



Priaulx Library Annual Report 2024







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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



I have great pleasure in presenting the Chair's report for the year 2025. Like everyone who is involved with the Library, I have a huge passion for our island and its history, and also for the magnificent Priaulx Library, which is effectively Guernsey's most important Research Centre.

This Annual Report provides some detail in the following pages of the Library's strategic review of the year 2024 as well as the strategic plan for the five-year period up to 2029. I believe a little background information is important to better understand the issues that the Library currently faces and how we hope to surmount any challenges we face. In early 2023 it became apparent to the new Council that the costs the Library was facing far exceeded the income being generated. One reason for this was that over the previous ten years the States grant had increased by only 12%, whereas the staff costs had increased by 34% over the same period, whilst operating costs had more than doubled. As a result, the Council formed an Operational Review Committee to consider the financial challenges facing the Library. Over the following year, the Committee met regularly to analyse the Library's income and expenditure, to consider different ways to address the issues raised and to look at all possible solutions. This final report was made to Council, with recommendations on how to remedy the shortfall.

Thanks to the hard work of the Council and the staff of the Library, we have now made great progress in addressing the problem, including a reintroduction of the hugely popular research service. Whilst we continue to work hard to improve our position, we still have much to do and continue to look at ways to increase funding to enable us to improve the facilities at the Library.

On the subject of staff, I would like to highlight that the Priaulx Library has always been blessed with passionate and committed staff, and we are incredibly grateful to all of our staff for the work they put in to making this Library such an enviable source of information. I would like to record the thanks of the Council to all of the members of staff for their commitment: Chief Executive Steve Foote, Chief Librarian Sue Laker, Senior Librarian Judith Finnermore, Rebecca Nel, Dinah Bott, Sarah Ferbrache, Vanessa Wade, Gem Baudains and Paul Blondel, without whom the Library simply would not function as the awesome facility it is.

It was with great sadness that we marked the passing of Dr Harry Tomlinson, who was Chief Librarian from 1984 until 2000. Harry transformed the Priaulx Library during his tenure, opening it up from a single floor with restricted opening times to the much larger, publicly-accessible Library we now enjoy, and with greater opening times. Harry passed away on Saturday 12 April 2025 at the age of 88, but his influence on the Library continues to this day, not least in the name of the Tomlinson Room, which is now the family research room. This is one of the rooms where we hope in future to raise sufficient funds to make this a fantastic resource for the Library.

We continue to be indebted to the support we receive from the 'Friends of the Priaulx Library'. The 'Friends' is a committee set up around twenty years ago by the late Deputy Mike Burbidge, with the aim of raising the profile of the Library and providing assistance with projects and also assisting with financial grants in order to help the Library achieve its goals. The Council are grateful for this continued support.

Whilst the Council has a great deal of passion and support for the Library's future, there is a growing feeling that the Governance is no longer fit for purpose and should be reviewed. In particular, the Constitution of the Council, agreed by the States before the Library was established in 1880, makes some very specific requirements on Council appointments. These are now in need of updating. And the framework which sets out the respective responsibilities of the Council and the States, was last reviewed in 1983 (Billet d'Etat XIV, 1983). This framework should now be replaced by a Service Level Agreement, in line with those in place for many other non-profit organisations funded by States grants.

My personal thanks go also to the members of the Council for all their commitment and work, who continue to strive to make the people of Guernsey aware of this magnificent resource on their doorstep.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Grant". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'R' and a cursive 'Grant'.

