**Annual report from Glemsford Library**

The Glemsford Library has enjoyed a very successful year. It is run by an excellent, hardworking staff aided by a group of trustees ( still charitable status 2024-2025) and a collection of volunteer helpers.

**Regular events**: Run weekly there are Yarn and Yarn and TT Social groups, whilst staff and volunteers run the very popular Tot Rock at the Friday Café. Sundays host Lego Club, children’s crafts and, once a month, an I.T. advisor is present. There are two monthly Book Clubs, plus regular Diabetes Support and Green Group meetings.

The Library hosts a well used, well maintained community larder; a warm space during winter; the Daisy Appeal (donations to Suffolk Libraries); on-going sales of adult and children’s books and a time and space for local crafters to sell their products.

**Activities during 2024 -2025:** These raised a great deal of money for both Suffolk Libraries and Glemsford Library. Last March saw an author event with Hilary Taylor, followed by a well-supported Sale Trail at the end of May. During the summer, a children’s interactive edutainment Angie’s Curious Creatures was held, plus the annual Summer Reading Quest which took a different format from previous years. Prior to the new school year, a uniform swap shop was appreciated, and autumn activities followed – a Sale Trail ( in conjunction with the Playing Fields); a Nature Science Disco; a Befriending Scheme for vulnerable adults; Seconds of Sound, a sunset whispering walk; a Village Homemade, Homegrown Market; organization of a Classic Motor Bike Show in Sudbury which raised over £2000; a Creative Arts East entertainment called ‘Shock of the Old’ and, on Remembrance Sunday, a wreath was laid on the War Memorial. During December a large number of toys were donated for children, a Christmas party was held and the annual Reindeer Drive was well attended.

This year the Library has held a Winter and Managing Money Workshop, a chocolate tombola, another Village Homemade Homegrown Market and a celebratory event with Tim Cathcart from the Rochester Bridge Trust.

I am sure you will all agree – that’s an amazing lot to cover within a year!

**Margaret King (on behalf of Glemsford Library ) March 2025.**