

Connors Toy Libraries

Registered Charity No.

1129353

Company Number

06872236

Annual Report And Accounts

2023-2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

For the year ended 31st March 2024

Charity Name: Connors Toy Libraries

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Executive Committee:

The policy and general management of the affairs of the charity are directed by an elected Executive Committee. The committee is elected from our Trustees/Directors who are representatives of each of our Toy Library groups. The committee consists of our Honorary Officers and Trustees and is not less than five or more than twenty. The Staff facilitate meetings.

Principal Address: Grenville House,
St. George's Square,
Portsea,
Portsmouth.
PO1 3AZ

Bankers: The Natwest Bank,
130 Commercial Road,
Portsmouth,
Hants.
PO1 1ES

Auditor: Janet Stow
in a voluntary capacity
C/o Retail Efficiency Ltd

Trustees' Annual Report 2023-24

Trustees continue to meet every month to oversee the running of the Toy Library service and look at how to secure its future moving forward. As a charity we have secured 12 months of reserve funding to ensure we can deliver the service until the end of March 25 whilst we apply for funding to continue the service.

We have just completed year 3 of funding from The Big Lottery which brings us to the end of receiving 12 years of continuation funding from them in total. This has allowed us to concentrate on delivering our service knowing the core funding was secure.

We received funding from HIWCF, Percy Bilton, Local Giving Little Stars, The John and Susan Bowers Fund, Albert Hunt Trust, Garfield Weston, Warburtons, Hive and Baurer Radio Cash for Kids. We applied for and received £6,091.46 from Gift aid raised from donations and events.

We have supported 1625 adults and 2379 children across the service through outreach support, community toy library sessions, mobile toy library and the child carers toy store. 84% of those accessing the service have borrowed toys and resources to continue play at home.

We continue to receive referrals for hard to reach and vulnerable families with 106 families supported this year. 1249 families have attended a Toy Library session and 181 families and organisations took up membership to the toy store.

Objective and Activities

The Connors Toy Libraries were set up to:

a) Assist in the provision of facilities and equipment for the recreational, educational, therapeutic and leisure time occupation of:

1. Children.
2. Child and adult carers of persons who are disabled, long term sick or elderly.
3. Disabled, long term sick and elderly persons in receipt of care.

b) 1) in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life.

- 2) to promote better care and upbringing of children.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on  4/9/2024

Please print name of signatory... GILLIAN LYDFORD

Treasurer's Report 2023-24

We have received £6091,46 from Gift aid this year.

We received 3217.75 in membership fees to the Child Carers toy store, this is in line with last year's income as some members leave and new ones join us across the year.

Grants/Contracts for 2023 - 24	£
The Big Lottery	120419.00
Local Giving Little Stars	500.00
Garfield Weston	10000.00
The Hive Emergency Fund	1000.00
HIWCF Outreach worker	9072.00
Warburtons	500.00
John and Susan Bowers Fund	800.00
HIWCF for wages	4963.50
Wave 105, cash for kids	700.00
HIWCF, rent for community sessions	3086.94
Percy Bilton	750.00
Albert Hunt Trust	2000.00
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Fund, Outreach worker	2500.00
TOTAL	156191.44

Portsmouth City Council continue to support us in kind with an additional rebate on our business rates for our office and toy store premises.

We are able to apply for reduced venue hire costs across the City at some of the venues under our charity status.

We finished the year with £8107.26 in the Foundation account, £221,102.07 in the Business Reserve account and £91.10 in petty cash.

We would like to thank everyone who helps us financially and in kind to maintain the service.

I would like to thank Jan Stow for agreeing once again to audit our accounts for us saving us a professional fee for this service.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Connors Toy Libraries

I report on the accounts of the Connors Toy Libraries for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the general directions given the Charity commissioners under section 43(7) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the charity commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act: and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the Act

Have not been met;

Or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Jan Stow

Signature.....

