

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTH PETHERTON LIBRARY (FOSPL)

England & Wales · Charity number 1186429

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-11-19

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A LIBRARY IN SOUTH PETHERTON AND A LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE TOWN AND SURROUNDING AREA.2. TO PROMOTE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH PETHERTON 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 FOR SAID RESIDENTS.

Activities: Pursuit of a larger, permanent home for the Community Library through leadership and membership of the Community Hub Project Group.Delivery of a Library website linked to Libraries West, providing book reviews, stock catalogue and ordering.Purchase of recently published books to enhance the local stock for exclusive use of local residents.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£6,183	£4,941	-	-
2024-10-31	£2,729	£2,699	-	-
2023-10-31	£2,508	£1,947	-	-
2022-10-31	£3,108	£1,915	-	-
2021-10-31	£1,923	£1,337	-	-
2020-10-31	£1,995	£648	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARK FREEMAN	Chair	2019-07-08
ANNE MARGARET BROWN		2021-12-03
Anne Margaret Brown		2021-12-03
Anne Tole		2023-04-10
brigid elliott		2019-07-08
marion parr		2019-07-08

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Nov 1st 2024

To Oct 31st 2025

Charity name: The Friends of South Petherton Library

Charity registration number: 1186429

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1. For the public benefit, the provision and maintenance of a library in South Petherton and a library service for the town and surrounding area. 2. To promote for the residents of South Petherton and the surrounding area the provision of a public library for recreation and/or other leisure time occupations of individuals who have need for 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	1. To campaign actively for the Parish Council to maintain funding for a Community Library. 2. To strive to enhance the services available for residents from the Library. 3. To seek improvements to the Library premises which makes the building better able to meet residents needs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	It is confirmed that all Trustees have signed as having read, understood and given due regard to the Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	FOSPL policy is to fund service enhancements up to 66% of annual income averaged over a three-year period.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our 25 volunteers are essential to the successful operation of the library. They provide a variety of roles: offering library services for a minimum of six hours a week when the part time Library and Information Officer is not present; operating the library management system (despite its many shortcomings); updating website and social media posts; servicing the Local Information Centre, providing surgery services; organising activities and clubs for the community; management and coordination of volunteer activities.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	FOSPL has continued to expand its community offer, despite the limitations on space offered by the current premises. Weekly surgeries are held: Village Agent, IT support, Hospital Patient Participation Group and Parish Council. Occasional surgery sessions are also held with the PCSO, Age UK and Wessex Water and the Flood Group (established after flooding in the centre of the village in January 2025). The local Junior School has made visits on a number of occasions and, in February, FOSPL played a leading role in the Great Yeovil Storytelling Event for disadvantaged children in the area. Rhyme Time sessions (for toddlers) are held fortnightly as well as occasional Story Time sessions for the Pre=School. Events have included regular Lego Club and Rummikub sessions, occasional Magic Shows and fund-raising events (including a cake sale organised by a Y5 pupil at the Junior School).

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The importance of the services organised at the Library by FOSPL (in addition to statutory provision by Somerset) was recognised by the Parish Council which voted to extend the lease on the premises for a further five years and a Partnership Contract with Somerset for seven years).
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Hopes of moving the Library into the redundant Methodist Church as part of a Community Hub were dashed at the last moment in December 2025 despite much community support. With no other suitable premises available and with the departure of key personnel, the Community Hub Project Group (of which FOSPL was a key member) reluctantly decided that it was not going to progress the creation of a Hub.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Current Account stands at £2073.66 and the Savings Account at £3060.11 providing a total of £5133.77 plus £45 cash float (an increase of £1267.89 over 2023-34)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves were held in part to smooth annual variations in income and expenditure, but principally in anticipation of the acquisition of a Community Hub.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5178.77
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Uncertainties raised as to the future of the community library (as enumerated in the 2023-24 report) have not been realised – with new contracts being signed with a new landlord and Somerset Unitary Authority. The only threat to the charity is the need to build in succession planning. Two trustees had resigned over the course of the year and the vacancies not filled.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Plant, Produce and Book sales; supporters' donations; a laminating service; sale of cards; author visits; fees from clubs and organisations using the premises. A new edition of the Village Map was produced by FOSPL volunteers in Spring 2025 and raised £700 through the sale of advertisements to local businesses.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	With the failure to secure a Community Hub for the village, FOSPL is looking to enhance facilities at the current premises. Over the coming year we intend to replace some of the existing shelving for units on casters (to enable the space to be used more flexibly), improve the lighting, replace the flooring in the stockroom and redecorate throughout.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	See above.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (established 1 st July 2019).
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by existing Trustees; re- election of Trustees on completion of term.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	No new trustees appointed.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees meet on a monthly basis to address the FOSPL agenda alongside the larger Library Management Group. FOSPL meets with Somerset Libraries quarterly and also attends Somerset sponsored group meetings of Somerset Community Libraries.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of South Petherton Library
Other name the charity uses	FOSPL
Registered charity number	1186429
Charity's principal address	Orchard Rise, North Street, South Petherton TA13 5DA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Kidner	Chair	Resigned March 2025	
2	Mark Freeman	Vice Chair		
3	Anne Brown	Treasurer		
4	Biddy Martin	Lead on Community Hub		
5	Marion Parr	Lead on Local Information Centre		
6	Anne Tole	Lead on Health and Safety		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

