

FELLING VOLUNTEER LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1185205

Details

Other names	FELLING COMMUNITY LIBRARY, FELLING LIBRARY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-09-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN FELLING AND SURROUNDING AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF A LIBRARY FACILITY AND SERVICE AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES. 2) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE INHABITANTS OF FELLING AND SURROUNDING AREAS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR ANY OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: We facilitate library services by providing a hub of activities for the public in general, mainly focusing on the immediate surrounding of The Felling. These include weekly Rhyme Time for preschoolers, computers with internet access help in looking for employment, applying for Universal Credit etc. Everything we do is centred on improving the local area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Gateshead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,507	£9,760	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,306	£7,722	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,340	£9,230	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,516	£1,374	-	-
2021-03-31	£23,602	£10,292	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Timothy Patrick Olliffe Wilson	Chair	2019-05-31
Benjamin Thomas Hume		2024-11-19
Fathima Suraiya Riyaz		2025-08-01

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Felling Volunteer Library Trustees' **Finance Report - 2024/2025** **Registered Charity Number: 1185205.**

Felling Volunteer Library (FVL) is a small CIO run independently of, but with material support from, Gateshead Council; we have been autonomous since July 2017.

This report supplements FVL's financial accounts and balances reports which will be submitted simultaneously to the CC webpage.

In outline, our library's focus for 2024/5 remained unchanged, with public footfall increasing over the course of the year, partly as our Social Media profile became more widespread – and as the result of our successful programme of activities (detailed more fully below).

Our challenge during the past year was the preparation and search for relevant sources of funding which, because of the (for us) relatively large amounts to cover our running costs (ca. £8.5k), were rigorous and of necessity, to larger funding bodies.

Towards the end of 2024 and into January '25 our colleagues were occupied in applications to the local Sir James Knott Trust and to the National Lottery Community Fund, to the tune of £7.5k and £20k respectively[Although it falls outside the purview of this year's report, it is worth noting that both our applications duly turned out successfully in Spring 2025, when we were awarded a total of £19,861 and £5K of which came from the Sir James Knott Trust].

FVL's future is therefore secure at least for the next two years, if current conditions and circumstances remain unchanged. As might be expected, the resulting morale boost for our volunteer colleagues has been tremendous.

Through 2024/5, FVL continued to operate on the basis of four days a week – Monday to Thursday, 10am. to 4pm. We continued to recruit new volunteer colleagues which is encouraging, in view of the fact that our staff turnover is minimal. Our library consolidated and expanded our activities, with a new weekly 'English for beginners' course in September 2024, and with the addition of a Diamond painting

session once a week, both of which proved popular. In addition a second 'Knit and Natter' group was planned for the spring of 2025.

FVL has held two seasonal fund-raising Fairs for the people of Felling, at Easter and Xmas '24, both of which netted the library more than £500 for non-ring-fenced spending.

The initiative mentioned in our previous report – the outreach to residents in the new 'halfway-house NHS/community care' scheme - has not developed because that scheme has, regrettably, been rather overwhelmed with demand and is currently looking at resolving those snags before engaging more widely with the community.

Meanwhile, our contact with and support from the North-East volunteer co-ordination and advice organisation, 'Connected Voice' burgeoned; individuals from Connected Voice were an asset in providing background advice in our funding applications.

The end of the financial year 2024/5 saw Felling Volunteer Library in good shape, hopeful of success in funding and with well-established and increasing, involvement with the local community of Felling.

Please note: that, while the FVL Trustees' report to the Charities Commission for the year previous to this - 2023/4 - had, in fact, been submitted **on time** (i.e.. before the deadline of 31.1.25), the description of that report being late (indeed 'submitted 3rd July 2025') was due to the fact that a correction to a detail in that report had to be made by the Trustees in July '25 - and the Charity Commission's rule is that any report which has subsequently been amended has to be marked down as having been submitted only at the date of that edited change. The same issue affected the FVL Trustees' report which was due on January 2023 to the extent that, while it had already been late (mitigating circumstances previously explained) is on record by the CC as having been 519 days overdue - the extra being caused by the later correction on 3rd July 2025 – in accordance with the CC's rules on how this affects the date of the report's submission.

We trust that this clarifies the lateness of FVL's two previous reports.

Tim Wilson,

Trustee and Chair to Felling Volunteer Library.

Felling Volunteer Library Unrestricted Income & Expenditure

Summary for year ending		31 March 2025	b/f	10125.89	
Month	Library Transactions	Other Unrestricted Income	Cash Expenses	Bank Expenses	Net Gain / Loss
April 2024	61.10	520.00	77.35	160.08	+343.67
May 2024	85.35	510.00	98.80	4428.31	-3931.76
June 2024	63.40	10.00	34.47	16.99	+21.94
July 2024	75.70	10.00	34.60	195.44	-144.34
August 2024	61.80	100.00	26.79	330.93	-195.92
September 2024	39.20	0.00	52.41	273.26	-286.47
October 2024	78.30	10.00	18.35	116.79	-46.84
November 2024	52.05	71.00	46.41	20.99	+55.65
December 2024	45.59	980.00	9.50	70.47	+945.62
January 2025	55.50	130.00	24.09	0.00	+161.41
February 2025	93.40	67.29	43.36	3938.58	-3821.25
March 2025	157.30	230.00	24.18	208.76	+154.36
Totals	868.69	2638.29	490.31	9760.60	-6743.93
Total Unrestricted Funds					3381.96
Current Year: Income					3506.98
Current Year: Expenditure					-10250.91
Current Year: Surplus or Deficit					-6743.93
ADD: Unrestricted Funds Brought Forward from Previous Year					10125.89
Total Unrestricted Reserves					3381.96
LESS: Designated Funds					8.12
Current Unrestricted Funds Available					3373.84