Address: 133, Paxton Road, Fareham PO14 1AE

Date:.....4/9/24.....2024

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

Fixed assets					
	Notes		2024		2023
Intangible assets			0.00		0.00
Tangible assets			0.00		0.00
Inalienable and historic assets			0.00		0.00
Investments			0.00		0.00
			0.00		0.00
Current assets					
Stocks					
Debtors					
Investments					
Cash at bank and in hand			229,300.43		192,031.33
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
Plus Accruals 2023-24					
Net current assets	0.00	0.00	229,300.43	0.00	192,031.33
Total assets less current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year.					
Net assets					
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			198,778.43		159,775.72
Restricted funds held for 2023-24			30,522.00		32,255.61
less accruals 2023-24					
Permanent Endowment funds					
Total funds	0.00	0.00	229,300.43	0.00	192,031.33

For the year ended 31st March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

Signature of Auditor.....  Date..... 4/9/24

Signature of Chairperson.....  Date..... 4/9/24

Connors Toy Library charity no 1102637
Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income.	Notes	2024	2023
Donations, legacies and Appeal income		29,847.57	21,234.67
Grants			
Big Lottery Fund Grant		120,419.00	132,008.00
Child Carers Toy Store		3,217.75	3,213.55
Subs from Groups		4,647.53	5,007.12
Local Giving Little Stars		500.00	500.00
Garfield Weston		10,000.00	0.00
The Hive Emergency Fund		1,000.00	1,000.00
HIWCF Wages		9,072.00	0.00
Warburtons		400.00	0.00
John & Susan Bowers Fund (wages)		800.00	0.00
HIWCF Grant for wages		4,963.50	0.00
Wave 105 Cash for Kids		700.00	1,850.00
HIWCF Rent		3,086.94	0.00
Percy Bilton		750.00	0.00
Albert Hunt Trust		2000.00	2,000.00
HIWCF Outreach Worker		2500.00	4,627.00
Leathersellers		0.00	13,000.00
Wave 105 Toys		0.00	4,231.00
Children In Need		0.00	4,297.00
Wave 105 Grant for Families		0.00	805.00
Peter Harrison		0.00	5,000.00
HIWCF		0.00	7,500.00
Charlotte Bonham-Carter Trust		0.00	2,900.00
Hive Discretionary Fund		0.00	1,000.00
HIWCF Including Communities Fund		0.00	5,000.00
Picnic/Events		0.00	1,284.17
Other income			
Petty cash		622.00	462.32
Interest		3,002.99	856.92
Total Income		197,529.28	217,776.75
Costs of generating funds			
Management and administration expenses			
Charitable expenditure		160,260.18	176,866.35
Operating surplus for the year		37,269.10	40,910.40
Realised (loss)/gain on sale of investments			
Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses			
Surplus for the year		37,269.10	40,910.40
Unrealised gain on investment			
Total gains and losses recognised since 31 March 2024		37,269.10	40,910.40

All activities relate to continuing operations.

There is no difference between the surplus on ordinary activities for the year stated above and its historical cost equivalent.

Signature of Auditor.....

Date..... 4/9/24

Signature of Chairperson.....

Date..... 4/9/24

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 total	2023 total
Donations	29,847.57	0.00	0.00	29,847.57	21,234.67
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Big Lottery Fund Grant	0.00	120,419.00	0.00	120,419.00	132,008.00
Childcarers Toy Store	3,217.75	0.00	0.00	3,217.75	3,213.55
Subs from groups	4,647.53	0.00	0.00	4,647.53	5,007.12
Local Giving Little Stars	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Garfield Weston	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Petty Cash	622.00	0.00	0.00	622.00	462.32
The Hive Emergency fund	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
HIWCF Wages	0.00	9,072.00	0.00	9,072.00	0.00
Walburton	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
The John & Susan Bowers Fund	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
Bauer Radio Cash for kids	0.00	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
HIWCF Grant for wages	0.00	4,963.50	0.00	4,963.50	0.00
Percy Bilton	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
HIWCF Rent for Venues	0.00	3,086.94	0.00	3,086.94	0.00
Albert Hunt Grant	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
The Hive Outreach Wages	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
The Hive Discretionary Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Wave 105 Grant for families	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	805.00
Picnic/Fund Raising/Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,284.17
Wave 105 toys	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,231.00
Wave 105 Cash For Kids	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,850.00
Albert Hunt Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Peter Harrison	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
HIWCF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
HIWCF outreach worker	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,627.00
Children In Need	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,297.00
Leathersellers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00
Charlotte Bonham-Carter Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,900.00
HIWCF Inc communities Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
The Hive	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Interest	3,002.99	0.00	0.00	3,002.99	856.92
Total incoming resources	41,337.84	156,191.44	0.00	197,529.28	217,776.75
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds			0.00	0.00	0.00
Costs of generating funds			0.00	0.00	0.00
Net incoming resources available for charitable application			0.00	197,529.28	217,776.75
Charitable expenditure					
Costs of activities in furtherance of charitable objectives			0.00		
Management and administration			0.00		
Total Charitable expenditure				160,260.18	176,866.35
Total resources expended				160,260.18	176,866.35
Net income/(outgoing) resources before transfers			0.00		
Transfers					
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations and investments asset disposals			0.00	37,269.10	40,910.40
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use			0.00		
Gains and losses on the revaluation and disposal of investment assets			0.00		
Gains on investments			0.00		
Net movement in funds for the year			0.00		
Total funds at 31 March 2023			0.00		159,775.72
Total funds at 31 March 2024	198,778.43	30,522.00	0.00	229,300.43	

