

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1158197

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-08-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, IN PARTICULAR FOR CHILDREN AGED 1-11 YEARS FROM DEPRIVED AREAS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, PRIMARILY BY PROVIDING DOORSTEP LIBRARY PROJECTS WHICH PROVIDE BOOKS AND BOOK-LED LEARNING. 3.1.2 THE RELIEF OF NEED BY WORKING WITH LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THEM TO INCREASE AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BETTER PARTICIPATE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS.3.1.3 TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS ARE CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: The charity runs Doorstep Library projects sending volunteers to homes of children in disadvantaged areas to help them enjoy reading, read well, and to lend books. Parents are encouraged to contribute to their children's education, they are supported to access local services designed to help them and their children. The charity runs Doorstep Libraries in London.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- City Of Westminster
- Hammersmith And Fulham
- Lambeth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£748,918	£683,364	£472,037	13
2024-03-31	£902,628	£692,521	£406,483	15
2023-03-31	£828,487	£875,488	£196,377	19
2022-03-31	£640,599	£741,367	£243,378	18
2021-03-31	£741,837	£462,752	£344,146	9

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ariana Frances Musiol Poole		2022-07-12
Asma Ali		2024-01-25
Dr Robert Barr		2024-12-12
Dushiyanthi Horti		2024-12-03
Laura Chesover		2025-01-08
Peter Warwick		2023-07-01
Sarah Jane Gresty		2022-07-12

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Annual Review

2024-2025



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CEO's Report

At Doorstep Library, our mission is to spark a lifelong love of reading and improve access to books for families with children under the age of 12. Through our unique home-based reading projects, we've seen firsthand how the simple act of sharing stories can empower children in countless ways—nurturing curiosity, confidence, and connection.

We know that low literacy has far-reaching consequences. Children in under-resourced communities are less likely to have books at home and often begin school already behind their more affluent peers in vocabulary and literacy skills. The gap in attainment is now wider than it has been in a decade. A child with a limited vocabulary at age five is six times less likely to meet expected English standards by age eleven—and more than twice as likely to face unemployment by age 34.

What sets our approach apart is our commitment to meeting families where they are—literally. Our volunteers are welcomed into homes, building trust and tailoring every reading session to each child's interests and needs. By showing up week after week, we develop strong, supportive relationships that make a lasting impact.

Through this model, we are able to:

- reach the hardest-to-engage families by offering a service directly into the home
- involve parents and carers in the reading journey, making reading a shared experience and embedding reading for pleasure into everyday family life
- help tackle educational inequality by fostering a love of reading and inspiring a lifelong passion for books that extends well beyond our visits.

The literacy gap between the children we work with and their peers continues to grow, particularly in the most under-served areas of London, where access to books—and time for joy—is increasingly scarce.

This year we have strengthened our model through a process of review and refinement. We are now focusing on engaging with children and families for a more concentrated period of time of 12 months. Through sharing tools with children and their caregivers, we are ensuring that reading for pleasure can take place outside of and beyond our visits. We believe this will enable us to reach more of the families who need us and to share the joy of our work with a larger number of children without diluting the impact. We have also developed new projects in Kensington & Chelsea, a new borough for us. This past year we have been fortunate to work with a number of consultants and receive training on communicating our impact, advocating for the communities we work with, and developing corporate partnerships. We are looking forward to putting this learning into action over the next couple of years.

As we enter our 15th year, we are excited to explore the opportunities to reach more families through the involvement of more volunteers and the creation of a new Family Recruitment Officer role. We are determined to share our love of books and reading with as many children as possible and through investing in the recruitment and retention of our staff and volunteers we hope to meet our aims this year.

When we started Doorstep Library in 2010, with one project and four volunteers (of which I was one), we never envisaged that we would have the privilege and joy of reading with over 2,200 children across five London boroughs. This year we had the fortune to run into a young woman on one of our projects who told our volunteers that she had received Doorstep Library visits as a child and now, at the age of 21, she is the first person in her family to attend university, where she had obtained a 1st class degree. She told our volunteers that she puts this down to Doorstep Library, for sharing our love of reading with her, and giving her the opportunity to become a reader herself. I remember this young girl and am so excited for what the future may have in store for her, and for all the other Doorstep Library children like her.



Katie Bareham, CEO





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"My daughter's favourite part is reading with the volunteers. She enjoys it so much, even when she's tired and knows they are coming she starts to perk up then gets excited."

- Doorstep Library Parent

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About Us

What We Do

Doorstep Library is a community-focused literacy charity dedicated to bringing the magic of books and the joy of reading directly into the homes of children who need our support. We are intent on breaking the link between poverty and low literacy, using the power of stories to change children's lives. To do this, we recruit and train volunteers to work directly with families in their homes – or on the doorstep – to create a foundation of reading for pleasure within the home which families can build upon when they graduate from our service. Our volunteers are led by paid staff – our amazing reading project leaders – who work from bases within the local community or online during term time several evenings a week, coordinating each project and supporting their volunteers as they read with their families.

From our beginnings in 2010, with one project and four volunteers, we now run 16 reading projects across five London boroughs, in person and online and have over 170 reading volunteers.

Our Vision

★ To see all children thriving in homes where a love of reading is embraced.

Our Mission

- ★ Supporting children living in under-resourced areas to become keen and confident readers;
- ★ Supporting parents to take an active role in reading for pleasure with their children;
- ★ Supporting families to connect to a wider range of cultural, social and support services.

Our Values

We are in the unique and privileged position of working directly in the family home, where we can support families to embrace and encourage reading for pleasure. Everything we do to deliver this is underpinned by a set of values which enables us to establish positive and impactful relationships with our families, our volunteers, our staff and be a force for change within our communities.



Respectful



**Community
Focused**



**Family
Centred & Fun**



Open Minded



Committed



Reading With Doorstep Library...

OPENS DOORS AND EMPOWERS LIVES

Words take you places. Here at Doorstep Library we believe that literacy is the foundation of every child's future and we aim to fulfil every child's right to read by giving families access to books and sharing stories in the home.

We want to help level the playing field for children living in under-resourced areas. Our unique programmes go directly into the home and support both the child and the family to discover books and choose reading as a way of life. By helping to equip them with a love of books and the skill of reading, Doorstep Library empowers each child by giving them the tools they need to learn, enjoy and understand more about their world.

Our impact is long lasting. Once literacy is embedded in a person's life, it can never leave. It is the fundamental building block to further learning, development and achievement. It inspires imaginations. It triggers ideas. It can be a stepping-stone to new directions and greater opportunities in later life.

"Every Monday when my daughters hear the buzzer they get so excited. They know that two people from Doorstep will come, not only to read for them, but also to talk to them and share a smile, a moment. Marwa is 8 years old...her level now is so good that she is helping me with my own reading. Moreover, she gets very excited to be able to read with the volunteers of Doorstep. In addition, the volunteers know the subjects she is interested in and offer the right books for her, which makes her feel special."

- Doorstep Library Parent



Reading With Doorstep Library...

BRINGS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Doorstep Library's work may be rooted in reading for pleasure and literacy, but our influence goes well beyond the page.

The regularity of our reading sessions and the supportive and inclusive nature of the relationships that our volunteers work hard to build mean that visits are often focal points for the whole family, not just our young readers.

In many cases our volunteers are not only warmly welcomed into the family's home, but also into their lives where they can lend a listening ear, offer support and have a friendly chat with parents and carers.

Because of this relationship, we are able to help families form bonds with the wider community through signposting to local services and community initiatives. Books and reading form the basis of this contract of trust and give us a valuable platform to help fill in social gaps and forge community bonds that might otherwise be lost.

