

Connors Toy Libraries

**2024-2025**

# **Annual Report**

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**Charity No -  
1129353**

**Company No -  
06872236**



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# Connors Toy Libraries



Legal and Administrative Information  
For the year ended 31st March  
2025

Charity Name - **Connors Toy Libraries**

Registered Charity Number - **1129353**

Company Number - **06872239**

## **Executive Committee:**

The policy and general management of the affairs of the charity are directed by an elective 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 Georges 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

## 2024-25

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 are running on our reserve funding and this is in place till March 2026 whilst we continue to apply for funding to continue the service.

We received funding from The Hive, Albert, Wave 105, Leather Sellers, Garfield and Weston, Bauer Radio, HIWCF, The Wakeham Trust, The Partnership Foundation, The Stafford Trust, Tesco Blue Tokens, Electrical Safety First, Lottery Awards for All and Toy Trust. We applied for and received £6091.46 gift aid raised from donations and events.

This year we have supported 1853 adults and 3744 children across the service through Toy Store, Mobile Toy Library, Toy Library Community Groups & Outreach support. 1727 individuals 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 91 families supported this year. 3596 individuals have attended our community toy library groups and 178 families and organisations joined our Toy Store as members.

### Objective and Activities

Connors Toy Libraries was 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. Children 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 object of improving their conditions of life.
2. To promote better care and upbringing of children.

Signed on behalf of trustees on 18/6/25

Please print name of signatory CORALEE GRAHAM



# Trustees / Directors

Coralee Graham	Chairperson
Jill Lydford	Vice Chairperson
Sarah Le May	Honorary Treasurer
Jess O'Rourke	Honorary Secretary
Melanie Palmer	Trustee / Director
Danielle Gilkes	Trustee Director
Roberta Coles (Resigned 24/25)	Trustee / Director

This list of trustee was up to date on the 31st March 2025

# About Charity

Community - Connection-Play.

Supporting Portsmouth families through meaningful moments and lasting impact.

Connors Toy Libraries has been a trusted part of the community for over five decades, proudly celebrating 52 years of service this year. Since our founding, we have been dedicated to supporting families and helping children thrive through play.

We offer a welcoming and inclusive environment where families can access a wide range of quality toys, resources and support. Our work extends across four main areas:

- **Outreach Support** for families who need extra help & support.
- **Community Toy Library Groups** that bring families together.
- **Toy Store** where members can join and borrow toys that inspire creativity, learning and joy.
- **Mobile Toy Library** brings play directly to families wherever they are, including refuges, hostels, hotels and temporary accommodation.

At Connors Toy Libraries, we believe that every child deserves the chance to play, explore and grow, regardless of background or circumstances.

Through the support of our community, partners and dedicated team, we continue to make that vision a reality year after year.



# Annual Report 2024-25

This report provides an overview of the work of Connors Toy Libraries during the period April 2024 to March 2025, including our challenges, highlights and key achievements.

As we reached the end of March 2025, we completed our first full year operating without funding from The Big Lottery. We were fortunate to secure support from alternative funding sources and generate income through the services we offer. However, this income alone is not sufficient to ensure our long-term sustainability without additional financial support. We are now entering a second year operating on reserve funds while continuing to actively seek new funding opportunities. Without further financial support secured by March 2026, Connors Toy Libraries will be at risk of closure.

## **Service Impact:**

Between April 2024 and March 2025, the Toy Libraries were accessed by:

- 1,853 adults
- 3,744 children

## **These services were accessed through:**

- Community Toy Library Groups
- Mobile Toy Library
- Outreach Support
- Toy Store
- 79% of participants attending our groups borrowed toys and resources.

