

THE OLD LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1198148

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-03-07

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

Contact

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Halifax
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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROMOTION OF THE USE OF A PUBLIC LENDING LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF SKIRCOAT WARD.(2) TO PROMOTE OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SKIRCOAT WARD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: We work to retain an important local building by generating income from it. The income will be used to develop it into a welcoming space that will support learning and encourage neighbourhood cohesion. Our aims include providing a free library and a cafe with a flexible and inclusive service to the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Calderdale

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,848	£25,805	-	-
2024-03-31	£13,010	£21,420	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,728	£3,034	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Rosemary Verity	Chair	2025-11-06
Colin Hugh Hutchinson		2023-09-06
Grant Moorhouse		2024-11-14
Heather Anne Baim		2026-04-01
Joanna Leighton		2026-04-01
Michael James Barnes		2024-11-14
Rachel Mary Whitbread		2025-11-06
Susan Herbert		2023-09-06
Susan Renate Russell		2023-09-06

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Annual Report for the period ended 31st March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information

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Trustees:

Helen
Rosemary
Verity Chair Appointed: 06 September 2023

Heather Rigg Trustee Appointed: 19 January 2023

Pamela
Casson Trustee Appointed: 06 September 2023

Susan
Renate
Russell Trustee Appointed: 06 September 2023

Colin Hugh
Hutchinson Trustee Appointed: 06 September 2023

Michael
James
Barnes Trustee Appointed: 14 November 2024

Rachel Whitbread Trustee Appointed: 06 September 2023

Grant Moorhouse Trustee Appointed: 14 November 2024

Amy Moorhouse Trustee Appointed: 14 November 2023; Resigned 02 April 2024

Susan Herbert Treasurer Appointed: 06 September 2023

Objectives and Activities

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1. To advance the education of the public by the promotion of the use of a public lending library service for the benefit of the residents of Skircoat Ward.
2. To promote or benefit the residents of Skircoat Ward, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to retain an important local building by generating income from it. The income will be used to develop it into a welcoming space that will serve the community, support learning and encourage neighborhood cohesion.

Strategic Aims

1. To retain a local library service.
2. To create a sustainable, not for profit organisation.
3. To provide a welcoming, well run community space for all generations.
4. To encourage local support and engagement, building a local sense of community.
5. To preserve and develop an historic and culturally valuable local building.
6. To create volunteering opportunities and work experience.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when agreeing the Old Library's mission, aims and our service delivery principles. We have also borne this guidance in mind when setting our objectives to ensure that we correctly identify the intended beneficiaries of our work, make real difference and comply with our charitable objects at all time

Achievements and Performance

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What an amazing team, our wonderful community library is open and thriving, and it's all thanks to the wonderful library volunteers, the bakers, the trustees, and the gardeners, and the visitors - you've all made the dream possible.

The books are being borrowed, the coffees and teas are flowing, the scrumptious cakes are being eaten, and our financial books are balancing. We have groups meeting regularly, childrens' story times & craft events, sold-out talks and author events, and importantly, we are becoming the hub of the community, a safe, warm, welcoming space for all.

Thanks to the local Ward Forum grant and Calderdale Community Foundation, we've been able to replace the windows at the front of the building and also replaced the toilet in the basement (the old one sprung a leak).

The board are already working on the development plans for the basement, which in time will include fully accessible facilities for everyone to use. Like everything else, it's going to be a long expensive process, requiring planning permission, and local financial support alongside national grant applications.

It's our centenary in 2026, another milestone for our beautiful building, and one which we will be celebrating with you.

As the chair of the board, I'd like to mention a few individuals who have really gone the extra mile to support the library.

Peter Garner, whose generosity and IT expertise know no bounds.

Steve Ambler for his electrical skills.

Sadie - official minute secretary for Trustees meetings

And of course everyone else who has made the library what it is today.

Trustees

Rachel for the daunting task of managing the volunteer rotas and all things volunteering.

Sue H for the keeping us in the black, and all the work required to keep us legal.

Mike for stepping in when needed to take excellent meeting minutes.

Colin for all things compliant, the odd trip onto the roof to help unblock the gutters, not to mention the cakes!

Pam & Grant for the amazing intros to the authors.

Heather for the food safety compliance and knowledge, and scrubbing the floors...

