

South Leicestershire Mobile Toy Library
(Registered charity, number 1119837)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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**South Leicestershire Mobile Toy Library
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Full name South Leicestershire Mobile Toy Library

Registered charity number 1119837

Principal address

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Trustees

Mr Chris Wood, Chair

Ms Maria Lee, Secretary

Mr Rob Wakefield

Mr Christopher Pillar, Treasurer

Ms Karen McMahon

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 16 March 2007.

A Trustee Recruitment procedure has been agreed and established. Trustee positions are advertised on the REACH platform and through contacts locally. Interested or targeted individuals begin by submitting a CV, and then an informal discussion with the Chair and Co-ordinator is arranged where further information is given to the prospective trustee. Next is guest attendance at the next Board meeting, after which, should both the prospective trustee wish to continue with their application, and the full Board are happy to accept the prospective trustee, a conditional offer is made, pending satisfactory DBS check and two references.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects are to provide therapeutic educational and stimulating toys and equipment to relieve and educate children with special needs within South Leicestershire.

We supply toys and equipment specifically to meet the needs of young children who are experiencing disadvantage, rural isolation or have a developmental delay or disability, in order to improve their access to appropriate quality toys and equipment and support their early year's development. The toys are delivered to both play settings and family homes throughout the Harborough District and Oadby and Wigston Borough on a monthly lending cycle, enabling us to cover the large area without the huge cost running fixed base libraries in each area.

Families can receive help in choosing the right toys, activities or play equipment for their child from the Co-ordinator, and can book on-line, by email or by telephone.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

All our services for children and families are delivered free of charge to them and we have established an outcomes framework to explain the benefits of our projects and services. We also maintain monitoring processes for recording outcomes, providing evidence of how we recognise when these benefits have been achieved.

The outcomes that we measure are:

1) Children have more opportunity to play and experience greater enjoyment in their play by having access to a wider range of appropriate toys and equipment. Children will experience greater enjoyment in their lives as borrowing our toys will give them access to quality, appropriate play experiences at home with their parents, carers and siblings and in play settings with their peers. It will help to give the children equal access to play experiences that they may not otherwise have, due to their need for certain types of toys that are often not available to them.

2) Children will experience greater progress towards their early years developmental milestones, by having access to a wider range of appropriate toys and equipment that encourage varied play experiences.

Play is essential to cognitive, social and emotional development. It encourages children to be imaginative and creative. It teaches amongst many other things, sharing, negotiating skills, turn taking and patience, helping to develop language and communication skills. It also helps with the development of gross motor skills and helps to keep children fit and healthy. Without access to appropriate play children can fall behind in all these areas of their development.

3) Children experience improved social interactions and relationships with peers and family members by having access to a wide range of toys and games that can be enjoyed together.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

In January this year we completed a first successful year of our new BBC Children in Need grant. This security in our funding has meant that we have been able to focus on recruiting new members this year, alongside reviewing the service and starting to make necessary improvements or changes to the service. This has included the recruitment of an Assistant to work alongside the Co-ordinator for 7 hours per week during term time. We successfully recruited Michelle East to the position in November. Since starting in the role Michelle has settled in well and has been a great asset to the team. Michelle is responsible for taking and preparing the orders, cleaning and maintaining the toys, contacting new membership referrals, and has undertaken a full stock take of the library.

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Membership numbers have remained steady, with an average of 165 children benefitting each year, with members extending from Market Harborough to Broughton Astley and Oadby and Wigston, and extending as far as Thurnby and Tilton on the Hill. We naturally lose members as children grow up, go to school, and no longer need to borrow toys, but there continues to be a steady stream of new members joining throughout the year. Families can self-refer through the website, and are referred to us through other organisations such as Home-start South Leicestershire, and the Early Years SEND Inclusion team. This year we have continued to lend toys to many of the local pre-schools in the area, as since the pandemic they have all seen a big increase in the number of children who are presenting with additional learning needs, so access to our resources has been hugely beneficial as the majority of the pre-schools are unable to afford to buy appropriate resources to aid the learning and development of these children.

