South Craven Community Library Service
Year End Accounts March 31st 2026

		Income
Parish Grants		**£1,000.00**
NYCC Grants		**£1,600.00**
Bradford Warm and Welcoming Space Grant		**£1,900.00**
Donations		**£571.96**
Home Guard Talk Income		**£42.00**
Raffle Ticket Income	2025 (Easter)	**£324.00**
Raffle Ticket Income	2025 (Christmas)	**£351.00**
Bank Interest Received on deposit Account		**£16.23**
Lottery income		**£1,080.00**
Lending activities		**£583.21**
Library subscriptions		**£0.00**
Computer use		**£5.80**
Book & Jigsaw sales		**£73.90**
Other sales		**£28.00**
Prints and copies		**£877.15**
Till Over/(Under)		**£63.85**
Library Income for this year:		**£8,517.10**

	Expenditure
Event costs	**£174.25**
Lottery Prizes	**£650.00**
Rates,Waste Collection, Ins & Water	**£777.57**
Security (Fire & Alarm), Fire Extinguishers, FE Testing	**£1,445.69**
Electric and Gas	**£2,787.43**
Maintenance & Cleaning, Boiler service, Library doors	**£602.05**
Jigsaw Puzzles and Lego	**£43.64**
Stationery, Postage & gifts	**£371.90**
Coffee, Tea, Warmspace beverages	**£81.71**
Raffle Tickets printed	**£99.08**
Refund on Completion of Lease	**-£3.60**
Furniture	**£38.90**
Website, and other renewals	**£55.00**
Office Blind	**£67.47**
Library Expenditure for this year:	**£7,191.09**

Net Balance of library accounts for year:	**£1,326.01**

Bank Balance

Brought Forward Balance from last year:	*£15,778.99*
Balance from this year's Accounts:	*£1,326.01*
Total Funds Available:	*£17,105.00*

Annual Report – South Craven Community Library Service
Financial Year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Charity Details:
Name of Charity: South Craven Community Library Service
Charity No.: 1168766
Address: Main Street, Cross Hills, North Yorkshire, BD20 8TQ

Trustee Board:
The names of the trustees who have served in this financial year (ending 31 March 2026) are as follows:
Revd Canon Michael Cowgill (Chair)
Elaine Dawson (Vice-Chair)
Karen Taylor (Treasurer)
Jennifer Wood (Secretary)
Ruth Lacey (Volunteer Co-ordinator)
Elaine Boyd
Elaine Polshaw
Martin White

Committee Members:
Amanda Veevers (North Yorkshire Community Support Officer)
Helenne Whittaker (North Yorkshire Community Development Officer)

Structure of Charity:
The Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 15 August 2016.

Purpose of the Charity:
Our principal objects as set out in our constitution are as follows: To advance education by the provision of a local lending library The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social or economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the lives of the said inhabitants.

Social Benefit:
We provide a comprehensive range of library services including the loan of books, e-books and audio books. We provide local information; the use of computers; internet and free wifi; a home library service; story times for children, Lego group for children; reading group, social events, computer and homework assistance and a weekly family history group.

Issues and Achievements this financial year:

Library Support from North Yorkshire
The trustees have received excellent support throughout the year from Helenne Whittaker (NY Community Development Officer) and Amanda Veevers (NY Community Support Officer). Both have helped to introduce new initiatives and projects and have also encouraged more children to use the Library facilities. They have both encouraged and trained volunteers in how to operate the new Spydus Computer System.

Finance
There were book sales of new and used books throughout the year. The transfer of our account from Barclays Bank to the Co-op bank was successfully made during September 2025. Many thanks to Karen Taylor, Treasurer, for all the hard work she put into this and into all our financial matters. The balance sheet shows a healthy situation.

Volunteers
Many thanks to all the Library Volunteers, without which the Library could not function. They often go beyond what is expected to ensure Library customers are helped with computer work and choice of books. The present number of volunteers is 31. This includes people who are on the duty rota (some of whom also help in other areas), some involved in the Home Library Service, 'story tellers' for pre-school children and some who help to keep the Library clean and tidy. All new volunteers undertake an induction programme. Volunteers have again been involved in the Household Support fund which has helped people to obtain shopping vouchers.

Home Library Service
This service continues though numbers are small. Visits were made to local Nursing and Care Homes to encourage people to use this service.

Repairs
The facia strip above the front doors was repaired. An office blind was installed. Toilet repaired. Fire extinguishers and alarm checked and maintained. The boiler was serviced and Fire regulations updated.

Summer Reading Challenge
The theme for 2025 was Story Garden. Each young reader had a target of six books to read. Prizes of Book Stickers, Seed Cards and Googly-eyed monsters plus swimming vouches to Skipton Pool were provided. Treasure Hunts were provided in the Library. Busy Bees was also re-launched by NY Libraries for very young children. 109 children started the challenge and 66 completed it.

Displays
Various displays were created including WWII which tied in with 80 years since the end of the war. Displays also featured Volunteers Week in June – which included a Coffee Morning to thank Library Volunteers; Under 5’s week – covering literacy and learning; Story Garden theme highlighting adventures in nature and the great outdoors; Family History Group; Self Care Week.

Talks and Activities:
A talk by the local Home Guard was held on the 80th Anniversary of World War II; A talk by children's author Dale Neal was held – but not very well attended; Sparkle Dreamz Face Painting – a free event for children; Needle Felting workshop; A Pendant Making session was held; Introduction of a Lego Club by a young adult volunteer has proved very popular; A book Club was formed and is well attended; A drop in service offering advice on health and how to create safe and efficient energy usage; North Yorkshire Rotters – a group formed to inspire people to change their habits on waste and recycling – including a demonstration of Wormery and Composting; A course on Mastering your mobile proved popular; Summer craft tables were again available through the school holidays;
The Library had a visit by Glusburn Youth Group and Amanda and Helenne visited local Primary schools as well as a promotion to South Craven Year 7 pupils to encourage more young people to join the Library; The Young Children's 'Book Start' was introduced to several local play groups and is going well; A Christmas and Easter Raffle once again proved successful with many prizes being donated by Volunteers.
The Wednesday morning 'Story Time' for younger children has continued throughout the year and is much appreciated by those who regularly attend.

Visitors
'Buddy', a therapy dog calls in at the library on a weekly basis and is much appreciated by children.
The Local Police Community Support Officers began to make monthly visits to the Library to pick up any local issues that might be raised by the community.

Library Car Park
Further discussions on people parking in the Library Car Park resulted in a letter being sent from NY Council's Legal Department to the main culprit. The situation eased for a time but some problems of unauthorised parking still remain.

South Craven Community Library is definitely that – a place and resource for the whole community – and long may it be so.

Michael Cowgill
September 2026