Felling Volunteer Library
Year Ending 31/03/25
Financial Position as of 31/03/25

Unrestricted funds as at 31/03/25

Brought forward from previous year	10125.89
Income from Library Transactions	735.00
Income from charity boxes/Tesco	133.69
Income from donations & Events	2638.29
Clare's Crafts trans from restricted	187.89
Less Extra Warm Spaces overspent	-8.12
Less Expenses	10250.91
Total Unrestricted Funds	3561.73

Restricted Funds as at 31.03.25 – Balances

Warm Spaces	(677.87) -140.76	537.11
Humanists	(500.00) -205.15	294.85
Knit & Natter	(383.17) - 89.77	293.40
English Group	(209.10) -208.76	0.34
Clare's Crafts	(193.84) – 5.95	187.89
Extra Warm Spaces Grant (500.00) -508.12		
Total		1313.59
Less Clare's Crafts trans from restricted		187.89
Closed fund Balances- Restricted Funds		1125.70

Current Assets/Liabilities

Bank Balance	4198.03
Cash Balance	131.79
Current Liabilities (Bills received not paid)	0.00
Current Liabilities (Outstanding Loans)	0.00
Total	4329.82
LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>1125.70</u>
	3204.12

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to the Charities Commission.
Registered Charity Number: 1185205.

Felling Volunteer Library (FVL) is a small CIO run independently of, but with material support from, Gateshead Council; we have been autonomous since July 2017.

The Charities Commission will now be receiving FVL's financial accounts covering the year 2023/2024, and this Report covers our activities for that specific period.

After the more challenging scenario of the previous year to March 2023, our Library continued to stabilise, build and consolidate during the current period to 31.3.24.

Accordingly, bolstering public awareness of FVL remained a concern throughout the period of the 2023/2024 financial year.

I have previously mentioned restoring our situation, footfall, etc., to a pre- COVID level of take-up, and this remains a continuing challenge for the library.

On the positive side, FVL's expenditure has been efficiently managed, so our financial position has been relatively strong. During 2023/2024 we have continued to subsist effectively on the back of the residue of savings made during our COVID lockdown-induced inactivity (but note: we are, as of January 2025, in the process of applications for funding of at least £7k, so as to be able to pay our Council re-charge in April 2025).

During the financial year 2023/2024 we have continued our operations on the basis of opening 4 days a week (Monday to Thursday, 10am-4pm), and this arrangement continues today, based at 'The Hub' in the centre of Felling, Gateshead.

Our volunteer staff turnover has been minimal during 2023/2024, and we benefit from the resulting sense of stability, which aids our continuity planning and the efficient running of the Library. We are a compact group of 15 volunteers which communicates well; every one of our colleagues knows what we are doing, being familiar with our welcoming, inclusive principles, ethos and practice.

We have retained our two prominent local patrons who are successful authors, and we generally receive the assistance of one as 'opener' of our events.

In the Summer holidays FVL participates in the Council-run scheme which encourages children to read a number of books, after which awards are given; 2023 continued the pattern.

Additionally, we now run a Wednesday morning Creative Crafts session for young children which has proved most popular; during the summer holidays it combines in partnership with the Council's Children's Services (also based at the Hub), when we often have more than fifteen children, plus Carers, present.

In the Council ward of Felling, one of the most deprived in the North East of England, FVL pride ourselves on reaching out to offer amenities to the general public in our community, a feature which will continue. From early February 2024, after due planning, we began an English language class which takes account of the increasing number of incoming refugees to the district naturally resulting in more ethnically diverse users of our Library facilities more generally. As the end of the financial year 2023/2024 loomed, the class quickly established itself with around 12 attenders at each weekly session.

One new FVL initiative is a planned outreach venture to draw in residents of a Hospital/community care halfway house, close to the Library patients who are intending to move back home after treatment. We hope to advertise our facilities to such individuals, and/or to take books up to the Centre, for them to borrow.

The Library continues to be a partner in Gateshead Council's 'Warm Spaces' initiative, a supportive and welcoming feature, which has average regular footfall of about thirty users a month.

Originally inspired by the 'Warm Spaces' undertaking, FVL's weekly 'Knit & Natter' group continues to build upon its success, attracting an average of twelve to fourteen men and women of all ages and diversity. Knitted products from the group have been donated to a local hospital (and were for sale as fund-raisers at the 2023 'Xmas Fayre').

