Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	06	April	2025	**To**	05	April	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bostall Library Community Group
Other names charity is known by	BLCG
Registered charity number (if any)	1165313
Charity's principal address	Bostall Library
	115 King Harolds Way
	Bexleyheath, Kent
Postcode	DA7 5RE

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	Andrew Bryans	Chair of Trustees		
2	Adrian Reeves			
3	Antony Bulmer			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Kimberly Bryans BEM – Director of Operations

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 26th January 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Charity Trustees as and when required

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

New Trustees:

- The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:
  (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and
  (b) a copy of the BLCG's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.
- New Trustees are also encouraged to read the documents available on the gov.uk website relating to the Trustee role and board.

BLCG Organisational Structure:

- Three Trustees as stated.
- Director of Operations (unpaid).
- 5 selected Core Group Members having a greater responsibility than Volunteers
- General Volunteers (25)
- 2 part-time Staff in the employ of the London Borough of Bexley permanently seconded to BLCG

Related Parties:

- BLCG was selected by the London Borough of Bexley (LBB) to manage and run as a community library Bostall Library. BLCG receives a grant (by way of seconded staff) from LBB to facilitate this and to undertake basic Council services as agreed in a Service Level Agreement whilst also allowing BLCG to maximise its fundraising potential. LBB continue to own the premises from which we operate under a lease agreement and negligible rent.

The Trustees, Director and Core Group members give their time on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration or other benefit.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of education for the benefit of the public in the district of West Heath in the London Borough of Bexley and the surrounding areas by the provision of a community lending library, associated services, activities and facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure time for improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

BLCG's main purpose is the loan of books, listening CD books and Jigsaws for adults and children both for recreation and education. We provide some Council services e.g Council Tax payments; Refuse applications; and offering advice and information on many others.

Our coffee shop provide hot and cold refreshments and home-made cakes and sundries. This enables Coffee mornings for groups of elderly patrons seeking companionship and friendship.
We provide low-cost local space for hire by community groups and stakeholders and provide a venue for both Adult and Children's events for all demographics of the local community.
We continue to promote relationships with the local primary schools with regular class visits for story time and book lending.
There are several regular activities for adults: reading clubs; computer tuition; knit 'n natter; coffee mornings; Pilates; community choir.
Other events held throughout the year include a community cinema, Bingo and quiz evenings.
Activities for children include: toddler time; Story Time; and many additional fun activities during school holidays.

We also provide the following initiatives:

- Community fridge with food "waste" contributed by local supermarkets.
- Warm Space.
- Household Support Fund distribution.
- Digital Champions.

Bostall Library is also a polling station when required.

We believe that our library is in fact, more a social and community hub providing a valuable benefit to the local population regardless of age, gender, faith, or personal circumstances.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We have many volunteers who spent a lot of their time to help us to be a success. Their involvement and dedication mean that we can achieve our goals whilst at the same time provide a welcoming, friendly and warm place to work and visit. We and the public appreciate the effort and time that is given, especially on the fundraising events we occasionally hold outside of normal working days/hours.

All monies raised surplus to the day-to-day running costs of the library are banked in an interest earning deposit account. We endeavour to use these funds to further improve the library.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this period we continued to provide our usual mix of additional events beyond lending books and providing services. The Community Cinema, quiz and Bingo evenings were always in demand and we endeavoured to screen a film each month, including a now annual showing on behalf of the Council for LGBTQ+.

After the successful bid for funding from National Lottery Community Fund for replacing the cladding and additional insulation to the main library, this was installed the obvious benefit was very much appreciated during the winter months. This has further improved our savings on energy costs following the installation solar the previous year.

Bostall Community Library was again asked to participate in the Household Support Fund scheme to distribute much needed funds and vouchers to households in need. This continued throughout most of the financial year.

Our Community Fridge continued to be in demand, and thanks goes to those volunteers that collected food “waste” from the local supermarkets when available.

