

# Friends of Honley Library

## Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2025

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
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	
		<b>51,830.47</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
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	
		<b>20,120.66</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>31,709.81</b>
Reserves brought forward at 1st April 2024		37,072.69
<b>Reserves at 31st March 2025</b>		<b>68,782.50</b>

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 2025

	£	£
<b>Assets</b>		
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	
		69,030.49
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrual Gas	176.76	
Accrual Electricity	71.23	
		247.99
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>68,782.50</b>
<b>Financed By:</b>		
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
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	
		<b>67,718.77</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>1,063.73</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		<b>68,782.50</b>

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



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## 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

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In accordance with our Charitable Constitution, to provide a safe, accessible and welcoming hub for the community.</li><li>• Increase access to online services through provision of high-quality computer facilities.</li><li>• Provide opportunities for children and young people to experience a range of reading activities, in order to increase their interest in literature.</li><li>• Work with local and national organisations to improve access to information for residents and visitors.</li><li>• Host a range of activities that provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of facts,</li><li>• Ideas and information.</li><li>• Prepare clear information about our income and expenditures and business plans that reflect our forward plan.</li></ul>
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>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>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<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"> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
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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><b>1. Original Plan to extend Honley Library</b></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><b>2. Revised smaller extension plans for Honley Library</b></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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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

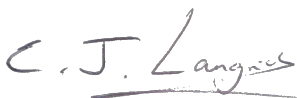
### Independent examiner's statement

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:



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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

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