A.M.Brown

Full name(s)

Anne Margaret Brown

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

14/5/26

FOSPL Accounts 1/11/24 TO 31/10/25

<u>Income From</u>	2023/24	2024/25
Donations	1633.07	2024.89
Charitable Receipts	830.98	475.8
Direct to Bank	232.36	3682.12
Savings Account Interest	32.36	26.17
Total Income (b)	2728.77	6208.98
<u>Expenditure on:</u>		
Raising Funds	278.17	841.98
Charitable Activities	2420.97	2142.8
Yeovil Storytelling Day		1956.31
Total Expenditure (c)	2699.14	4941.09
Net Income/Expenditure (b-c)	29.63	1267.89
Total Funds Carried Fwd (a+b-c)	a.3865.88	5133.77

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**FUNDS HELD: Lloyds Current Account £2073.66, Savings Account £3060.11.
TOTAL: £5133.77 plus £45 cash float.**

NOTE: Income increase largely due to Ads for village map, Read Yeovil donation and Somerset Community Grant. Reflected in increased Income over expenditure and final Fund figure.

A.M. Brown
FOSPL Treasurer
A.M.Brown

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M. Parr
FOSPL Deputy Treasurer
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Nov 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31 Oct 2024

Charity name: The Friends of South Petherton Library

Charity registration number: 1186429

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, the provision and maintenance of a library in South Petherton. To promote for the residents the provision of a public library for recreation and /or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life of the said residents.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To campaign actively for the Parish Council to maintain funding for a Community Library. To strive constantly to enhance the services available for residents from the Library. To play a leading role in the acquisition of a Community Hub, to include a larger library better able to meet residents' needs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	It is confirmed that all Trustees have signed as having read, understood and given due regard to the Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	FOSPL policy is to fund service enhancements up to 66% of annual income averaged over a 3 year period.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our 25 volunteers are essential to the successful enhanced operation of the library. Their patience and resilience have been sorely tested by the Unitary Authority's introduction of a new Library Management System; this new system was inadequately tested and proven prior to introduction, resulting in a hugely frustrating 6 months + where access to the operating system was often either denied or corrupt.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	FOSPL has maintained its leading role in the identification and satisfaction of Community needs. Whilst the size and lack of facilities of the current premises makes full participation in the "Warm Space" initiative impossible, the Library has been welcoming with a monthly "coffee and chat" meeting, has been a collection point for the Coat Exchange and more recently has assisted residents in applying for Pension Credit following the loss of the Winter Fuel Allowance. The benefits of such initiatives were recognised by the Parish Council who agreed to extend the lease on the current building for a further 2
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		years. For the past 12 months FOSPL Trustees have been key members of the team negotiating with the Methodist Church for the purchase of their redundant building to satisfy the need for a Community Hub. Negotiations are now at a critical stage. The option of declaring it a “Building of Community Importance” remains, albeit matching the Developer’s bid would be challenging but possible. Somerset’s Library Service continues to commend the efforts of the Community Library and its volunteers, especially given the trying circumstances created by the new Management System. As before the Volunteers are the driving force behind the Plant, Produce and Book sales that continue to generate the bulk of new funds.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Donations and the proceeds of the Plant, Produce and Book sales have been the major source of income, supplemented by Authors’ visits, a Laminating service and the sale of cards produced by a local Artist for the benefit of FOSPL. The Village Map, previously produced biennially and a source of significant funds, has not been feasible due to the turbulence in the village retail outlets and businesses.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	With the aim of outfitting a new Library within the Community Hub, FOSPL has continued to build its Reserves which now stand at £3033, an increase of only £33 over the past 12 months which reflects the reduced opportunities to generate income.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income for this FY was £2728, against £2507 last year. Expenditure was £2699 against £1946 last year. Major items of expenditure were £634 for Fast Track books, £640 for a Cleaner (previously done by volunteers but increased Library usage demanded a regular service) and £240 for a Thermal camera to loan to residents to identify their home’s heat losses. The Charity’s finances remain healthy with £ 3865
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		carried forward.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in part to smooth annual variations in Income and Expenditure, but principally in anticipation of the eventual acquisition of a Community Hub. The failure of the purchase of the Methodist Church would necessitate a complete rethink of the Charity's aims and Reserves policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£ 3033
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Parish Council's contracts for the Library premises (with a private Landlord) and Library Services [with Somerset County] expire 31 March 2026. It was envisaged that it would be possible to move into new, larger premises by that date, and the Trustees remain hopeful. Meanwhile Somerset is facing huge financial difficulties such that any contract for future Library Services is likely to be much less generous, to the point of meeting only the minimum statutory service across the County, placing all Community Libraries at significant risk – and threatening FOSPL's own viability.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Plant, Produce and Book sales; Supporters' donations; a Laminating service; sale of cards; Authors' visits; Clubs use of the Library [Rummikub, Lego, Stitch & Sew, Book Clubs].
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The objective of our savings/ Reserves is to safeguard funds raised until such time as a Community Hub becomes available, whereupon these will be used to establish improved Library services in the new venue.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The building lease and Library Management contracts both expire in 2026. The renewal of the latter is threatened by the Somerset Unitary Authority's desperate financial state. If the new terms are draconian then the Parish Council's support and FOSPL's viability are at severe risk.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation established 1 July 2019.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by existing Trustees; re-election of Trustees on completion of term. Efforts to recruit additional, younger Trustees are proving difficult.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	No new Trustees have been recruited this year. Charity Commission updated guides have been distributed to all Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees meet on a monthly basis to address the FOSPL agenda alongside the larger Library Management Group. FOSPL meets with Somerset Libraries quarterly, and also attends Somerset sponsored group meetings of Somerset Community Libraries.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of South Petherton Library
Other name the charity uses	FOSPL
Registered charity number	1186429
Charity's principal address	44 Compton Road, South Petherton, Somerset TA135EN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Kidner	Chair		
2	Mark Freeman	Vice Chair		
3	Anne Brown	Treasurer		
4	Biddy Martin	Lead on Community Hub		
5	Marion Parr	Lead on Local Information Centre		
6	Anne Tole	Lead on IT		
7	Michael Callaghan	Health & Safety	1/11/23-20/07/24	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Peter Kidner