We continue to invest in new toys when funding allows, consulting with users on a regular basis about the kind of toys that they would like us to buy, this year we have purchased a number of new sensory toys which have all been well received by our users.

Financial Review

We end this year with a healthy bank balance, holding just over 6 months running costs in our reserves. We continue to have some stability in financial position, with a further 2 years of our BBC Children in Need grant left. This will provide stability in our funding, covering organisational running costs until January 2027.

Over the past 12 months we have continued to see an increase in our overall costs, with particularly high increases in the cost of insurances, so additional funding will need to be found to cover the cost of new toys as no funding has been received to cover the cost of new toys in this financial year. We also now need to consider starting to make provision for a new van as the existing one ages, so we hope to designate some funds to this over the next 12 months.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has adopted a specific policy in relation to reserves. We run the organisation with the aim of retaining 6 months of reserves to meet unexpected costs such as van breakdown or the need for a replacement, or loss of funding income. This is reviewed every 3 years.

Additional information

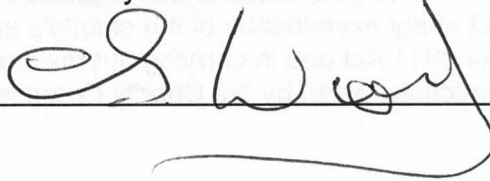
We are grateful to our volunteers who help to maintain the toys and to the time donated by the Trustees to manage the governance of the charity and provide supervision to the Co-ordinator.

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We are also grateful for the financial support that we have received this year from Louise Towers, an ex toy library member and her employer Rieke Packaging (the TriMas Foundation) who have raised over £2,000 for us, and Leire and Dunton Cub Scouts who raised £2,406 for the toy library through lots of different activities undertaken throughout the year - A Big Thank You to both!!

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____
C Wood, Trustee



Date

10/10/25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
South Leicestershire Mobile Toy Library
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of South Leicestershire Mobile Toy Library (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

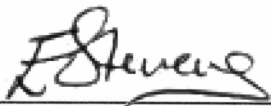
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 31/10/2025
Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024				2025
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
Receipts				
-	Bank interest	412	-	412
17269	Grants & donations	2423	31553	33976
17269	Total receipts	2835	31553	34388
Payments				
72	Bank charges	71	-	71
241	Employee home office allowance	1800	-	1800
1138	Equipment & repairs	-	1591	1591
672	Insurance	-	673	673
1466	Legal & professional fees	1703	-	1703
527	Marketing & website	123	-	123
283	Payroll services	259	-	259
58	Printing & stationery	141	-	141
2604	Storage	-	2691	2691
69	Sundry expenses	157	-	157
12	Telephone, internet & postage	110	-	110
2050	Vehicle expenses	-	2074	2074
18590	Wages, NI & pension	-	21617	21617
294	Travel expenses	271	-	271
28076	Total payments	4635	28646	33281
(10807)	Net receipts/(payments)	(1800)	2907	1107
40986	Cash funds at start of this period	22098	8081	30179
30179	Cash funds at end of this period	20298	10988	31286

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025

2024			2025
£	Cash assets	Note	£
<u>30179</u>	Bank accounts		<u>31286</u>
<u>30179</u>			<u>31286</u>
	Other monetary assets		
<u>1230</u>	Debtors	4	<u>3517</u>
<u>1230</u>			<u>3517</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	2 x laptops, purchased December 24, cost £1,109		
	General equipment.		
	Liabilities		
<u>(1008)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(750)</u>
<u>(1008)</u>			<u>(750)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed M. Lee Dated 10/10/25
M Lee, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
BBC Children in Need	-	29547	29547
TriMas Foundation	-	2006	2006
Individual donations	2423	-	2423
	2423	31553	33976

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need (service delivery)	7154	29547	(26653)	10048
Toys	927	-	(396)	531
TriMas (service delivery)	-	2006	(1597)	409
	8081	31553	(28646)	10988
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	22098	2835	(4635)	20298
	22098	2835	(4635)	20298

4. Debtors

	£
HMRC	2559
Prepayment: Insurance	247
Prepayment: Marketing & website	90
Prepayment: Vehicle expenses	621
	3517

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5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	552
Payroll fees	198
	<u>750</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.