"I just wanted to share how much our children appreciate the weekly online reading sessions. They've become something we really look forward to. The sessions are engaging, well paced, and the book choices are thoughtful and age-appropriate. The volunteers are warm and encouraging, and creates a welcoming atmosphere where the children feel included and heard even online. It's also been lovely to see the same friendly faces each week, which helps build a sense of routine and connection. "

- Doorstep Library Parent





Reading With Doorstep Library...

PROMOTES POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At Doorstep Library we believe in children having fun. Children who read for pleasure in the home and families that share reading together, are proven to have better mental health and general wellbeing. We aim to bring families together – helping to increase shared family time and encourage parents and carers to continue to spend time with children even after they are reading independently.

Our volunteers source books featuring characters from a diverse range of backgrounds and situations. We know that reading books with identifiable characters helps to create empathy and foster aspiration. Children become more aware of the richness and vastness of the world which opens their eyes to other cultures, backgrounds and life experiences. We also know that reading gives children the opportunity to explore their emotions and vulnerability by observing a familiar feeling or situation from a distance and to learn to communicate who they are in ways that are meaningful to them.

We encourage parents to join our sessions and to continue to read with children after we're gone because we know that sharing stories together improves child-parent bonds, which in turn enriches family life, leading to better literacy and enhanced life opportunities.

"They absolutely love the sessions and their confidence has grown so much. I can't buy toys unless it's Christmas or a birthday, and putting them in after-school clubs is out of the question. So knowing Doorstep is there is such a relief. I wouldn't be able to cope without them."

- Doorstep Library Parent





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“The volunteers are amazing people to give up their time for young people, particularly my little one! They’re so friendly and warm!”

- Doorstep Library Parent

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Impact Results

This year we ran 15 Home and Online Reading Projects across 5 boroughs.



452

Children benefitted
from Doorstep
Library visits

394

Families benefitted
from Doorstep Library visits

119

New children
joined
Doorstep Library



67

New families
joined Doorstep Library

8,947

Books shared
during home
visits



527

Books
gifted

3,025

Reading sessions
conducted



1,659

eBooks shared



95

Children
graduated



Family Feedback

At Doorstep Library we evaluate the impact of our Reading Programmes by capturing both quantitative and qualitative data through a range of methods, measuring success in terms of reading ability, parental engagement and an interest in books.

In addition, each year we survey our parents/carers to find out how they think our service has impacted on their child/ren and on themselves.

Our 2024-2025 Family Survey Feedback

95%

of parents/carers said Doorstep Library has improved their child/ren's reading ability.

100% online reading sessions, 93% home reading visits



94%

of parents/carers said their child reads more because of Doorstep Library visits.

94% online reading sessions
95% home reading visits



91%

of parents/carers said reading has become an increasing part of family life.

82% online reading sessions
95% home reading visits



“We are extremely grateful for the service we received. I am pleased that we had the same volunteer every week (Neil) because he got to know what the children liked to read and could see how much they improved.”

- Home Reading Parent



84%

of parents/carers said their child/ren enthusiasm for learning has improved.

85% online reading sessions
84% home reading visits



83%

of parents/carers said they read more often with their child/ren.

76% online reading sessions
86% home reading visits

“She loves Tuesday because that when the readers come. She loves the variety of books and the enthusiasm they bring.”

- Home Reading Parent



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"I love getting to know the children's personalities and their reading likes and dislikes! I love having a giggle each week with them over books and stories and seeing their literacy skills grow."

- Doorstep Library Volunteer

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A Year In Volunteering

Our incredible community of dedicated volunteers is at the heart of Doorstep Library. Week after week, they give their time and energy to help empower families to experience the benefits of reading for pleasure. Their commitment is what enables us to reach more families in need and continue making a meaningful impact.

This year we saw growth in our volunteer community with:

- ★ 253 new volunteer applications received
- ★ 103 new volunteers starting their journey with us

In 2025, we grew our Volunteer Engagement team which increased our capacity to conduct more volunteer interviews, target volunteer recruitment through community mapping, and attend local events and fairs to raise awareness of our work. Our team represented Doorstep Library at volunteer recruitment events across the summer, including South West Fest, and university fairs at UCL in September.

We continued to build meaningful corporate partnerships with companies and organisations who share our vision. Highlights include volunteers from Aksia supporting our home reading projects, stand-in volunteers from Nosy Crow joining our sessions and continued collaboration with CBRE and BNP Paribas. We are hugely grateful for their support and look forward to developing our partnerships further in the coming year.

We've continued to develop relationships with local organisations across the five boroughs we work in, with a specific focus in Camden and Lambeth. This has led to establishing partnerships with St Vincent's Community Centre and The British Library to promote volunteering and increase our profile in the local area.

We hosted our annual volunteer social event in June 2025 which celebrated our impact and brought together our community of volunteers, staff and trustees. We welcomed new volunteers and staff members to the team and honoured our long-term volunteers including our longest-standing volunteer Rachel, who has been sharing the joy of reading from the very first Doorstep Library sessions 15 years ago.

The value and impact of volunteering

Our volunteers do amazing work in our local communities, building vital relationships that change and enrich lives, visit by visit. The impact they have on families can be profound, but it is a shared experience that brings rich rewards to both.

"Volunteering has impacted my life in lots of ways. Every Monday, I think I'm too busy at work and don't have time, but I do. It reminds me of that and puts things in perspective. It gets me out of my desk job and into the community. I always leave feeling more energised than when I arrived."