## **Project Focus and Outcomes:**

Our project aims to deliver a broad range of support for families and the wider community, including:

- Promoting community cohesion
- Reducing isolation and depression
- Helping families establish routines
- Alleviating poverty and deprivation through early intervention
- Supporting mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Supporting adults and children who are disabled or have long term illnesses.
- Strengthening parent-child relationships
- Assisting families in accessing childcare
- Facilitating supervised contact to bring families together
- Empowering families during meetings and service engagement
- Keeping children safe through informed recommendations
- Making toys affordable and accessible for all families
- Creating inclusive play opportunities for children with SEND
- Supporting families with English as an additional language to integrate into the community
- Providing a safe space for parents to talk, build relationships, and access peer support





# Meet Our Team

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At the heart of Connors Toy Libraries is a small, passionate team committed to supporting families and enriching childhood through the power of play. Our staff bring a wealth of experience and compassion and we are dedicated to every aspect of our work from community out reach, to toy loan, to running inclusive, welcoming play sessions for all.

Together, our team is united by shared belief - that every child deserves access to community, connection and play. Through thoughtful, responsive support we make a lasting difference in the lives of the families we serve.



**ABBY**  
MANAGER



**CHRIS**  
ADMINISTRATOR



**CATHERINE**  
GROUP SUPPORT WORKER



**LISA**  
TOY STORE LEAD



**SOPHIE**  
GROUP SUPPORT WORKER



**SADIE**  
OUTREACH WORKER



**STACEY**  
OUTREACH WORKER





# **Vision And Mission**

## **Vision**

A community where every child, regardless of background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive through play. We envision a world where families are connected, supported and empowered by shared resources and where play is recognised as a vital part of early childhood and community wellbeing.

## **Mission**

Connors's Toy Library exists to make play accessible and meaningful for all children. We offer affordable toy borrowing, inclusive community groups and outreach support for vulnerable and hard to reach families through trusted referral pathways. By promoting the sharing of resources, we champion sustainability, community connection and early childhood development.



# Community Toy Library

## Groups Report 24-25

We operate 11 weekly Toy Library Groups across our 10 venues. One of these is a dedicated SEND session, designed for children with additional needs whether diagnosed or not. Some children benefit from a calmer, more structured environment and this session is tailored to meet those needs. We offer a range of sensory, therapeutic and tactile toys and resources and families attending this session do so in a welcoming space, free from the judgement they may have experienced elsewhere.

Across all sessions, children are given the opportunity to play with a wide variety of toys, which are rotated weekly to maintain interest and encourage development. Each session also includes a weekly craft activity, themed to reflect cultural events, seasonal changes or learning opportunities. This encourages creativity and engagement for children of all backgrounds.

79% of attendees borrow toys and/or resources to take home, extending the benefits of the Toy Library beyond the sessions themselves.

### **Feedback from services users:**

"The Toy Library has been a lifeline for me and my little one. It's somewhere we both feel welcome and supported every week."

"I love that we can just turn up without needing to book, it takes the pressure off and makes it so much easier for me and the kids."

"The SEND session has been amazing for my son. It's calm, inclusive and the staff really understand his needs."

"The variety of toys is brilliant! My children are always excited to come and borrowing toys has saved us a lot of money and meltdowns when group is finished."

"The weekly craft activities are great. My daughter loves them and it gets her creating things that we wouldn't have at home."

"It's more than just a playgroup. It's a space where I've made friends, felt heard and felt part of something."

"The Toy Library helped me gain confidence as a new parent. I didn't know anyone locally but now I look forward to going every week."

# Mobile Toy Library

## Report 24-25

Our Mobile Toy Library continues to be a valuable outreach tool, allowing us to attend events across the city organised by local businesses, charities, schools and community groups. From family fun days to school fetes, we bring a wide range of toys to create play opportunities for families, whilst also promoting the wider services offered by Connors Toy Libraries.

In addition to public events, we also respond to identified areas of need within the community, delivering play sessions and supporting locations such as hostels, temporary accommodation, refuges and hotels. This flexible approach ensures that children in challenging circumstances still have access to safe and engaging play.

We were proud to attend Victorious, the city's largest annual festival for the second consecutive year. At the event, we provided toys and resources for families, along with a designated safe space for infant feeding and baby changing. We've been invited to return again in 2025, reflecting the positive impact of our presence.

We also participated in a local SEND offer event, showcasing our inclusive services to families and professionals who can benefit from what we provide.



