

# Toys on the Table AGM 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Chairman's Report

Sadly, Mick had to leave us this year and it goes without saying that it left us with a big hole in our ranks. He was and still will be, sorely missed.

With the frustrations and restrictions of Covid behind most of us, we were able to settle back into our normal routine.

Although we were expecting a similar demand to the 2021 figures of some 4,800 referrals. In the event, this didn't materialise – 3,796 being the final figure. Why?

People getting back to work?

Social Services staff shortages/cut-backs?

Supermarket campaigns (resulting in a lot of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand toys being handed in and then finding their way all over- even to us!)?

Our pre-season weekly efforts eased the stress levels for the cataloguing department, as they were able to produce 1,700 bundles of toys well in advance of the start of the season. However, they were rapidly eaten up by accommodating an excess of volunteer wrappers. Although there was an abundance of volunteers, we will need to keep a better control of the wrapping days.

The downside of the early work meant that we had to go out on several shopping raids, but in view of the financial success this year, it really didn't matter. In fact, the current stock review, along with the greater excess of 3-4 year old toys, has highlighted severe shortages in the older groups from 8 years upwards, with the result that we may still have to do some further purchasing.

Following the success of the last two years, with the help of Anne and Linda, I delivered 15 bags of appropriate toys to several self-supporting, charity-status pre-school play groups. Unfortunately, I was not able to supply the number of groups which Mick and I dealt with two years ago, (30 groups). It is an ideal way of clearing un-wanted surplus small items. It would be worthwhile giving attention to this during our active season when we have more "hands" available.

As was anticipated, I have received an increase in out-of-season requests for help from Social Services dealing with migrant families. Our help was greatly appreciated, (around a dozen families to date).

From a financial point of view, we now find ourselves in an "interesting position" which will be discussed later in the meeting. Suffice to say that we have received incredible donations via the usual public and companies generosity, (£12,000) but also through our web-site "Just Giving" facility, **(£20,000 in total, including £9,000 from British Gas)**

As ever, a huge thanks to all our Trustees and Volunteers for their support, commitment and effort in filling-in for the roles which Mick undertook.

Mac Clarke

Chairman

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**Toys on the Table Registered Charity No. 1128978 / Company No. 06111610**

**Statement of Accounts ~ March 1st 2022 to February 28th 2023**

2022	£	2022	£
Opening Bank Balance	£41,142.29		
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
£ 9,605.00 Just Giving (see notes)	20,395.45	Insurance	196.18
£10,300.00 Donations (see notes)	12,087.07	800 Utilities Gas	372.25
£ 130.00 Marriott (Vol. Luncheon)	130.00	Electricity	437.50
		Bank Charges	85.69
		2331 Stationery	857.99
		Marriott Volunteers Luncheon	721.00
		9070 Toys/Gifts	13,263.13
		Net Nerd	8.39
		Companies House	61.15
		Mobile phone + internet	244.8
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32,612.52</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>16248.08</u></b>
Excess income over expenditure	16,364.44		
		<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b>57506.73</b>



Malcolm Clarke (Chairman of the Trustees)

Toys on the Table is a small charitable company working in the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland areas which aims to provide toys or gifts at Christmas for disadvantaged children who would otherwise not receive anything. As such, the majority of income is derived in the form of kind, e.g. Toys donated by organisations, groups or individuals which are then distributed to needy children within the area. Cash income when received, is equally spent on such toys & gifts, apart from the operational overheads of running the charity. All participants are volunteers and no-one gains any pecuniary advantage.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

TOYS ON THE TABLE

On accounts for the year  
ended

FEBRUARY 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1128970

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out  
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I  
have followed 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 material matters have  
come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with  
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of  
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

William Jones

Date:

19-10-2023

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