Christmas 2023 saw our Annual seasonal Fayre nett FVL circa. £780+ (see our accounts); at the successful May 2023 Spring Fayre, we had amassed a reassuring £760.

I have previously reported how, after our previous Treasurer left the post without our having a planned and orderly succession, FVL encountered a number of organisational challenges.

Under the oversight, particularly of our present Treasurer, Mrs. Lavender, the Trustees are (as I write, in November 2024) familiar with the requisite procedure for rendering Accounts and reports to the Charities Commission, on which we have been 'on fast catch-up' since then - (and in particular, during 2024). The matter is doubly urgent for us, since we wish to be compliant with the Commission's regulations in order to be able to apply for our next funding brief (of up to £10k) in the immediate future

Please let me know timwilson300@gmail.com if you require more information.

Once again, I have found your telephone operatives to be immensely helpful on the two occasions very recently, when I have contacted them for advice on required compliance.

Kind regards,

Tim Wilson,

Trustee and Chair

Felling Volunteer Library.

Felling Volunteer Library
Year Ending 31/03/24
Financial Position as of 31/03/24

Unrestricted funds as at 31/03/24

Brought forward from previous year	10,331.55
Income from Library Txns	691.89
Income from charity boxes/Tesco	73.55
Income from donations & Events	1,540.98
Cost of living trans from restricted	2,605.00
Less expenses	7,721.98

Total Unrestricted Funds	7,520.99
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Restricted Funds as at 31.03.24 – Balances

Warm Spaces (843.26) –165.39	677.87
Xmas 2023 (500.00) -474.60	25.40
Cost of living (2,605.00) Trans to Unrestricted	2,605.00
Clare's Crafts (320.01) -126.17	193.84
Knit & Natter (500.00) - 116.83	383.17
Closed fund Balances	-2,605.00

Restricted Funds	1,280.28
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Current Assets/Liabilities

Bank Balance	10,125.89
Cash Balance	160.06
Current Liabilities (Bills received not paid)	0.00
Current Liabilities (Outstanding Loans)	0.00

10285.95

LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS

1280.28
9,005.67

Felling Volunteer Library Unrestricted Income & Expenditure

Summary for year ending 31 March 2024 b/f 10331.55

Month	Library Transactions	Other Unrestricted Income	Expenses	Net Gain / Loss
April	43.20	15.70	32.68	+26.22
May	20.70	349.37	2081.22	-1711.15
June	43.40	22.43	49.69	+16.14
July	49.50	13.83	85.60	-22.27
August	41.50	19.78	131.07	-69.79
September	76.70	56.02	201.49	-68.77
October	67.35	112.56	144.12	+35.79
November	94.05	12.00	278.88	-172.83
December	65.30	130.60	731.20	-535.30
January	37.69	700.00	3678.26	-2940.57
February	58.40	154.00	39.18	+173.22
March	94.10	28.00	268.59	-146.49
Totals	691.89	1614.29	7721.98	-5415.80

Total Unrestricted Funds 4915.75

Current Year: Income 2306.18

Current Year: Expenditure -7721.98

Current Year: Surplus or Deficit -5415.80

ADD: Unrestricted Funds Brought Forward from Previous Year 10331.58

Total Unrestricted Reserves 4915.75

LESS: Designated Funds 0.00

Current Unrestricted Funds Available 4915.75

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The Charities Commission has already received FVL's Annual Return from the year 2022/3, and this Report covers our activities for that specific period.

April 2022 to March 2023 was a challenging time for the Library; we had effectively been closed down from March the previous year until October 2021 when the building was requisitioned as a COVID Vaccination Centre.

During that time, one of our four 'public use' PCs was removed and re-purposed by the Council, and footfall and therefore usage of our facilities by the public had been reduced to zero.

Accordingly, re-building public awareness of FVL was our chief concern throughout the period of the 2022/2023 financial year.

As with many public amenities, restoring matters to a pre-COVID level of take-up has been and remains a continuing challenge for the library.

On the positive side, expenditure had been minimal, and so our financial position was relatively strong; we are effectively still existing on the back of the residue of those 'savings' (but we are now in the position of needing funding of circa. £10k, so as to be able to pay our Council re-charge in April 2025).

In October 2021 we had re-started operations on a slightly reduced basis of opening 4 days a week (Monday to Thursday, 10am-4pm), and this arrangement continues today.

A couple of our volunteers had dropped out from the Library during COVID, but we were soon recruiting, and quickly planning our Christmas Fayre '21 - and then almost immediately preparing for our Spring Fayre 2022, both of which were huge financial successes.

We have two prominent local patrons who are successful authors, and we generally receive the assistance of one as 'opener' of our events.

In the Summer holidays FVL participates in the Council-run scheme which encourages children to read a number of books, after which awards are given; 2022 was no exception.

In addition, that year, FVL had presented Falla Park, one of our local Primary Schools, with bags of donated books for the pupils and their families; in the Council ward of Felling, one of the most deprived in the North East of England, FVL pride ourselves in reaching out to offer amenities to the general public, a feature which continues today.