# Toy Store

## Report 24-25



Our dedicated Toy Store established on 1st May 2002 continues to be a vital and growing part of Connors Toy Libraries. We are incredibly proud of the store's impact and the flexibility it offers to families and professionals across the community.

This year our Toy Store has grown to 178 active members, including 107 returning members and 71 new members.

### **Membership is open to:**

- Families (including those with children with additional needs)
- Foster carers
- Childminders and Nurseries
- Schools
- Uniformed groups
- Early years professionals
- Weekly playgroups
- Portage services
- Other local charities
- Breakfast and after-school clubs
- Playschemes

Memberships starts from as little as £20 per year, with larger group memberships (e.g. playschemes) available at an individual fee to suit their needs.

Members can borrow toys for up to six weeks at a time, with flexibility to extend if needed. We maintain a waiting list for popular items and work proactively to secure funding for high demand or specialist toys as needed.

Over the past year, 1,010 children have benefited from Toy Store resources, 378 of whom are identified as having additional needs. These families often rely on the Toy Store to access specialist items such as weighted blankets, sensory lights and dark dens. Items that are often financially out of reach.

We continue to seek and secure funding to replace damaged items and purchase new, in demand toys, ensuring the store remains responsive and inclusive.

Our online platform allows families to browse our full toy catalogue, sign up for membership, and reserve items, all without needing to visit in person. This is especially valuable for families facing mobility issues, transportation challenges, or other barriers. For those families that can physically come into the Toy Store we are open throughout the week and they can come and browse and borrow with no need to book prior.

We also offer a delivery and collection service for a small fee of £4, allowing access to large or specialist items that families may not be able to transport themselves.



# Outreach Support

## Report 24-25

The outreach project continues to provide vital support to families who may be vulnerable or difficult to reach. Alongside this, we also receive a wide range of referrals for families in need of support for various reasons, including Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), low income, mental health challenges and parent-child relationship difficulties.

There are no eligibility criteria for our referrals, our support is open to all. We receive referrals from a variety of professionals and agencies working closely with families, such as Health Visitors, The Family Nurse Partnership, Portage, Children's Social Care, Home-start, Early Help teams, schools, nurseries and childminders. We also welcome self-referrals and our own staff and volunteers actively refer families as part of our early intervention efforts.

In 2024–2025, the outreach service supported 91 families comprising 165 adults and 168 children. Some families continued to receive support into the following year. Unlike many other family support services, Connors Toy Libraries has no time limit on outreach support. Families remain with us for as long as they need and we walk alongside them at every step.

### **Our goals are to:**

- Strengthen community connections
- Build family resilience
- Foster strong parent-child relationships
- Increase confidence and social skills
- Improve early childhood development and access to opportunities
- Support school readiness

This service has a powerful and far-reaching impact on the community. We meet families where they are without judgment or expectation. Together with them, we set achievable, family led goals. This collaborative approach empowers families to take ownership of their progress.

### **We provide support in various ways, including:**

- Home visits
- Community toy library sessions
- Play support and early years advice
- Help with form filling
- Accessing health and wellbeing services
- Advocating for families and attending multi-agency meetings
- Advice on behaviour, weaning, and feeding
- Signposting to specialist services for more complex needs
- Supporting family contact when relationships are estranged

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We also offer practical support where needed. This includes helping families access local food banks, as well as directly providing essentials such as food, nappies, hygiene products, white goods and furniture.

Our outreach service is inclusive and diverse. We have supported families from a wide range of backgrounds and life situations, including teen parents, parents with disabilities or additional needs and families seeking asylum.

For many children, our service has offered new opportunities to play, socialise and build friendships. In particular our toy library venues with outdoor spaces have provided children, especially those without access to gardens at home, a safe and engaging environment to explore and enjoy.



# Case Study - Outreach Family



This family was referred to our outreach service by a health visitor. They had recently moved into the area and were experiencing high levels of isolation. The primary carer was struggling with low mood and anxiety following the birth of a second child. There were financial pressures, no extended support network nearby and concerns around one of the children's lack of social development.

