

PLYMOUTH PROPRIETARY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

President's Report for 2023

2023 saw a steady increase in member numbers as the range and regularity of activities at the PPL increased. The number of talks doubled to two a month, and a new writing group was formed. New initiatives included book launches from the University of Plymouth's English Literature and Creative Writing Department, whilst plays on homelessness and the women's peace movement were performed by Script-in-Hand theatre.

The PPL regularly received book donations from various sources. Alongside purchases, these ensured a steady development of the library collection whilst unwanted items were sold to generate income. The PPL secured £250 from the Plymouth Octopus Project (POP), an organisation that supports grassroots, charities, and social enterprises. This money went to preserving our archives and rare book collection. A further £200 came in the form of a Community Grant from Plymouth City Council which provided publicity material for the library. Finally, a very generous £1,250 from the Devon Freemasons was given to the PPL to support running costs.

The PPL continued to reach out to the local community and had a presence at various events including a stall selling books and craft items at the summer and Christmas fairs at Stoke Damerel church. There was a stall with promotional material at local studies day held at the University of Plymouth, and also at the Plymouth community history festival held at The Box. As a result of a collaboration with the PPL, The Box had a display on the origins of our library with drawings of the original building by the architect John Foulston. These were displayed in their active archives area for over six months.

The year ended with a medieval Christmas feast at the PPL, where thanks must go to our dedicated volunteers who provided high quality hot food for 30 guests despite very limited catering facilities. Their work and support throughout the year both inside and in the garden is testament to their devoted support of the PPL.

Fr Gregory Carpenter
(President PPL Association)

Charity Name PLYMOUTH PROPRIETARY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	No (if any)
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	to	Period end date 31/12/2023
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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					
Donations & other Voluntary Income/written off	£3,098.00	-	-	£3,098.00	£1,299.00
Rental Income	£8,058.00	-	-	£8,058.00	£6,939.00
Investment Income & interest	£1,800.00	-	-	£1,800.00	£1,800.00
Activities re Generating Funds & Fund	£1,420.00	-	-	£1,420.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous revenue	£11,543.00	-	-	£11,543.00	£0.00
Inland Revenue rebate		-	-	£0.00	£0.00
Membership Subscriptions	£4,337.00	-	-	£4,337.00	£3,682.00
Lectures, Excursions & Open Days	£597.00	-	-	£597.00	£1,208.00
Bank error in our favour		-	-		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£30,853	-	-	£30,853	£14,928
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of Investments	£4,580.00	-	-	£4,580.00	£14,500.00
		-	-	£0.00	-
Sub total	£4,580	-	-	£4,580	£14,500
Total receipts	£35,433	£0	£0	£35,433	£29,428
A3 Payments					
Previously property repairs		-	-	£0	£0
Event Expenses	£21.00	-	-	£21	£388
Provision of Library Facilities	£10,701.00	-	-	£10,701	£6,359
Property Repairs	£165.00	-	-	£165	£1,146
Purchase & Repair of Books	£512.00	-	-	£512	£281
Newspaper & Magazines purchases		-	-	£0	£0
Office Supplies	£817.00	-	-	£817	£993
Sundry Costs	£11,319.00	-	-	£11,319	£1,111
Professional Costs	£494.00	-	-	£494	£5,114
AGM Costs	£12,286.00	-	-	£12,286	£12,924
Sub total	£36,315	-	-	£36,315	£28,316
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase building		-	-		0
		-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	£36,315	-	-	36,315	£28,316
Net of receipts/(payments)	-883	-	-	- 882	£1,112
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3132	-	-	3,132	£2,020
Cash funds this year end	2249	-	-	2,250	£3,132

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 Accounts	£2,231	-	-
	Owed to Treasurer	-	-	-
	Petty Cash	18	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,249	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

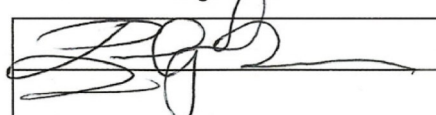
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Library building	180,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	HAWKSMOOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AS AT 31/12/23	Unrestricted	-	56,746
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Books & Documents	Unrestricted	-	180,000
	Other Contents	Unrestricted	-	30,000
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P. SMERDON	18/10/24

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PLYMOUTH PROPRIETARY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report on the attached accounts of the Plymouth Proprietary Library for the year ended 31 December 2023, in respect of an examination carried out under Section 145, Charities Act 2011 ["the Act 2011"].

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b)) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of 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 examiner's 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 accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- * the accounts did accord with the accounting records; or
- * the accounts did comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Natalia Ferreras Luz Carpenter

15.10.24

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