

FRIENDS OF MILBORNE PORT LIBRARY 2019

England & Wales · Charity number 1183786

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-07

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A LIBRARY IN MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET AND A LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING PARISHES; 2) TO PROMOTE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MILBORNE PORT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RECREATION AND OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID RESIDENTS.

Activities: Currently, and for at least the next year, the Charity is providing a functioning safe environment for the Village Library, as part of a Service Level Agreement with Somerset County Council. The current location is in a stationary ex-county Council mobile Library situated in a village car park. At the same time we are working with the Parish Council to provide a permanent community building.

Classification

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

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£622	£401	-	-
2024-04-05	£1,278	£230	-	-
2023-04-05	£2,138	£859	-	-
2022-04-05	£520	£662	-	-
2021-04-05	£216	£912	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Perks		2019-06-07
Barbara Jones BA BEd		2019-06-07
Celia Burr		2024-10-08
Dorothy Clothier		2019-06-07
Edwina Stirzaker		2024-10-08
Jane Vaughan		2021-08-08
Rosalind Barrett BSc		2019-06-07

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Friends Of Milborne Port Library 2019 Apr 2025

General.

The main issues with Milborne Port Library this past 12 months were working with Somerset County Council as a Community Library Partnership (CLP) while continuing to monitor the construction progress of the proposed Community Hub with the Parish Council (PC).

Community Library Partnership (CLP).

We have had communications by email and face to face meetings with the Parish Council, and Yeovil and County level representatives of the Library Service Village in the Town Hall to ensure the CLP is providing a suitable Library service for the Village.

Library Technical Issues.

Technical issues were few this year. In the Town Hall the Parish Council are the controlling authority while the Library Staff are the main users and will be the first to respond to floods or electrical issues. Wifi has been a bugbear, with the Community wifi being at the end of several elderly connections. The room heating has been recently improved with a wall mounted fan heater which can respond quickly if the room is deemed too cold. Latterly the Parish Council received a significant grant towards its costs from the "Help through Winter Fund", a Council organisation found by the Library Service.

Community Hub

The Parish Council continues to liaise with the developer, though the construction of the hub seems to remain on the developer's back burner

Personnel

This year one of our two Library Staff retired and a new villager replaced her. The CIO Trustees now number 8.

Richard Jones 17 Apr 2025
Friends of the Library Trustee and Chair

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Date: 28th September 2024

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**Income and Expenditure Account
for the Year Ended 5 April 2024**

	<u>5.4.24</u>		<u>5.4.23</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Membership	-		-	
Library takings	705		498	
Donations	307		500	
Fund-raising	266		1,140	
		<u>1,278</u>		<u>2,138</u>
Expenditure:				
Printing & stationery	-		15	
Items for the library	113		57	
Insurance	96		677	
Repairs & renewals	-		-	
Travel & subsistence	22		2	
Mobile phone	-		-	
Advertising	-		-	
Fundraising expenses	-		108	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
		<u>230</u>		<u>859</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<u>1,047</u>		<u>1,279</u>
Opening Balance @ 6 April 2023:		3,217		1,938
Less: Excess Expenditure over Income:		1,047		1,279
Closing Balance:		<u>4,264</u>		<u>3,217</u>
Represented by:				
Bank Current Account		4,205		3,124
Cash in hand - Float		59		93
Legal Challenge Pledges held by FOSL		-		-
		<u>4,264</u>		<u>3,217</u>

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Friends Of Milborne Port Library 2019 (FOMPL 2019) Charity Trustees **Report Wed 8 Oct 2024**

Current Trustees are: Rick Jones (Chair, FOSL rep, membership sec, Hub Sub Committee), Andrew Perks (Hub Sub Committee, room maintenance), Roz Barrett (Treasurer & school liaison), Barbara-Ann Jones, Mary Clothier (Communications, Hub Sub Committee), Jane Vaughan (book sales).

Current Library Staff: Millie Furby (Edwina Stirzaker retired Aug 2024)

Departed: Martin White. Many thanks and we hope he might rejoin later.

1. Background : A brief history

a. Friends Of Milborne Port Library 2019 (FOMPL 2019) is run by a group of trustees. We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and are the village part of a Community Library Partnership with the County Council; This was set up in 2019 to run the Village Library.

b. In October 2018 Somerset County Council (SCC) announced it's policy of transferring many of the Library roles and costs to village level under a "Community Library Partnership" (CLP), SCC working in partnership with the village. The Parish Council (PC) was unable legally to be the village part of this CLP but FOMPL could if it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), a Charity with a new Constitution. This was done over a period of months. and FOMPL changed it's name to FOMPL 2019 (or F19 for short) to distinguish the difference.

c. In 2019 the PC were negotiating with a housing developer to create a Community Hub which could be used by the Library and other village organisations. F19 were involved with the internal layout. However in the meanwhile SCC offered the village an outgoing elderly Mobile Library, to be transferred to F19 ownership to act as the building for the Library and this was delivered in August 2019 then sold on in February 2023 when we moved into the downstairs room in the Town Hall.

d. The Town hall location was chosen, as opposed to the Village Hall and we had to plan our way around a collection of issues: WI and Library shared space use, humidity, heat, lighting, the state of the west end walls, other WI stores in the hall being some of the issues. An assortment of meetings were held involving WI, PC, F19, Library Staff and the Library Service at local and county level

2. Ongoing Issues

a. F19 continue to attend Community Library Partnership meetings at Taunton.
b. Library equipment from the original building and vehicle is spread between the SCC, Town Hall storage and individual homes. Rick Jones keeps a record of what is where.

