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Summary Annual Report & Accounts: 1st April 2018 - 31st March 2019 **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO): Charity Number: 1152276**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Over the year DVB maintained library and information services with the assistance of our wonderful volunteers and from NYCC who provide our books, an Outreach Librarian and IT services. We received a new photocopier/printer and were able to offer colour photocopying for the first time. We made a successful bid for funding for bringing our Home Library Services customers into the library for afternoon tea on a regular basis. We have joined the Local Area Network for meetings of all the local libraries and this has proved to be very helpful. Once again, we held various events for children and adults, including our popular Talks programme. We adopted new policies around Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities and introduced an updated Complaints Procedure. We began work on a new Business Plan to take us to 2022. We are in a secure financial position with free reserves of more than one year's operating costs. We aim to produce a quarterly DVB newsletter with the help of one of our volunteers and we are grateful for the support of our hard-working fundraisers, our Friends group and local Parish Councils.

Our popular Pat Almond event for 2018 was a session with Prof. Joann Fletcher, a well-known Egyptologist, Author and TV & Radio Presenter who gave a very informative and entertaining talk with a slide show to a capacity house audience at Ayton Village Hall. Everyone came away knowing much more about ancient Egypt. She presented certificates and prizes to our young prize winners. Unfortunately we were unable to present the trophy this year as we had no entries for the senior competition. The team of volunteers that run the event have reviewed how the competitions are designed and we have a new format for 2019 when Snake Davis comes to the Village Hall.

Our small satellite library at Snainton Reading Room continues to be organised by Snainton volunteers – there are books available for loan, books for sale and regular visits from the village school. Our gardeners continued to work tirelessly and were rewarded by receiving a well-deserved gold award at the Scarborough Borough Council Muck and Magic evening. The Rainbows were also commended for their work in their own part of the garden.

A highlight of the year was the 45th birthday party of Ayton library/DVB when we had 1970s style food and drink and many dressed in the fashion of the age and listened to music of the same era!

Laurel Armitage

This Annual Report is a summary of the Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 prepared in accordance with Charity Commission requirements. If you would like a copy of the full report please contact the Chair c/o Derwent Valley BRIDGE Community Library and Resource Centre. Telephone 01723 863052 or info@derwentvalleybridge.co.uk

LIBRARY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS:

During the year we were visited 25,517 times by 599 active users and issued 19,023 books to 502 active borrowers (10,580 Adult Fiction, 2,357 Adult Non-fiction, 5,420 Junior Fiction and 757 Junior on-fiction). Our total issues were 21,817 which includes DVDs and audio books.

Our average number of volunteers was around 65 and new volunteers over the year included two Duke of Edinburgh Award students and a university student who helped throughout the Summer period. We were sad to lose one of our Volunteer Co-ordinators who moved away from the area. Volunteers attended training sessions on Safeguarding, IT equipment, Stock control and the Soprano system. Local Area Network meetings were set up for volunteers at community libraries in the area to get together every two months to discuss relevant issues – these are proving very useful.

We were visited twice by the Ayton School Nursery class, and twice by Radio York who broadcast live from the library on one occasion. We started to hold afternoon tea sessions for our Home Library Service customers with the help of Dial a Ride providing transport – these afternoons proved to be popular and so we applied for and received two year's funding from Stronger Communities to be able to continue these teas for those who usually are unable to come to the library. Our childrens' activities continued with weekly Baby Booktime and Storytime sessions which were well supported. During Bookstart Week we were able to give books to the young children who came along to the groups.

During the Easter holidays we held a Moo Music session and a Easter crafts session, and In June our 'Wrong Trousers' walk attracted 25 families. In the Summer, 87 children signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge and we held a Beano Bash and made a Beano collage. 34 children attended our Blue Planet day learning about environmental issues. As usual, we held a Halloween party which was very well attended and all had fun. Our Book Club continued to meet monthly and our Knit & Stitch group to meet fortnightly.

Once again we need to thank all our hard working volunteers, those who work in the library, the fundraisers, the cleaners, the gardeners, maintenance helpers and the trustees. We celebrated our sixth birthday with a meal at Walkers and volunteers were invited to a celebration evening at the library during Volunteers' week. A number of volunteers also enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the Copper Horse.

