

East Goscote Community Library

Annual Report

5th April 2025 – 4th April 2026

Trustees and Volunteers

At the Annual General Meeting held on 30 April 2025, Richard Kyle was reappointed as Chair of Trustees. In July, we were pleased to welcome Ewa Walsh to the committee; however, due to other commitments, she resigned in early 2026. This leaves a total of six trustees at the end of the reporting period.

The library continues to benefit from the support of 23 dedicated volunteers, including a gardener, all operating within a self-managed rota system. We were also delighted to welcome students undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Thanks to the commitment and reliability of our volunteers, the library remained open as scheduled throughout the year, with no closures due to staffing shortages.

Library Services

The library remains a valued and well-used resource within the East Goscote community. While usage of core services has remained steady, average weekly footfall has increased slightly to approximately 80 visitors.

We are pleased to maintain strong links with local organisations, including Bizzy Bees Preschool and Broomfield School, whose continued visits help strengthen our community engagement. The Summer Reading Scheme was particularly successful this year, with participation levels exceeding those of the previous year. We extend our sincere thanks to our School Liaison Officer, Barbara Liversedge, for her continued efforts in developing these relationships.

Our Romp and Rhyme sessions remain popular, providing a welcoming and engaging environment for young children and their parents to enjoy songs, stories, and social interaction.

Fundraising and Financial Overview

Fundraising remains essential to the sustainability of the library. Sales of donated items—particularly jigsaw puzzles—continue to provide a reliable income stream. Our Coffee Mornings were also successful, raising just over £300 during the year.

Santa's visit on 12 December 2025 was a festive highlight, with 68 children receiving free Christmas gifts, supported by the Parish Council. The Christmas Raffle raised an excellent £155, and we thank all those who generously donated prizes and purchased tickets.

Additional income was generated through the sale of dog waste bags, resulting in a net profit of just over £50.

Energy costs remain our most significant ongoing expenditure, and we continue to monitor usage carefully to ensure efficiency.

In February 2026, the library was awarded a grant of £2,500 from Charnwood Borough Council to support a programme of community activities, including seated yoga and arts and crafts sessions. These sessions will initially be offered free of charge and delivered by experienced instructors, with the aim of transitioning to paid sessions following the funded period.

As of 4 April 2026, the library's closing balance stands at **£21,515.94**.

R. Kyle
Chair
7 April 2026



EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANNUAL MEETING

Accounts from 5th April 2025 – 4th April 2026

CURRENT ACCOUNT

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Donations	59.00	Dog Bags	849.38
Fundraising	238.09	Rent	0
Sales / Audio	295.70	Admin	80.64
Fines / Holds	176.96	Wages	513.60
Printing	97.50	Refreshments	74.87
Coffee Morning	309.90	Security	356.65
Dog Bags	902.00	Furniture	23.49
Interest	316.93	Electric	2,338.68
Lettings	0	Building Maintenance	5.95
Grants	2,500.00	Water	306.51
LCC	0	Cleaning	63.46
Other	2.00	Garden Maintenance	0
		Insurance	280.24
		Fire Service	1,300.30
		Misc.	374.97
TOTAL	**£4,898.08**	**TOTAL**	**£6,568.74**

B/F	**£23,186.60**
Plus Income	£4,898.08
Minus Expenditure	£6,568.74
Total	**£21,515.94**
Current Account	£11,501.52
Investment Account	£10,000.00
Petty Cash	£14.42
BALANCE C/FWD	**£21,515.94**

I confirm I have recieved the accounts for the year ending 4th April 26 for the East Goscote library and they are correct.

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