Rob Grant
Trustee and Chairman of the Priaulx Library Council
August 2025

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024



Rob Grant

Chairman, Trustee



Deputy Sam Haskins

Council Member
(States Appointment)



Nik van Leuven

Trustee



Rev Tim Barker

Council Member
(ex-officio Dean of Guernsey)



Marcus Priaulx

Trustee
(Priaulx Family Member)



Jenny Palmer

Council Member
(ex-officio Principal Elizabeth College)



Jim Delbridge

Council Member
(Lieutenant-Governor Appointment)



Steve Foote

Chief Executive,
Secretary to Council



Gill Morris

Treasurer, Council Member
(Lieutenant-Governor Appointment)



Sue Laker

Chief Librarian



Kay Leslie

Council Member
(States Appointment)

STRATEGIC REVIEW, 2024

The Priaulx Library has provided Guernsey, its people and its visitors with a free, public Library service at Candie House for over 130 years. It opened its doors in 1889 as a general lending Library, with the private book collection of its founder, the late Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx, at its core.

In 1983, the Priaulx Library became the Bailiwick of Guernsey's local studies centre, playing a vital role in preserving Guernsey's printed heritage for the enjoyment of all.

Highlights of our collections include:

- An unrivalled collection of books on all aspects of the island's history and heritage – and complementary collections.
- The most comprehensive archive of local newspapers in the Bailiwick
- An extensive collection of historic photographs and maps
- The only dedicated collection of literature on the island's language, Guernesiais
- A wide collection of other resources to support the research of local and family history.

In recent years, the Library has embarked on important new initiatives to promote Guernsey's history and culture. Annual open-air exhibitions and social media activity showcase the collections and help bring them to the attention of new audiences.

The Library was established thanks to Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx's bequest of his personal Library to the people of Guernsey and of his house to the States of Guernsey. The Library collections are overseen by the Council and Trustees of the Priaulx Library on behalf of the people of Guernsey, partially funded by a grant from the States. The States of Guernsey are also responsible for the upkeep of the building which houses the collection.



STRATEGIC VISION

Our Strategic Plan sets out the following five priorities:

- Develop balanced, relevant and accessible collections
- Preserve the collections for future generations
- Enhance visitors' enjoyment of Guernsey's Victorian Library
- Promote community engagement with collections and services
- Invest in our professional skills and knowledge

Good progress against the plans has been made over recent years:

- Comprehensive review of our Collections Policy and alignment to our strategic objectives
- Introduction of a new Library Management System (Axiell)
- Conservation and cataloguing of our collections
- Digitisation of historic photos and newspaper collection
- Selection of Findmypast to digitise our family history collections

But there is much work still to do. In order to ensure the continued success of the Library, we need to:-

- Continue with the digitisation of our collections to make them more accessible and preserve them for future generations
- Continue to work with the States of Guernsey to ensure essential repairs and refurbishment of the Library building are carried out
- Improve the resilience of the Library's finances by developing new sources of revenue to supplement the States grant
- Putting in place a Service Level Agreement between the States of Guernsey to establish clear definition of the services provided by the Library with measurable outcomes which sets out clear accountabilities on both Library and government required to achieve this.

“Good progress against the plans has been made over recent years”



STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 - 2029

In order to continue to deliver our remit in line with our strategic priorities, our plans for the coming years are to:

Library Building

- Continue to progress essential building maintenance and repairs in conjunction with the States of Guernsey.
- Take steps to improve the energy-efficiency of the building, including solar panels, LED lighting and improved insulation of the building.

Newspaper collection

- Progress our plans to digitise our newspaper collections, in order to:
 - Preserve the increasingly fragile originals.
 - Make the digitised versions more accessible, both within the Library building and online.
- Identify options to store newspaper collections off-site:
 - Enable storage of collections in more appropriate environment
 - Reduce need for access to the originals through provision of digital copies
 - Free up space in the Library for other purposes.
 - Reduce floor loading

Improvements/refurbishment of Library areas

- Once the building repairs have been carried out, and more contents are stored off-site, we can make the building more accessible:
 - Improved facilities for visitors and staff
 - Improved storage for valuable collections
 - More usable space for hosting events and other revenue-generating activities.

Digitisation

- Launch the family history digitisation project – in conjunction with Greffe, Island Archives, La Société Guernesiaise and the Bailiwick's churches in 2025.
- Explore options for making the digitised newspaper collections available online.

