

TIDESWELL COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY NAME: TIDESWELL COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

CHARITY NUMBER: 1203862

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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.

The library space has been used by the 'Rhymetime' group, by Tideswell Pre-School, by Tideswell School, by Tideswell Community Players, by the local Environment Group and as a venue for regular local policing drop-in sessions with PCSO Anthony Boswell.

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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
Public Liability Insurance	£138.68
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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