3. Our continuing Objectives at Village Level

a. Adequate funding of the service by the County Council.
b. Extensive opening hours which provide adequate access for users.
c. The widest possible selection of books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs, and audio media.
d. An attractive building and layout.
e. Active promotion of the library service.
f. The Maintenance of national services.
g. Resisting reductions in opening hours and staffing needs.

- h. Do all such other things as may be necessary to further the objectives.
- i. Supporting Out Of Hours (OOH) and in Hours activities in the Library.

4. Funding & Membership.

a. The main use of our funds until 2019 has been in support of the Court Case which halted the closure of 14 static libraries and 4 mobile libraries. However when in 2019 SCC transferred most costs to Village level our costs increased though reduced when we moved into the Town Hall. Since 2020, the Parish Council have been paying for Library Staff salaries. Trustees recently have used funds we hold for random stationary, fittings and insurance. Our income is from charges made by Library staff and sales. As we approached our 3rd year of insurance costs last year, we recovered funds we had loaned in 2011 to FOSL (Friends of Somerset Libraries, a consortium of threatened Somerset Libraries) for the court case. When the Library moves to a Community Hub, other costs may include replacing consumables, tax and cleaning charges. Fund raising was done for a year and we are very grateful to an assortment of local organisations for their financial support. In return we use the village magazine Library article to express our gratitude. Also the Spirit of Milborne Port have funded 2 purchases. In 2024 we have not restarted "Friends memberships" as our current costs are low.

6. Other Library Events run or supported by FOMPL 2019 Trustees and Library Staff:

- a. Monthly Articles in Milborne Port Village Magazine, social media and online sites
- b. Library initiatives: Summer Reading Challenge, Lego Club and Saturday reading. Children's activities Saturdays, seed swap.

7. With Gratitude

- a. Andy Perks has dropped in on the Town Hall regularly to keep an eye on things and maintain physical contact, proposing and making modifications where needed and draining dehumidifier water levels.
- b. Communications: Village Magazine monthly article: Mary Clothier who has covered the task with wit and meticulous detail. Roz has kept Library items on facebook up to date with Millie covering current activities on facebook.
- c. Finance; Roz has kept a close eye and given a lot of time to this.
- d. Cleaning: The Town Hall cleaning is covered by the Parish Council.
- e. Our Library Staff; ever enthusiastic, innovative and helpful, and much loved and valued by the public. Many initiatives.
- f. Village Fete, 2024 had a gap year

That concludes this report.

Rick Jones, Chair. October 2024

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General.

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To counter rising power costs, the Friends worked with the Parish Council to look at alternative locations. The chosen location was in the 300 year old Town Hall downstairs Community Room, used mostly by the Village WI for meetings and lectures, weekly coffee mornings and weekly craft events.

WI Items had to be relocated, repairs done to the walls, and shelving had to be collected and bolted to the walls before the move, late in the year.

In contrast to the heating costs issue, the Library in the vehicle stayed closed on 2 days due to excessive heat during the summer heatwave in July.

Once installed in the Town hall, a few minor issues were dealt with. High humidity from water below the hall was countered by 2 dehumidifiers and heat comes from wall mounted convector heaters and a fan heater for Library Staff.

Community Library Partnership.

The CIO has had communications by email and face to face meetings with County and Yeovil level representatives of the CLP in the Library Vehicle and latterly in the Village Community Room in the Town Hall to ensure the CLP is providing a suitable Library service under the rules at the time. We had ample assistance from Yeovil based Library staff in transferring books and setting up the Library, together with ongoing support to fine tune Library activities. County staff also helped assess the alternate rooms.

Library Technical Issues.

Technical issues were few this year. Trustees were also involved with keeping the area adjacent to the vehicle clear of vegetation, as well as drawing up cleaning rosters and personally cleaning the floor when this is needed. Leaks and heater failures were dealt with. In the Town Hall the Parish Council are the controlling authority while the Library Staff are the main users and will be the first to respond to floods or electrical issues.

Community Hub.

The CIO continued to work with the Parish Council on the Business Plan and on the internal layout of the proposed building. There are physical signs of action where the hub is due to be built (along with 65 houses).

Personnel

This year one of our Library Staff retired and a new villager replaced her. The CIO Trustees now number 7.