In late 2022, our Library joined Gateshead Council's 'Warm Spaces' initiative, a supportive and welcoming feature which quickly became popular with our users.

At the same time, late in 2022 and coordinated with the 'Warm Spaces' undertaking, FVL inaugurated a weekly 'Knit & Natter' group which was an instant success, attracting an average of twelve to fourteen men and women of all ages and diversity. This continues today.

Christmas 2022 saw our Annual seasonal Fayre nett FVL over £700 (see our accounts), and at the end of the financial year, March 2023, we were planning the May Spring Fayre, once more.

In March 2023 our previous Treasurer left the post suddenly, and, lacking a planned succession procedure, FVL encountered a number of organisational challenges, with our new Treasurer, Mrs K. Lavender taking up the reins from cold, without prior knowledge concerning precise detail of her remit. Suffice to say she has grown into her post commendably quickly.

Trustees' familiarity with and experience of the requisite procedure for rendering Accounts and reports to the Charities Commission, was also quickly learned and we have been 'on catch-up' since then. The matter is important for us, since we need to be compliant with the Commission's regulations in order to be able to apply for our next funding brief (of circa. £10k) in the immediate future.

I trust that this explains the regrettable delay in FVL's submission of accounts and report, and I trust that you will find our report acceptable; please let me know (timwilson300@googlemail.com) if you require more information. In the interim, I have found your telephone operatives to be immensely helpful on the two occasions very recently, when I have contacted them for advice on required compliance.

Kind regards,

Tim Wilson,
Trustee and Secretary
to
Felling Volunteer Library.

Felling Volunteer Library

Year ending 31/03/2023

Financial Position as at 10 Mar 2023

Unrestricted Funds as at 10 Mar 2023

Brought Forward from Previous Year	17,221.41	
Income from Library Transactions	794.15	
Income from Donations and Events	1,546.40	
Adjustment to xfr from Restricted to Unrestricted	8.75	
LESS: Expenses	9,230.41	note 1
LESS: Designated Funds	6.05	note 2
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	10,334.25	

Forecasts Year ending 31/03/2023

Income from Library Transactions (actual+forecast)	814.15	
Income from Donations and Events	0.00	
Expenses: General (Paper, Milk, Tea, Coffee)	70.00	
Expenses: Examination of Accounts	0.00	
Expenses: Service Charge Due November 2023	0.00	
Expenses: Service Charge Due May 2023	1,091.52	note 3

Forecast Position as at 31/03/2023 9,986.88

Restricted Funds - Balances as at 10 Mar 2023

Warm Spaces	843.26
Xmas 2022	0.00
Cost of Living	2,605.00
Clare's Crafts	320.01
Closed Funds Balances	8.75
Adjustment to xfr Closed Balances from R to U	-8.75
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	3,768.27

Designated Funds - Balances as at 10 Mar 2023

Rhyme Time Fund	6.05	note 2
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Current Assets/Liabilities

Bank Balance	14,077.91
Cash Balance	30.66
Current Liabilities (bills recvd but not paid)	0.00
Current Liabilities (outstanding loans)	0.00
LESS: Restricted Funds	3,768.27

Net Current Assets 10,340.30

note 1 - Inc Service Charges £2,055.83 (Sept 21 to Mar 22) and £5,908.48 (April 22 to Dec 22)

note 2 - Our own funds (not restricted) allocated to specific projects, e.g. Rhyme Time

note 3 - Saving of £4,908.48 on previous forecast as a result of successful negotiation

Felling Volunteer Library Unrestricted Income & Expenditure

Summary for year ending

31 March 2023

b/f 17,221.41

Month	Library Transactions	Other Unrestricted Income	Expenses	Net Gain / Loss
April	95.50	553.59	49.16	599.93
May	64.05	20.91	19.96	65.00
June	87.56	76.90	2,239.25	-2,074.79
July	85.34	10.00	48.23	47.11
August	128.50	10.00	22.50	116.00
September	87.30	23.00	51.81	58.49
October	66.30	10.00	26.60	49.70
November	87.10	76.96	69.20	94.86
December	38.60	707.98	476.00	270.58
January	37.80	31.00	219.79	-150.99
February	13.60	16.06	79.43	-49.77
March	2.50	10.00	5,928.48	-5,915.98
Totals	794.15	1,546.40	9,230.41	-6,889.86

Total Unrestricted Funds 10,331.55

Current Year: Income 2,340.55

Current Year: Expenditure 9,230.41

Current Year: Surplus or Deficit -6,889.86

ADD: Unrestricted Funds Brought Forward from Previous Year 17,221.41

Total Unrestricted Reserves 10,331.55

LESS: Designated Funds 6.05

Current Unrestricted Funds Available 10,325.50

Notes

Expenses in December include Donation of £200 to TFFN & Fiddlers Xmas Meal Balance & Tip £236

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APRIL 2021 - MARCH 2022

Felling Library reopened in September, after an extended closure due to Covid which saw Felling Hub commandeered as a vaccination centre by the NHS.

Trustees and Volunteers had continued to meet regularly via Zoom meetings and this proved successful in maintaining a sense of belonging to the Library and put us in good stead for planning our reopening in October 2021.