The carer expressed feeling overwhelmed and uncertain about how to support the children's early development. Attending groups alone felt daunting and day-to-day routines were becoming increasingly difficult to manage.

Our first visit focused on building rapport and understanding the family's needs. A soft needs assessment revealed a lack of essential baby items, limited access to early years experiences, and increasing emotional strain.

Over the following months, we provided a range of support tailored to the family's needs:

**Emotional Support:** Weekly home visits provided a consistent and safe space to talk, reflect, and problem-solve. We discussed emotional wellbeing, daily routines, and ways to manage the primary carer's anxiety.

**Community Engagement:** We supported the family to attend local toy library sessions and stay-and-play groups, initially accompanying them to build confidence. This helped reduce isolation and supported the child's social development.

**Practical Assistance:** We helped secure items including nappies, hygiene products, and baby equipment. The family was also referred to a local food bank and we assisted with applications for financial and energy-related support.

**Early Years and Parenting Support:** We introduced simple home based play and learning strategies. We supported the family through the nursery application process to help prepare for school readiness.

**Health and Wellbeing Access:** We connected the family to local mental health support and parent wellbeing services. With consent, we liaised with other professionals already involved to create a more joined-up approach.

Over time, the primary carer's confidence improved significantly. They began attending community sessions independently and developed new peer relationships. The child who had previously shown signs of delay began to speak more confidently, engage in group activities, and adapt well to a nursery setting.

The family became more resilient, proactive and better connected to their community. They reported feeling more in control, less isolated and better equipped to meet the children's needs.



# Early Intervention

We continue to provide early intervention to all families who access any of our four core projects. This support often begins in one of two ways, either families approach our staff and volunteers directly for help or more commonly it emerges through the trusting relationships we build over time. By actively listening to conversations and noticing concerns we are able to offer support at the earliest possible stage.

Much of our early intervention happens naturally through peer to peer support. Families connect in our welcoming spaces, share experiences and offer advice to one another. These safe and supportive environments allow meaningful conversations to flourish. Staff and volunteers build on this by offering informed guidance, signposting to relevant services and when appropriate, referring to our outreach support project.

Our early intervention model ensures that families attending community toy library sessions are surrounded by people who notice when something changes or isn't quite right. This allows us to provide timely, informal support often from the very first contact. Many of the families who receive early intervention are not involved with any other services and have no professionals currently supporting them.

The support we offer covers a wide range of areas. For children, we've provided guidance on weaning, feeding, toilet training, eating habits, behavior, social skills, developmental delays, sleep, routines, immunisations and accessing health appointments. However, the support we offer is not always centered on the children as many adults need help for themselves too. We regularly support parents and carers with their own mental health, family difficulties, benefit applications, housing issues, anxiety, postnatal depression and substance misuse.

In some cases, this includes sourcing emergency funding or donations to provide food, gas and electricity top-ups, hygiene essentials, baby items or other urgent needs. Not all families require 1:1 outreach but many still face crisis moments and we are there to help in those times.





# Volunteers

In the year 2024–2025, we had 29 volunteers involved across the service.

During that time, several moved on to paid employment. While we always feel the loss of dedicated volunteers, this is exactly the kind of outcome we aim to support.

Many of our volunteers have been out of work for several years, often lacking confidence, recent experience or training. Through their time with us they gain valuable skills, build self-esteem and become empowered to take the next step into employment.

In addition to our formal volunteers, we also have a number of parent-helpers who support us during sessions. These individuals may not yet be ready to commit to a full volunteer role but are happy to help with tasks during groups as needed, contributing meaningfully while gaining confidence at their own pace.

We are also supported by six active committee members, all of whom have been part of Connors Toy Libraries in some capacity, whether as parents attending sessions, members of the toy store, or former volunteers who have helped run community toy library sessions. Their lived experience ensures our leadership remains grounded in the needs of the families we serve.

All volunteers undergo DBS checks and complete core training, including food hygiene, manual handling and safeguarding, delivered online. In addition we provide access to a fully accredited three-year paediatric first aid course, sourced through an external agency. This ensures that our volunteers are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to support families safely and effectively.

