

## Seascale Library Link – Annual report Apr 2024 to Apr 2025

Looking back over the year, it's been very busy.

The team of around eighteen volunteers continues to work very well. Some have left, and there are some new faces, but the library continues to be a welcoming place for its visitors.

This team is still overseen by six trustees and the treasurer, who look after the overall running of the library – safety (including rewriting the fire risk assessment this year) and any building issues, and staying in touch with the parish council.

We have also been well supported by Whitehaven Library with book exchanges, requests from other libraries, and general enquiries, and by the parish council.

The library has been used by several local groups. The reading group meets here, the health visitor has a baby clinic in the library, and there's a well-being group. The building has also been used by the local knitters and local Scouting, and it's a designated warm space when it's open. Other community information groups have also used the library, notably "Digital Voice" about the new phone system.

The library took part in the summer reading challenge, and there is now a range of talking books on offer. We've introduced a "theme of the month" display to try to promote the different genres of books available.

Book donations from residents of the village are very generous, and there is a programme of turning the best of these into new books for the library, with the remainder being offered for sale to raise library funds. We also have a range of jigsaws for people to borrow, which is very popular.

We've held several coffee mornings, which were well attended, and we've also had a local history display, finishing with an enormously successful cheese and wine evening as part of Seascale Gala week.

Money raised from the coffee mornings was used to buy new armchairs and a table for the library, which looks much smarter as a result.

Christmas activities included a mulled wine and mince pie afternoon, a posting box for children's letters to Santa, and a library Christmas tree in the Church Christmas tree festival.

We've introduced a fortnightly "cuppa and craft" session, and tried one or two story and craft sessions for younger children, although these weren't as popular and will need a rethink. We're also developing a new wildlife garden at the side of the library.

Since the monthly Saturday morning opening was very poorly attended, it has recently been decided to open every Saturday for a trial period of three months to see if that helps.

The building continues to have its issues. The planned refurbishment still seems a very long way off, although the plans are now complete. We are all looking forward to having a smarter, bigger library.

## Seascale Community Library

### Income and Expenditure for Period 1.4.22 to 31.3.23

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Grants	5370	595
Donations	906	319
Hire of Premises	930	-
	<u>7206</u>	<u>914</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Non-Domestic Rates	697	-
Bank Charges	72	18
Miscellaneous Expenses	542	-
	<u>1311</u>	<u>18</u>
<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<u><u>5895</u></u>	<u><u>896</u></u>

### Reconciliation Statement 31.3.23

	2023	2022
Opening Balance	896	-
<b>Income</b>	<u>7206</u>	<u>914</u>
	8102	914
<b>Expenditure</b>	<u>1310</u>	<u>18</u>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<u><u>6792</u></u>	<u><u>896</u></u>
<b>HELD</b>		
Unity Bank	6726	862
Cash	<u>66</u>	<u>34</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>6792</u></u>	<u><u>896</u></u>

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### Income and Expenditure for Period 1.4.23 to 31.3.24

	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>		
Grants	2332	5370
Donations	1464	906
Hire of Premises	1620	930
	<u>5416</u>	<u>7206</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Non-Domestic Rates	-	697
Bank Charges	72	72
Miscellaneous Expenses	6829	542
	<u>6901</u>	<u>1311</u>
<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<u><u>-1485</u></u>	<u><u>5895</u></u>

### Reconciliation Statement 31.3.24

	2024	2023
Opening Balance	6792	896
<b>Income</b>	<u>5416</u>	<u>7206</u>
	12208	8102
<b>Expenditure</b>	<u>6901</u>	<u>1310</u>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<u><u>5307</u></u>	<u><u>6792</u></u>
<b>HELD</b>		
Debtor (NNDR)	414	-
Unity Bank	4818	6726
Cash	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>5307</u></u>	<u><u>6792</u></u>

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### Income and Expenditure for Period 1.4.24 to 31.3.25

	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
Grants	0	2332
Donations	1806	1464
Hire of Premises	1968	1620
	<u>3774</u>	<u>5416</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Non-Domestic Rates	-	-
Bank Charges	71	72
Miscellaneous Expenses	1848	6829
	<u>1919</u>	<u>6901</u>
<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<u>1855</u>	<u>-1485</u>

### Reconciliation Statement 31.3.25

	2025	2024
Opening Balance	5307	6792
<b>Income</b>	<u>3774</u>	<u>5416</u>
	9081	12208
<b>Expenditure</b>	<u>1919</u>	<u>6901</u>
<b>Balance c/f</b>	<u>7162</u>	<u>5307</u>
<b>HELD</b>		
Debtor (NNDR)	-	414
Unity Bank	7069	4818
Cash	93	75
<b>Total</b>	<u>7162</u>	<u>5307</u>