Signature of Auditor

Date

4/9/24

Signature of Chairperson

Date

4/9/24

Relevant notes to the accounts for Connors Toy Library						
	Note					
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:						
Grants						
The Big Lottery Fund Grant	Year 3					
Increased Redundancy reserve in line with requirements/ from general reserve to redundancy						
Transfer to general Reserve from ccts and revenue						
Transfer to staff revenue from Donations		30,000.00				
Cash to bank from Petty Cash		0.00				
Petty cash account income including previous balance/expend/ bal	749.95	658.85	91.10			
		At 1st April 2023	income	Expenditure	At 31st March 2024	
Statement of Funds						
General reserve		52,199.72	0.00	0.00	52,199.72	
Redundancy reserve		26,162.13	0.00	0.00	26,162.13	
Staff revenue		50,000.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	
CCTS & Revenue		7,745.30	3,217.75	1,176.28	9,786.77	
Subs from Groups		12,674.09	4,647.53	0.00	17,321.62	
Petty Cash		127.95	622.00	658.85	91.10	
Picnic/Events		1,784.17	0.00	500.00	1,284.17	
Donations/Fund Raising & Sales		7,065.06	29,847.57	0.00	6,912.63	
interest		2,017.30	3,002.99	0.00	5,020.29	
Total unrestricted funds		159,775.72	41,337.84	2,335.13	198,778.43	
Restricted Funds						
Big Lottery Fund Grant		0.00	120,419.00	120,419.00	0.00	
HIWCF Rent for Venues		0.00	3,086.94	0.00	3,086.94	
HIWCF Community fund		4,683.50	0.00	4,683.50	0.00	
HIWVF Including Communities		4,794.23	0.00	4,794.23	0.00	
HIWCF grant for Wages		0.00	4,963.50	4,963.50	0.00	
HIWCF Wages		0.00	9,072.00	9,072.00	0.00	
Leathersellers		13,000.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	
Percy Bilton		0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	
Hive Discretionary fund		1,400.50	0.00	1,236.45	164.05	
Local Giving Little Stars		0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
The John & Susan Bowers Fund		0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00	
Albert Hunt Trust		0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Peter Harrison		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Garfield Weston		0.00	10,000.00	2,361.10	7,638.90	
Warburtons		0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	
The Hive Hardship Fund		821.52	0.00	821.52	0.00	
Hive Emergency Family Fund		0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
Hive Outreach Wages		0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	
Bauer Radio Cash For Kids		0.00	700.00	49.51	650.49	
Wave 105 Toys		2,555.86	0.00	1,824.24	731.62	
Total Restricted Funds		32,255.61	156,191.44	157,925.05	30,522.00	
					0.00	
Total Funds		192,031.33	197,529.28	160,260.18	229,300.43	
Analysis of net assets between funds					0.00	
		Unrestricted General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Funds	Total
		198,778.43	0.00	30,522.00	0.00	229,300.43
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Investments						
Net Current Assets						
Total assets		198,778.43	0.00	30,522.00	0.00	229,300.43

Signature of Auditor.....

Date..... 4/9/24

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