

DERBY LIBRARIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1201852

Details

Other names SPONDON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-02-06

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

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Activities

Objects: A. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY RUNNING AND MAINTAINING FREE PUBLIC COMMUNITY LIBRARIES, TO INCLUDE LOANING BOOKS AND OTHER ITEMS, PROVIDING ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET, OFFERING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES COMMENSURATE WITH A PUBLIC LIBRARY ANDB. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF DERBY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION 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 AND 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 INHABITANTS.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008]

Activities: Running and maintaining free public community libraries, to include loaning books and other items, providing access to computers and the internet, offering educational events and other activities commensurate with a public library for the benefit of the residents of Derby and the surrounding areas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derby City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-04-05		£81	£347	-	-
2024-04-05		£620	£99	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter John Blake	Chair	2026-03-11
Ruth Bartlett		2026-03-11
Susan Preedy		2026-05-11

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ANNUAL REPORT
6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

Address: Stitwell Street, Spondon, Derby. DE21 7FG

Trustees:

John Michael Page	Retired 20.11.25
Peter John Blake	
Ruth Bartlett	
Susan Preedy	

Structure, Government and Management

The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees, responsible for legal compliance. Due to the change in circumstances, with Derby City Council taking back overall control of Spondon Library, the Advisory Committee has been disbanded. At present Derby Libraries do not employ anyone. Trustees are recruited from residents and local businesses, who have an interest in supporting community managed libraries.

Objectives and Activities

Due to the change in control, with Derby City Council bringing all community managed libraries back under its wings, our roles has changed. The primary objectives of the organisation are to preserve the existence of a library in Spondon, providing a lending library and other related services to the Spondon community and its surroundings.

As well as providing library staff, our volunteers organised and took part in events and activities for the public and raised funds for library services and improvements.

Achievements and Performance

Due to major refurbishment, the Library was closed for a year. Activities have been limited. Our volunteers continued to raise money, selling used books. The Library eventually re-opened in September, giving us a beautiful, welcoming Library to move forward with. The majority of the volunteers returned, all existing groups returned and one new group began in November 2025. We continually look for new ways to serve our local community.

Financial Review

We continue to support the library and the. Volunteers with their fund raising. Our turnover is:-

Income £81.33

Expenditure. £346.80

Our activities also provide benefit to Spondon Library in the form of donated fixtures and fittings.

This report was approved by Derby Libraries Trustees on 20 January 2026.

Chair of Trustees: Peter Blake

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Trustee board meeting at 17:00 on 20th November 2025 skype

Treasurer report.

1. Since the last financial year ended on 5th April 2024 we have had only three transactions, income of £80 from book sales on 10th July 2024, deposit account interest received of £1.23 on 4th October 2024 and expenditure of £346.80 for the copier replacement on 31st July 2024.
2. The balances are £102.38 in the current account and £153.04 in the deposit account.
3. We have no liabilities.
4. Report at 5th April 2025

John Page, Acting Treasurer.
20 November 2025.

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Annual Report
6 February 2023 to 5 April 2024

Address: Sitwell Street, Spondon, Derby DE21 7FG

Trustees:

Name	From	To
John Michael Page		
Peter John Blake		
Ruth Bartlett		
Kevin Barry Palmer		15 June 2023
Catherine Elizabeth Richardson		9 January 2024
Julie Fearn		18 July 2024
Christopher Richardson		25 July 2024
Susan Preedy	20 April 2023	

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees, responsible for legal compliance, supported by an Advisory Committee, who support the volunteers who work in the library, investigate new ideas and make recommendations to the trustees. The Advisory Committee consists of trustees and volunteers, (who staff Spondon Library), which provides a good overview of the organisation. At present Derby Libraries do not employ anyone. Trustees are recruited from residents who have an interest in supporting community managed libraries.

Objectives and Activities

This charity was established to bid for a contract with Derby City Council to operate Spondon Community Managed Library, and perhaps other Derby community managed libraries, when the organisation that held the contract decided to relinquish it, by volunteers who had supported the previous contract holder since 2018. Its primary objective is to preserve the existence of a library in Spondon, providing lending library and other related services to the Spondon community and its surrounds. It took part in the Expression of Interest process run by Derby City Council to find replacement community managed library operators during the period of this report. Our volunteers also continued to staff Spondon Library throughout the period, both while it was operated by the previous contract holder and after the community managed libraries were temporarily taken back under the control of the City Council. As well as providing library staff, our volunteers organised and took

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part in events and activities for the benefit of the public and to raise funds for library services and improvements.

Achievements and Performance

Our Expression of Interest (EoI) to operate Spondon Library and five other Derby community managed libraries was submitted to the City Council in May 2023, and we were initially selected as the most favoured bidder. However, political changes then caused the City Council to suspend the process and change the terms of the invitation, announcing a new EoI process, in which we took part, the closing date of which was beyond the period of this report. In this period our volunteers worked thousands of hours staffing Spondon library and organising book clubs, Rhyme Time and Learn My Way sessions and fundraising events. Our Advisory Committee members worked on the establishment of organisation policies and procedures and the preparation of our EoI submissions as well as providing support for the library staffers. Spondon Library was the most successful of the ten Derby community managed libraries, having the most active volunteers and providing the longest weekly opening hours until, towards the end of this reporting period, structural problems were discovered in Spondon Library which necessitated short-notice closures and restricted opening times.

Financial Review

Because our main activities were the provision of labour or other non-financial related services our turnover was limited to an income of £620 and expenditure of £99. Our activities also provided benefit to Spondon Library in the form of donated fixtures and fittings.

This report was approved by Derby Libraries Trustees on: 9 January 2025

Chair of Trustees: John Page

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Profit and loss account, year ending 5th April 2024

Income	
Copying, donations and book sales	618.14
Interest received	1.81
Total income	619.95
Expenditure	
Consumables	78.96
Other (Christmas tree)	20.00
Total expenditure	98.96
Net profit (loss)	520.99

Balance sheet as at 5th April 2024

Assets	
Bank current a/c	369.18
Bank deposit a/c	151.81
Total assets	520.99
Liabilities	
Creditors	0.00
Total liabilities	0.00
Net assets (liabilities)	520.99