- Doorstep Library Volunteer



Volunteer Feedback



95%

would recommend volunteering to a friend

86%

felt the sessions were very or extremely impactful on children



83%

felt very or extremely supported by staff



78%

felt that families were very or extremely engaged



93%

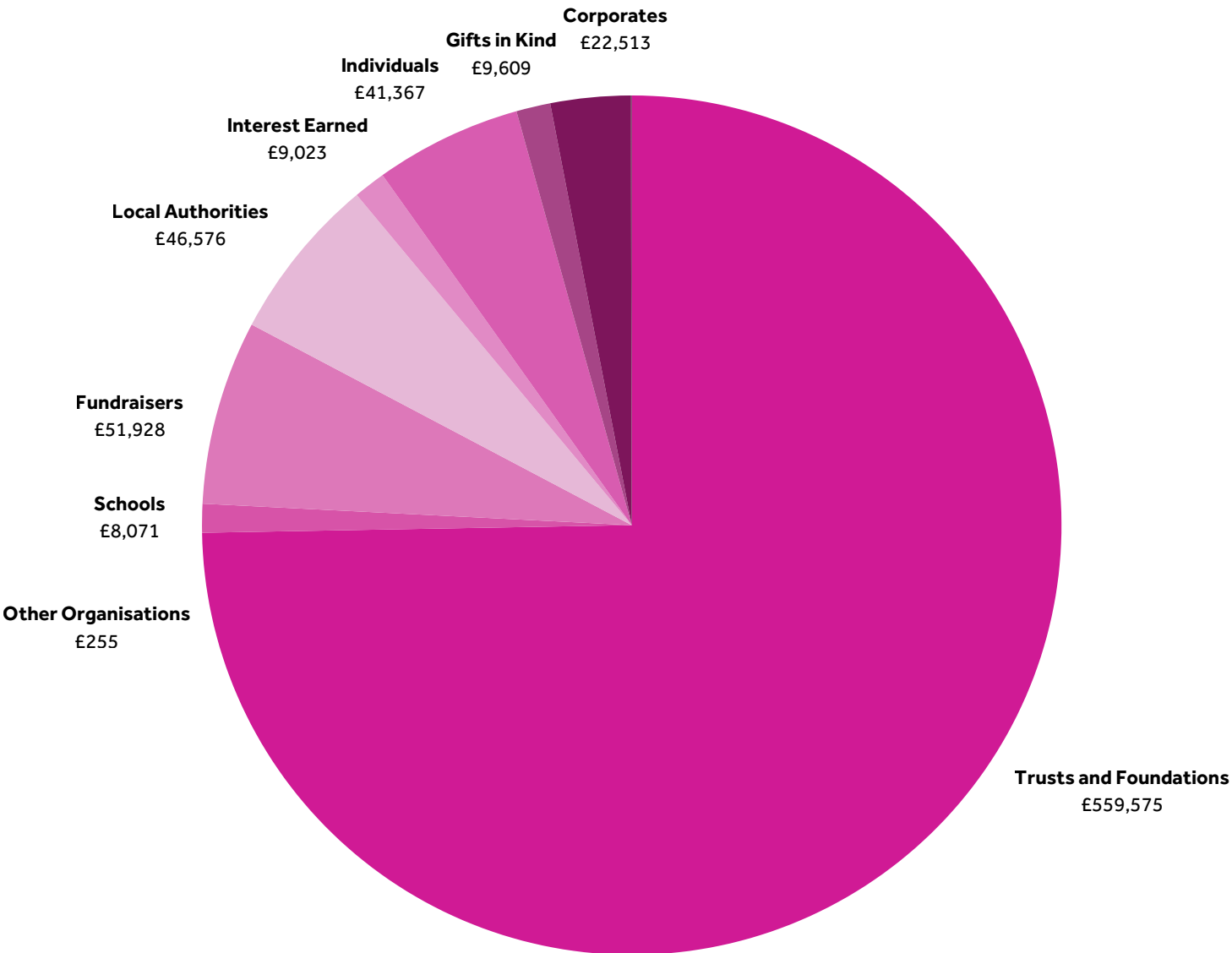
felt that families value the sessions significantly or a lot





Annual Income

£748,918 total income for the 2024-2025 financial year.



After a record year of success for income in 2023/24, we are operating in an increasingly challenging fundraising environment. Income fell by 17% to £749k (2024: £903k) due to a fall in funding from Trusts and Foundations and Corporate support and a significant gap in resource in the Fundraising Team for part of the financial year. We are committed to continuing to diversify our income streams year-on-year to lay strong foundations for the future.

Together We Can Change A Child's Story



Share The Love Online



Our Ref: L/T177/PM/JA

Ms Sarah Gresty
Doorstep Library Network
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8-10 Grosevenor Gardens
London
SW1W 0DH

5 December 2025

Dear Sarah,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Doorstep Library Network

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year period 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 16 of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Michaelides ACA CTA
For and on behalf of
MICHAELIDES WARNER & CO





DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

(Registered Charity No. 1158197)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2025

Registered Office:

X+why Fivefields, 8-10 Grosvenor Gardens

London SW1W 0DH

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees:

The following Trustees held office during the year to 31 March 2025 and up to the date of the report:-

Ms S. Gresty, Chair, *appointed July 2022*

Mrs A. Musiol Poole, *appointed July 2022*

Mr P. Warwick, *appointed July 2023*

A. Ali, *appointed January 2024*

Ms E. Dawson, Chair, resigned April 2024

Ms F. Jordan, *resigned July 2024*

Mr A. Seres, Treasurer, *resigned December 2024*

D. Horti, *appointed December 2024*

Dr R. Barr, Treasurer, *appointed December 2024*

L. Chesover, *appointed January 2025*

Trustees are appointed for a term of three years with a maximum of three terms. There shall not be more than ten Trustees.

Management:

Mrs K. Bareham (*Director*)

Registered Office and operational address:

X+why Fivefields, 8-10 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH

Charity number: 1158197

Independent Examiners:

Michaelides Warner & Co, 102 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6 9PL

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank Plc, 417 North End Road, Fulham, London SW6 1NS

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2024).

Principal activities

Doorstep Library Network is a registered charity. Its principal activities comprise the advancement of education of young children in primarily low-income families in deprived areas of the United Kingdom, through the provision of doorstep library services.

Governing document

The charity was registered as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* on 8 August 2014 with charity number 1158197. On 1 October 2014, all the activities, assets and liabilities of The Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1137861) were transferred to Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1158197).

Our Objectives

The Charity's objectives are:-

- The advancement of education in particular for children aged 1 to 12 years from deprived areas of the United Kingdom and low-income families primarily by providing doorstep library services;
- To provide books and book-led learning;
- The relief of need by working with low-income families to support them to increase and develop their skills and confidence in order that they may better participate in their community and meet their own needs;
- To further such other purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time decide.

Reserves

The General Reserve Fund of £221,663 (2024: £163,201) represents the unrestricted free reserves of the charity arising from past operating results. The Restricted Reserves of £250,375 (2024: £243,283) represent the unspent balances remaining from donations received that have been donated for specific purposes and are not available for other purposes.

The Trustees' minimum expectation is for the Charity to hold general reserves equivalent to at least 3 months of expenditure, whilst in the medium term, the aspiration is to build the Charity's reserves to 6 months of expenditure. At 31 March 2025, general reserves held were equivalent to 3.4 months of expenditure which is a steady increase on reserves of 2.7 months of expenditure held at 31 March 2024.

The Trustees will continue to review the appropriateness of the reserves policy on at least an annual basis.

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Financial Review

Income

Income fell by 17% to £749k (2024: £903k) due to a fall in income from both Trusts and Foundations and Corporates. The fall in income has resulted from a combination of having a record year for income in 2023/24, as well as the increasingly challenging fundraising environment which has been exacerbated by having a significant gap within our Fundraising team for part of the financial year.

Expenditure

There was no significant change on the previous year. Expenditure fell by 1% to £683k (2024: £693k)

Independent Examiner

A resolution will be tabled at the next Trustees' meeting to reappoint Michaelides Warner & Co as the independent examiner.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The laws applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting practices and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting for charities
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the governing document and SORP (FRS 102). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 20/11/2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

Sarah Gresty

Sarah Gresty

Chair Of Trustees

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Chair's Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2025

At Doorstep Library we believe in the importance of reading for pleasure and have had the privilege of reading with 452 individual children this year.

100% of the families/carers we have surveyed - where we have read at home - have said that Doorstep Library has improved their child(ren)'s reading ability. Even more importantly 95% have said that their child reads more because of our visits and that reading has also become an increasing part of family life.

During this year we have launched a new project in Kensington and Chelsea. We are grateful for the funding received to help support the costs and to our new volunteers who have made it possible to reach a new part of London.

We also continue to reach families across London - including outside of the areas where we operate in person - through our online reading sessions. These visits also have a significant impact with 85% of parents/carers saying their child(ren)'s enthusiasm for learning has improved and 76% of parents/carers saying they read more often with their child(ren).

Due to the impact of our visits, we have started to graduate children after one year of reading with a family. We know that 83% of families read more often with their children after we visit, so by stepping back after a year our volunteers can reach more families and children to build their love of reading.

We have an incredible community of dedicated volunteers at Doorstep Library. We are grateful that they choose to spend their time visiting with families, selecting the right books for the children they visit to build the children's love of reading. I would like to thank all our volunteers for the invaluable support and commitment.