Events and Exhibitions

- Expand the range of events and exhibitions held throughout the year to showcase the island's heritage and the Library's collections, in conjunction with the Friends of the Priaulx Library, sponsors and other partners.

Fundraising

- Continue to explore ways to launch new revenue-generating services and other fundraising initiatives.

Marketing and Publicity

- Continue to raise the profile of the Library through promotion on social media, events, exhibitions and other channels.



Family History Digitisation

In January 2024, the Priaulx Library signed a contract with Findmypast. In February 2024, Findmypast and their digitisation partner, Max Communications, began the year-long project to digitise records held by the Priaulx Library, the Greffe, and the Island Archives. During the year 210,000 pages were digitised in preparation for the online launch in April 2025.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

COLLECTIONS

Acquisitions

We continued to actively acquire new local publications, and to review and refresh our supporting collections that provide context for local research through new purchases.

We received many generous donations of items for the collections this year, and we are grateful to the authors and publishers who gave copies of their new publications to the Library.

Among these donations, we welcomed:

- The St John Robilliard Collection of books on Norman Customary Law, transferred to the Priaulx Library by the St John Robilliard Charitable Trust, along with funds for cataloguing the collection.
- An extensive collection of original cartoons drawn by Alan Guppy, donated by his son, Mark Guppy.
- Two paintings by the great-grandmother of the Library's founder, Osmond de Beauvoir Priaulx, given to the Library by her descendant, Diana Priaulx.

Preservation

We undertook a preservation survey of the Library's bound newspaper collections, recording and rating the condition of over 450 volumes. Data from the survey will support the Library in deciding which volumes should be prioritised for conservation and/or digitisation and, by extension, will improve public access to the content of our historic newspapers.

We also cleaned and rehoused 687 glass slides and plate negatives to support their long-term preservation (see Text box for details).

Promotion

Creation of a new, dedicated German Occupation section within the local studies collection, to increase visibility of this subject and make it easier for Library users to identify items on distinct themes.

Newspaper Digitisation

- The completion of scanning of the Guernsey Press 1897-1982, and optical character recognition (OCR) for newspapers from 1897-1949. We are now considering options for making these available online.



Glass Plates

- We cleaned and rehoused 687 glass slides and plate negatives to support their long-term preservation, reducing risk to the fragile objects through abrasion, dust ingress and light exposure. Each item was allocated a unique number to support future identification and retrieval.
- The Library's glass plate negative collection was showcased in our Summer Exhibition 'Projecting the Past' (sponsored by Ravenscroft/ Titan Wealth).



Victor Hugo's Wondrous Feast

An article on our Priaux Library website, written by Dinah Bott about Victor Hugo's lunches for poor children, caught the attention of the organisers of the Tabernacle Choir. It inspired the theme of the Choir's 2024 Christmas Concert. 'Victor Hugo's Wondrous Feast' was performed to packed houses for three nights in a 21,000-seat theatre in Salt Lake City and was broadcast live on PBS to 3 million viewers across America.



Visitors

- History journalists and influencers - as part of Visit Guernsey's initiative to promote the island to lovers of history and heritage. We welcomed "History Alice" Loxton, and a group of history journalists. Feedback from these visitors has resulted in the Library becoming a standard part of the itinerary for visiting historians.
- In June, French Ambassador, Her Excellency Hélène Tréheux-Duchêne, visited the Library as part of her first official visit to the Bailiwick.
- In October, the Philippines Ambassador, Teodoro Locsin Jr, visited the Library as part of his official visit.
- Overall visitor numbers of 14,209 were slightly down on 2023 total. This is largely explained by the lower numbers of cruise ship visitors seen during 2024. (See Appendix for details). However, the level of visitors has yet to regain the pre-Covid peak of 23,000 seen in 2019.