Initially, we were only allowed to open 3 days per week as the NHS continued their vital work. This was then extended to four days, with the vaccination work taking place on the remaining day.

Since reopening, we have continued to work hard and continued to re-establish our presence in the Community and reconnect with users new and old, as well as build new community links.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

To advance the education of the public in Felling and surrounding areas by the provision of a library facility and service and other educational community resources and activities.

To further or benefit the inhabitants of Felling and surrounding areas without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or any other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

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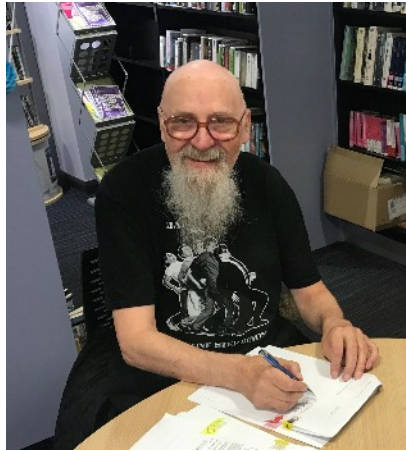
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Chair Introduction to the Report



Following the end of Covid lockdown we were able to re-open Felling Volunteer Library in October 2021 with slightly shorter hours than pre-Covid lockdown. This was due to a slight haemorrhage of volunteers during closure though we did retain most our core people.

Since re-opening we have slowly rebuilt the service. The volunteer base has slowly improved though more recruits would enable us to re-

turn to a 5-day opening rather than the current 4 days.

Book loans have returned to 95% of pre-Covid figures – note: pre-Covid figures are based on 36 hrs a week opening while post-Covid figures are based on 24 hrs opening, so in fact a rise on pre-Covid loans - and computer use continues to be a popular service.

Rhyme Time goes from strength to strength every Tuesday.

As noted in previous Annual Reports, Felling ward is the most deprived ward in Gateshead. Consequently, we continue to provide all services free at the point of use, relying instead on funding from various sources to provide them.

The future of Felling Volunteer library, though challenging, appears to be positive. We are aware that there will be difficult times ahead, especially around the cost of living and rapidly increasing outgoings, but we believe that we have the team in place to overcome any difficulties.

Dave G Fawcett

Chair. Felling Volunteer Library



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The Trustees of Felling Volunteer Library operate under a Constitution approved by The Charities Commission and a copy of which is available on our website to read and download.

The Library operates under a Service Agreement and Lease with Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council.

The NHS commissioned our building as a Covid Vaccination Centre in December, 2020.

We now open the Library on a part time basis, from Monday to Thursday, whilst the NHS continues it's vital work for the remainder of the week.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees continued to hold Trustee and Volunteer Meetings on a monthly basis via Zoom conferencing, and recommenced face to face meetings in October 2021 when we reopened.

Minutes of all Meetings are emailed to each Volunteer.

The Trustees held an Annual General Meeting on 10th November 2021 for the relevant reporting period of this Report. Elections were held at the AGM for Trustee positions and Support roles.

All Volunteers and Trustees were sent copies via email or received a hard copy.

We continued our efforts to find new Volunteers during Covid and on reopening, and we delighted to welcome five new people to the Library team. Their experience and skills have been much appreciated, and add to the existing wealth of knowledge which all Volunteers kindly bring to the Library, to assist it and our visitors.

Felling High Street Hub

Welcome to
Felling Children's Centre

SureStart

Felling Library



Sadly, our lovely new Library sign - shown above - had to be covered over by vaccination centre signage.

We have now obtained a display board for outside the building so that visitors will know we are open once again to welcome all users, new and old!

Chair: David G Fawcett

Secretary: Timothy Wilson

Treasurer: Angela Knox

Vice Chair: Martin McKeever

Support

Health & Safety

Steve Russell
(previously D. Oxberry)

Safeguarding Lead

Megan Elliott
(previously S. Millen)

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Although Felling Library had only reopened in October 2021, we were determined to hold our popular Christmas Fair once more, which has always been welcomed and well attended by Felling residents.

We were very aware that social distancing was still prevalent and with this in mind, our Santa Grotto was by appointment only. We didn't want any child though to miss out on their free book and selection box, so we set up an Elfie Collection Point; visitors could simply collect their free gifts from Elfie and leave if they wished without the need to stay any longer than they wanted to or felt safe doing.

Similarly, for our children's Craft Table we had made up kits to take home and

our Refreshments Stall offered goodies to take out in food bags and disposable cups. All of this was made possible by a Grant from the Local Community Fund and to whom we thank for their continued support.

As the weather improved we began to promote the reopening of the Library by leaving gift books in and around the Felling and its surrounding areas. We gifted over 60 brand new books, and were delighted to see Facebook posts from those who had found them.



Our Spring Fair was held in April 2021 and was very well attended with a record number of visitors to our Fair.

The removal of many existing Covid restrictions showed that people were now more willing to attend Events, and we were happy to welcome them all for a celebration of what is, after all, a rebirth of new growth and new life.