Whilst 95% of volunteers would recommend volunteering to a friend, we continue to need to recruit more volunteers to reach more children. We have introduced more flexible hours, extra roles to support our work, and our volunteer recruitment team continue to look for ways to increase our recruitment.

Funding remains a challenge, we are extremely grateful to all our financial supporters, without whom we would not exist. Both to the longstanding charitable trusts and our new sponsors who share our vision for this work.

I am extremely proud of the Doorstep Library staff team, who work hard to support our families, and also continuously look for ways to improve the service we offer. I would also like to thank my fellow trustees who continue to be unfailingly generous with their time and experience.

We look to next year where in January 2026 we will begin the National Year of Reading to promote reading among children and young people. We look forward to continuing to play our part. It will also be our 15th year of operating as a charity, so a time to reflect on what we have achieved but also to look forward to the next 15 years where we look to reach many more children to support them to grow as we truly believe that words can take you places.

Sarah Gresty

Sarah Gresty
Chair of Trustees

**DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Year ended 31 March 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

				31.03.2025	31.03.2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income	Note 3	257,068	482,828	739,896	901,840
Incoming resources from charitable activities		257,068	482,828	739,896	901,840
Other Income		9,022	-	9,022	788
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		266,089	482,828	748,918	902,628
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating voluntary income	Note 4	-63,075	-29,132	-92,206	-122,820
Charitable Activities	Note 4	-121,013	-433,240	-554,253	-542,496
Governance costs	Note 4	-23,540	-13,364	-36,905	-27,205
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-207,628	-475,736	-683,364	-692,521
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		58,462	7,092	65,554	210,107
TOTAL FUNDS, Brought forward	Note 5	163,201	243,283	406,484	196,377
TOTAL FUNDS, Carried forward	Note 5	221,663	250,375	472,038	406,484

**DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year ended 31 March 2025**

BALANCE SHEET

		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Office Equipment	Note 8	14,522	12,379
Accumulated Depreciation		-12,370	-9,757
		<u>2,152</u>	<u>2,622</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	Note 9	6,504	1,548
Cash at Bank and in Hand		496,451	431,589
		<u>502,955</u>	<u>433,137</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within 1 year	Note 10	-33,070	-29,276
NET CURRENT ASSETS		469,885	403,861
NET ASSETS		<u>472,037</u>	<u>406,483</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted Funds		250,375	243,282
General Reserve Fund		221,662	163,201
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>472,037</u>	<u>406,483</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 20/11/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Gresty

Sarah Gresty
Chair



Robert Barr
Treasurer

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year ended 31 March 2025

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	65,554	210,106
Depreciation Charges	2,612	3,989
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	-4,956	16,306
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	3,794	-14,043
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	1,450	6,253
Net cash provided by operating activities	67,005	216,359
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Office Equipment	-2,143	-549
Net cash provided by investing activities	-2,143	-549
Net cash increase for period	64,862	215,810
Cash at beginning of period	431,589	215,779
Cash at end of period	496,451	431,589

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2025

Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Doorstep Library Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Accounting period

The Financial Statements cover the period of 12 months from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The prior accounting period was for the period of 12 months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

1.3 Going Concern

The Board of Trustees has reviewed Doorstep Library's financial position, taking into account the level of reserves and cash and considers there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Board continues to adopt the going-concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and the resources have been received.

Grants and donations are included in the SoFA when received.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts are included in the SoFA when received.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to charity and are included in the SoFA when received.

Volunteer help: The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but it is described in the Trustees' annual report.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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2.3 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the economic life of the asset

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
Autumn Stone Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	10,000
Bernard Sunley Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Brighter Futures/ Young Westminster	-	-	-	13,816
Calleva Foundation	-	-	-	-
City Bridge Foundation	-	69,398	69,398	27,120
City of Westminster Charitable Trust	-	-	-	20,000
Corporate donations via Aksia fundraising	14,090	-	14,090	25,517
Derwent London	-	1,000	1,000	7,000
Dr Edwards and Bishop King's Fulham Charity	-	5,000	5,000	-
Earls Court Development Company	-	7,500	7,500	5,000
Gifts in Kind	-	9,609	9,609	-
Gosling Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Groundwork UK	-	28,189	28,189	16,437
Grosvenor International	-	-	-	-
Hammersmith United Charities	-	6,500	6,500	7,000
Individuals	66,126	27,170	93,296	71,731
John Coates Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
John Lyon's Charity	-	40,000	40,000	25,000
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	-	60,000	60,000	120,000
Kensington Prep School	6,000	-	6,000	-
LBHF 3 rd Sector Investment Fund	-	34,944	34,944	33,600
Lloyd's of London	-	-	-	38,370
Other corporate donations	2,882	5,000	7,882	6,100

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Other local schools, charities and organisations	3,953	1,916	5,869	14,551
National Lottery	-	-	-	20,000
Other Trusts and Foundations £5k or less	24,018	31,229	55,247	61,808
Pantheon Charitable Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Posettes Foundation	-	-	-	50,000
Q Charitable Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Quintessentially	50,000	16,700	66,700	50,000
Scouloudi Foundation	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Sobell Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
St James Place Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
The Blue Thread	-	-	-	10,000
The Britford Bridge Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-
The Childhood Trust	-	12,341	12,341	8,482
The David Cock Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	20,000
The Greg and Rosie Lock Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
The Mercer's Company	-	42,500	42,500	22,500
The Swire Charitable Trust	20,000	-	20,000	-
Vitol Foundation	-	-	-	12,208
The Worship Company of Horners	-	5,000	5,000	-
Walcot Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Wellington Management Trust	40,000	-	40,000	40,000
Westminster Almshouses Foundation	-	-	-	8,000
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	-	-	-	10,000
Westminster City Council	-	11,632	11,632	7,600
Westminster Foundation	-	7,200	7,200	5,000
	257,068	482,828	739,896	901,840
Other income - bank interest	9,022		9,022	788
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	266,089	482,828	748,918	902,628

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)

4 Analysis of resources expended

Generating voluntary income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Salary costs	42,880	20,256	63,135	98,030
Administration costs	20,195	8,876	29,071	24,790
	63,075	29,132	92,206	122,820
Charitable activities				
Salary costs	106,069	327,160	433,229	448,059
Administration costs	14,944	49,293	64,237	51,501
Project costs	0	56,786	56,786	42,936
	121,013	433,240	554,253	542,496
Governance costs				
Salary costs	21,441	9,795	31,237	23,902
Administration costs	2,099	3,569	5,668	3,303
	23,540	13,364	36,905	27,205

5 Movement In Funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
Main Restricted	14,811	89,260	-77,453	-	26,617
Hammersmith and Fulham	17,639	112,627	-85,334	-	44,932
Lambeth	20,676	78,289	-53,937	-	45,028
Westminster	80,886	44,758	-79,659	-	45,984
Camden	3,477	58,666	-42,874	-	19,269
Online	3,521	38,229	-23,179	-	18,571
Kensington and Chelsea	88,189	60,000	-98,217	-	49,972
Volunteering	14,083	1,000	-15,083	-	0
Total Restricted Funds	243,282	482,828	-475,736	-	250,374
Total Unrestricted Funds	163,201	266,089	-207,628	-	221,662
Total Funds	406,484	748,918	-683,364	-	472,038

Restricted funds are, in most cases, restricted to one of the five London boroughs that we work in or to the Online program and funds are held for each of these. The 'Main Restricted Fund' is made up of smaller funds that are not restricted to either a specific borough or to the Online program but have other restrictions in place.

