

Trustees' Annual Report 23/24

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Derbyshire Toy Libraries (DTL) is a registered Charity established in May 2000. We abide by the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in setting our objectives and carrying out our work.

We carry out our work throughout Derbyshire and exist to:

- support children's education and development through the extension of play opportunities
- provide a place for parents and carers to meet
- offer support for parenting and parental involvement in play
- relieve financial hardship of families through the provision of affordable and subsidised play activities and resources
- reduce the number of toys in landfill, encouraging multiple re-use
- act as a hub within the local community
- provide opportunities for volunteering and learning new skills

Overview

DTL runs 4 Stay and Play sessions each term time week.

The Toy Store is open for browsing and collection/return of toys/equipment for three sessions each week for most of the year.

Monthly toy sales/auctions raise vital funds for the replenishment of our toy stock.

The Manager (& Founder) and Toy/ S&P Coordinator are supported by several volunteers. Our Volunteers are key to the successful running of the toy library.

Our Trustee board is small and works behind the scenes to support our staff and volunteers in meeting the charity's objectives.

Finances

This year sees a deficit of £2,166 - £935 is Confident Communicators spend from the previous year's grant. The take up for this Derbyshire County Council (DCC) initiative has been poor with Early Years Settings not engaging as much as the Council had hoped. Our manager continues to liaise with existing contacts to provide resources that support speech and language.

Notable changes to our finances are a drop in membership and an increase in room hire charges & insurance.

Moving Forward

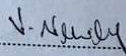
We are working to raise our profile, both in the community and online. This includes a review of our website to make it more user friendly and accessible. We're also investigating whether we need to alter some of our sessions to be accessible to more families. Grant applications continue to be submitted for specific projects.

DERBYSHIRE TOY LIBRARIES
Receipts & Payments Account
Year ended 31st August 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts:				
Session fees	4,529		4,856	
Membership fees	1,736		3,874	
Party hire	4,441		4,512	
Toy hire	6,503		14,366	
		17,209		27,608
Fundraising	994		855	
Grants received	3,556		100	
Sales of toys	3,284		3,644	
Other receipts	533		2,892	
Donations	770		300	
		9,137		7,791
		26,346		35,399
Payments:				
Staff costs	11,836		13,467	
Staff expenses	1,405		997	
Room hire	10,387		7,117	
Refreshments	196		44	
Insurance	788		537	
IT/Website	565		553	
Marketing	1,399		1,064	
Fundraising costs	181		23	
Other payments	426		178	
Toys purchased	1,279		275	
Training costs	-		135	
Zettle/Paypal fees	-		340	
Accounts fee	50		50	
		28,512		24,780
Surplus / Deficit of receipts over payments		2,166		10,619
Balance brought forward		15,888		5,269
		£ 13,722		£ 15,888
Represented by:				
Cash in hand		30		30
Bank account balance		13,692		15,858
		£ 13,722		£ 15,888

Auditor's Report

I confirm that this Receipts and Payments account truly reflects the financial position in accordance with the accounting records of Derbyshire Toy Libraries.


Mrs. V. Newey
Amber Accountancy Services

14th May 2025