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It is with their dedication and hard work the Library has continued to thrive and grow in Felling.

The Trustees hold monthly meetings with all Volunteers to discuss both Policy and Procedures as well as encouraging new ideas for the improvement and development of the Library.

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The Trustees regularly review Health & Safety and Safeguarding documents and the continued training of new and existing Volunteers.

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Since reopening in October 2021 we have welcomed five new Volunteers, but more are needed to ensure the Library operates without interruption of Service.

Some of our existing Volunteers are only able to help at weekly activities; consequently, cover for holiday periods and the opportunity to open once again for 5 days continue to cry out for those extra Volunteers to ensure full operation of Library services.

We hope to find them soon!

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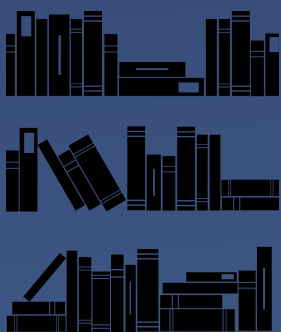
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We raise funds for Felling Library through funding applications, donations, Amazon Smile programme, book sales and Events.

We currently hold a Lease with Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council for our part of The Felling Hub building, which we occupy with other Services.

These running costs are the Library's largest expense, were around £10,000 per year. However, the Cost of Living Crisis has seen a sharp increase to around £16000.

Covid Restrictions made Fundraising via our usual channels not possible during our closure and, as Felling Library shared premises with other Services, we were excluded from applying from the initial financial help offered to businesses affected by Covid.

Similarly, our Fundraising Team was unable to apply for Grants and funding during closure for future running costs as we had no indication of when - if ever -

we would be given access to our building once more.

After a long 18 months, we finally took up residence once more in October 2021.

We were fortunate enough to be allowed to re purpose unused Grant money which allowed us to buy a pavement sign for the Library and to print leaflets to promote our reopening.

Our first Christmas Fair was possible due to a grant from the Local Community Fund for which we were grateful.

The money raised from the Fair enabled us to keep Rhymetime free from cost and to continue to offer free refreshments those attend.

Felling Library is mindful that we are situated in an area of deprivation, and we strive to keep as many of our weekly activities free from charge. FVL strongly believe that poverty should not be an exclusion from social activities.

“(The Children) love visiting the Library and everyone is so kind!”



WHAT FVL OFFERS...

RhymeTime is free so that it can be accessible to all.

PC usage is free for all Library Members.

Our printing, photocopying, lamination and book sale prices are low and affordable.

Our Santa Grotto is also free & all our Holiday Activities for children are free.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANKS GO TO...

FOR HELP AND ADVICE

- Gateshead Library Services
- Connected Voice
- Garry Stamp, Community Engagement
- Rachel Ridley, Head of Library Services
- Happy Pig Web Hosting

FOR FUNDING

- Akzo Nobel at Community Foundation Serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland
- Gateshead Council Local Community Fund

FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN

Special Thanks of course to all of our Volunteers who continue to devote not only their time and efforts in maintaining Library Services for the Felling Community, but also for helping with Events.



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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does.

— Margaret Mead



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Registered Charity No. 1185205

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Charity Name: Felling Volunteer Library

Charity No: 1185205

Registered Office:
58 High Street
Felling
Gateshead
Tyne and Wear
NE10 9LT

Trustees:

David Gilson Fawcett (Chair)

Timothy Patrick Olliffe Wilson (Secretary)

Angela Knox (Treasurer)

Martin Joseph McKeever

Independent Examiner:

Darren Thompson
FutureSkills North East CIC
44 Witton Drive
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Bankers:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Trustees	Felling Volunteer Library
Charity No	1185205
On the accounts for period ended	31 March 2022
Set out on pages	5-7

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner:

The Trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2001 Act.
follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement:

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounts do not accord with such records; or
the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.

Darren Thompson

FutureSkills North East CIC
44 Witton Drive
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Date: 14/1/2023

Felling Volunteer Library

Receipts and Payments Account

1st April 2021 - 31 March 2022

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Library Takings		-	197.00	197.00	28.00
Event income		-	541.00	541.00	-
Donations		-	381.00	381.00	2,523.00
Grants	3	397.00	-	397.00	21,051.00
Total Receipts		397.00	1,119.00	1,516.00	23,602.00
Payments					
Library & Community Events		500.00	60.00	560.00	-
GMBC Service Charges		-	-	-	9,931.00
Marketing & Promotion		-	-	-	198.00
Administration costs		303.00	336.00	639.00	13.00
Accountancy fee		-	175.00	175.00	150.00
Total payments		803.00	571.00	1,374.00	10,292.00
Surplus/Deficit for the period		(406.00)	548.00	142.00	13,310.00
Funds brought forward 31st March 2021		638.00	16,708.00	17,346.00	4,036.00
Funds carried forward 31st March 2022		232.00	17,256.00	17,488.00	17,346.00