Mark Freeman

Full name(s)

Peter Kidner

Mark Freeman

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Vice Chair

Date

25 Nov 2024

FOSPL Accounts 1/11/23 to 31/10/24

<u>Income From</u>	2022/23	2023/24
Donations	2404.01	1865.43
Charitable Receipts	102.25	830.98
Savings Account interest	1.58	32.36
Total Income (b)	2507.84	2728.77
<u>Expenditure on:</u>		
Raising Funds	260	278.17
Charitable Activities	1686.61	2420.97
Total Expenditure (c)	1946.61	2699.14
Net Income/Expenditure (b-c)	561.23	29.63
Total Funds Carried Fwd (a+b-c)	3836.25 (a)	3865.88

**Funds held: Lloyds Current Account £831.94; Savings Account £3033.94.
Total £3865.88 Plus £5 Cash Float**

A.M. Brown
11/25/2024
FOSPL Treasurer

AMBrown

P.J. Kidner
11/25/2024
FOSPL Deputy Treasurer

PJKidner

Notes on Accounts:

Appendix A summary

Cash donations total £1633.07

Total donations £1633.07 plus Direct to bank £232.36. Total £1865.43

Total Income (Donations + Receipts) £1865.43 + £830.98 + £32.36 Interest. **Total £2728.77**

Expenditure Raising Funds £278.17

Charitable Activities £2420.97

Total expenditure £2699.14

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From 1 Nov 2022
Period end date

Period start date To 31 Oct 2023

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Charity registration number: 1186429

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	It is confirmed that all Trustees have signed as having read, understood and given due regard to the Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	FOSPL policy is to fund service enhancements up to 66% of annual income averaged over a 3 year period.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The continued contribution of the 31 volunteers is essential to the successful enhanced operation of the Library. The bureaucratic administrative hurdles introduced by the new Unitary Authority have placed additional pressures on these volunteers but have been successfully overcome.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The extended opening hours enabled by the volunteers has seen the figures for book issues, footfall and new members increase significantly over the past year and are almost back to pre-Covid levels. The Fast Track scheme, funded by FOSPL, gives Community Library users access to the very latest popular books ahead of any eventual distribution from the County Library service. Authors' Visits are now a regular feature, and the LEGO club and Rummikub are both thriving, limited only by space in the current Library building. FOSPL volunteers enable the use of the Library as a Community Meeting Space, for the "Stitch and Sew" group, Book Clubs, and Solicitors. FOSPL sponsored a visit of "Pete the Poet" to the Infants School and enabled the pupils to read out their own efforts as part of the village Folk Festival.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	FOSPL continues to play a leading role in the identification and satisfaction of Community needs. Trustees were at the forefront of commissioning, administering and the analysis of a Community Survey which has provided the evidence necessary to underpin grant applications. This clearly identified the support for a Community Hub which would include a larger Library space, thus enabling more and varied activities. After the previous disappointment described in the last Annual Report, negotiations to take over
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		the redundant Methodist Church are well advanced and funding is being sought from the National Lottery. County Library Service officers continue to commend the Community Library for setting the standards and range of activities for others to aspire to. These accolades are only possible through the dedication and commitment of the Trustees and volunteers outside of the set hours of the Library Information Officer. The same personnel have organised the Plant and Book Sales that have raised the majority of FOSPL funds.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	With the Community memory of the near-loss of its Library in 2019 fading, donations to FOSPL have declined; however Plant and Book Sales, Authors' Visits and Club activities have meant that the Charity's income has been maintained. FOSPL now offers a Laminating service in the Library which has added to FOSPL funds.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Aware that acquisition of a Community Hub would require significant outlay to reconstitute the Library facilities, FOSPL continues to build its limited Reserves and has opened a Savings account to safeguard its resources.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income for this FY was £2507, against £3107 last year, whilst Expenditure was £1946 against £1914 last year. This small reduction in Income is explained below. Overall the Charity's finances remain healthy with £3,836 carried forward.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in part to smooth annual variations in Income and Expenditure, but principally in anticipation of the eventual acquisition of a Community Hub; expenditure on Library facilities therein will be required.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	In early Jan 2023 FOSPL's Treasurer had her personal computer hacked and fraudsters gained access to the Charity's account with Lloyds Bank. The Bank responded immediately and all monies were refunded to FOSPL the same day. The Treasurer has improved her security protocols and her computer has been declared safe by a local IT company.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Plant and Book Sales, Authors' visits, Club subscriptions, Laminating service and Supporters' Donations. The Village Map, which was a major contributor to funds last year, is produced biennially so there was no income this year. Similarly there was no Covid-recovery grant available from the Somerset Community Fund.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The objective of our investment is to safeguard funds raised such that when the acquisition of a Community Hub comes to fruition then FOSPL will have the resources to establish improved Library Services in the new facility.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Should the Parish Council withdraw from its contract with Somerset Council then FOSPL would be unable to fund the full costs of the Library on its own; however the operating contract has been renewed for a further 2 years to March 2026, deferring any risk for the time being.