Grants, Donations and other fundraising activities

We are grateful to the following who approved grants or made donations towards Library projects:-

- Social Investment Fund - funding for Project Support role for Family History Digitisation project.
- St John Robilliard Trust - collection and funding for cataloguing/ conservation of Norman Customary Law collection.
- Ravenscroft (now Titan Wealth) - for their support of the summer exhibition and hosting the exhibition preview event.
- Charles Hayward Foundation - conservation work on the Library's Indenture and new public computers.
- Book Royalties - we are also grateful to authors who have donated royalties from the sale of their books, including John Nettles, Rose Marie Crossan and Professor Mari Jones.

Building Repairs & Maintenance

Whilst the iconic Library building in Candie Gardens is synonymous with the Priaux Library, the building itself is owned by the States of Guernsey. We are therefore reliant on our government for the upkeep of the building which houses our collections.

- Main repairs programme - An Invitation to Tender for a wide range of priority building repairs identified in a recent structural survey was published - and a partner was selected by the end of 2024. Work is due to commence in 2025.
- Fire Engineer's Survey - This survey was carried out by an expert in listed buildings. He made a number of recommendations, concluding that no major structural changes were required. A contract for the main recommendation, to improve the fire insulation in the boiler room, was awarded at the end of 2024, and was completed in 2025.
- Offsite Storage - temporary offsite storage at Raymond Falla House is proving inadequate, and we are working with States Heritage Services to identify suitable alternatives.

Guests to Priaux Library (From left to right)

Alice Loxton
Philippines Ambassador, Teodoro Locsin Jr
201 Squadron



OUTLOOK FOR 2025

Collections

- Image collections - We will begin a programme of work to improve the storage, arrangement and retrieval of our image collections.
- Storage - In anticipation of repair and refurbishment works to the Library building, we will prepare collections in affected areas for temporary relocation. We will review collections to identify unwanted stock and improve the arrangement and housing of retained collections.

Digitisation

- Findmypast - Launch of the family history digital collections online by Findmypast in April 2025.
- Newspapers - We will progress our digitisation of local nineteenth-century newspapers, drawing on data from our newspaper preservation survey to identify priorities for conservation and scanning. We will also be exploring options and securing funding to make these collections available online.

Exhibitions

- In addition to our annual summer exhibition, we are planning to run an additional exhibition to mark the 80th Anniversary of Liberation as part of a series of linked exhibitions around St Peter Port including the Island Archives, Guille-Alles Library, George Crossan Gallery and Guernsey Museums.
- Our open-air summer exhibition, sponsored by Titan Wealth, will take the theme of humour and satire.

Revenue Generation

- Continue to explore ways in which to raise funds and launch new services
 - Increase the number of applications for grants from charitable trusts and other grant-giving organisations.
 - Investigate the launch of new services to the community and local businesses – such as company history research, supply of historic photos, house history research, etc.
 - Develop tailored tours for visitors with Guernsey ancestry.
 - Work with Friends of the Priaulx Library to raise the Library's profile, and to increase the number of donations and bequests we receive.
 - Make digital collections (with a particular focus on newspapers, photographs) available online.

Building Repairs and Maintenance

- Repairs
 - Completion of improvements to the boiler room insulation
 - Start work on the roof repairs and replacement of the skylight
- Refurbishment
 - Secure funding for refurbishment of the reception area and a project room for staff and volunteers.
 - Develop plans to rearrange the Tomlinson Room (the family history search room) once these family history resources are available on online.
- Offsite storage
 - To continue to pursue options for offsite storage of digitised newspapers
- Energy-efficiency
 - Progress opportunities for solar panels on the roof to reduce carbon footprint and reduce operating costs.

Conclusion

Whilst we recognise that there are ever-present pressures on government funding and that Heritage and Culture are not as high on government's priorities as Health and Education - it is imperative that we continue to protect, preserve and promote our island's heritage. This is not only important to stimulate islanders' pride in our history and culture – but it is also seen as an increasingly important part of our tourist offering for the thousands who visit the Bailiwick each year.

As more of our island's records are made available online, there will be increasing numbers of the Guernsey diaspora (re)discovering their local ancestry, which in turn will motivate more of them to visit the islands in order to explore their forbears' homeland.