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31 March 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
Current assets:			
Cash at bank and in hand		17,488.00	17,346.00
Total current assets:		17,488.00	17,346.00
Current liabilities:			
GMBC		-	-
Total current liabilities:			
Net assets:		17,488.00	17,346.00
Represented by:			
Restricted reserves	4	232.00	638.00
Unrestricted reserves	5	17,256.00	16,708.00
Total funds:		17,488.00	17,346.00

The financial statements were approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signed:  Position: TREASURER

Felling Volunteer Library

Notes to the accounts as at 31 March 2022

1	Felling Volunteer Library is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity No.1185205 registered on 6 th September 2019. The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees. The organisation has no paid staff.
2	The accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.
3	This includes: £397.00 – Gateshead Council.
4	Restricted reserves are funds that have been given to the charity for a specific purpose and therefore can only be spent on designated activity.
5	Unrestricted reserves are money available to the charity.

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APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021

Felling Library, along with all other libraries in the country, closed due to Covid restrictions in March 2020.

Our planned Events for the Spring and Summer were no longer possible and it was with great regret that these could not go ahead.

Trustees and Volunteers continued to meet regularly via Zoom meetings and we saw this as important to maintain a sense of belonging to the Library and also reduce the remoteness which was now thrust upon us, as it was for the entire nation.

The vaccination roll out saw our building commandeered by the NHS in December 2020. This vital work also resulted in our being unable to take up residence again until October 2021 - far longer than any of us had anticipated, and also on a shared basis with the Library opening only 3 days per week.

Since reopening, we continue to work hard to re-establish our presence in the Community and reconnect with users new and old, and build new community links.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

To advance the education of the public in Felling and surrounding areas by the provision of a library facility and service and other educational community resources and activities.

To further or benefit the inhabitants of Felling and surrounding areas without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or any other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

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Chair Introduction to the Report

This last year has been exceptionally challenging due to Covid 19 and the disruption caused by lockdown. The library has been closed since March 2020, remaining closed during the summer easing of restrictions. Some of our sister volunteer libraries were able to reopen at various points under the 'ring and read' policy operated by Gateshead Library Services but as has been noted in previous years, book-lending, while important, is not the major factor in the provision of services at Felling. As a service provider in the most deprived ward in Gateshead, internet services and computer access, printing and social contact are the priorities of many of our service users.

In December 2020 the NHS commandeered the Felling Community Hub, including the library for use as a Covid vaccination Centre. As a result of this the library volunteer group were unable to gain access to the building until the beginning of October 2021.

During our enforced closure, we were able to maintain our core volunteer base using WhatsApp and Zoom. Most of our original volunteers are still with us.

In September we commenced negotiations with the two surgeries operating the vaccination centre and we were able to reach agreement involving shared use of the building. As a result, the library now opens on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday while the vaccination centre operates on Thursday and Friday. We hope to return to our usual five day week when possible.

One positive result of lockdown was the receipt of Covid Business Relief grants which has considerably boosted our funds (see annual financial report).

The Trustees have always recognised that we would have to start again from scratch once we were able to reopen. This will be a long-term process, but we have made a promising start. Extensive advertising is being undertaken through Facebook, Leafletting and Posters and users are beginning to return. We are also actively undertaking to recruit new volunteers and as they join us, we will be able to open for full days rather than the 4 hours a day we are currently restricted to. We will be able to judge progress better by the end of the year.

In conclusion I would like to record my thanks to the other trustees and the volunteers for their work during this difficult period, and for their continued commitment to Felling Volunteer Library. I would also like to thank Stephen Walters (Gateshead Library Services) for his support, advice, and commitment to Felling Volunteer Library over the last five years. We wish him all the best on his retirement.

Dave G Fawcett
Chair. Felling Volunteer Library

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The Trustees of Felling Volunteer Library operate under a Constitution approved by The Charities Commission and a copy of which is available on our website to read and download.

The Library operates under a Service Agreement and Lease with Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council.

The NHS commissioned our building as a Covid Vaccination Centre in December, 2020.

We were allowed to reopen the Library on a part time basis, from Monday to Wednesday whilst the NHS continues it's vital work for the remainder of the week.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees have continued to hold Trustee and Volunteer Meetings on a monthly basis via Zoom conferencing. Minutes of all Meetings are emailed to each Volunteer.

The Trustees held an Annual General Meeting via Zoom on 13th November 2019 for the relevant reporting period of this Report. Elections were held at the AGM.

All Volunteers and Trustees were sent copies via email or received a hard copy.

The Trustees also continued to communicate via a WhatsApp Group for both Volunteers and Trustees. This allows all members to be updated quickly about news regarding the Library whilst also maintain social links with each other. Volunteers are also able to contact any Trustees easily and quickly.



Sadly, our lovely new Library sign - shown above - had to be covered over by vaccination centre signage.

We have now obtained a display board for outside the building so that visitors will know we are open once again to welcome all users, new and old!

Chair: David G Fawcett

Secretary: Timothy Wilson

Treasurer: Angela Knox

Vice Chair: Martin McKeever

Support

Health & Safety

David Oxberry

Safeguarding Lead

Stephen Millen

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We were fortunate to hold World Book Day just prior to the Library being forced to close due to Covid restrictions, but we also had to cancel Events we had planned for the year ahead.