In the summer we held a volunteer’s party to thank all of our volunteers and staff for their continued support and dedication to our library, and for their help we are very appreciative.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	At the end of this financial year the charity has cash funds of £21,800 and £40,000 reserves on deposit. We will continue maintain / increase reserves to be utilised for future projects and protect against possible future changes to our grant.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	Not Applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of funds to the Charity is an annual grant from the London Borough of Bexley. This consists primarily as the provision of seconded staff paid for by the Council, and a small cash amount.

Other primary sources of income are the Coffee Shop, Library Counter sales (printing, photocopying, book sales, fines, reservations etc.), Friends of BLCG membership subscriptions, and loose change donations.
We sell old stock, unwanted and donated books and other items to internet book-buying companies and on the eBay auction site.
Fundraising events are held periodically in the form of seasonal fairs, and entertainment evenings.
Additional funds are achieved through the community cinema, the regular hire of the library space by several individuals & groups, and the Bexley Lottery.

During this period we changed the financial institution where our reserves are held to provide an improved interest rate.

The income is spent on running costs of the buildings (utilities & maintenance), consumables for the Library and Coffee Shop, phone and broadband. We have an annual budget for purchasing new books to replace old stock.
Surplus funds are used for our reserves and future projects.

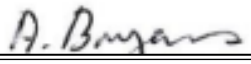
Section F Other optional information

None

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Adrian Reeves	Andrew Bryans
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Chair
Date	13/11/2026	

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Receipts and payments acc

For the period from	###	To	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Bostall Library			
Grants / Funds	1,100	15,000	-
Counter Sales	2,284	-	-
Library Space Hire	6,573	-	-
Coffee Shop Sales	1,855	-	-
Fundraising & Book sales	6,419	-	-
Donations	1,367	-	-
Interest on Deposit	521	-	-
Miscellaneous	1	-	-
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	20,120	15,000	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,120	15,000	-
A3 Payments			
Bostall Library			
Utilities	1,809	-	-
IT	4,915	-	-
Consumables and Stock	4,801	-	-
Insurance	393	-	-
Rates and Taxes	1,158	-	-
Miscellaneous	782	-	-
Transport	1,137	-	-
Community Cinema	170	-	-
Household Support Fund	-	4,660	-
Solar Project	-	-	-
Maintenance / Building Works	1,199	10,000	-
Sub total	16,363	14,660	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	16,363	14,660	-

Net of receipts/(payments)	**3,756**	**340**	**-**
A5 Transfers between funds	**-**	**-**	**-**
A6 Cash funds last year end	**57,731**	**-**	**-**
Cash funds this year end	**61,487**	**340**	**-**

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account Lloyds BLCG	**21,487**
	Saffron Building Society BLCG	**-**
	Hampshire Trust Bank BLCG	**40,000**
	Total cash funds	**61,487**
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		**-**

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Book Stock	unrestricted
	Computer Equipment	unrestricted
	Library Furniture and Shelving	unrestricted
	Library Vehicle	unrestricted

	Details	Fund to which liability relates
B5 Liabilities		

	Signature	Print N
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Adrian R
	A. Burgess	Andrew

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
16,100	41,100
2,284	1,694
6,573	8,447
1,855	1,971
6,419	6,028
1,367	700
521	1,318
1	-
35,120	61,259
-	-
-	-
35,120	61,259
1,809	4,660
4,915	7,023
4,801	5,712
393	343
1,158	414
782	897
1,137	1,626
170	211
4,660	26,327
-	15,000
11,199	9,075
31,023	71,287
-	
-	
-	-
31,023	71,287

4,096	- 10,028
-	-
57,731	67,763
61,827	57,731

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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
340	-
-	-
-	-
340	-
OK	OK

Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
-	161,000
-	20,000
-	22,000
-	12,500

Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

lame	Date of approval
Reeves	11/13/2026
Bryans	11/13/2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Bostall Library Community Group		
On accounts for the year ended	5th April 2026.	**Charity no (if any)**	1165313
Set out on pages	TWO		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	11/11/2026.
Name:	Elia Castillo Torres.		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Accounting and Finance Degree.		
Address:	66 Orchard Avenue Upper Belvedere, Kent		

Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

