

FRIENDS OF CHURCH STRETTON LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1182554

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-03-20

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN CHURCH STRETTON AND SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY SUPPORTING THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF CHURCH STRETTON AND SURROUNDING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE, DISABILITY OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATION IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND FACILITATE LEARNING 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: We run activities & events to support lifelong learning, culture or promote health and well being and raise funds to support and enhance the work of the Church Stretton library and information centre. We provide volunteers to support - but not replace - library staff and act as a link between the Church Stretton library service and the wider community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£16,423	£4,963	-	-
2024-03-31	£9,960	£12,366	-	-
2023-03-31	£10,358	£3,613	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,551	£4,706	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,953	£1,267	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sheila Margaret Davies	Chair	2019-03-20
Ben Warren		2019-11-13
Beth Lavinia Furlong		2021-02-10
Inese Nielsen		2022-06-22
Margaret Quartly		2019-03-20
Patricia Leslie Thomas		2025-06-11

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Trustees' Annual Report from 01/04/24 to 31/03/25

Charity name: Friends of Church Stretton Library

Charity registration number: 1182554

1. Objects and Activities

1.1 Purpose

- To support the provision of a community library and information centre in Church Stretton
- To promote education, cultural activities and lifelong learning in Church Stretton and the surrounding area
- To organise events and activities which support education, culture and the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors
- To encourage the involvement of the local community in all we do without distinction of gender, age, sexual orientation, race, disability, religion or political opinions

1.2 Main activities

Our activities in pursuit of these objects include:

- Proactively encouraging the local community to make use of library facilities
- Raising funds to support and enhance the work of the library
- Running a programme of activities supporting lifelong learning, culture and promoting health and social wellbeing
- Providing volunteers to support - but not replace - library staff and enhance the work of the library
- Acting as a link between the Church Stretton Library Service and the wider community
- Working in collaboration with other local groups and organisations to support a coordinated approach

1.3 Statement on public benefit

- The library can better meet the needs of the community
- Residents have more opportunities to engage in educational and social activities that bring people together, support lifelong learning and improve physical and emotional wellbeing
- Volunteers benefit from opportunities to engage in active citizenship and be involved in community life
- Library staff work in collaboration with the local community, leading to a more stable and cohesive community

In pursuing these activities, Trustees have followed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

1.4 Contributions made by volunteers

We have a large and active corps of volunteers who support our work in several ways:

- Advising visitors at the library's Visitor Information Centre when the library itself is closed
- Organising our programme of speakers
- Supporting events (selling tickets, organising seating, serving refreshments, etc)

- Putting up posters and distributing other forms of publicity to advertise such events
- Proofreading publicity materials and articles
- Raising funds through tabletop sales, stalls at charity fairs and other venues

These different contributions are much valued, and we hold occasional 'thank you' events that bring volunteers together and generate new links between the library service, local stakeholders and the wider community.

These all demonstrate the value of collaboration between a professionally run library and an active Friends group. They also show ways in which local engagement can help secure the future development of the library service and foster new generations of active users.

2. Achievements and Performance

2.1 Grant giving

We give grants to the library to help improve and enhance its service. In 2024/25 this included funding for:

- New chairs with arm rests which are more suitable for people with limited mobility
- Additional material for the library's Dementia Collection
- Additional material for display in the Visitor Information Centre
- A magician to perform to children in the library supporting the Summer Reading Challenge

2.2 Events

We ran various events with educational and cultural content to cover a broad range of interests and involving other community organisations. These included a sea- shanty concert, local author talk, a quiz evening and talks on various topics, all designed to appeal to a wide range of interests.

2.3 Visitor Information Centre

With the help of volunteers, we continued to open the Visitor Information Centre two days a week, when the library is normally closed. Many of the volunteers have commented on how much they enjoy this role, because they meet other local residents as well as provide assistance to visitors.

2.4 Working with the local community

We produced a calendar of local scenery, with support from local photographers, to help raise funds. It was sold in shops in Church Stretton and in the library.

We continued to make an active contribution to Shropshire Council Library development initiatives that seek to enhance the health, wellbeing and involvement of local residents. This included supporting a local charity, Stretton Dementia Friends, so that material could be added to the library Dementia Collection.

These examples demonstrate the value of collaboration between the community, a professionally run library and an active Friends group. They also show ways in which local engagement can help secure the future development of the library service and foster new generations of active users.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Accounts

Our principal source of income is from donations from residents and the profit made from running events. This year, we generated a total income of £14,737 which is higher than previous years. This can be attributed to two very generous individual donations. Income from regular donations and fundraising activities remained similar to those in previous years. We claimed £1055 in Gift Aid on donations and earned £468 interest on our savings account.

