

PLYMOUTH PROPRIETARY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

President's Report for 2024

The PPL offered a wide range of events during 2024. The library hosted nineteen talks, two plays and two poetry evenings (one of which was part of the Plymouth Poetry Festival). One of these talks was during Heritage Open Days when a selection of treasures from the collection went on display for both members and non-members to view.

The PPL had two significant donations in 2024. 'A Prophecy of Perillous [sic] Times' by Rev. Thomas Willes (1656) was kindly donated by a local historian. Later in the year we received 'The Spirit of Dartmoor Tin', a lavishly illustrated photo-essay book on Dartmoor with a tin stannary seal embedded in the cover. This was given to us by the author despite costing £3000.

The PPL received £250 from POP (Plymouth Octopus) for non-buffered tissue for wrapping items before placing them in archive boxes. The money was also used to produce jacket covers to protect books both old and new. A new volunteer, Dr Emma Barrett-Brown, made a full inventory of the archival boxes containing rare books and PPL archives. Details on these are now on the PPL website.

Sandra Greenhalgh was made an honorary member of the PPL in 2024 in recognition of all her work for the library over many years, not least her time spent finding and securing our current premises. Laura Horton, Judy Leigh and Chris Robinson were all made patrons in 2024. Details about them appear on the PPL website which was given a revamp in 2024.

The PPL continued to rely on the generosity of volunteers and trustees in terms of their time and commitment. This ensured the library developed with respect to member numbers and the range of events and activities on offer.

Peter Howarth

(President PPL Association)

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	£3,250	-	-
	Owed to Treasurer	-	-	-
	Petty Cash	1	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	3,251	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Library building	150,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	RAWKINSMOOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AS AT 31/12/24	Unrestricted	-	54,376
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Books & Documents	Unrestricted	-	150,000
	Other Contents	Unrestricted	-	50,000
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>[Signature]</i>	SWAN BARRETT	26-6-2025
	ROBERT TURNER	21/6/25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PLYMOUTH PROPRIETARY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the attached accounts of the Plymouth Proprietary Library for the year ended 31 December 2024 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

04.06.25

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