Structure, Governance and Management

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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by existing Trustees; re-election of Trustees on completion of term. FOSPL is keen to elect more Trustees and was pleased to recruit Anne Tole.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The new Trustee has past corporate experience so was quickly up-to-speed. She has read and signed as having agreed and understood the various policy documents including Public Benefit.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees meet on a monthly basis to address the FOSPL agenda alongside the larger Library Management Group. FOSPL has representation at the quarterly meetings with Somerset Libraries which review the workings of the partnership between Somerset Council and the Parish Council.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	FOSPL
Registered charity number	1186429
Charity's principal address	44 Compton Road, South Petherton, Somerset TA135EN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Kidner	Chair		
2	Mark Freeman	Vice Chair		
3	Anne Brown	Treasurer		
4	Biddy Martin	Lead on Community Hub		
5	Marion Parr			
6	Michael Callaghan			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Peter Kidner

Mark Freeman

Full name(s)

Peter Kidner

Mark Freeman

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair

Vice Chair

Date

17 Nov 2023

FOSPL Accounts 1/11/22 to 31/10/23

<u>Income From</u>	2021/22	2022/23
Donations	998.52	2404.01
Charitable Receipts	2109.16	102.25
Savings Account interest		1.58
Total Income (b)	3107.68	2507.84
<u>Expenditure on:</u>		
Raising Funds	42.5	260
Charitable Activities	1872.25	1686.61
Total Expenditure (c)	1914.75	1946.61
Net Income/Expenditure (b-c)	1192.93	561.23
Total Funds Carried Fwd (a+b-(a))	3275.02	3836.25

**Funds held:Lloyds Current Account £2834.67; Savings Accou
Total £3836.25 Plus £40 Cash Float**

A.M. Brown Nov-23

FOSPL Treasurer

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P.J. Kidner Nov-23

FOSPL Deputy Treasurer

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THE FRIENDS OF SOUTH PETHERTON LIBRARY (FOSPL)

England & Wales - Charity number 1186429

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/11/2021
To 31/10/2022

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: THE FRIENDS OF SOUTH PETHERTON
LIBRARY(FOSPL)

Charity registration number:1186429

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, the provision and maintenance of a library in South Petherton. To promote for the residents the provision of a public library for recreation and/or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life of the said residents.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To campaign actively for the Parish Council to maintain funding for a Community Library. To strive constantly to enhance the services available for residents from the Library. To play a leading role in the acquisition of a Community Hub, to include a larger library better able to meet residents' needs.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	It is confirmed that all Trustees have signed as having read, understood and given due regard to the Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	FOSPL policy is to fund service enhancements up to 66% of annual income averaged over a 3 year period.
Policy on social investment including	Para 1.38	

program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The 25 + volunteers are essential to the successful enhanced operation of the Library.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Following the success of its "Guide to Circular Walks around South Petherton" funded by the Somerset Community Fund in support of its post-Covid initiatives, a second grant was sought successfully to provide a further 200 Guides to satisfy the continuing demand. The Fast Track book scheme, supplementing Library stock with copies of the very latest, high demand books exclusively for local residents, has now delivered its third tranche and is much appreciated by library users. Two Author's visits have taken place and been well supported. The LEGO club continues to attract youngsters and parents whilst the newly created Rummikub club has made a positive start. The "English Language for Ukranian Families" club ran for some months until demand was satisfied. Library footfall and book withdrawals have not yet recovered to pre-Covid levels, but South Petherton is leading the recovery of Somerset's Community Libraries.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Progress on the pursuit of a Community Hub has stalled temporarily. The central village site offered had great potential, but the Landowner switched the
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		main building usage from Small Business Offices to an outpost of a top London restaurant, and the available space for the Community Hub was squeezed until it became unviable; however another central site, probably better suited in the longer term, has now been offered and is being pursued. The support of the volunteers is essential to the smooth running of the Library and its enhanced opening hours outside of the fixed hours of the salaried Library Information Officer. Other volunteer activities have been the Plant and Book Stalls, from which donations have provided the bulk of funds in this FY, and the manufacture of otherwise unaffordable additional shelving.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	After 3 years of a Community Library residents are perhaps once again taking the Library for granted, with fewer Supporters renewing their annual donations, although the Cost of Living “crisis” may also be a factor. Consequently fundraising has focused more on Book, Produce and Plant stalls which have been very successful in matching previous years’ funds.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	FOSPL continues to slowly build up its Reserves, with the aim of establishing sufficient funding to re-establish the Library in a new Community Hub should it come to fruition.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income increased by £1000 to £3107, and Expenditure also increased by £600 to £1914.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	In accordance with the Reserves Policy, 66% of Income was expended on Charitable Objectives, with the other 33% added to Reserves, making a healthy total of £3275. This high