Sue R for knowing everyone, from tree pruners to heritage experts, and our resident Tesco insider.

Volunteers (past & present) for keeping the doors open, welcoming our visitors, serving drinks and cakes and generally being amazing. (special mentions in brackets) :

Ann (book club and admin), Michael (storytimes), Heather B (stock control and cakes), Amanda (organisation skills!), Sue R (cakes & banking), Martin R, Jill M, Anne-Marie (safeguarding), Barbara, Jill W, Karen (training). Grace B (amazing posters), Grace W, Helen D, Isobel W, Jackie (cakes), Jane, Jo L (childrens' section revamp), Jo M, Sue B (crafts), Sam, Helen D, Lynn, Maneesha, Mary, Noor, Rose (cataloguing), Dianne (cataloguing), Sue B, Tracy D.

Bakers in addition to regular volunteers who make a huge contribution every week.

Ann H, Clare, Jane , Janet, Julia, Kath, Khadija, Liz, Martin H, Maxine, Pam, Ruth, Val.

Gardeners who together with regular volunteers help make our garden beautiful all year round.

Anthea, Anne-Marie H, Richard and Stephanie.

Thank you

Helen Verity, Chair.

Financial Review

The financial statements below show receipts and payments for the first year the library was open to the public from Sunday 6th April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The accounts are very encouraging and show that (ignoring grants, which distort the picture) income has exceeded our plan by over £5,000. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the breakdown of income is completely different to that in the Business Plan with café receipts bringing in £10,000 more than expected but room hire and members subscriptions lower.

Overheads are broadly in line with the plan with savings being made on DBS checks (not required) and cleaning (done by volunteers) amounting to £3,400. Heat & light was higher than expected but usage was impossible to predict as accurate usage was unavailable from Calderdale. Similarly insurance was higher but this was an estimate with no real information available at the time. There were also unplanned book and equipment purchases.

Cash reserves have increased in the year by almost £8,000. We expect to maintain at least this level of reserves into the future assuming café sales continue at the current level.

All in all a very good first year.

Sue Herbert
Treasurer

The Old Library

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Receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year	Business Plan
	£	£	£	£	£
A1 Receipts					
Grants	-	13,000	13,000	2,000	3,500
Fundraising events	758		758	1,847	1,000
Donations	2,505		2,505	4,011	1,000
Donations from The Old Library Café	12,425		12,425	-	2,636
Members' subscriptions	2,002		2,002	1,915	5,000
Gift Aid	1,501		1,501	1,562	1,250
Book sales	1,800		1,800	1,655	-
Room hire	820		820	20	5,000
Bank interest	37	-	37	-	-
Fines					300
Total receipts	21,848	13,000	34,848	13,010	19,686
A3 Payments					
Library system	1,200		1,200	799	1,040
Book purchases	878		878	-	-
DBS checks	-				1,400
Other library and event costs	1,750		1,750	652	-
Electricity, Gas & Water	5,274		5,274	2,064	4,225
Rates	-		-		300
Insurance	1,616		1,616	1,292	750
Alarm systems, Wi-fi & Telephone	926		926	624	300
Service costs	679		679	-	1,400
Repairs and renewals	555		555	-	-
Cleaning	-				2,000
Refurbishment costs prior to opening	-		-	15,479	5,700
Furniture & Equipment	664	1,000	1,664	510	-
Lighting upgrade	-	790	790	-	-
Replacement windows	363	10,110	10,473	-	-
Total payments	13,905	11,900	25,805	21,420	17,115
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,943	1,100	9,043	-	2,571
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,284	-	5,284	13,694	9,375
Cash funds this year end	13,227	1,100	14,327	5,284	11,946

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- (4) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (5) of this clause;
- (5) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause [15] (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause [12(3)] on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures	<i>HR Verity</i>	<i>S Herbert</i>
Full names	Helen Rosemary Verity	Susan Herbert
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	14 May 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Old Library		1198148	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01-Apr-24	To 31-Mar-25	