Our administrative costs for the year remained low at £584, which includes the cost of insurance.

We spent £3,134 on the library, including subsidised sessions in the library for local primary school children. This left us with a balance of £38,985 in the bank at year end, of which £22,685 is in a high interest savings account. We are in discussion with library staff about future possible spends. These include improving library facilities for events by installing an overhead digital projector and speakers.

3.2 Reserves policy

We have put aside £15,000 for library spend over the next three years and £5,000 into our general reserve. This leaves £23,917 available to spend on new projects.

3.3 Principal risks

There has been uncertainty over the future of the library as Shropshire Council, which funds the library, is having to make massive savings in its budget. Shropshire Council sought additional funding from the Town Council in order to keep the library open. A three-year agreement is now in place, with the Town Council agreeing to contribute £20,000 a year for 2025, 2026 and 2027. Friends have offered to help the Town Council by raising funds to cover £5,000 of this per year.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

We are a registered Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO). Trustees are elected for a three year term by members at the AGM. Our board of Trustees meets once a month and our financial accounts and annual return are independently checked by a local accountant. We regularly meet with Church Stretton library staff who advise us on how we can support their work.

4.1 Trustees

Trustees can also be coopted for a one year term by a committee of Trustees held between AGMs. People interested in becoming a Trustee are invited to attend a few committee meetings so that they better understand the role. New Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission document 'Welcome – you're a charity trustee' - and copies of the policies listed below which can also be found on our website.

- Data Protection
- Equality
- Financial
- Safeguarding
- Terms of Reference

5. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Friends of Church Stretton Library
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182554
Charity's principal address	c/o Church Stretton Library Church Street Church Stretton Shropshire SY6 6DQ

5.1 Trustees

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee (if any)
Sheila Davies	Chair		
Madeline Haigh	Secretary		
Margaret Quartly	Treasurer		
Ben Warren			
Beth Furlong			
Inese Neilson			

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature(s)	<i>S M Davies</i>	<i>Beth Furlong</i>
	Sheila Davies	Beth Furlong
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	14 th October 2025	14 th October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Friends of Church Stretton Library	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.04.24	To	Period end date 31.03.25
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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					
Events	5,227	-	-	5,227	4,432
Donations	9,203	-	-	9,203	4,376
Gift Aid	1,055	-	-	1,055	935
Grant	470	-	-	470	-
Interest	468	-	-	468	217
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,423	-	-	16,423	9,960
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,423	-	-	16,423	9,960
A3 Payments					
Cost of events	1,244	-	-	1,244	1,140
Postage & Stationery	25	-	-	25	83
Publicity	-	-	-	-	131
Repairs & Renewals	-	-	-	-	2
Insurance	383	-	-	383	372
Miscellaneous	176	-	-	176	121
Grants to Library	3,135	-	-	3,135	10,517
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,963	-	-	4,963	12,366
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,963	-	-	4,963	12,366
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,460	-	-	11,460	2,406
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,498	-	-	27,498	29,904
Cash funds this year end	38,958	-	-	38,958	27,498

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	Bank Account Current	16,258	-	-
	Cash In Hand	15	-	-
	Bank Account Savings	22,685	-	-
	Total cash funds	38,958	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Donated projector	unrestricted	-	-
	VIC Book stands	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: Period start date 01/04/23 To: Period end date 31/3/24

Charity name: Friends of Church Stretton Library

Charity registration number: 1182554

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purpose of the CIO is to promote the advancement of education for the general public in Church Stretton and surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively, by supporting the provision of a community library and information centre.</p> <p>To further or benefit the residents of Church Stretton and surrounding area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, disability or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisation in a common effort to advance education and facilitate learning 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To support the provision of a community library and information centre in Church Stretton; to promote education, cultural activities and lifelong learning in Church Stretton and the surrounding area.• To organise events and activities which support education, culture and the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors.• To encourage the involvement of the local community in all we do without distinction of gender, age, sexual orientation, race, disability, religion or political opinions.

