

TIDESWELL COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1203862

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-07-05

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, 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 OF TIDESWELL.IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER:TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE LIBRARY FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Tideswell Community Managed Library provides volunteer run library services based in St John's Institute, a building adjacent to the Parish Church. These services are provided under the guidance/management of Derbyshire County Council. In addition the library offers a space for display of the work of local groups and as a hub for social interaction. Free PC use is afforded to registered users.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£3,555	£630	-	-
2024-12-31	£11,264	£637	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Black	Chair	2023-12-11
Alan Upstone		2023-12-11
Catherine Goodall		2023-12-11
Jacqueline Teeney		2023-12-11
Jean Jackson		2023-12-11
Leonard Venables		2023-12-11
Sandra Howard		2023-12-11

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'Chair's' Annual Report to Trustees January 12th, 2026

The library has now been running for over two years under local management. Currently, we have twenty volunteers. These volunteers have made an outstanding contribution in commitment and fortitude in order that the library can run from month to month and year to year.

The online Library Management System has been replaced during 2025. The new system, Axiell Spark, seems to provide a marginal improvement in performance although still not offering perfect alignment with Community Managed Library procedures. Fortunately, the volunteers have generally been able to address these issues to ensure that pragmatic solutions can be found. The hardware and software changes have meant that the volunteers have needed to undergo retraining and have also had to adapt to changes in running the system(s).

In addition, the library operating system computers have been replaced along with those for public use although the latter have been reduced from four to two. The broadband connectivity has been overhauled and upgraded.

The library lease negotiations rumble on but I gather, at the time of writing this report, that a resolution may be near. I understand that the key documents may now have been signed.

Our volunteers ensure that the library environment is clean and attractive and that we have had inventive displays from volunteers and the wider community, many detailed below. We also have a wide range of informational material available. The range of this has been expanded during 2025 (our rules preclude the promotion of commercial ventures). The space has been used by the 'Rhyme Time' group, by Tideswell Pre-School, by Tideswell School, by Tideswell Community Players, by the local Environment Group, by Tideswell Living History Group and as a venue for regular drop-in sessions with PCSO Anthony Boswell. Library visitor numbers remain healthy, and we have had a steady uptake of library facilities by new users.

At the latest Annual Review Meeting our DCC library managers expressed their satisfaction with the running of our library and with the outcomes in terms of service to the library users and the local community in general.

Our finances remain in a healthy state although we have not always managed to spend our grant funding exactly as planned or within a precise time window due to circumstances beyond our control. To date, we have received no direct monetary funding from D.C.C. although the various upgrades and training mentioned above have come at no cost to the library despite being the subject(s) of expenditure in our Business Plan approved by the County Council.

Our engagement with NatWest through the use of a business account for charities is, at times, challenging. However, the software is comprehensive and, to date, has provided a secure picture of the financial position of the CML. Attached is the financial information pertaining to the most recent financial year (01/01/2025 – 31/12/2025).

I would like to thank the volunteers and trustees for their input and commitment without which the library would not continue functioning beyond the coming month at most.

Activities and initiatives:

1 Rhyme Time – this has continued since September 2025. This has been due to the efforts of a small group of volunteers.

2 Jigsaw(s)

3 Art displays – various sources

4 Wall displays

5 Home book deliveries(organizer Len Venables)

6 Mentoring of a D. of E. Student

7 Visits by PCSO Boswell

8 Visits by the ‘Pre School’ group

9 Social media posts

- 10 Community Library Newsletter posts
- 11 Summer Reading Challenge including activities to underpin visits by children from Bishop Pursglove School
- 12 History Group display
- 13 Library promotion initiatives (via The Peak Advertiser)
- 14 Articles in The Village Voice
- 15 Some promotional input via the Coop.
- 16 Upgrade of decoration and signage
- 17 World Book Day March 2025
- 18 Tideswell and District Environment Group Meetings
- 19 Fund Raising Raffle

Tideswell Community Managed Library

Balance Sheet - Financial Year Ending December 31st, 2025

Income:

Carried forward from 2024	£10627.65
Anonymous Donation	£1000.00
Coop Grant	£500.00
Coop Grant	£1679.95
Petty cash	£376.03
Total Income	£14183.63

Expenditure:

Paul Black expenses (Christmas tree and diary)	£25.59
Paul Black expenses (printer paper x2 £10.00, bookends £14.88, poster £29.00)	£53.88
Paul Black expenses (tray table, jigsaws, leaflet carousel, photocopier paper)	£113.62
Publicity expenses	£249.92
Jacqueline Teeney expenses (headphones)	£14.99
Paul Black expenses (display item £13.00, sundries (Morrisons) £3.00, Rymans (stationery £5.78), Blu Tac £1.25)	£23.03
Public Liability Insurance	£149.37
£23.03	
Total Expenditure	£630.40
Balance	£13553.23

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

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CHARITY NUMBER: 1203862

CONTACT ADDRESS:

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THE AIMS OF THE CHARITY (AS STATED IN THE TRUST DOCUMENT):

The Community Managed Library is:-

For the public benefit, 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 of Tideswell.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community library and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of the library for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

TRUST MANAGEMENT

TRUSTEES:

Paul Black (Chair)

Jean Jackson (Treasurer)

Leonard Venables

Alan Upstone

Eileen Goodall

Kate Goodall (Minutes Secretary)

Sandra Howard

Jacqueline Teeney

The Trust is managed by the eight trustees indicated above. Roles are assigned, again, as indicated above. Individual trustees assume specific roles sometimes delegated and sometimes suggested via their own initiative. Regular meetings are held along with an Annual General Meeting which is advertised and open to the general public. As and when individual trustees reach the end of the duration of their service as part of the management group, they may seek re-election. Alternatively, they may voluntarily resign in which cases a replacement trustee would be sought and their acceptance as a trustee confirmed by the democratic assent of the governing body.

THE LIBRARY:

The library has been running for about fifteen months. Currently, there are twenty-one library volunteers. Our volunteers have made an outstanding contribution in commitment and fortitude in order that the library can run from month to month.

Issues have arisen with the online Library Management System, which is not properly aligned with Community Managed Library procedures, although the volunteers have addressed these issues and ensured that pragmatic solutions can be found. We are now part way towards the introduction of a new LMS which we understand will be an improvement.

Library visitor numbers have increased substantially over the duration of the existence of the CML although book transactions have declined slightly. A publicity campaign has been run, and this may be repeated during the next year.

The library lease negotiations continue slowly on, and I gather, at the time of writing this report, that a resolution may not be near. The library is subject to a sub-lease from Derbyshire County Council the production of which is dependent on factors outside the trustees' control. This has not affected the operation of the library in terms of the fulfillment of the trust objectives. We have raised or been promised a total of around £13000 (see

account information). With the eventual arrival of DCC funding the library should have sufficient financial resources to continue operating until, at least, 2028.

The volunteers have ensured that the library environment is clean and attractive and that there are inventive displays by volunteers and the wider community. There is also a wide range of informational material available.

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FINANCES:

A summary of financial transactions is provided below. Because of the delay with the production of the sub-lease the financial situation is 'healthier' than it might otherwise have been, hence a prognosis of continued operation until, at least, 2028. Beyond that date financial uncertainties make predictions problematic.

Tideswell Community Managed Library **Balance Sheet - Financial Year Ending** **December 31st, 2024**

Income:

Derbyshire Dales District Council	£840
Tideswell Parish Council	£2000
Tideswell Food Festival	£3000
Anonymous Donations	£4100
TDCA	£200
Tideswell Wakes Committee	£220
Tideswell Cinema Donation	£500
Cash Taken for fees, photocopying, holds	

And small donations	£404.26
Total Income	£11264.26

Expenditure

Public Liability Insurance	£137
Till Float	£40
Mobile Phone	£75
Purchase of Receipt Book	£6.49
Publicity Expenses	£187.50
First Aid Kit	£19.95
Paint and Paper	£25.99
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I HAVE EXAMINED THE ACCOUNTS & DOCUMENTS
PRESENTED AND HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE A TRUE RECORD
A. BRIGMORE AB 16/3/2025