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 £
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Book sales	1,800		-	1,800	1,655
Room hire	820		-	820	20
Bank interest	37	-	-	37	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,848	13,000	-	34,848	13,010
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,848	13,000	-	34,848	13,010
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Electricity, Gas & Water	5,274			5,274	2,064
Insurance	1,616			1,616	1,292
Alarm systems, Wi-fi & Telephone	926		-	926	624
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Building refurbishment costs	-			-	15,479
Service costs	679			679	-
Furniture & Equipment	664	1,000	-	1,664	510
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Sub total	13,905	11,900	-	25,805	21,420
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,905	11,900	-	25,805	21,420
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,943	1,100	-	9,043	- 8,410
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,284			5,284	13,694
Cash funds this year end	13,227	1,100	-	14,327	5,284

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	13,016	1,100	-
	Cash	211	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,227	1,100	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Amount due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Helen Verity Susan Herbert		

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Old Library Community Charity, number 1198148

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable entity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102)].

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 the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Martin Simm

Martin Simm
08 July 2025

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Renate
Russell Trustee Appointed: 06 September 2023

Colin Hugh
Hutchinson Trustee Appointed: 06 September 2023

Joanne
Smith Trustee Appointed: 06 September 2023
Resigned: 29 October 2024

Michael
James
Barnes

Trustee

Appointed: 06 September 2023

Rachel
Whitbread

Trustee

Appointed: 06 September 2023

Carol
Longbottom

Trustee

Appointed: 06 September 2023
Resigned: 24 September 2024

Susan
Herbert

Treasurer

Appointed: 06 September 2023

Objectives and Activities

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Achievements and Performance

We've done it! A huge team effort, and our amazing, beautiful library is open!

It was our dream during Covid to keep our local library, all the hard work was worth it, made possible by the whole community, those generous enough to support financially, the amazing people who have shared their skills and expertise and the brilliant board of Trustees, who have been steering the ship all this time. We have so many people to thank for their help, support and expertise in ensuring we could open the doors once again.

A massive shout out and huge thanks to all the amazing volunteers, the cataloguers, the bakers, the gardening group, and many more, without whom we really couldn't open or operate. You all make it possible to run our community library, a lovely warm welcoming space for our community for this and future generations.

Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to get all the book stock catalogued and on the shelves. The new counter, flooring, lighting, decorating are all complete, as are the policies and procedures and all the operational work behind the scenes to ensure we are compliant and able to operate. We have a computer and printer, and a brand-new website – again thanks to the generosity of amazing people.

As the chair of the board, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members, as without their support, belief, hard work, tenacity and expertise, our library re-opening wouldn't have been possible. Two trustees are stepping down at this year's AGM, Carol & Jo, thanks to both of you for your unwavering support - we did it!

We've been successful with all our grant applications thus far, which has allowed us to buy new books, and with the most recent ones, hopefully we'll be replacing the front windows in the near future.

We've had our first monitoring community asset meeting with Calderdale and they are very pleased with both our progress and our operational procedures, we're meeting our original business plan milestones, in fact we've exceeded some of them, which is fabulous in our first year of opening, only another 124 years to go.....

For many of us, this library has been a part of our lives since childhood, and I am so proud to be a tiny part of the team who have kept this important community space not only open, but thriving and expanding, long may it continue.

Thank you.

Helen Verity, Chair.

Financial Review

The financial statements below show receipts and payments in the year to 31st March 2024. In this period the library was not open to the public as the community asset transfer didn't complete until 6th April 2023 and the remainder of the year was spent refurbishing the interior, carrying out essential building repairs and cataloguing the book stock.

The library opened to the public on Sunday 6th April 2024 and income from the café has been very encouraging. By the end of the half year to 30th September the café sales were approximately £6,000 and we expect that level of sales to continue.

There was a surplus of £13,694 brought forward from the previous year and a further £11,010 was raised to enable the planned work to be carried out and to pay overheads. Once the works were completed we ended the year with a surplus of £5,284. This is lower than the trustees would like in reserves going forward but we expect to end the 24/25 financial year with this increasing to around £8,000.

During the period under review a limited company was set up called The Old Library Café Ltd. The café is wholly owned by the charity and the directors are trustees. This was necessary to allow the charity to trade as a café without risking its charitable status. All profits from the café are paid up to the charity as a donation. There are no expenses charged to the limited company other than stock purchases, packaging and cleaning materials needed for the café to trade.

As Helen mentioned in her report we had a successful first review of the milestones set by Calderdale with financial targets broadly being met and in respect of expected café receipts exceeded.

