

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
	<u>25403.84</u>

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
	<u>13446.38</u>

		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
	<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
	<u>30008.21</u>

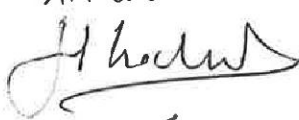
Unrestricted Funds

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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