Every year, the Priaulx Library welcomes people from around the world who have travelled in search of their roots, and we are often the first port of call for many of them. We look forward to greeting them in ever-increasing numbers over the years to come – we just need the continued support of the government and the community to enable us to do this in a way that shows us in our best light. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff need to be complemented by welcoming surroundings in which to accommodate visitors and appropriate conditions in which to protect our collections for future generations.

Steve Foote
Chief Executive
August 2025



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PRIAULX LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Priaulx Library Council (the "Council") was created as an autonomous body to run the Priaulx Library (the "Library") which formed part of the agreement between Mr O. Priaulx and the States of Guernsey (the "States") when he donated the Candie Estate to the people of Guernsey in 1889.

He stipulated the composition of the Council and the criteria for election to the Council. This is still in place today. He also donated his personal Library collection and endowed the Library with funds to cover the initial period until the Estate could be sold, as intended, as development land to create the permanent endowment. By a States' decision, the Estate was not sold and when the initial endowment was exhausted, the States resolved to grant sufficient monies annually to continue the Library's work under its autonomous Council as stipulated by its donor and founder.

In 1984, the States of Guernsey agreed to fund the Library by means of a grant which should cover recurrent expenses. At the time, £45,000 was granted. Over the intervening period, the grant was increased periodically and now stands at £382,599. However, this has not kept pace with the rate of inflation in respect of either staff costs or overheads resulting in a funding gap, which before funds raised by the Library, equates to more than £70000 in the year ended 31 December 2024.

Very fortunately, the Library has underspent in prior years and the surplus thus generated has been held for the Library's account by the States. The deficit has reduced those funds and the surplus stood at only £13,616 at the year end. This is likely to turn into a deficit in 2025.

The Council and staff with the support of various charities, including the Friends of the Priaulx, have made a concerted effort since the year end to raise funds to fill this gap and raised over £26,000 in the year. The split between grant income and funds raised by the Library is shown in note 8.

This year, the Council have determined to include fixed assets in the balance sheet so that the accounts are in accordance with the statement of recommended practice for charities.

The various adjustments made in respect of the prior years are disclosed in note 9 to the accounts.



Gill Morris
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT REVIEWER'S REPORT

TO THE PRIAULX LIBRARY COUNCIL

I have reviewed (without carrying out an audit) the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 comprising the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and related notes 1 to 9 on the following pages.

This report is made solely to the Council. This review has been undertaken to confirm the reasonableness of the Council's financial statements and for no other purpose.

Respective responsibilities of the Council and the Independent Reviewer

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. My responsibility is to form and express an independent conclusion, based on my review of the records, to the Council.

Scope

I have reviewed the financial statements by comparing them to the records kept by the Council and have made enquiries of the Treasurer such as I have deemed necessary for the purpose of this report.

Conclusion

Based on the review performed, nothing has come to my attention to suggest that the financial statements do not give a fair reflection of the Council's activities during the year, and nothing has come to my attention to suggest that the financial statements are not in accordance with the underlying accounting records maintained by the Council. In my opinion the financial statements (comprising the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and related notes 1 to 9 on the following pages) properly reflect the books and records of the Council and have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.



Gillian Gill
Independent Reviewer

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Income			
States Grant		382,599	362,140
Other Grants	5	9,771	0
Research fees		11,628	6,611
Donations and sponsorships		4,552	3,384
Royalties		138	124
Events		0	110
Book sales		82	0
Total Income		408,770	372,369
Expenses			
Advertising & marketing		71	2,196
Books for collection		1,798	0
Cleaning & premises maintenance		15,223	13,082
Depreciation expense		5,024	0
Digitisation		0	2,275
Equipment repairs		312	2,673
IT equipment expensed		4,981	7,751
IT consumables & software		7,857	10,913
Library equipment & furniture		135	3,735
Library resources & subscriptions		15,563	15,301
Light, heat & water		9,505	9,374
Restoration & conservation of books		10,720	14,199
Staff remuneration	3	380,830	359,703
Staff training		567	608
Telephone, postage & sundries		3,607	3,700
Total operating expenses		(456,193)	(445,509)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		(47,423)	(73,140)
Bank interest		2,215	346
Investment income		2,746	5,966
Net deficit for the year		(42,462)	(66,828)

The above results are derived from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses or other movements in reserves for the current or preceding financial years other than as stated in the income and expenditure account.