		level is justified given the possible Library move to new premises in the next 2 years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3275
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations of New or Renewed Supporters. Donations given at Plant, Produce and Book stalls and advertising receipts from production of new Village Map Donations made at Clubs, Author's Talks or other Events. Grant from Somerset Community Fund.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Should the Parish Council withdraw from its contract with the Somerset Unitary Authority then FOSPL would be unable to fund the full costs of the Library on its own.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution

charter)		
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation established 1 July 2019.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by existing Trustees; re-election of Trustees on completion of term. FOSPL is keen to elect more Trustees but is short of suitable volunteers.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The one new FOSPL Trustee had extensive previous experience with another Charity, but still completed the introductory training and reading required of a new Trustee prior to assuming the role of Treasurer.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees meet on a monthly basis to address a FOSPL agenda alongside the larger Library Management Group. It supports Somerset's Community Libraries Liaison Meetings where ideas and Best Practice are exchanged.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of South Petherton Library
Other name the charity uses	FOSPL
Registered charity number	1186429
Charity's principal address	44 Compton Road. South Petherton, Somerset TA135EN.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Peter Kidner

Mark Freeman

Full name(s)

Peter Kidner

Mark Freeman

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Vice Chair

Date

13 Jan 2023

FRIENDS OF SOUTH PETHERTON LIBRARY (FOSPL) ACCOUNTS 01NOV 2021 – 31 OCT2022

<u>INCOME FROM:</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	
Donations –	1088.99	998.52	
Charitable Receipts	833.73	2109.16	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>£1922.72</u>	<u>3107.68</u>	<u>(b)</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising Funds	£ 42.50	42.50	
Charitable Activities	£1294.55	1872.25	
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£1337.05</u>	<u>1914.75</u>	<u>(c)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£585.67	1192.93	(b-c)
<u>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>£2082.09(a)</u>	<u>3275.02</u>	<u>(a+b-c)</u>

1. Income has been maintained at just under £2000, with the majority derived from Trustee and Volunteer initiatives such as the Plant & Book Stall (£660) and production of a Village Map (£730).

2. Expenditure on Charitable Activities has increased by 50 %, most notably on the Fast Track book scheme, Social Clubs (LEGO, Rummikub and English Language for Ukrainians) and Authors' visits.

Anne Brown

A.M.Brown

FOSPL Treasurer

Peter Kidner

P.J. Kidner

FOSPL Deputy Treasurer

20 Nov 2022

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS – SEE OVER

Annex A: Details of Donations, Receipts, Expenditure.

Notes on Accounts:

1. A successful bid to HMRC under the Gift Aid scheme for the previous year (2020/21) resulted in receipt of £75.19; a similar bid for this year resulted in receipt of £268.03.
2. A unique grant of £300 was received from Network Plus after this subcontractor to Western Power Distribution caused significant damage to some Parish footpaths; after complaints to Western Power, a grant was made to a representative Parish Charity – with FOSPL being the beneficiary.
3. Further to the Somerset Community Foundation grant for the production of a Village Circular Walks leaflet in the previous year, a further grant of £433 was received this year to fund a reprint in support of popular demand.
4. After registration with Amazon Smile, the Charity has received small but regular donations.
5. Expenditure included funding of the LEGO Club, Rummikub start-up, English Courses for Ukrainian families, and Authors' visits
6. During this FY, new Trustee Anne Brown became Treasurer, with Peter Kidner, FOSPL Chair and previous Treasurer, supporting as Deputy Treasurer vice Michael Callaghan.

ANNEX A TO FOSPL ACCOUNTS 21/22

1. Cash Donations:

DATE	AMOUNT	SOURCE	BALANCE	REFERENCE
30/11/21	54.69	Book Stall	54.69	
12/01/22	27.00	Library Pot	81.69	
26/02/22	87.89	Library Pots	169.58	
03/03/22			81.69	£87.89 banked(21)
07/05/22	74.67	Library pot		22
28/05/22	507.13	Plant & Book Stall		25
22/07/22	106.73	Burnworthy Fayre		29
20/09/22	15.00	Library Pot		31
20/09/22	65.00	Library Pot		32
17/10/22	24.94	Library Pot		34

Cash donations total £881.36, plus £5 float in Library pot and £33.57 in event cash float.