Sue Herbert
Treasurer

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st Mar 2024

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Receipts				
Grants	-	2,000	2,000	10,389
Fundraising events	1,847	-	1,847	1,752
Donations	4,011	-	4,011	1,661
Members' subscriptions	1,915	-	1,915	1,526
Gift Aid	1,562	-	1,562	675
Book sales	1,655	-	1,655	725
Room hire	20	-	20	-
Total receipts	11,010	2,000	13,010	16,728
Payments				
Library system	799		799	
Labels and library cards	517		517	
Heat & light	2,064		2,064	
Insurance	1,292		1,292	
Alarm system	287		287	
Wi-fi	337		337	
Redecoration and repairs	6,359		6,359	
Paving		3,000	3,000	
Counter		4,167	4,167	
Flooring		1,953	1,953	
Building survey & planning				2,229
Furniture & equipment		510	510	793
Sundries	135		135	12
Total payments	11,790	9,630	21,420	3,034
Net receipts/(p'ments)	(780)	(7,630)	(8,410)	13,694
Closing funds LY	6,064	7,630	13,694	0
Closing funds TY	5,284	0	5,284	13,694

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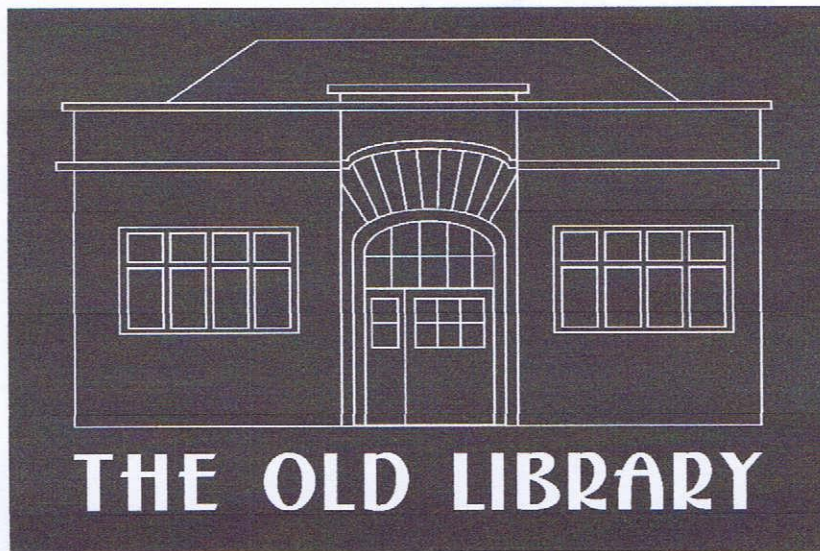
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures	<i>HR Verity</i>	<i>S Herbert</i>
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Date	01/11/2024	

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The objects of the organisation as stated in its articles are:

1. To advance the education of the public by the promotion of the use of a public lending library service for the benefit of the residents of Skircoat Ward.
2. To promote or benefit the residents of Skircoat Ward, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to retain an important local building by generating income from it. The income will be used to develop it into a welcoming space that will serve the community, support learning and encourage neighborhood cohesion.

Strategic Aims

1. To retain a local library service.
2. To create a sustainable, not for profit organisation.
3. To provide a welcoming, well run community space for all generations.
4. To encourage local support and engagement, building a local sense of community.
5. To preserve and develop an historic and culturally valuable local building.
6. To create volunteering opportunities and work experience.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when agreeing the Old Library's mission, aims and our service delivery principles. We have also borne this guidance in mind when setting our objectives to ensure that we correctly identify the intended beneficiaries of our work, make real difference and comply with our charitable objects at all times.

Achievements and Performance

Well, the main achievement, is of course the successful community asset transfer of the library building from Calderdale to our Charitable Incorporated Organisation: The Old Library.

It has taken over 3 years from the initial contact with early meetings on zoom due to covid restrictions, we didn't meet face to face as a group for the first year, but the resolve was there. We wanted to keep our library, for our community for the future, an inclusive space for everyone, one of the few places left where there would be no expectation to spend money.

As part of the transfer, we've been gifted some of the existing stock, but will no longer be a part of the Calderdale Library group, we will be independent and all our new members will be issued with an Old Library Card, in order to borrow books.

