CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2025 Period start date To 31 March 2026 Period end date

Charity name: Friends of Marsden Library

Charity registration number:1168781

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is to support the continuation of a library service in Marsden for the benefit of the residents of Marsden and the surrounding area, and in so doing to provide facilities for education, recreation, leisure time, occupation and social interaction with the object of improving the personal development and conditions of life for the residents.
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 main activities of the FOML relate to the promotion of library use and include: A website and other social media Membership Events and activities to promote library use to under 18s Events and activities to promote library use to adults Fundraising events and activities such as the production of annual calendar Submission of funding applications to support events and activities to promote the library Joint author reading events with other organisations, e.g. Huddersfield Literature Festival Publicity to promote library use Publicity to promote Kirklees organised library events Publicity to promote the opportunity to volunteer in the library
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	These events are planned and co-ordinated by the trustees at our monthly meetings. In developing the programme of events and activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission 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	**N/A**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**N/A**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers play a vital part in delivering the library service. Each hour that the library is staffed by a member of staff paid by Kirklees MBC is matched by a volunteer. Volunteers participate in issuing and return of books, answering queries from library users, reading to children and other day to day library activities. Volunteers also contribute to the recruitment and co-ordination of other volunteers. In addition, all the activities of FOML are provided by volunteers, this includes organising and staffing events and managing the website and social media to promote library use. We held a volunteer information afternoon for prospective volunteers on the 26 November 2025
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	**Website and social media** - maintained and updated with news about library services and FOML activities www.friendsofmarsdenlibrary.org.uk Instagram – marsdenlibraryfriends and Facebook - @MarsdenLibrary **Marsden Calendar - 2026** • May – 31 June 2025 - entries open on the website for the submission photographs for the competition to produce images for the annual Marsden calendar that includes information about the library service and local events • Selection of winning photographs and production of the calendar July -September 25 • Exhibition of winning photographic entries for the calendar – in the Mechanics entrance hall from 25 September 24 • Calendars on sale – from 26 September • Christmas Fair – 6 December 2025 **Writers' events** 3 April 2025 – Stella Halkyard 29 January 2026 – Amanda Huggins 8 February 2026 – Chris Sidwells

		5 March 2026 – Brian Groom **Collaborative events** 15 May 2025 Hannah Dale – with Huddersfield Literature Festival 26 June 2025 – Sarah Brooks with New Writing North 4 September 2025 – Tawseef Khan with New Writing North

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

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	During this year we were able to promote the library to people attending 7 writers' events. This included a new collaboration with New Writing North and a continuation of our successful collaboration with the Huddersfield Literature Festival. Our events were attended by c300 people.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Sales of the FOML calendar enabled us to raise over £2000 to support our activities and to contribute to the Marsden Community Trust.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	**N/A**
Other		**N/A**

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	FOML had £7170 in funds at the end of the period**.** This enabled us to plan to continue our core activities of author events and producing an annual calendar for the following year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**N/A**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**N/A**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity does not hold reserves as we do not have ongoing financial commitments such as salaries or rents.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**N/A**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are currently no financial uncertainties with regard to the charity continuing as a going concern.

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	FOMLS principal sources of funds include sales of the annual calendar, small individual donations, occasional fundraising from local charities, occasional ticket sales from events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**N/A**
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk facing the charity is the potential for the local authority to return to its proposals to shift the library from community supported to community managed. We will continue to lobby the council and advise our community on the value of maintaining a public library service.
Other		**N/A**

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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	Trustee selection is via advertising vacancies when relevant. New trustees may be appointed by members at the AGM or by members or the Trustees at any time provided such appointment would not exceed the maximum number of Trustees (12)

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	Friends of Marsden Library
Other name the charity uses	FOML
Registered charity number	1168781
Charity's principal address	Marsden Library Marsden Mechanics Peel Street Marsden HD7 6BW

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	Diane Barkley	Chair		
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3	Gail Ward	Treasurer		
4	Jenny Hemming			
5	Mary Snadden	Secretary		
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7	Rachael Payne			
8	Janette Martin			
9	Anne Barnes			
10	Tim Lund			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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

N/A

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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		