The notes on the following pages form part of these unaudited financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £	Restated 2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Tangible assets					
IT equipment	7	4,717		2,821	
Office equipment	7	5,790		7,660	
Plant & machinery	7	350		566	
		10,857		11,047	
Current assets					
Debtors		452			
Balance with States Treasury		13,616		67,224	
Cash at bank		221,288		188,977	
Cash in transit		0		3,448	
Cash in hand		237		237	
		235,593		259,886	
Current Liabilities					
Deferred income	5	(22,249)		(4,270)	
Creditors		0		0	
		(22,249)		(4,270)	
Total net assets		224,201		266,663	
Represented by	5				
Balance as at 1 January					
Restricted funds			4,270		12,000
Unrestricted funds			262,393		310,444
Total Equity			266,663		322,444
Restricted funds movement			17,979		(7,730)
Excess of Income over Expenditure			(60,441)		(48,051)
Total Equity			224,201		266,663

The notes on following pages form part of these unaudited financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Library's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on an accruals basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in British Pounds which is the functional currency of the Library.

Income and Expenditure

Income and expenditure are included on an accruals basis.

Donations

Donations are accounted for on a receipts basis.

Grants

Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds so that they can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor. Unspent restricted grant income is included in the charity's reserves and treated as deferred income, included in liabilities, until it has been used for the specified purpose.

If a grant does not have specific restrictions, it is recognised as unrestricted funds and recognised in the period that it is received.

Equipment and Furniture

The cost of equipment and furniture, including computers, is capitalised and depreciated as follows:

IT equipment	3 year straight line
Library equipment	5 year straight line
Furniture	5 year straight line

Existing assets have been included at net book value as an adjustment to reserves in the year ended 31 December 2023.

Amounts under £100 have been expensed.

Books

No estimate has been made of the value of books, research documentation or other materials intrinsic to the work of the Library.

2. Balance with the States of Guernsey

The balance held with the States of Guernsey ("the States") is derived from the annual grant by the States, from investment income on monies held by the States and from monies derived from the provision of Library services less the Library's operating costs.

The States allocates a proportion of the investment income or loss on the whole of the funds held by it to the Library based on the amount it holds on the Library's behalf.

On the basis that the States made a loss on its portfolio in the year ended 31 December 2022, the Library has, unusually, made a loss on its funds rather than an income for that year. Following this, the balance of the funds were move to the States other portfolio which is lower risk and generally lower return.

3. Pension Fund

Superannuation costs are included to the extent of the funding rate required by the States for its defined benefits scheme. Further details relating to the funding of the superannuation scheme are provided in the Superannuation Fund section of the accounts of the States of Guernsey.

4. Funds held by the Library

On 15 January 2008, at a meeting held by the Priaulx Library Council, the members formally resolved to establish an account under joint signature of the Chairman and Vice Chairman to receive extraordinary funds such as donations and legacies to be used only for extraordinary expenditure, at the discretion of the Council, to further the work of the Library.

5. Reserves

As a result of adopting an accounting policy for grants (see note 1), reserves have been split between restricted and unrestricted funds, the latter being grants for specific purposes.

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total
Brought forward	4,270	262,393	266,663
New grants	27,750		27,750
Allocated/(utilised)	-9,771		-9,771
Operating surplus/deficit		-60,441	-60,441
Carried forward	22,249	201,952	224,201

6. Compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities and FRS 102

For the first time, the financial statements of the Prialx Library Council are prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with the recommended practice for charities with a turnover of more than £250,000.

