CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/01/2025 **Period start date; To:** 31/12/2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: Carnegie Library Herne Hill Association CIO, aka Friends of Carnegie Library

Charity registration number: 1165287

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the use and enjoyment of the Carnegie Library in Herne Hill by all residents in the area, without distinctions, for their benefit and by associating with residents, statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, arts and culture and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life in this community and to promote other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The focus of activity for the charity is the Carnegie Library in Herne Hill, including organising and promoting events to bring people into the library in the hope that they will become regular users of its services.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During this year, we have again organised 12 monthly evening author events, a series which has become popular with local residents, and this continues to generate good publicity for the library, encouraging users to engage with the library as a centre of cultural interest and a trusted resource. We have continued to offer events on Saturdays, including a one man play as well as our annual Winter Fair with craft stalls and children's activities. We continue to reach out to local schools. We presented an exhibit in the library of art by the children at a local primary school as well as several art exhibits by local artists. We have a regular stall at the local summer fête in Ruskin Park to further publicise what the library has to offer and we continue to engage with the library staff and the local council to promote the library and ensure its future.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The trustees are satisfied that the charity has ample funds for activities contemplated for the next few years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees do not consider that a specific policy is needed.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Not applicable.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by members at the annual general meeting according to the constitution.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Carnegie Library Herne Hill Association CIO
Other name the charity uses	Friends of Carnegie Library
Registered charity number	1165287
Charity's principal address	Friends of Carnegie Library c/o Carnegie Library 192 Herne Hill Road London SE24 0DG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Cagan	Secretary		
2	Jeff Doorn			
3	Laura Swaffield			
4	Faith Cook			
5	Maureen Freeman			
6	Maude Estwick			
7	Hazel Watson			
8	Bob Goodrick			
9	Jacqui Plumridge			
10	Annie Gelly			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable.		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
There are none.		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

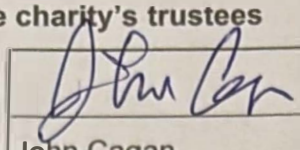
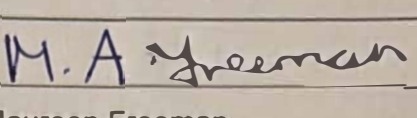
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Cagan	Maureen Freeman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Secretary	Trustee

Date	7 September 2026

Carnegie Library Herne Hill Association
(Registered Charity number 1165287)
known as
Friends of Carnegie Library

Statement of Accounts
for the year ended
31st December 2025

A. INCOME	2024£	2025£
Winter Fair donations	142.95	184.88
Other donations	113.51	49.31
TOTAL INCOME	**256.46**	**234.19**

B. EXPENDITURE	2024£	2025£
Tree plaques	580.30	
Astley Performance	300.00	
Liability insurance	100.80	100.80
Laminating pouches	119.94	64.97
Lambeth Local History affiliation	20.00	20.00
Miscellaneous expenditure	11.98	8.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**1133.02**	**194.31**

	2024£	2025£
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	**(876.56)**	**39.88**

Assets being cash at bank and on hand

	2024£	2025£
Brought forward	6871.42	5994.86
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(876.56)	39.88
TOTAL	**5994.86**	**6034.74**