## **Quotes from Volunteers:**

"I enjoy supporting parents and challenges, being a young mum myself and receiving support, its nice to give back."

"Volunteering for me is giving back but also being able to do it with my own child at group. I love being able to chat to parents and grandparents. Being able to see the difference these groups make. It has made me realise I want to do more and eventually seek employment at Connors Toy Libraries in the future"

"I love coming to group, I have met so many families and I love being a part of the community at group"

"I love volunteering, its given me a huge sense of purpose that I didn't even know I needed! Its super rewarding and it really helps to know you're not alone in the hardest job in the world, Parenting!"

"I have been a volunteer for 9 years now, when I first came along I needed support and they helped a lot. Now I like to help and support other families who need support, Its nice to chat to others in the same situation"

# Events

This year in addition to attending events hosted by other providers such as Victorious, Home-Start Family Fest, the Local Offer event, school fetes and open days, we also delivered several of our own community events.

Unfortunately, we were unable to host our annual Toy Library Picnic this year due to circumstances beyond our control. However, we did hold a Teddy Bears' Picnic at one of our regular session venues, which was a great success with 52 people attending.

Our Halloween event welcomed 64 attendees and took place at one of our quieter Toy Library venues. This provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase that space to new families in a fun and welcoming environment.

Our annual Easter party was another highlight, with 74 people attending. Children enjoyed themed activities and received a gift from the Easter Bunny, which made the event extra special for many families.

To round off the year, we held six Christmas parties over two days, attended by a total of 266 people. Every child had the opportunity to visit Santa in the grotto and received a gift, creating magical memories and festive joy for all who came.





# Next Year's Plans

As we look to the future, we are excited to share our plans and vision for the year ahead at Connors Toy Libraries. A key moment of change took place in May 2025 with the introduction of new management, bringing with it fresh energy, ideas and a renewed commitment to the families we serve.

This leadership change marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Connors. Over the next year, we will be introducing new services, launching group sessions tailored to current needs and strengthening the structure of existing projects to ensure they remain relevant, inclusive and effective.

We also aim to deepen our partnerships with community organisations, and support services.

Historically, Connors Toy Libraries has delivered its work quietly, reaching families through word of mouth, trusted relationships and grassroots presence. While this has been a strength, we now recognise the importance of making more noise about what we do. We want to reach more families, engage new communities and make sure that those who need support know exactly where to find it.

## **We are committed to:**

- Raising the profile of our work across Portsmouth and beyond
- Reaching new families, particularly those who are underrepresented or isolated
- Strengthening existing community partnerships and building new ones
- Expanding what we offer with new groups, events and outreach activities
- Continuing to provide compassionate early intervention and practical family support

*"As the new manager, I am personally committed to making positive, lasting changes that will ensure Connors Toy Libraries continues to be a trusted and valued part of the Portsmouth community for the next year and for many years to come.*

*With the support of our dedicated team, volunteers and partners, we will continue to grow, adapt and provide the responsive, family led services that have always been at the heart of Connors. The future is bright and we're ready to shout about it!"*

# Contact Us



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# Treasures Report 24-25

We have received £6091.46 from Gift aid this year. We received £4622.41 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 2024-25

**Garfield Weston**- £20,000

**The Hive Special Needs Toys** - £1000

**HIWCF Outreach worker** - £4688

**HIWCT Toy Store Costs** - £10000

**Warburtons** - £400

**The Wakeham Trust** - £800

**Pat Testing** - £500

**The Stafford Trust** - £5000

**Electrical Safety First** - £2500

**Royal Navy Christmas Donation**-£300

**The Culra Charitable Trust** - £500

**Lottery Awards For All** - £20,000

**Yvonne Flux Charitable Trust** - £500

**Toy Trust** - £2000

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 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 31 March 2025  
which are set out on the pages attached

## **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

As the charity 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 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 the proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Jan Stow

Address: 133 Paxton Road, Fareham PO14 1AE

Signature of Auditor.....  ..... Date..... 18/6/25 .....



Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025					
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
	Notes		2025		2024
<b>Intangible assets</b>			0.00		0.00
Tangible assets			0.00		0.00
Inalienable and historic assets			0.00		0.00
Investments			0.00		0.00
			<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks					
Debtors					
Investments					
Cash at bank and in hand			192,180.32		192,031.33
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
Plus Accruals 2024-25					
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>192,180.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>192,031.33</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year.					
<b>Net assets</b>					
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			161,544.27		159,775.72
Restricted funds held for 2024-25			30,636.05		32,255.61
less accruals 2024-25					
Permanent Endowment funds					
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>192,180.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>192,031.33</b>

For the year ended 31st March 2025 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... 18/6/25 .....

Signature of Chairperson.......... Date... 19/6/25 .....



**Connors Toy Library charity no 1102637**  
**Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Income.	Notes	2025	2024
Donations, legacies and Appeal income		31,033.36	29,847.57
<b>Grants</b>			
Big Lottery Fund Grant		0.00	120,419.00
Child Carers Toy Store		4,622.41	3,217.75
Subs from Groups		4,575.90	4,647.53
Local Giving Little Stars		0.00	500.00
Garfield Weston		20,000.00	10,000.00
The Hive Emergency Fund		0.00	1,000.00
HIWCF Wages		0.00	9,072.00
Warburtons		400.00	400.00
John & Susan Bowers Fund (wages)		0.00	800.00
HIWCF Grant for wages		0.00	4,963.50
Wave 105 Cash for Kids		0.00	700.00
HIWCF Rent		0.00	3,086.94
Percy Bilton		0.00	750.00
Albert Hunt Trust		0.00	2,000.00
HIWCF Outreach Worker Wages		4688.00	2,500.00
The Wakeham Trust		800.00	0.00
The Hive SN Toys		1,000.00	0.00
PAT Testing Training & Equipment		500.00	0.00
Stafford Trust Outreach Wages		5,000.00	0.00
Tesco Blue Tokens		1,125.00	0.00
Electrical Safety First		2500.00	0.00
Envitia, Royal Navy Christmas Donation		300.00	0.00
HIWCF Toystore Costs		10000.00	0.00
The Culra Charitable Trust		500.00	0.00
Lottery Awards For All		20000.00	0.00
Yvonne Flux Charitable Trust		500.00	0.00
Toy Trust Donation		2000.00	0.00
<b>Other income</b>			
Petty cash		539.00	622.00
Interest		2,573.73	3,002.99
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>112,657.40</b>	<b>197,529.28</b>
Costs of generating funds			
Management and administration expenses			
Charitable expenditure		149,777.51	160,260.18
<b>Operating surplus for the year</b>		<b>-37,120.11</b>	<b>37,269.10</b>
Realised (loss)/gain on sale of investments			
<b>Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses</b>			
Surplus for the year		-37,120.11	37,269.10
Unrealised gain on investment			
Total gains and losses recognised since 31 March 2025		-37,120.11	37,269.10

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..... 18/6/25

Signature of Chairperson.....

