



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 Period start date To 31/12/2024

Period end date

Charity name: Bookcase For All

Charity registration number: 1188007

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Objects Are To Advance Education Of The Public By Encouraging Reading And Promoting Literacy To Those Who Are Socially And Economically Disadvantaged And May Struggle To Access Reading Material By Providing Free Access To Books Through Pop Up And Static Bookshelves In Venues Such As Hostels, Cafés, Schools And Accommodation Blocks
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	During the year we continued to attend local soup kitchens with a pop up bookstall providing free reading materials to those in need. We have provided donated books to schools and had stalls at a number of events raising money for other community organisations. We have also provided book swaps for local groups with community bookshelves.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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	Community bookcases have been operated in a number of areas for local residents to take and donate books for others. Books were donated to community groups for them to sell to raise funds. No monetary donations were made to Bookcase for All for these. We operate a regular free bookstall at the community homeless kitchens for those in need to take reading material. We also provide books for local food banks to give out to those accessing their services.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

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	No income for the current year
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We currently have no running costs
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	
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	

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation CIO
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	Appointed at charity inception and elected

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 charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bookcase For All
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188007
Charity's principal address	4 Orchard Way York YO24 2NU

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	Candida Colbourn			
	2	Michael Fletcher			
	3	Sara Mair			
	4	Joanne Haywood			
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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

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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)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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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)	CJColbourn	
Full name(s)	Candida Colbourn	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	28/10/2025
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