Our Spring Fair Event was well in hand. We donated our bought treats to Felling Food Bank so that local children would not lose out on the free Easter snacks we had bought them.

Cllr Sonia Dickie sent us a card of thanks for our contribution.

Other Events we had scheduled were VE Day with Felling Heritage Group, Volunteer Week and a host of Summer Crafts for our younger visitors.

We had also planned to take part, for the first time, in World Book Night and our Patron Elaine Cusack had kindly helped us by inviting local writers and musicians to take part.



We had also been successful in applying for books from The Reading Agency to hand out on the Night. The books we received have been offered to local reading groups and given out as gifts to our visitors.

We were also fortunate to receive books and treats as part of the Costa Gift-a-Book campaign. Each pack contained a child and grown up book as well as sweet treats.

As we could not hand these out at the Library, we delivered the packs to three local schools and donated the treats from spare packs to Felling Food Bank.



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Some of our existing Volunteers still need to shield due to health issues or are supporting those who need to shield. We wish all of them well and we maintain regular contact with them via email and WhatsApp.

We look forward to seeing them again when circumstances allow.

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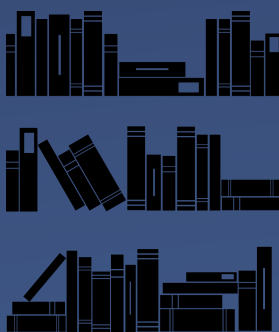
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We were unable to fundraise or hold activities this financial year, but were fortunate to receive a donation from The Foresters Friendly Society.

We also received monies from the Amazon Smile programme and our share of the disposal of funds from Ryton Library.

We currently have a Lease with Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council for our part of The Felling Hub building, which we occupy with other Services.

These running costs are the Library's largest expense, at around £10,000 per year.

Covid Restrictions made Fundraising via our usual channels not possible and added difficulty in seeking funding, whilst we remained unable to occupy the building and provide Library Services.

Our Fundraising Team was unable to apply for Grants and funding during this time for future running costs as we had no indication of when - if ever - we would be given access to our building once more.

The NHS agreed to allow us occupy the building on a part time basis of three days per week, whilst the vaccination centre operates the latter half of the week.

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Felling Volunteer Library

Registered Charity No. 1185205

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Trustees	Felling Volunteer Library
Charity No	1185205
On the accounts for period ended	31 March 2021
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Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner:

The Trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2001 Act.
- ☐ follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement:

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ☐ the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- ☐ the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- ☐ the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.

Darren Thompson
FutureSkills North East CIC
44 Witton Drive
Spennymoor
Co. Durham DL16 6LU

Date: 23rd January 2022

Felling Volunteer Library

Receipts and Payments Account

1st April 2020 - 31 March 2021

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Library Takings	3	-	28.00	28.00	1,566.00
Event income		-	-	-	2,465.00
Donations	4	-	2,523.00	2,523.00	-
Grants	5	-	21,051.00	21,051.00	-
Total Receipts		-	23,602.00	23,602.00	4,031.00
Payments					
Library & Community Events		-	-	-	1,114.00
GMBC Service Charges		-	9,931.00	9,931.00	-
Marketing & Promotion		198.00	-	198.00	-
Administration costs		-	13.00	13.00	-
Accountancy fee		-	150.00	150.00	-
Total payments		198.00	10,094.00	10,292.00	1,114.00
Surplus/Deficit for the period		(198.00)	13,508.00	13,310.00	2,917.00
Funds brought forward		836.00	3,200.00	4,036.00	1,119.00
Funds carried forward 31st March 2021		638.00	16,708.00	17,346.00	4,036.00

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 31 March 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Current assets:			
Cash at bank and in hand		17,346.00	4,036.00
Total current assets:		17,346.00	4,036.00
Current liabilities:			
GMBC		-	40.00
Total current liabilities:			
Net assets:		17,346.00	3,996.00
Represented by:			
Restricted reserves	6	638.00	796.00
Unrestricted reserves	7	16,708.00	3,200.00
Total funds:		17,346.00	3,996.00

The financial statements were approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signed:



Position: Chair

Signed:



Position: Treasurer

Felling Volunteer Library

Notes to the accounts as at 31 March 2021

1	Felling Volunteer Library is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity No.1185205 registered on 6 th September 2019. The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees. The organisation has no paid staff.
2	The accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.
3	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the library has been closed for the period and therefore income from library takings and events have been affected this year. This balance includes monies used as a cash float set up out of library takings when the volunteer library was originally set up.
4	This includes: □ £400.00 – Forester's donation. □ £21.00 – Amazon Smile. □ £2,102.00 – Ryton Library (disposal of funds).
5	This includes: □ £11,051.00 - GMBC COVID-19 support grants. □ £10,000.00 – Community Foundation Tyne and Wear (Thrive).
6	Restricted reserves are funds that have been given to the charity for a specific purpose and therefore can only be spent on designated activity.
7	Unrestricted reserves are money available to the charity.