success in raising external funding and we already have a small team of volunteers working on this.

This year we have seen the development of a new web site, the preparation/revision of policies and procedures, the training of a dedicated core of committed volunteers and the development of the Community Hub to widen our support to the local community. We are continuing to work with other local organisations who do so much to support Honley and district.

The events for children have been well attended and the introduction of Babies into Books has been a runaway success. Adult events held post-covid have been well attended and this is a key area for further development.

None of this would have been possible without the enormous amount of time, energy and expertise of our Management Committee, our Board of Trustees and all of our volunteers. This year we have built up our team of volunteers but must continue to do so if we are to expand

the services we provide. We are fortunate to have a new trustee join us. Geoff Winterbottom not only acts as secretary to the Board of trustees but is currently leading on the revision of our Business Plan.

Our aims and objectives are stated in our CIO constitution and are **to work in partnership locally to continue to provide a flexible community hub at Honley Library, offering services and providing events that meet the current and future needs of the community.**

We continue to work together to ensure that the community hub will complement our primary role to support, inform and educate in a warm, welcoming building accessible to all local groups.

In the coming year we hope to focus on digital inclusion to support those who may never have acquired IT skills. Facilities and space for a Homework club is a further priority.

Finally, it is impossible for me to individually thank all those who have supported us on this long road. Thankfully our building is now secured for the future as a resource for Honley and the surrounding area. To continue to develop we, more than ever, need your support.

Jenny Lockwood

Chair of Trustees

October 2022

FRIENDS OF HONLEY LIBRARY

Registered Charity No: 1181829

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Income

Book & plant sales Open Gardens	68.39	
Cheese Please Event	86.35	
Childrens Activities (restricted funds)	35.50	
Grant (restricted funds)	2800.00	
Building Soc interest	48.25	
		<u>3038.49</u>

Expenditure

Insurance	172.00	
Trustees Liability	148.47	
Website	60.00	
Professional fees HBA	10.00	
Fire risk assessment (restricted funds)	200.00	
Childrens Activities (restricted funds)	769.75	
Honley together event	38.97	
Stationery/consumables	23.46	
Reference books for library	28.00	
Cash tin for library	9.99	
Box for donations	35.99	
		<u>1496.63</u>

Excess Income over Expenditure 1541.86

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2022

Assets:

Co-operative Bank	17188.74	
Yorkshire Building Society	1610.32	
Cash - library	30.01	
Cash - treasurer	22.00	
		<u>18851.07</u>

Funds:

Restricted Funds:

Asset transfer	14588.74	
One Community Grant	2600.00	
Childrens Activities	<u>571.04</u>	17759.78

Unrestricted Funds: 1091.29

18851.07

FOHL Treasurer:  Lesley Hawthorn

Reviewed by:  Clive Green
22.6.22

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Friends of Honley Library Annual General Meeting: 13th September 2021

Report by Chair of Trustees

Despite the continuing lockdown and the inevitable effect that this has had on the provision of library services, the Management Committee and Board of Trustees have continued to work towards the future sustainability of the library building and the services we are aiming to provide.

We are continuing to work together in preparing for the Asset Transfer. At the time of writing this report we are close to completion. The legal agreements between the Holme Valley Parish Council and Kirklees (which clearly sets out the terms for library occupancy) and the sub-lease between Friends of Honley Library and the Parish Council (for the management of the building) are with our respective solicitors.

It has been a long and difficult road and I must take this opportunity to thank the Clerk and Members of Holme Valley Parish Council for their ongoing support. My thanks go to Nick Helm (Trustee) whose legal expertise has been invaluable during this lengthy process.

Under the professional expertise and guidance of Malcolm Ellis (Trustee), a schedule of building work has been drawn up and revised quotations sought for the repairs and maintenance, much needed to bring the exterior and interior of the building to an acceptable standard. A full structural survey has been carried out.

A priority will be the renewal of lighting to the interior and the provision of better heating controls within the building. A full energy audit has recently been carried out on behalf of the Parish Council by Paschali Consultants and, following their recommendations, a revised brief issued to the contractors who previously quoted. An application to One Community, Bright Green Community Trust, has been submitted for funding to support this work.

During lockdown we have continued to build on our relationship with other local organisations. Honley Community Growers are all set to work with us on the improvement of the outside space with opportunities to provide children and adults with a community growing space. We provided support for the very successful Open Gardens weekend in the village and are in close contact with Friends of Honley and Honley Business Association. These and other local organisations are working to provide better support for the youth of the village.

Throughout the year we have maintained close contact with library staff and thanks go to Kirklees Library Service for support during a difficult year. Kirklees Library Service came forward to offer support with the Open Gardens Weekend, providing much needed gazebos for all outdoor and children's activities. We look forward to continuing a close working relationship with the library service during the transition period and beyond.

Finally, I am indebted to Ann Brooks and all the Management Committee who have worked tirelessly during the lockdown. It is a tribute to Carrie Birch and her team that a Children's Book festival will go ahead this summer both indoors and

outdoors! We look forward to the Library being once again fully open for business and to welcoming back all our wonderful volunteers.

Jenny Lockwood

Summary Receipts and Payments Account for the Friends of Honley Library 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

Registered Charity: 1181829

<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
Grant HVPC - Childrens Activities	1,000.00		Childrens Events	183.51
Donations	152.00		Website	120.00
Building Society Interest	<u>23.20</u>	1,175.20	Volunteer Liability Insurance	148.47
			Equipment (laptop repair)	90.00
			Flowers for Volunteer	25.00
			Holmfirth Events Elf Trail	20.00
			Honley Business Association Membership	<u>10.00</u>
				596.98
Total income		1,175.20	Total expenditure	596.98
Cash brought forward	0.00			
Bank balance brought forward	<u>16,730.99</u>	16,730.99		
Total		17,906.19	Cash balance carried forward	0.00
Less expenditure		596.98	Bank balance carried forward	17,309.21
Balance (as at 31.3.21)		<u>17,309.21</u>		<u>17,309.21</u>

Notes to the summary accounts

Restricted funds to carry forward - Asset Transfer 14,588.74
 Restricted funds to carry forward - Childrens Activities 1,305.29
 Unrestricted funds to carry forward 1,415.18 17,309.21

Prepared by:

Alison Dean

Alison Dean

Reviewed by:

Clive R Green
 ACCA MBA

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