

Friends of Street Library Annual Report to 5th April 2021

The year began and ended with the library being 'Locked Down'.

However, thankfully some really good things happened during this strange and unpredictable time.

In June 2020 the Partnership Agreement was fully updated and implemented to include Friends of Street Library as a full partner. Our role is to support the library with resources, publicity and most importantly, by providing volunteers. There are two types of volunteers, those who are fully trained and volunteer for duties on a regular basis to ensure that the library is properly staffed, and those who volunteer on occasions to plan and organise special events such as family craft mornings, coffee mornings, and fund raising events. Both are equally important and we hope that both will continue as lockdown comes to an end.

The building work in the Library and Parish rooms was completed in November. This was a very exciting time as all the partners came together to make it happen. We now have a library fit for purpose with many exciting opportunities ahead. At present the library is operating a 'Click and Collect' service but we are hopeful of further developments soon. Staff had been working from home, and keeping in touch with all stakeholders, but are now back in the building.

During December, when the building was first completed, we had a short time of the library being open for customers albeit with Covid restrictions. Volunteers were part of this service and it was working well. As volunteer coordinator I gave training to them before they started and people were pleased to be back. Sadly this did not last for long but it gave a flavour of exciting times ahead.

During this year the Trustees of FoStL have been concerned about losing members because of the lack of activity. In order to ameliorate this we have continued to meet regularly by Zoom and recently we have held monthly meetings to keep everyone up to date and share our thoughts. These meetings have been encouraging, although we are clear that there is still more to do.

We are pleased that some of the reading groups have continued using technology and we would like to thank those members involved.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to brighter days, knowing that despite the pandemic we have managed to get the groundwork in place for our new library to thrive and go from strength to strength.

Claire Axten
Chair
Friends of Street Library

Friends of Street Library final accounts for the year 2020 - 2021

Income and expenditure for the period 6/4/2020 – 5/4/2021

Income		Expenditure	
Cash in bank (06/04/2020)		Prep. for new building	69.04
Current a/c	6436.13	Website costs	28.78
Cash in hand	144.12	Quiz prizes	10.00
Subs since 01/04/2020	95.00	Insurance 08/04/2020	150.83
Donations	50.00	Sundries	11.13
		Refreshment costs	0.00
		Cash in bank (05/04/2021)	
		Reserve a/c	0.00
		Current a/c	6332.48
		Cash in hand	122.99
Total	6725.25	Total	6725.25

Signed: Peter Fry (Treasurer)

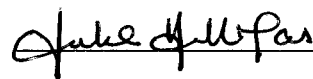


Date 7/4/2021

Independent examiner's report

I have examined the above accounts of the Friends of Street Library for the period 06/04/2020 until 05/04/2021 (the end of their normal accounting period) and compared them with the books and records of the charity. I confirm they are in accordance therewith and with the explanations given.

Julie Hillman



Date 07.04.21