Total £919.93

2. Donations Direct to Bank:

04/04/22	74.59	Donation P Kidner	
28/05/22	4.00	Phoenix Chinese	27

TOTAL DONATIONS £919.93 plus £78.59 = £998.52

TOTAL BANKED

3. Charitable Receipts:

03/11/21	75.19	HMRC	Gift Aid receipt
24/12/21	300.00	Network Plus	Damage to Footpaths Compensation
14/01/22	433.00	Som Cty Foundn	Grant for Circular Walks Leaflet Reprint
23/02/22	8.07	Amazon Smile	CR1
04/04/22	41.00	Barber Ad	Payment Ad for Village Map
25/04/22	41.00	Sibley Ad	Payment Ad for Village Map
26/04/22	26.00	Eternal Kitchen	Payment Ad for Village Map
26/04/22	41.00	Royal Oak	Payment Ad for Village Map
26/04/22	26.00	Hamdon Finance	Payment Ad for Village Map
26/04/22	26.00	Stoodley	Payment Ad for Village Map

26/04/22	46.00	Crane Sales	Payment Ad for Village Map	
27/04/22	60.00	Brewers Arms	Payment Ad for Village Map	
28/04/22	26.00	Osteopath	Payment Ad for Village Map	
28/04/22	26.00	Tim's Wines	Payment Ad for Village Map	
29/04/22	26.00	Holm	Payment Ad for Village Map	
03/05/22	26.00	Frogmary Green Fm	Payment Ad for Village Map	
05/05/22	46.00	Minster Vets	Payment Ad for Village Map	
06/05/22	26.00	Fruit & Veg Shop	Payment Ad for Village Map	
09/05/22	7.87	Amazon Europe		CR2
09/05/22	26.00	Grants of Somerset	Payment Ad for Village Map	
11/05/22	26.00	N&D News	Payment Ad for Village Map	
13/05/22	41.00	Trading Post	Payment Ad for Village Map	
13/05/22	26.00	Hattie & Heid	Payment Ad for Village Map	
16/05/22	26.00	Robinson Fish	Payment Ad for Village Map	
19/05/22	26.00	Orchards Estates	Payment Ad for Village Map	
23/05/22	26.00	Alan Richard	Payment Ad for Village Map	23
23/05/22	52.00	Freeway/Wakely	Payment Ad for Village Map	24
28/05/22	41.00	Hodge	Payment Ad for Village Map	26
28/05/22	26.00	Phoenix Chinese	Payment Ad for Village Map	27
09/06/22	26.00	Beale	Payment Ad for Village Map	
21/06/22	78.00	Bloom, Baker, Dr Room	Payment Ad for Village Map	28
08/09/22	268.03	HMRC	Gift Aid Receipt	CR3
17/10/22	114.00	Nests	Ticket Sales	35

TOTAL RECEIPTS £2109.16

TOTAL INCOME [DONATIONS + RECEIPTS] £998.52 + £2109.16 = £3107.68

4. Expenditure:

a. Raising Funds:

DATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT	ITEM	NOTE
11/05/22	20.00	Clifton Diocese	Hall Hire/event	I17
28/05/22	22.5	SPLHG	Explore SP booklets	I18

TOTAL EXPENDITURE RAISING FUNDS £42.50

b. Charitable Activities:

14/01/22	27.99	M Freeman	Library Diary @12.99	R1
			Xmas Treasure Hunt @ 15.00	R2
14/01/22	3.00	B Elliott	LEGO Club Victuals	R3/4
14/01/22	4.83	C Nicholas	Tsr Hunt Stationary	R5
22/01/22	2.75	B Elliott	LEGO Club Victuals	R6
25/01/22	433.00	Mac Printing	Circular Walks	I1 Ch 23
21/04/22	74.59	P Kidner	Shelving	Ch 24
27/04/22	35.00	SPPC	Hanging Basket	I2
12/05/22	129.12	Browns Books	Fasttrack (Tranche 4)	I3
12/05/22	100.00	Som CC	Deposit Pete Poet	R7
02/06/22	34.32	Browns Books	Fasttrack (T4 reprint)	I4
02/06/22	169.00	Macs Printing	Leaflets 2K x A£	I5
27/06/22	69.86	A. Brown	Reimburse re book stamp	I6
03/07/22	97.04	A. Brown	Reimburse re flipchart	I7
24/07/22	54.00	Bookspace	Rdr to Rdr frame	I8
02/08/22	59.97	A. Brown	Reimburse re Rummikub	I9
22/08/22	51.97	A. Brown	Reimburse re Treasure Prize	I10
02/09/22	204.74	Browns Books	(Tranche 5)	I11
20/09/22	170.34	B. Elliott	Table purchase	I12
05/10/22	69.97	P. Kidner	Torch/shelves/display	I13
10/10/22	24.98	A. Brown	Reimburse Rummikub	I14
10/10/22	20.00	A. Brown	Reimburse re Nests Book	I15
16/10/22	35.78	M. Freeman	Reimburse re Nests drink bill	I16

TOTAL EXPENDITURE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES £1872.25

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £42.50+£1872.25 =£1914.75

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	11	2020		31	10	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

FOSPL

Other names charity is known by

FRIENDS OF SOUTH PETHERTON LIBRARY

Registered charity number (if any)

1186429

Charity's principal address

44 Compton Road

South Petherton

Somerset

Postcode

TA13 5EN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Kidner	Chair		
2	Mark Freeman	Vice Chair		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees recruited from Library Volunteers with shared vision of enhanced Library service for residents. Chair subjected to re-election after completion of initial term, and re-elected as Chair. Further Trustee recruited, to commence Dec 2021.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

New Trustee indoctrinated with Training pack of Guidance notes and one-to-one induction with Chair; good prior knowledge as Treasurer for another Charity in past.