Richard Jones 2 May 2023

CIO Trustee and Chair

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Date: 12th May 2023

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	<u>5.4.23</u>		<u>5.4.22</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Membership	-		-	
Library takings	498		520	
Donations	500		925	
Fund-raising	1,140		-	
	<u>2,138</u>		<u>1,445</u>	
Expenditure:				
Printing & stationery	15		-	
Items for the library	57		27	
Insurance	677		635	
Repairs & renewals	-		-	
Travel & subsistence	2		-	
Mobile phone	-		-	
Advertising	-		-	
Fundraising expenses	108		-	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
	<u>859</u>		<u>662</u>	
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<u>1,279</u>		<u>783</u>
Opening Balance @ 6 April 2021:		1,938		1,155
Less: Excess Expenditure over Income:		1,279		783
Closing Balance:		<u>3,217</u>		<u>1,938</u>
Represented by:				
Bank Current Account		3,124		1,151
Cash in hand - Float		93		787
Legal Challenge Pledges held by FOSL		-		-
		<u>3,217</u>		<u>1,938</u>

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General.

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Community Library Partnership.

The CIO has had communications by email and face to face meetings with County level representatives of the CLP in the Library Vehicle to ensure the CLP is providing a suitable Library service under the rules at the time.

Library Vehicle Issues.

Technical issues were few this year. Trustees were also involved with keeping the area adjacent to the vehicle clear of vegetation, as well as drawing up cleaning rosters and personally cleaning the floor when this is needed.

Virus:

The Library has gently eased rules for the public, probably slightly slower than national guidelines. Volunteer cleaners continued to clean the vehicle against the virus between each opening, and latterly cleaning weekly.

Community Hub.

The CIO continued to work with the Parish Council on the Business Plan and on the internal layout of the proposed building. There are physical signs of action where the hub is due to be built (along with 65 houses).

Personnel

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Richard Jones 2 May 2022

CIO Trustee

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Date: 18th May 2022

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	<u>5.4.22</u>		<u>5.4.21</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Membership	-		-	
Library takings	520		96	
Donations	925		120	
Fund-raising	-		-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216</u>
Expenditure:				
Printing & stationery	-		-	
Items for the library	27		142	
Insurance	635		654	
Repairs & renewals	-		116	
Travel & subsistence	-		-	
Mobile phone	-		-	
Advertising	-		-	
Hall & equipment hire	-		-	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>912</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<u>783</u>		<u>(696)</u>
Opening Balance @ 6 April 2021:		<u>1,155</u>		<u>1,851</u>
Less: Excess Expenditure over Income:		<u>783</u>		<u>(696)</u>
Closing Balance:		<u>1,938</u>		<u>1,155</u>
Represented by:				
Bank Current Account		1,151		211
Cash in hand - Float		787		294
Legal Challenge Pledges held by FOSL		-		650
		<u>1,938</u>		<u>1,155</u>

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General.

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Community Library Partnership.

The CIO has also had email meetings with County level representatives of the CLP to ensure the CLP is providing a suitable Library service under the rules at the time.. Also the CIO has met Yeovil Library Staff in the Library vehicle.

Library Vehicle Issues.

Technical electrical issues were overcome though not without cost. Trustees were also involved with resolving other vehicle issues, keeping the area adjacent to the vehicle clear and installing anti-virus screens. For book issue, tables were put in place. A keysafe was fitted for volunteer cleaners and cleaning materials installed by the vehicle driver's door. A duplicate mains electrical setup was installed so the limited battery and inverter system was by-passed.

Virus:

The Library has bounced between closed to "Open for Click and collect books" Volunteers continued to clean the vehicle between each opening. Before opening in July 2020 the shelves, books and internal fittings were deep cleaned. A perspex screen was installed to separate Library staff from the public area.

Community Hub.

The CIO continued to work with the Parish Council on the Business Plan and on the internal layout of the proposed building.

Trustees.

This year we lost two CIO Trustees - dearly departed, and two others resigned.

Richard Jones 1 May 2021
CIO Trustee

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Date: 25th July 2021

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	<u>5.4.21</u>		<u>7.6.19 - 5.4.20</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Membership	-		-	
Library takings	96		278	
Donations	120		153	
Fund-raising	-		-	
		<u>216</u>		<u>431</u>
Expenditure:				
Printing & stationery	-		-	
Items for the library	142		131	
Insurance	654		727	
Repairs & renewals	116		178	
Travel & subsistence	-		57	
Mobile phone	-		25	
Advertising	-		-	
Hall & equipment hire	-		-	
Sundry expenses	-		-	
		<u>912</u>		<u>1,119</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<u>(696)</u>		<u>(688)</u>
Opening Balance @ 6 April 2020:		1,851		-
Plus: Capital Introduced - from Friends of Milborne Port Library		-		2,539
Less: Excess Expenditure over Income:		(696)		(688)
Closing Balance:		<u>1,155</u>		<u>1,851</u>
Represented by:				
Bank Current Account		211		981
Cash in hand - Float		294		220
Legal Challenge Pledges held by FOSL		650		650
		<u>1,155</u>		<u>1,851</u>