<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>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>Our activities in pursuit of these objects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively encouraging the local community to make use of library facilities. • Raising funds to support and enhance the work of the library. • Running a programme of activities supporting lifelong learning, culture and promoting health and social wellbeing. • Providing volunteers to support - but not replace - library staff and enhance the work of the library. • Acting as a link between the Church Stretton Library Service and the wider community. • Working in collaboration with other local groups and organisations to support a coordinated approach. • Encouraging the involvement of local community in all we do, without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race, disability, religion or political opinions.
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>In pursuing these activities, trustees have followed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
<p>Policy on grant making</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>We make grants to the library to improve and enhance its service.</p>
<p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>We have a large and active corps of volunteers who support our work in several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising funds through table top sales, stalls at charity fairs and other venues. • Advising visitors at the library's Visitor Information Centre when the library is closed. • Organising our programme of speakers. • Supporting events (selling tickets, organising seating, serving refreshments, etc).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting up posters and distributing other forms of publicity to advertise such events. • Proofreading publicity materials and articles. • Baking cakes and other goods to serve at such events. • These different contributions are much valued, and we hold occasional 'thank you' events that bring volunteers together and generate new links between the library service, local stake holders and the wider community. <p>These all demonstrate the value of collaboration between a professionally run library and an active Friends group. They also show ways in which local engagement can help secure the future development of the library service and foster new generations of active users.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	Para 1.20	<p>We ran various events with educational and cultural content (to cover a broad range of interests).</p> <p>We also helped fund children's activities run by the library staff in the library.</p> <p>We raised funds for the library and helped pay for new library shelving can be moved to allow a more flexible use of space e.g. for educational talks.</p> <p>With the help of volunteers, we continued to open the Visitor Information Centre two days a week, when the library is normally closed.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We successfully ran events covering a broad range of interests and involving other community organisations. These included a poetry workshop and readings for National Poetry Day, a talk on the author C S Lewis, a local nature conservation
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		<p>project, a community garden and Russian literature.</p> <p>We also paid for 'Zoolab' to visit the library in the summer holidays and educate the children about animals and the natural world.</p> <p>In doing so, we have helped promote educational, cultural activities and lifelong learning in Church Stretton and the surrounding area.</p> <p>We produced a calendar of local scenery, with support from local photographers, to help raise funds. This was sold in shops in Church Stretton and the library.</p> <p>We have continued to support the provision of a Visitor Information Centre by recruiting volunteers from within the community to open it on the days the library is closed (Mondays and Wednesdays). Many of the volunteers have commented on how much they enjoy this role, because they meet other local residents as well as provide assistance to visitors. This helped us meet our objective to support and enhance the work of the library.</p> <p>We have continued to make an active contribution to Shropshire Council Library development initiatives that seek to enhance the health, wellbeing and involvement of local residents. This included supporting a local charity to set up a Dementia Café, which takes place in the library once a month. These all demonstrate the value of collaboration between the community, a professionally run library and an active Friends group. They also show ways in which local engagement can help secure the future development of the library service and foster new generations of active users.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We were happy to have generated income of £9,960. included £4,376 from donations, £4,432 from fundraising activities and we claimed £935 Gift Aid on donations and 216.86 interest on the savings account.</p> <p>Our administrative costs for the year were £709, which includes the cost of insurance.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We spent £10,000 on new library shelving and 517 for other things including subsidised sessions in the library for local primary school children.</p> <p>This left us with a balance of £27,498. in the bank at year end of which £17,216.86 is in a high interest savings account</p> <p>We have put £7,000 in our reserves and we are in discussion with the library about future possible spends. These include purchasing additional cupboard storage space to house a local history archive and replacing some of the chairs with ones more suitable for the elderly and less mobile.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have put £7,000 in reserves as a safety net for our operating costs which leaves approximately £20,000 to spend either this or next financial year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£7,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Shropshire Council, which funds the library, is having to make massive savings in its budget. They are seeking additional funding from the Town Council to keep the library open. There is a risk the local authority will declare a section 114 in the next few months. We are holding back on making large purchases for the library until there is more certainty about the future.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from local residents, including some donations by regular standing orders, and profit made from running events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	External factors as Shropshire Council plans cuts to funding libraries in 2024/25.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Friends of Church Stretton Library
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	Elected by members at AGM or co-opted by Committee. People interested in becoming a trustee are first invited to attend a few committee meetings so that they better understand the role.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are provided with the charity commission document 'Welcome – you're a charity trustee' and copies of the policies listed below which can be found on our website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection • Equality • Financial • Safeguarding • Terms of Reference Our financial accounts and annual return are independently checked by a local accountant.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Managed by committee of trustees who meet once a month.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We regularly meet with Church Stretton Library staff who advise us on how we can support their work.
Other		

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Friends of Church Stretton Library
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182554

Charity's principal address	c/o Church Stretton Library Church Street, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6DQ