Trustees' Board meets monthly (by Zoom for most of past year), but also managed to hold AGM with Supporters 15 Oct 2021.

Nil

Nil

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit, the provision and maintenance of a library in South Petherton.
To promote for the residents the provision of a public library for recreation and/or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life of the said residents.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

To campaign actively for the Parish Council to maintain funding for a Community Library.

To strive constantly to enhance the services available for residents from the Library. This year has seen the establishment of a regular Saturday Morning Lego Club for children, and the Fast Track book scheme where FOSPL funds the acquisition of recently published and popular new titles for the exclusive use of local residents to supplement the less responsive Libraries West book stock.

To accommodate the Fast Track books and to increase Library capacity, FOSPL supplied extra shelving and a mobile rack for the Library.

To play a leading role in the acquisition of a Community Hub, to include a larger library better able to meet residents' needs.

It is confirmed that all Trustees have signed as having read, understood and given due regard to the Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

FOSPL policy is to fund service enhancements up to 66% of annual income averaged over a 3 year period. This year's spend was 69 % of income.

In-Library activities such as Author Visits were again curtailed due to Covid; however the pandemic also provided opportunity to expand Library services for improving the condition of life of residents. FOSPL successfully competed for funding from the Somerset Community Covid Relief Fund, attracting a grant of £483 for the production of a Village Circular Walks pack. This met with much success, being warmly welcomed by residents and encouraging greater physical exercise around the Village's footpath network across the generations – one Grandmother reported that she was now being taken on Sunday walks by her grandchildren using the Guide. All 250 copies were soon claimed, and a further grant is now being sought to fund a reprint.

The Fast Track book scheme has proved popular with Library Users; the first tranche was delivered in March, and the second tranche has been ordered. These newly published high demand books have refreshed the Library offering.

The 27 Volunteers currently supporting the Library and FOSPL are essential; without them the single Library Information Officer could not manage the required Opening Hours, the Cleaning task and the other support functions.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Successful introduction of the Fast Track book scheme, with Tranche 1 delivered and Tranche 2 on order.

Successful bid for funding support from Somerset Community Funds Covid Relief fund, enabling the publication of 250 copies of a Village Circular Walks booklet. This captured the Lockdown demand for walking as the preferred form of exercise for all age groups, with estimates that use of the footpath network in the Parish doubled.

Covid Lockdowns enforced restricted Library Opening Hours, so footfall suffered during the year – this was reflected across Somerset in all Community Libraries. Nevertheless the Library continued to provide a core service, invaluable to those for whom reading became a key support, and the opportunity for the isolated to receive a friendly welcome and the chance of conversation.

The Trustees leading the Community Hub project group have successfully secured the backing of the Parish Council for the next phase. With a building site and provisional architect's plans now identified, negotiations have commenced for a long term lease; thereafter the challenge of identifying sources for the £500,000 + of funding will commence.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

With the policy to spend 66% of income on charitable objects, the other 33% is used to enhance the Reserves, with the aim of maintaining a balance between £500 to £1,000 to address unforeseen circumstances. This balance has grown slightly above the preferred level this year due to the inability to pursue activities during Covid Lockdown and ongoing caution about the future Covid environment.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Grant of £483 from Somerset Community (Covid relief) Fund for Village Circular Walks leaflets (met printing costs in full).

Book Stalls – Donations from two events raised £170.

Plant Stalls – Donations from two events raised £610.

Waitrose's Community Fund donated £333.

Amazon Smile donated £18 from on-line purchases.

Expenditure of £500 was spent on Fast Track books, and £260 on new tables (Lego Club) and the additional Library shelving.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Peter Kidner	Mark Freeman
Full name(s)	Peter Kidner	Mark Freeman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair
Date	17 Dec 2021	

FRIENDS OF SOUTH PETHERTON LIBRARY (FOSPL) ACCOUNTS 01NOV 2020 – 31 OCT2021

<u>INCOME FROM:</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	
Donations –	£858.70	1088.99	
Charitable Receipts	£1136.96	833.73	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>£1995.66</u>	<u>1922.72</u>	<u>(b)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE ON:</u>			
Raising Funds	£598.19	42.50	
Charitable Activities	£ 50.47	1294.55	
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£648.66</u>	<u>1337.05</u>	<u>(c)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£1347.00	585.67	(b-c)
<u>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>£1496.42 (a)</u>	<u>2082.09</u>	<u>(a+b-c)</u>

1. Despite COVID Lockdowns, FOSPL Income was maintained at just under £2000 for the year due to the industry of the Trustees and Volunteers in organising Plant and Book Sales and seeking Charitable donations.

2. This year has seen greater opportunity to spend funds in support of Objectives, double that of the previous year.

3. FOSPL registered its Charitable status with HMRC on 19 Jan 2021, and submitted an initial claim for Gift Aid on 25 Oct 2021; although acknowledged by HMRC, the payment has not been made in time to feature in these accounts.

Peter Kidner

Mike Callaghan

P J Kidner

MJC Callaghan

Nov 2021

FOSPL Treasurer

FOSPL Deputy Treasurer

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS – SEE OVER

Annex A: Details of Donations, Receipts, Expenditure.