Laurel Armitage

PREMISES:

Works were carried out to replace the rear painted garden fencing which had been in a poor condition for some years, was beyond repair and detracting from the overall good appearance of the library building and garden. This work was completed during the summer months.

Additional shelving was also installed in the shed for the use of the gardening group and the external railings and bike rack were painted.

Following the provision of a Locality Grant through the good auspices of Councillor Jeffels the library was also able to improve the usability of disabled toilet facilities by installing grab rails.

The planning application process for a proposed buggy store was started and a provision made in the accounts towards the cost of the eventual replacement of the central heating furnace/boiler which is now some 20 years old and is the responsibility of DVB.

The overhanging trees at the front of the library were pruned back in January by John, Denise & Clive with some six trailer loads of branches being taken to the Scarborough tip for shredding & composting, they look much better for a good trim.

As always we are indebted to John Warburton as our expert volunteer handyman.

Clive Proctor/Anita Cassedy

FUNDRAISING

The 2018-19 fundraising year raised some £2,500 for library funds. Key contributors were the Summer Draw held every other year, the Annual Quiz, a Musical Evening and the Christmas Draw. New items in the programme were the 'Teas de Yorkshire' that capitalised on the Tour passing right by the library; we sold cakes, scones and preserves to spectators. The 'Pudding Evening' where people sampled a range of puddings and voted for their favourite proved popular too. No Snowflake Saturday this year; instead we sold homemade produce and craft items from a stall in the library, raising some £180.00

We had stalls selling books and produce at four summer fairs along the Derwent Valley. We don't make large sums of money, but our presence reminds people about the library and the services it provides. Our stall at Scarborough Community Fair featured the Suffragettes and won a prize in the best-dressed stall competition. Altogether a very successful year that would not have been possible without the help and support of our stalwart volunteers and the hard work and commitment of members of the Fundraising Group.

Julie Janes

TALKS PROGRAMME

This is our 4th year offering winter/spring talks at the library. Almost all our Talks attracted a full audience of 38 to 40 people which in our small library is full capacity. We now have a chair trolley and a ramp to move the chairs kindly loaned from the Methodist church next door and also an extremely efficient sound system so that our Speakers can be clearly heard by all.

Local history, wildlife, charcoal, astronomy and gardening were topics that, once again, judging by our feedback forms, attracted lots of positive comments from our audiences. Chris Hansell, our local extremely knowledgeable and interesting Hawk and Owl Trust Ranger for Fylingdales Moor suffered a 'technical hitch' when his power-point presentation malfunctioned and so we had in back again for an 'extra' Talk in May this year. It really is great that we have so many entertaining and informative local talent on our doorstep who are willing to give a talk at the library for next to nothing, enabling us to always break even and even make a small profit.

We shall continue to strive to offer a diverse and entertaining series of library Talks and to welcome back our growing band of loyal Talks Programme supporters.

Geraldine O'Brien Mead

TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 show total receipts down from £15292 to £13806. This is due mostly to receiving £3309 less grant monies. The Events income is in fact up £944 due to the continuing efforts of the Fundraising Committee. However, the expenses include a sum of £1512 which is approved capital expenditure being the erection of new permanent premises fencing which reduces the total net receipts to £691 from £1348 the previous year. The £691 net receipts increase the overall cash funds from £19432 the previous year to £20123 this year end. The Library continues to be financially secure.

In line with the Trustees stated policy to improve and provide further services the Capital Programme approved at last year's AGM will continue to be implemented.

Last, but not least, Morna McClellan take a bow. Your assistance is paramount to the somewhat complex financial administration.

Robin Campbell

Trustees during 2018/19

Laurel Armitage (Chair from 12.12.17)	Margaret Barker
Clive Proctor (Vice Chair from 12.12.17)	David Knowleden
Anita Cassedy	Helen Evans
Pauline Bedford	Julie Janes
	Cllr David Jeffels (elected 1.11.18)
	John Fortnum (elected 1.11.18)