Liden Library & Community Hub
Barrington Close
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Trustees Report 2025 - 2026

INTRODUCTION

The Trustees present their Report and Financial Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2026. The financial accounts have been prepared generally, in accordance with Accepted Accounting Practice.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

The following have been appointed as Trustees by the Association for 2025/2026.

	Name	Position	Dated Appointed
1.	David Bell	Chairman	01st December 2018
2.	Eileen Hallier	Trustee	24th November 2022
3.	Garry Perkins	Trustee	22nd August 2022

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Structure, Governance & Management

Swindon Community Library Trust is a Registered Charity (Charity No: 1171371). Currently we have 3 appointed Trustees and 3 more are awaiting being formally adopted to the board.
The Trustees were appointed to assist with the Governance of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. Appointment of Trustees were made taking into consideration of the individuals' skills, expertise and time commitment to undertake the Charity's activities/duties.

Trustees are all volunteers and have been given induction training; all trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received any remuneration during the reporting period. However legitimate personal expenditure have been reimbursed when appropriate.

Aims & Objectives

Aim:
Our Aim is to provide a safe and secure environment to all sections of the community, irrespective of their race, colour, sex, religious conviction, sexual orientation, poverty or social and economic circumstances with the object of improving their conditions in life.

Objectives:
To provide social, cultural, recreational and educational forum to all sections of the community in Swindon and in particular to the residents of Liden, Eldene area.

Promotion of any charitable purpose.

a) To hire the Centre facilities to all at affordable price.

b) To work with stakeholders including Nythe, Eldene & Liden Parish Council and Swindon Borough Council to achieve our objectives.

c) For all users to access the Library which is a friendly and welcoming environment.

d) To encourage local residents to volunteer to be part of the day to day running and management of the Library.

Public Benefit

The objectives of the Centre are the promotion of any charitable purposes for the benefit of all residents in the Borough of Swindon, specifically those in the local area, and any other exclusively charitable purposes which are in the opinion of the Trustees are beneficial to the residents of Swindon. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Aims and Objectives and in planning activities.

Activities

The Library is well used by residents from the local area for loaning books and the space is proving popular for people to meet up for a chat over a cup of tea/coffee.
There is not much call for the space to be used for other bookings at the moment but the Parish Council uses the space for meetings etc.

Facilities

The facilities are looking a bit tired and in need of some refurbishment; we will need to look for some assistance with these works.
The running maintenance & administration is undertaken as required by the administration team.

Financial Statement

The Centre is financed entirely by a grant received from Nythe, Eldene & Liden Parish Council. The Financial position at the end of this financial year looks relatively healthy.

The bank balance for the financial ending 01st April 2026 was £35,773.70.

The income for this period was £19,297.73; comprised of the NEL Parish Council grant and some donations made to the Library Trust; the expenditure was £11,694.43.

Hence the Library remains a going concern for future years.

Reserves Policy

The Centre has a Reserves Policy and it is to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level equates a number of years of operational expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover the cost of utilities, maintenance and other operational costs.

Volunteers

The Centre is entirely run by volunteers who do a variety of jobs including opening & closing the Library and making those using the facility welcome.
The Library Trust is very appreciative of these Volunteers without their continuing contribution the trust would not be able to run.

David M Bell

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Chair - Swindon Community Library Trust
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