Notes on Accounts:

1. FOSPL bid successfully for a grant of £680 from the Somerset Community (Covid Relief) Fund, based on a quote from a printer used in 2010 to print a "Guide to 11 Parish Circular Walks". This Guide was updated and was designed to enhance the quality of life by encouraging residents to take exercise during Lockdown, to explore their local area and to improve fitness and mental health. It met with great success and all 250 copies were taken before the summer was out.
2. In the event an alternative printer was identified who promised a more user-friendly format at a more attractive price; the excess grant of £197 was returned to the Somerset Community Fund.
3. FOSPL has registered with Amazon Smile.co.uk as a Charity, and receives 0.05% of purchases where FOSPL is nominated as the recipient Charity.
4. FOSPL applied successfully for a Community Grant from the local Waitrose in Crewkerne.
5. FOSPL paid for the Christmas lights on a Christmas tree mounted on the Library's outer wall as part of the High Street premises' Christmas display and to contribute to Community Christmas spirit.
6. Bookmarks purchased from printer to identify "Fast Track " books.
7. FOSPL came to an agreement with Somerset County Council that it would enhance South Petherton Library's stock with the purchase of popular newly published books that were in high demand from readers, and would be restricted to South Petherton Library for 12 months from purchase before becoming part of Libraries West collective stock. These books were known as "Fast Track" books, and contribute to the Charity's aim of enhancing the Library's service and improving residents' quality of life.
8. In order to display "Fast Track" books separately and clearly, additional shelving and a Display Stand were required, manufactured at cost.
9. To enhance the Library's "Lego Club" and for use in other functions, an extra two large folding tables were purchased.

ANNEX A TO FOSPL ACCOUNTS 20/21

1. Cash Donations:

	DATE	AMOUNT	SOURCE	BALANCE	REFERENCE
	04/03/21	25.75	Library Pot	25.75	
	05/03/21			00.00	£25.75 Banked (15)
	01/04/21	15.00	Library Pot	15.00	Book 1
	04/05/21	35.36	Library Pots	50.36	Book 2
	19/05/21	470.00	Plant Sale	520.36	D1
	22/05/21	140.10	Plant Sale	660.46	D2
	27/05/21			17.86	£642.60
Banked(017)					
	13/07/21	66.00	Library Pot	83.86	Book 3
	30/07/21	96.35	Book Sale	180.21	Book 4
5	30/07/21	9.20*	Library Pot	(£5.00 float left in pot)	Book
	30/07/21			189.41	* Plus £1 IoM.
(018)	05/08/21			17.41	172.00 Banked
IoM £1	05/08/21	1.00		18.41	Bank accepted
	20/10/21	80.28	Book Sale	98.69	D3
pot)	20/10/21	42.78	Library Pot	141.47	(+£5.00 float in
	22/10/21	-22.50	Paid to SPLHG 01/05/21	118.97	[R10]
(20)	28/10/21			00.00	Banked 118.97

TOTAL CASH DONATIONS £981.82

2. Donations Direct to Bank:

27/05/21	107.17	P Kidner	Donation
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TOTAL DONATIONS £ 1088.99

TOTAL BANKED [£1088.99 LESS £22.50 PAID TO SPLHG] = £1066.49

3. Charitable Receipts:

17/12/20 1	680.00	Som Cty Foundn	Grant for Circ Walks Lft
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16/01/21 [R3][Cq16	-197.00	Som Cty Foundn	Return of Unspent Grant 2
24/05/21 3	8.29	Amazon Smile	Charity Disbursement
17/08/21 3	9.44	Amazon Smile	Charity Disbursement
07/10/21 4	333.00	Waitrose	Charity Disbursement

TOTAL RECEIPTS £ 1030.73 LESS £197.00 RETURNED = £833.73

TOTAL INCOME [DONATIONS + RECEIPTS] £1088.99 + £833.73 = £1922.72

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4. Expenditure:

a. Raising Funds:

DATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT	ITEM	NOTE
01/05/21 Cash PJK ea. [R10]	22.50	SP History Group	"Explore SP Past" – Booklets x 10; Bought @£2.25, Sold for £3	
13/09/21 Cq 21	20.00	The David Hall	Hall Hire AGM	[R11]

TOTAL EXPENDITURE RAISING FUNDS £ 42.50

b. Charitable Activities:

02/12/20 5	9.00	Cq13 B Elliott	Xmas Lights – Library Contribution to village [R1]	
12/01/21 [R2]	483.00 1	Cq15 Macs Printing	Circ Walks Leaflets x 250	
11/02/21 Track books [R5]	075.00 6	Cq18 Macs Printing	Bookmarks to identify Fast	
08/03/21 [R6]	226.17 7	Cq17 SCC	Fast Track books (Tranche 1)	
07/05/21 8	107.17 8	Cq19 P Kidner	Stand/Shelving	[R7]
17/08/21 9	151.20	Cq20 B Elliott	Tables x 2 for Library	[R8]
16/10/21 7	243.01	Cq22 SCC	Fast Track books (Tranche 2)	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES £ 1294.55

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £42.50 + £ 1294.55 = £1337.05