Date..... 18/6/25



Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025					
Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2025 total	2024 total
Donations	31,033.36	0.00	0.00	31,033.36	29,847.57
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Big Lottery Fund Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,419.00
Childcarers Toy Store	4,622.41	0.00	0.00	4,622.41	3,217.75
Subs from groups	4,575.90	0.00	0.00	4,575.90	4,647.53
Local Giving Little Stars	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Garfield Weston	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
Petty Cash	539.00	0.00	0.00	539.00	622.00
The Hive Emergency fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
HIWCF Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,072.00
Walburton	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
The John & Susan Bowers Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Bauer Radio Cash for kids	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
HIWCF Outreach wages	0.00	4,688.00	0.00	4,688.00	4,963.50
Percy Bilton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
HIWCF Rent for Venues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,086.94
Albert Hunt Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
The Hive S/N Toys	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
Picnic/Fund Raising/Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Wakeham Trust	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
PAT Testing Training & equipment	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
The Stafford Trust, Outreach Wages	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Tesco Blue Tokens	0.00	1,125.00	0.00	1,125.00	0.00
HIWCF Toy Store Costs	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Electrical safety first	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Envitia, Royal Navy Christmas donation	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
The Culra Charitable Trust	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Lottery Awards For All	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Yvonne Fux Charitable trust. Outreach wages	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Toy Trust	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Interest	2,573.73	0.00	0.00	2,573.73	3,002.99
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>43,344.40</b>	<b>69,313.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>112,657.40</b>	<b>197,529.28</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Costs of generating funds			0.00	0.00	0.00
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Net incoming resources available for chairtable application			0.00	112,657.40	197,529.28
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Costs of activities in furtherance of charitable objectives			0.00		
Management and administration			0.00		
Total Charitable expenditure				149,777.51	160,260.18
Total resources expended				149,777.51	160,260.18
<b>Net income/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>			0.00		
Transfers					
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations and investments asset disposals			0.00	-37,120.11	37,269.10
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 2024			0.00		229,300.43
Total funds at 31 March 2025	161,544.27	30,636.05	0.00	192,180.32	

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**Relevant notes to the accounts for Connors Toy Library**

	Note					
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects: Grants						
Transfer from ccts and revenue to staff revenue		10,000.00				
Transfer from Donations to staff revenue		35,000.00				
Transfer from Interest to staff revenue		7,594.02				
Transfer from Subs from groups to staff revenue		15,000.00				
Transfer from Picnic/events to staff revenue		1,284.17				
Cash to bank from Petty Cash		0.00				
Petty cash account income including previous balance/expense/ bal	630.10	578.56	51.54			
<b>Statement of Funds</b>		<b>At 1st April 2024</b>	<b>income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31st March 2025</b>	
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		80,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	68,878.19	
CCTS & Revenue		9,786.77	4,622.41	0.00	4,409.18	
Subs from Groups		17,321.62	4,575.90	0.00	6,897.52	
Petty Cash		91.10	539.00	578.56	51.54	
Picnic/Events		1,284.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Donations/Fund Raising & Sales interest		6,912.63	31,033.36	0.00	2,945.99	
		5,020.29	2,573.73	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>198,778.43</b>	<b>43,344.40</b>	<b>80,578.56</b>	<b>161,544.27</b>	
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Hive Outreach Wages		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	
Albert Hunt Trust		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Hive Discretionary fund		164.05	0.00	164.05	0.00	
Wave 105 Toys		731.62	0.00	731.62	0.00	
Leathersellers		13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	0.00	
Garfield Weston		7,638.90	0.00	7,638.90	0.00	
Bauer Radio Cash For Kids		650.49	0.00	650.49	0.00	
HIWCF Rent for Venues		3,086.94	0.00	3,086.94	0.00	
Percy Bilton		750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	
The Wakeham trust		0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	
The Hive SN Toys		0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
The Partnership Foundation		0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
Warburtons		0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	
HIWCF grant for Outreach Wages		0.00	4,688.00	4,688.00	0.00	
The Stafford Trust Outreach Wages		0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
Tesco Blue Tokens		0.00	1,125.00	712.18	412.82	
Electrical Safety First		0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	
Garfield Weston. General Costs/Wages		0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	
Envitia Royal Navy		0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	
HIWCF Toystore Costs		0.00	10,000.00	1,769.39	8,230.61	
The Culra Charitable Trust		0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
Lottery Awards for all		0.00	20,000.00	807.38	19,192.62	
Yvonne Flux Charitable trust		0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
The Toy Trust		0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>30,522.00</b>	<b>69,313.00</b>	<b>69,198.95</b>	<b>30,636.05</b>	
					0.00	
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>229,300.43</b>	<b>112,657.40</b>	<b>149,777.51</b>	<b>192,180.32</b>	
Analysis of net assets between funds					0.00	
		Unrestricted General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Funds	Total
Tangible Fixed Assets		161,544.27	0.00	30,636.05	0.00	192,180.32
Investments						
Net Current Assets						
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>161,544.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30,636.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>192,180.32</b>

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