We have so many people to thank for their help and expertise so far:

The community, friends and families who have supported us from the beginning, coming to the open days, helping to choose the new name, bought raffle tickets, came along to fundraisers, put their names forward to volunteer, donated books, signed up to be Friends of The Old Library, baked for our events, and continue to be patient throughout the process. We're nearly there!

Here are some of the local trades, businesses and professionals whose help has also been invaluable:

Daniel Cawthorn – Wilkinson Woodward
Liz Kenny - Skircoat Green Directory
Eesome, Coffee on the Bean, Harveys of Halifax, and the Thoughtful Spot
Cassandra Walker - Locality
Lloyds Banking Group, Calderdale, ABS UK, Tesco, Disco Kitchen
Danny Smith- CP Media
Briggs Priestley
Phil Hawdon, Adie Bailey, Andy Gordon, Rob Firth, Mike Hendy, Steve Ambler, Paul Lees, Sue Hanson, Liz Todd, Martin Smith.

Since picking up the keys, we've been busy; measuring up for the new improved counter, the new accessible toilet and the new flooring - all works in progress.

Future works - decorating to be completed before opening.

Sorting through all the books, existing stock and donations ready for cataloguing.

Setting up IT systems.

Work has been completed at the front of the building with the new patio area for outdoor seating, a tree trim and a general tidy up.

We will be continuing to fundraise and apply for grants for the major/capital works, and the day to day running costs of the library.

In the immediate future we will be:

Contacting the cataloguers, and cataloguing!

Contacting potential volunteers, interviewing, recruiting and training

Continuing to improve the building

Applying for funding

Fundraising

We're all volunteers, and have numerous other commitments, (jobs, families, carers, etc) but are all committed to getting our gorgeous library open for good, as soon as possible - lending books, serving sumptuous coffees and cakes to generate funds and being a welcoming, accessible space for all.

Thank you for your patience thus far and support,

Helen Verity, Chair.

Financial Review

Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
Receipts			
Grants	-	10,389	10,389
Fundraising events	1,752	-	1,752
Donations	1,661	-	1,661
Members' subscriptions	1,526	-	1,526
Gift Aid	675	-	675
Book sales	725	-	725
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,339	10,389	16,728

Payments			
Building survey	-	1,966	1,966
Planning application	263	-	263
Equipment	-	793	793
Sundries	12	-	12
Total payments	275	2,759	3,034

Net receipts	6,064	7,630	13,694
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,064	7,630	13,694

Statement of Assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank	5,799	7,630
	Cash	265	-
Total cash funds		6,064	7,630

The above financial statement shows receipts and payments in the period from the charity being established on 7th March 2022 to 31st March 2023. In this period the library was not open as the community asset transfer didn't complete until 6th April this year.

Despite the library not being open the trustees worked to raise funds by applying for grants, holding fund raising events, recruiting Friends of the Old Library and claiming Gift Aid on members' subscriptions and sundry donations.

This means we have an unrestricted funds reserve of £6,064 to carry forward to the next financial year. It is the charity's policy and target to hold funds sufficient to cover one years running expenses. Our budget estimates that the running expenses are in the region of £10,000 per annum. This does not include ad-hoc repairs that may be required or the purchase of books.

However, the trustees expect the annual income of the charity to increase once we are open and can raise money from coffee sales and room hire.

The balance of restricted reserve funds are unspent grant moneys earmarked for the first stage of building repair and refurbishment.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Old Library is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated on 7th March 2022 with charity number 1198148. In its structure it has both trustees and members with voting rights.

The governing document of the charity is its Constitution.

The appointment of charity trustees is laid down in the Constitution as follows:

- (1) At the first annual general meeting of the members of the CIO all the charity trustees shall retire from office;
- (2) At every [subsequent] annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;
- (3) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;
- (4) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (5) of this clause;
- (5) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause [15] (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause [12(3)] on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;

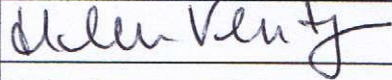
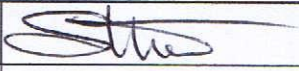
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds on behalf of others.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures		
Full names	Helen Rosemary Verity	Susan Herbert
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	20.8.23	