7. Tangible Assets

	Note	IT Equipment	Library Equipment	Furniture	Total
Cost					
Brought forward	I	5,512	12,130	1,356	18,998
Additions		4,645	189	-	4,834
Disposals		-	-	-	-
Carried forward		10,157	12,319	1,356	23,832
Accumulated depreciation					
Brought forward		2,691	4,470	790	7,951
Depreciation		2,749	2,059	216	5,024
Disposals		-	-	-	-
Carried forward		5,440	6,529	1,006	12,975
Net book value					
Brought forward		2,821	7,660	566	11,047
Carried forward		4,717	5,790	350	10,857

8. Analysis of income and expenditure by source

	States	2024 Library	Total	States	2023 Library	Total
Income						
States Grant	382,599		382,599	362,140		362,140
Other Grants		9,771	9,771		0	0
Research fees		11,628	11,628		6,611	6,611
Donations and sponsorships		4,552	4,552		3,384	3,384
Royalties		138	138		124	124
Events		0	0		110	110
Book sales		82	82			
Total Income	382,599	26,171	408,770	362,140	10,229	372,369
Expenses						
Advertising & marketing	71		71	2,196		2,196
Books for collection	1,798		1,798	0		0
Cleaning & premises maintenance	15,223		15,223	13,082		13,082
Depreciation expense		5,024	5,024	0		0
Digitisation	0		0	0	2,275	2,275
Equipment repairs	312		312	2,673		2,673
IT consumables & software	4,981		4,981	10,913		10,913
IT equipment	7,857		7,857	2,772	4,979	7,751
Library resources	135		135	13,997	1,304	15,301
Library equipment & furniture	15,563		15,563	3,735		3,735
Light, heat & water	9,505		9,505	9,374		9,374
Restoration & conservation of books	10,720		10,720	14,199		14,199
Staff remuneration	380,830		380,830	367,431	(7,729)	359,702
Staff training	567		567	608		608
Telephone, postage & sundries	3,607		3,607	3,675	25	3,700
Total operating expenses	451,169	5,024	456,193	444,655	854	445,509
Operating profit/(loss)	(68,570)	21,147	(47,423)	(82,515)	9,375	(73,140)
Bank interest		2,215	2,215		346	346
Investment income	2,746		2,746	5,966		5,966
Net income/(expenditure)	(65,824)	23,362	(42,462)	(76,549)	9,721	(66,828)

9. Restatement of 2023 Accounts

Balance sheet

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Original £	Adjustments £	Restated £
Tangible assets			
IT equipment	0	2,821	2,821
Office equipment	0	7,660	7,660
Plant & machinery	0	566	566
		11,047	11,047
Current assets			
Balance with States of Guernsey	67,224	0	67,224
Cash at bank	188,977	0	188,977
Cash in transit	3,448	0	3,448
Cash in hand	237	0	237
	259,886	0	259,886
Current Liabilities			
Deferred income	(4,270)	0	(4,270)
Creditors	0	0	0
	(4,270)	0	(4,270)
Total net assets	255,616	11,047	266,663
Represented by			
Balance as at 1 January			
Restricted funds	12,000		12,000
Unrestricted funds	310,444		310,444
Total Equity	322,444		322,444
Restricted funds utilised	(7,730)		(7,730)
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(59,098)	11,047	(48,051)
Total Equity	255,616	11,047	266,663

APPENDIX: VISITOR NUMBERS 2023-24

	2024	2023	2019
Month			
January	140	108	1,030
February	831	1,030	1,011
March	1,102	1,380	1,707
April	1,255	1,154	1,819
May	1,090	1,206	1,839
June	1,243	1,553	2,689
July	1,898	1,325	2,861
August	1,833	2,097	2,707
September	1,498	1,613	2,578
October	1,449	1,724	2,093
November	978	956	1,568
December	890	785	1,086
Total	14,207	14,931	22,988





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Rob Grant, Chairman

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