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	Sheila Davies	Chair		
2	Madeline Haigh	Secretary		
3	Margaret Quartly	Treasurer		
4	Ben Warren			
5	Beth Furlong			
6	Inese Neilson			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of other

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>S M Davies</i>	<i>Madeline P. Haigh</i>
Full name(s)	Sheila Davi	Madeline Haigh
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	17/10/24	17/10/24



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Charity Name Friends of Church Stretton Library	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.23	To	Period end date 31.03.24
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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					
Events	4,432	-	-	4,432	5,115
Donations	4,376	-	-	4,376	4,365
Gift Aid	935	-	-	935	878
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	217	-	-	217	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,960	-	-	9,960	10,358
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,960	-	-	9,960	10,358
A3 Payments					
Cost of events	1,140	-	-	1,140	1,865
Postage & Stationery	83	-	-	83	101
Publicity	131	-	-	131	-
Repairs & Renewals	2	-	-	2	-
Insurance	372	-	-	372	372
Miscellaneous	121	-	-	121	144
Grants to Library	10,517	-	-	10,517	1,131
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,366	-	-	12,366	3,613
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,366	-	-	12,366	3,613
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,406	-	-	- 2,406	6,745
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,904	-	-	29,904	23,159
Cash funds this year end	27,498	-	-	27,498	29,904

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	Bank Account	27,478	-	-
	Cash In Hand	20	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,498	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Donated projector	unrestricted	-	-
	VIC Book stands	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name
Friends of Church Stretton Library

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.22	To	Period end date 31.03.23
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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					
Events	5,115	-	-	5,115	4,442
Donations	4,365	-	-	4,365	5,160
Gift Aid	878	-	-	878	998
Grant	-	-	-	-	951
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,358	-	-	10,358	11,551
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,358	-	-	10,358	11,551
A3 Payments					
Cost of events	1,865	-	-	1,865	1,382
Postage & Stationery	101	-	-	101	50
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs & Renewals	-	-	-	-	33
Insurance	372	-	-	372	362
Miscellaneous	144	-	-	144	-
Grants to Library	1,131	-	-	1,131	1,482
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,613	-	-	3,613	3,309
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
VIC Book stands	-	-	-	-	1,397
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,397
Total payments	3,613	-	-	3,613	4,706
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,745	-	-	6,745	6,845
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,159	-	-	23,159	16,314
Cash funds this year end	29,904	-	-	29,904	23,159

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	Bank Account	29,884	-	-
	Cash In Hand	20	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,904	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Donated projector	unrestricted	-	-
	VIC Book stands	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

FRIENDS OF CHURCH STRETTON LIBRARY

England & Wales - Charity number 1182554

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Charity name: Friends of Church Stretton Library

Charity registration number: 1182554

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purpose of the CIO is to promote the advancement of education for the general public in Church Stretton and surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively, by supporting the provision of a community library and information centre.</p> <p>To further or benefit the residents of Church Stretton and surrounding area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, disability or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisation in a common effort to advance education and facilitate learning 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To support the provision of a community library and information centre in Church Stretton; to promote education, cultural activities and lifelong learning in Church Stretton and the surrounding area.• To organise events and activities which support education, culture and the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors.• To encourage the involvement of the local community in all we do without distinction of gender,

		age, sexual orientation, race, disability, religion or political opinions.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our activities in pursuit of these objects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively encouraging the local community to make use of library facilities. • Raising funds to support and enhance the work of the library. • Running a programme of activities supporting lifelong learning, culture and promoting health and social well being. • Providing volunteers to support - but not replace - library staff and enhance the work of the library. • Acting as a link between the Church Stretton Library Service and the wider community. • Working in collaboration with other local groups and organisations to support a coordinated approach. • Encouraging the involvement of local community in all we do, without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race, disability, religion or political opinions.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In pursuing these activities, trustees have followed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We make grants to the library to improve and enhance its service.
Policy on social	Para 1.38	

investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>We have a large and active corps of volunteers who support our work in several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising funds through table top sales, stalls at charity fairs and other venues. • Advising visitors at the library's Visitor Information Centre during holiday periods. • Organising our programme of speakers. • Supporting events (selling tickets, organising seating, serving refreshments, etc). • Putting up posters and distributing other forms of publicity to advertise. such events • Assisting at holiday activities for children. • Proofreading publicity materials and articles • Baking cakes and other goods to serve at such events. <p>These different contributions are much valued, and we hold occasional 'thank you' events that bring volunteers together and generate new links between the library service, local stake holders and the wider community.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>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>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>During 2020-21 the library has been closed during a succession of lockdowns, and the work of the Friends Group has been considerably constrained.</p> <p>We were unable to continue the usual programme of cultural, leisure and educational events: music, drama, local history, quiz evenings in support of our goals.</p> <p>We have adapted an approach in line with the constraints of successive lockdowns. For example, we held a very successful poetry event that brought established and emerging poets together to share their work on Zoom and arranged for the publication of the resulting poems in a local community magazine, 'Focus'.</p> <p>We also ran a geology walk following the Covid 19 guidelines in place at the time.</p> <p>We produced a calendar of local scenery with support from a local photographer to help raise funds. This was sold in shops in town and volunteers provided a telephone/online order service to people who were shielding and delivered to their homes.</p> <p>We have continued to make an active contribution to Shropshire Council Library development initiatives that seek to enhance the health, wellbeing and involvement of local residents. These all demonstrate the value of collaboration between a professionally run library, the Town Council and an active Friends group. They also show ways in which local engagement can help secure the future development of the library service and foster new generations of active users.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Because of the constraints of lockdown, we were unable to meet our fundraising target. This meant our income was roughly half that of the previous year.</p>
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		<p>The library was closed for much of the year but we supported the library by keeping local residents informed of what service the library was able to provide during lockdown such as Zoom events and a click and collect book service.</p> <p>Despite only being able to meet through Zoom we did manage to recruit one new trustee to the committee.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our fundraising activities have been necessarily constrained yet we have managed to raise £5,974.84.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We raised £ 6,234.12 and our only expenses were £259.28, giving us a profit on the year of £5,974.84. We granted the library £289.20 to purchase a mat for toddler rhyming sessions.</p> <p>This left us with £16,314.94. (including the £10,629.30 brought forward from year end 2020).</p> <p>We have put £4,000 in our reserves and £5,000 in reserve for anticipated spend on the library in 2022/23. This left us with working funds of £7,000 for year ending 2022.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We are only in our second year and want to build a reserve to be prepared for unforeseen expense and eventually to have the capability of running larger events which require payment in advance.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,000 plus £5,000 earmarked reserve for future spending on the library.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from local residents, including some donations by regular standing order and profit made from running events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Our biggest risk is if Shropshire Council decided to make cuts and close the library service. Their current strategy is to continue running libraries in market towns and support them to become community hubs. We are supporting the Church Stretton Library Service in doing this.
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	Elected by members at AGM or co-opted by Committee.
		<p>Additional governance issues (Optional information)</p> <p>People interested in becoming a trustee are first invited to attend a few committee meetings so that they better understand the role, before agreeing to formally become a trustee.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>Trustees are provided with the charity commission document 'Charity Trustee -what's involved CC3A' and copies of the policies listed below which can be found on our website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection • Equality • Financial • Safeguarding • Terms of Reference
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We regularly meet with Church Stretton Library staff who advise us on how we can support their work.

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Church Stretton Library
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182554
Charity's principal address	Church Stretton Library Church Street Church Stretton SY6 6DQ

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	Sheila Davies	Chair		
2	Madeline Haigh	Secretary		
3	Margaret Quartly	Treasurer		
4	Graham Lewis			
5	Ben Warren			
6	Beth Furlong		Became trustee 20 th February 2021	
7	Janet Newman			
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Ben Hilliard	Sandford Lodge, Clive Avenue, Church Stretton, United Kingdom, SY6 7BS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Friends of Church Stretton Library	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.04.20	To	Period end date 31.03.21
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Events	2,089	-	-	2,089
Donations	4,102	-	-	4,102
Gift Aid	762	-	-	762
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,953	-	-	6,953
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,953	-	-	6,953
A3 Payments				
Cost of events	719	-	-	719
Postage & Stationery	108	-	-	108
Publicity	7	-	-	7
Repairs & Renewals	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	144	-	-	144
Grants to Library	289	-	-	289
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,267	-	-	1,267
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,267	-	-	1,267
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,686	-	-	5,686
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,629	-	-	10,629
Cash funds this year end	16,315	-	-	16,315

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	16,295	-
	Cash In Hand	20	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	16,315	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Donated projector	unrestricted	-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

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

Signature	Print Name
S M Davies	Sheila Davies
Madeline P. Haigh	Madeline Haigh

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Last year

to the nearest £

6,184
6,550
699
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-
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13,433

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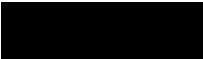
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1,110
284
343
109
199
55
704
-
-
2,804

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10,629
-
-
10,629



Endowment funds

to nearest £

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Endowment funds

to nearest £

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Current value (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval