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6 Details of certain items of expenditure

	2025	2024
6.1 Trustee expenses		
	£	£
Number of Trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total amount paid	-	-

6.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the financial statements	1,056	1,008

7 Paid employees

	2025	2024
7.1 Staff costs		
	£	£
Gross salaries	462,055	485,650
Employer's National Insurance costs	38,009	40,275
Pension costs	27,538	29,522
Redundancy Costs	-	14,540
Total staff costs	527,602	569,987

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the accounting period

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Generating funds	1	2
Charitable activities	11	12
Governance	1	1
Total	13	15

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8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment
Cost	£
At 1 April 2024	12,379
Additions	2,143
At 31 March 2025	14,522
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	14,522
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	9,757
Charge for the Year	2,613
At 31 March 2025	12,370
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Net Book Value	
At 31 March 2025	2,152
At 31 March 2024	6,062

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	6,504	1,548
Total	6,504	1,548
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10 Creditors and accruals

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	7,433	1,691
Accruals	4,104	6,269
Other Taxes	11,838	13,685
Deferred income	9,695	7,632
Total	33,070	29,277

11 Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties in the year ended 31 March 2025, nor in the period ended 31 March 2024.

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1158197

Accounts

Ms Sarah Gresty
Doorstep Library Network
X+Why Fivefields
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London
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2 December 2024

Dear Sarah,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Doorstep Library Network

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year period 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 22 to 31 of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts and signed by the Trustees on 20.11.2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Michaelides ACA CTA
For and on behalf of
MICHAELIDES WARNER & CO



Annual Review

2023-2024





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CEO's Report

At Doorstep Library we aim to instil a love of reading for pleasure and give access to books for families with children under the age of 12 years old. In the past fourteen years of delivering our home reading projects, we have had the precious opportunity of witnessing how reading can empower children in a million different ways, as they explore books and begin to love sharing stories.

Low literacy carries life-long implications. Children living in under-resourced areas are statistically less likely to have access to books and are more likely to start school already behind their more affluent peers. We know that the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their better off peers is currently at its highest level in ten years. If you have a poor vocabulary at 5, then you are on average six times less likely, compared to other children, to reach the expected standard in English at 11. And you are more than twice as likely to be unemployed at age 34.

Our approach is unique, as it is home-based, empowering both the children and the parents by putting them at the heart of what we do. We are privileged to be welcomed into their homes; we base the sessions on their feedback and the books we bring are based on their interests. We take the time, returning week after week, to build trust, a love of books and the ability to read. We've found that this approach allows us to:

- Engage the hardest-to-reach families/children by meeting them through door-knocking in disadvantaged areas;
- Include the whole family in our reading sessions and promote reading for pleasure within the home;
- Offer interventions that challenge educational inequality before children even start school;
- Support parents, reduce social isolation, and promote community engagement through our programme of signposting families to other supportive and enriching services.

The attainment gap between the children we see and their more affluent peers is at the widest it has been since 2014. Many families living in the top 10-20% areas of deprivation in London are experiencing increased feelings of isolation, with less access to books, and less time for joy.

This past year has seen significant change for Doorstep Library. We recognised that we needed to operate more efficiently, and be a more flexible organisation, better able to adapt and respond quickly to a constantly changing environment, to help an ever increasing number of children living in inequitable circumstances.

Working closely with our Board of Trustees, we took the difficult decision to reduce our staff team, and we said goodbye to a number of colleagues from across the organisation. We restructured, bringing our marketing and fundraising functions together under one Head of department, and uniting volunteering and project delivery under a new role, Head of Delivery & Engagement.

On top of this we also moved offices (which included relocating our entire book stock to a new storage facility), and were delighted to be one of the first charities to make our home at Fivefields, a new workspace established by the Grosvenor Estate/Westminster Foundation to bring charities together within the same space to work collaboratively and share ideas.

This year we have grown our volunteer numbers, and worked on improving our recruitment processes to ensure we can continue engaging with more volunteers into the next academic year.

There are waiting lists of children who we can't reach because we don't currently have the volunteering capacity. We want to reach out to them. We will continue to expand our existing projects, alongside expanding into Kensington & Chelsea this year. We want to work with more families, to ensure that they have access to the joy to be had from sharing books together.

I am extremely proud of the Doorstep Library staff team and extremely grateful to all our financial supporters, without whom we would not exist. We have continued working with some longstanding charitable trusts, some of whom have supported our work for over 13 years now, and we're also delighted to be partnered with some new trusts and organisations. I also wish to express my gratitude to our volunteers and board of trustees, without whom we could not deliver our amazing reading sessions.



Katie Bareham, CEO





"My children's love of reading has improved tremendously; they learn new vocabulary with every session. They are more enthusiastic to read without being prompted. I am happy there's an option to read online thanks to the amazing volunteers who take their time each week to help our children thrive with reading. I am grateful Doorstep Library gives us the opportunity to be part of their book community. "

- Doorstep Library Parent



About Us

What We Do

Doorstep Library is a community-focused literacy charity dedicated to bringing the magic of books and the joy of reading directly into the homes of children who need our support. We are intent on breaking the link between poverty and low literacy, using the power of stories to change children's lives. To do this, we recruit and train volunteers to work directly with families in their homes – or on the doorstep – to create a foundation of reading for pleasure within the home which families can build upon when they leave our service. Our volunteers are led by paid staff – our amazing reading project leaders – who work from bases within the local community or online during term time several evenings a week, coordinating each project and supporting their volunteers as they read with their families.

From our beginnings in 2010, with one project and four volunteers, we now run 16 reading projects across five London boroughs, in person and online and have over 170 reading volunteers.

Our Vision

- ★ To see all children thriving in homes where a love of reading is embraced.

Our Mission

- ★ Supporting children living in disadvantaged areas to become keen and confident readers;
- ★ Supporting parents to take an active role in reading for pleasure with their children;
- ★ Supporting families to connect to a wider range of cultural, social and support services.

Our Values

We are in the unique and privileged position of working directly in the family home, where we can support families to embrace and encourage reading for pleasure. Everything we do to deliver this is underpinned by a set of values which enables us to establish positive and productive relationships with our families, our volunteers, our staff and be a force for change within our communities.





Reading With Doorstep Library...

OPENS DOORS AND EMPOWERS LIVES

Benefits

Words take you places. Here at Doorstep Library we believe that literacy is the foundation of every child's future and we aim to fulfil every child's right to read by giving families access to books and sharing stories in the home.

We want to help level the playing field for children living in disadvantaged areas. Our unique programmes go directly into the home and support both the child and the family to discover books and choose reading as a way of life. By helping to equip them with a love of books and the skill of reading, Doorstep Library empowers each child by giving them the tools they need to learn, enjoy and understand more about their world.

"My child was very behind in their reading and has made amazing progress. I really appreciate it . Thank you so much."

- Doorstep Library Parent

Our impact is long lasting. Once literacy is embedded in a person's life, it can never leave. It is the fundamental building block to further learning, development and achievement. It inspires imaginations. It triggers ideas. It can be a stepping-stone to new directions and greater opportunities in later life.

Our Impact 2023 - 2024

69% of surveyed families said their child's reading ability has improved.





Reading With Doorstep Library...

BRINGS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Benefits

Doorstep Library's work may be rooted in reading for pleasure and literacy, but our influence goes well beyond the page.

The regularity of our reading sessions and the long-term, supportive nature of the relationships with volunteers means that they are often focal points for the whole family. In addition, the sessions contribute to enhanced family life by offering support for parents who might be experiencing difficulty.

In many cases our volunteers befriend the families and are warmly welcomed into their lives. They are there to lend a listening ear, to offer support and to have a friendly chat with parents and carers. In return, our volunteers are able to watch the children develop and grow in confidence. They also have the opportunity to meet and spend time with a broad and diverse range of families, as well as other volunteers.

"Kayla now really loves books, all her teachers at school commented how much she loves to read. Thank you."

- Doorstep Library Parent

Having reached out and established a trusted link with the family, Doorstep Library is able to help families form bonds with the wider community through our signposting of local services. Books and reading form the basis of a contract of trust – it gives us a valuable platform to help fill in social gaps and forge community bonds that might otherwise be lost.

Our Impact 2023 - 2024

99% of surveyed families are happy with the range of child/ren's books we share.

"I would like to thank Doorstep Library for helping my son to read and to give eye contact. In the past he struggled to pay attention or to give eye contact, now he has started to speak and is really interested in reading."

- Doorstep Library Parent



Reading With Doorstep Library...

PROMOTES POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Benefits

At Doorstep Library we believe in children having fun. Children who read for pleasure in the home and families that share reading together, are proven to have better mental health and general wellbeing. We aim to bring families together – helping to increase shared family time and encourage parents and carers to continue to spend time with children even after they are reading independently.

Our volunteers source books featuring characters from a diverse range of backgrounds and situations. We know that reading books with identifiable characters helps to create empathy and foster aspiration. Children become more aware of the richness and vastness of the world which opens their eyes to other cultures, backgrounds and life experiences. We also know that through books children can explore their emotions and vulnerability by observing a familiar feeling or situation from a distance.

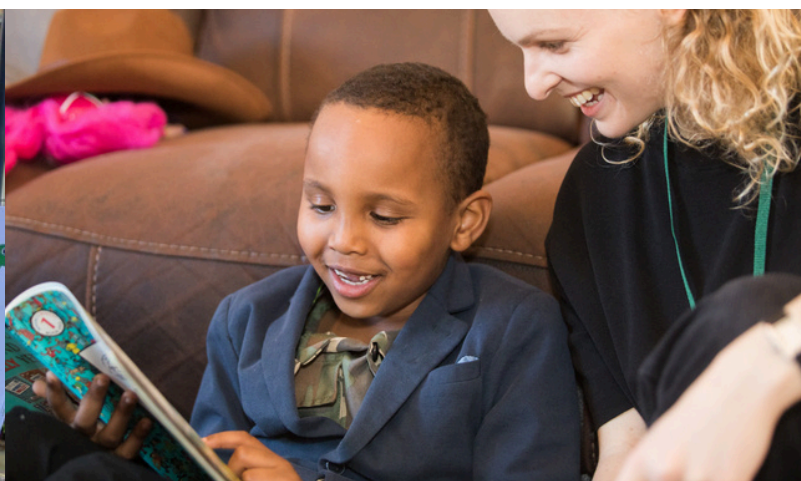
"The books are very diverse. My daughter had people within the books who she identified with and who looked like her. 10/10!"

- Doorstep Library Parent

We encourage parents to join our sessions and to continue to read with children after we're gone because we know that sharing stories together improves child-parent bonds, which in turn enriches family life, leading to better literacy and enhanced life opportunities.

Our Impact 2023 - 2024

86% of parents/carers said their child/ren enjoy Doorstep Library reading sessions.





“They are so generous. We are extremely obliged to the team who even visit in bad weather, sometimes extremely cold, hot or rainy. It is about their love for the children and the community. Thank you so much to all of the team who make it possible.”

- Doorstep Library Parent



Organisational Achievements

This year we ran 13 Home and Online Reading Projects across 4 boroughs.



526

Children benefitted
from Doorstep
Library visits

305

Families benefitted
from Doorstep Library visits

131

New children
joined
Doorstep Library



78

New families
joined Doorstep Library

13,556

Books shared
during home
visits



56

Services
signposted

473

Books
gifted

5,104

Reading sessions
conducted



1,498

eBooks shared



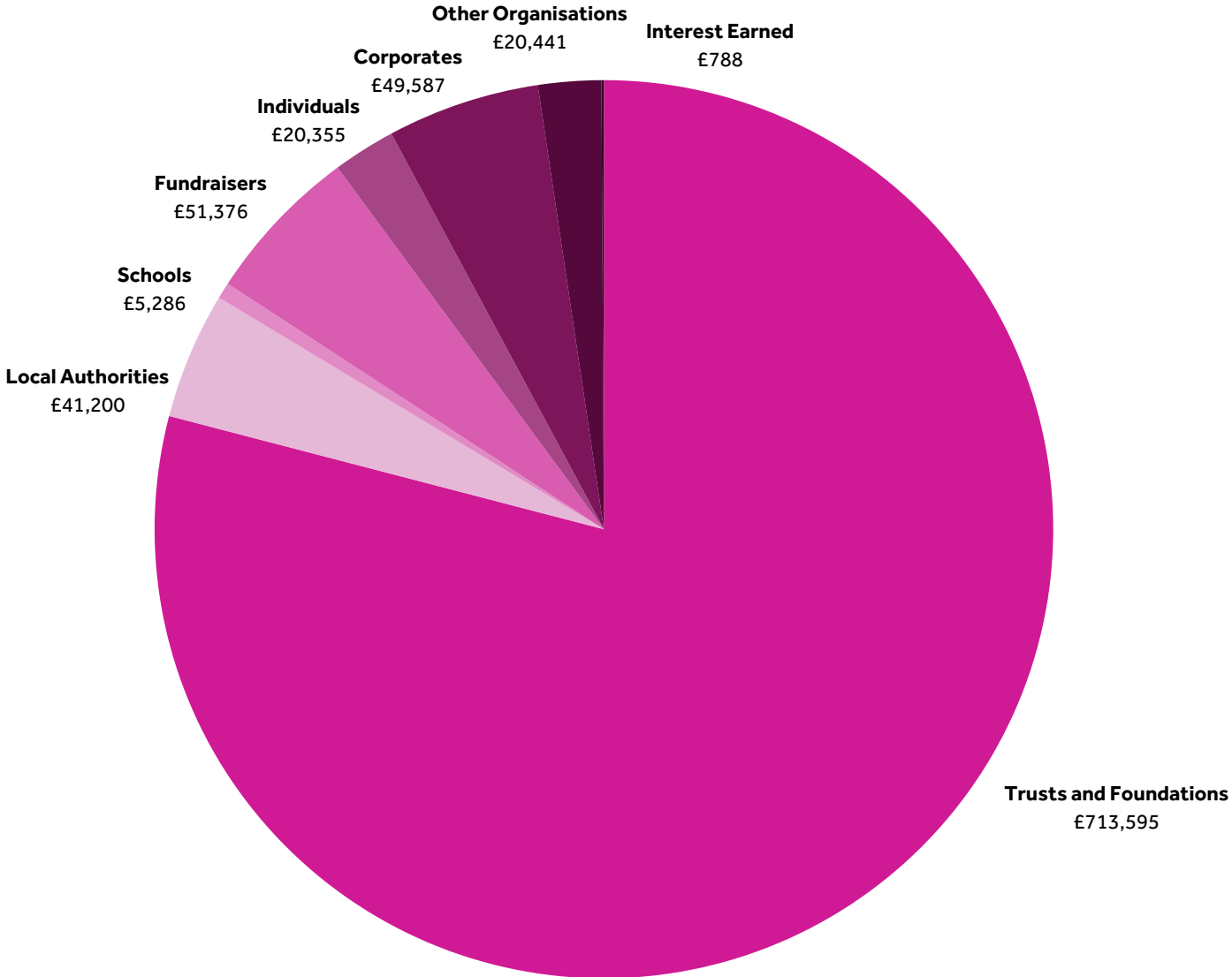
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Children
graduated



Annual Income

£902,628 total income for the 2023-2024 financial year.



Income continued to grow this year by 9% to £903k (2023: £828k). This reflects the continued growth in income from Trusts & Foundations where we received several large grants to support our work. We are very grateful to all our generous supporters who help Doorstep Library continue to bring the joy of reading to children across London.



"From my perspective, the most valuable thing about Doorstep Library is the variety of books, they may not always even like them. The children are always into new things and I can't always buy new books for them. None of the children enjoy going to the library so that has always been a stressful experience for us. It is so great to have you visiting!"

- Doorstep Library Parent



Impact Results

At Doorstep Library we evaluate the impact of our Reading Programmes by capturing both quantitative and qualitative data through a range of methods, measuring success in terms of reading ability, parental engagement and an interest in books.

In addition, each year we survey our parents/carers to find out how they think our service has impacted on their child/ren and on themselves.

Our 2023-2024 Family Survey Feedback

69%

of parents/carers said Doorstep Library has improved their child/ren's reading ability.



99%

of parents/carers are happy with the range of children's books we share.



68%

of parents/carers said their child/ren enjoy reading for pleasure more since joining Doorstep Library.



"I would just like to say thank you to Doorstep Library. My daughter, whom you come to visit, has Autism and you brighten up her Monday every week without fail. Can't wait to see you after the school holidays"

- Home Reading Parent

Additionally...



86%

of parents/carers said their child/ren enjoy Doorstep Library reading sessions.



54%

of parents/carers said their child/ren continue reading in between Doorstep Library visits.

"My cheeks hurt so much after reading sessions as I can't stop smiling!"

- Home Reading Volunteer

Results are based on respondents who answered 4 or 5 out of 5 on our annual survey (where 1 was 'not at all' and 5 was 'very much').



A Year In Volunteering

Our amazing volunteers are the heart of Doorstep Library, giving up their time week after week in support of our cause to give children living in inequitable circumstances an equal chance. Their dedication in giving children the opportunity to change their lives through a love of reading is second to none, and we simply couldn't do what we do without them.

This year:

- ★ We worked with 242 volunteers overall
- ★ We received 111 new applications
- ★ 87 new volunteers started with us

Our new Volunteer Committee, which launched in February 2023, met three times to discuss all things volunteering. This committee comprises eight volunteers representing their peers from Online and Home Projects, including regular and stand-in volunteers, and gives our volunteers a platform to help shape the volunteer experience. We have drawn on wider networks through our committee members, which has enabled promotion of volunteering. We also continued to encourage all volunteers to get in touch with the Volunteer Committee and share ideas on how we can improve the volunteer experience.

The Volunteer Engagement Team focussed on outreach, furthering links with local communities near projects and increasing online presence to attract more volunteers.

We built on relationships with corporates and partners, including One Westminster, Lloyds of London Foundation and BNP Paribas and were thrilled to have a presence at the Cheslea Flower with our Doorstep Library Garden:Words Take You Places (designed by Gini Denison-Pender, Philippa Craddock and Anna Garner) winning a silver medal. We attended the Queens Park Book Festival in September 2023 and two recruitment fairs hosted by the Camden and Islington Centre in July 2023 and February 2024. These partnerships resulted in thirteen new volunteers.

"I couldn't recommend volunteering more. Seeing [the children] smile and be imaginative brings out my inner child - what could be happier than that!"

- Stand-In Reading Volunteer

We have linked with London School of Economics and University College London and attended their recruitment fairs, which resulted in seventeen new volunteers signing up to work with us. We targeted these universities, due to UCL being close to our Euston project and LSE being in close proximity to Pimlico, Euston and our Somers Town projects.

We have started to build community links to promote the volunteering opportunity for a new home project in Kensington and Chelsea (Latimer Road Project), which launched in autumn 2024 and an online Kensington and Chelsea Project which launched in April 2024.

We hosted our annual volunteer social event in November 2023 which was well attended by our volunteers - readers and trustees. This event is an opportunity for us to thank all of our volunteers and for them to meet each other and share their volunteering stories and experiences.



DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

(Registered Charity No. 1158197)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2024

Registered Office:
X+why Fivefields, 8-10 Grosvenor Gardens,
London SW1W 0DH

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees:

The following Trustees held office during the year to 31 March 2024 and up to the date of the report:

Mrs C Campbell, resigned July 2023

Ms E. Dawson, Chair, *resigned April 2024*

Ms S. Gresty, Chair

Mrs A. Musiol Poole

Ms F. Jordan, *resigned July 2024*

Mr A. Seres, Treasurer

Mr P. Warwick

A. Ali, appointed January 2024

Trustees are appointed for a term of two years with a maximum of three terms. There shall not be more than ten Trustees.

Management:

Mrs K. Bareham (*Director*)

Registered Office and operational address:

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Charity number: 1158197

Independent Examiners:

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Bankers:

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DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Principal activities

Doorstep Library Network is a registered charity. Its principal activities comprise the advancement of education of young children in primarily low-income families in deprived areas of the United Kingdom, through the provision of doorstep library services.

Governing document

The charity was registered as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* on 8 August 2014 with charity number 1158197.

Our Objectives

The Charity's objectives are:

- The advancement of education in particular for children aged 1 to 12 years from deprived areas of the United Kingdom and low-income families primarily by providing doorstep library services
- To provide books and book-led learning
- The relief of need by working with low-income families to support them to increase and develop their skills and confidence in order that they may better participate in their community and meet their own needs
- To further such other purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time decide.

Financial Review

Income

Despite continuing challenges in the fundraising environment income continued to grow this year by 9% to £903k (2023: £828k). This reflects the continued growth in income from Trusts and Foundations where we received a significant number of high value donations.

Expenditure

Expenditure fell by 21% to £693k (2023: £875k). The savings resulted primarily from the reorganisation and restructuring which took place in July 2023, resulting in both reduced salary costs as well as reduced office rental costs due to moving from fixed to flexible office space during the year.

Financial Risks

Looking ahead, the most significant financial risks include:

- The continuing challenging economic environment and the impact on our ability to achieve fundraising targets

- Our ability to continue to grow unrestricted funds and to build reserves to a sustainable level

Reserves

The General Reserve Fund of £163,201 (2023: £53,795) represents the unrestricted free reserves of the charity arising from past operating results. The Restricted Reserves of £243,283 (2023: £142,852) represent the unspent balances remaining from donations received that have been donated for specific purposes and are not available for other purposes.

The Trustees' minimum expectation is for the Charity to hold general reserves equivalent to at least 3 months of expenditure, whilst in the medium term, the aspiration is to build the Charity's reserves to 6 months of expenditure. At 31 March 2024, general reserves held were equivalent to 2.7 months of expenditure. The Charity reduced its cost base in 2023-24 through a reorganisation and restructuring exercise, and, as a result of the reduced cost base, reserves are expected to exceed the minimum 3 months of expenditure by 31 March 2025.

The Trustees have revised the reserves policy since the prior year accounts following review of the Charity's financial position and an exercise undertaken to benchmark comparable peer organisations. The trustees will continue to review the appropriateness of the reserves policy on at least an annual basis.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024 Independent examiner

A resolution will be tabled at the next Trustees' meeting to reappoint Michaelides Warner & Co as the independent examiner.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting practices and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting for charities
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the governing document and SORP (FRS 102). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 29 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Sarah Gresty

Chair Of Trustees

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Chair's Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Doorstep Library has been able to work with over 526 children and 305 families this year. The unique model that we have developed over our 13 years of operation continues to support children to develop a love of reading within their homes. I continue to be inspired by the individual stories of the difference that we are making in these children's lives.

One of the reasons our unique home-based approach is effective is that we empower both the children and the parents, putting them at the heart of what we do. They welcome us into their homes and we base the sessions on their feedback and the books we bring are based on their interests. We take time, returning week after week to build trust, a love of books and the ability to read.

We've found that this approach allows us to:

- Engage the hardest to reach families and children by meeting them through door-knocking in areas of deprivation
- Include the whole family in our reading sessions and promote reading for pleasure within the home
- Offer interventions that challenge educational inequality before children begin school
- Support parents, reduce social isolation, and promote community engagement through our programme of signposting families to other supportive and enriching services.

Our 242 volunteers who visit children in their homes (both in person and via video) do a tremendous job every week and I am grateful for the way they generously give their time. We have started to experiment with offering different volunteer hours and schedules to look to attract more volunteers to work with more children and families.

This year we have raised more money than in any previous year and we remain extremely grateful to all of our financial supporters, without whom we would not exist. We are so thankful to everyone who has donated towards our work this year, enabling us to run more reading sessions, improve our stock of books and bring more volunteers on board.

We are pleased to have secured new funding to launch in another location in 2024-25 and look for more opportunities to grow in a sustainable way to reach more children.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees and also the employees of Doorstep Library for your dedication and ongoing focus on bringing the magic of books and the joy of reading directly to the homes of children who need our support.



Sarah Gresty
Chair of Trustees

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 TOTAL £	2023 TOTAL £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income	Note 3	376,514	525,326	901,840	828,487
Incoming resources from charitable activities		376,514	525,326	901,840	828,487
Other Income	Note 3	788	-	788	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		377,303	525,326	902,628	828,487
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating voluntary income	Note 4	93,783	29,038	122,820	137,238
Charitable Activities	Note 4	154,069	388,427	542,496	709,085
Governance costs	Note 4	20,045	7,160	27,205	29,165
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		267,897	424,625	692,521	875,488
NET INCOMING/(EXPENDED) RESOURCES		109,406	100,701	210,107	(47,001)
TOTAL FUNDS, Brought forward	Note 5	53,795	142,582	196,377	243,378
TOTAL FUNDS, Carried forward	Note 5	163,201	243,283	406,484	196,377

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BALANCE SHEET


		2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Office Equipment	Note 8	2,622	6,062
		<u>2,622</u>	<u>6,062</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	Note 9	1,548	17,855
Cash at Bank and in Hand		431,589	215,779
		<u>433,137</u>	<u>233,634</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within 1 year	Note 10	(29,276)	(43,319)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		403,861	190,314
NET ASSETS		<u>406,483</u>	<u>196,377</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted Funds		243,283	142,582
General Reserve Fund		163,201	53,795
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>406,484</u>	<u>196,377</u>

The notes on pages 25 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 29 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Sarah Gresty
Chair



Adam Seres
Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	210,106	(47,001)
Depreciation Charges	3,989	3,943
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	16,306	1,194
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(14,043)	(8,379)
Net cash provided by operating activities	216,359	(50,243)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Office Equipment	(549)	(824)
Net cash provided by investing activities	(549)	(824)
Net cash increase for period	215,810	(51,067)
Cash at beginning of period	215,779	266,846
Cash at end of period	431,589	215,779

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Doorstep Library Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Accounting period

The Financial Statements cover the period of 12 months from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The prior accounting period was for the period of 12 months from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

1.3 Going Concern

The Board of Trustees has reviewed Doorstep Library's financial position, taking into account the level of reserves and cash and considers there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and the resources have been received.

Grants and donations are included in the SoFA when received.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts are included in the SoFA when received.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity and are included in the SoFA when received.

Volunteer help: The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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2.3 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the economic life of the asset

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
Autumn Stone Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	
Bernard Sunley Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	
Brighter Futures/ Young Westminster	-	13,816	13,816	13,750
Calleva Foundation	-	-	-	16,459
City Bridge Foundation	-	27,120	27,120	-
City of Westminster Charitable Trust	-	20,000	20,000	16,000
Corporate donations via Aksia fundraising	25,517	-	25,517	-
Derwent London	-	7,000	7,000	-
Earls Court Development Company	-	5,000	5,000	6,000
Grabiner Family / Blue Thread	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Groundwork UK	-	16,437	16,437	-
Grosvenor International	-	-	-	-
Hammersmith United Charities	-	7,000	7,000	10,909
Individuals	49,712	22,019	71,731	67,841
John Coates Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-
John Lyon's Charity	-	25,000	25,000	30,000
Julia Rausing Trust	-	120,000	120,000	-
Kusuma Trust	-	-	-	50,000
LBHF 3 rd Sector Investment Fund	-	33,600	33,600	34,736
Light Bulb Trust	-	-	-	40,000
Lloyd's of London	38,370	-	38,370	25,00
Lucille Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
Other corporate donations	1,100	5,000	6,100	-

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Other local schools, charities and organisations	9,776	4,775	14,551	37,687
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham Monday Charitable Trust	-	-	-	32,000
National Lottery	-	20,000	20,000	9,760
Other Trusts & Foundations - £5k & under	19,832	36,976	56,808	60,665
Pantheon Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000	-
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	-	10,000	10,000	-
Pimlico Million	-	-	-	5,000
Posettes Foundation	50,000	-	50,000	-
Q Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Quintessentially Foundation	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
Scouloudi Foundation	15,000	-	15,000	-
Sobell Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
St Giles in the Field	-	-	-	16,250
St James Place Charitable Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
St Paul's Juniors School	-	-	-	15,730
The Blue Thread	-	10,000	10,000	-
The Childhood Trust	-	8,482	8,482	54,153
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
The David Cock Foundation	10,000	10,000	20,000	10,000
The Drapers' Company	-	-	-	26,766
The Greg and Rosie Lock Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	-
The Mercer's Company	-	22,500	22,500	63,334
The Swire Charitable Trust	-	-	-	15,000
Vitol Foundation	12,208	-	12,208	-
Walcot Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	3,000
Wellington Management Trust	40,000	-	40,000	50,000
Westminster Almshouses Foundation	-	8,000	8,000	-
Westminster Amalgamated Charity	-	10,000	10,000	-
Westminster City Council	-	7,600	7,600	-
Westminster Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	37,456
	376,514	525,326	901,840	828,487

Other income of £788 is comprised of bank interest earned (2023: £19)

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Notes to the financial statements (cont.)

4 Analysis of resources expended

Generating voluntary income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Salary costs	73,839	24,185	98,024	106,461
Administration costs	19,944	4,853	24,797	30,788
	93,783	29,038	122,821	137,238
Charitable activities				
Salary costs	128,996	319,063	448,059	583,162
Administration costs	24,971	26,530	51,501	70,295
Project costs	102	42,834	42,936	55,628
	154,069	388,427	542,495	709,085
Governance costs				
Salary costs	17,925	5,978	23,902	25,986
Administration costs	2,121	1,182	3,303	3,179
	20,045	7,160	27,205	29,165

5 Movement In Funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
Main Restricted	29,712	89,151	(104,051)	-	14,812
Hammersmith and Fulham	9,460	72,826	(64,647)	-	17,639
Lambeth	23,868	64,610	(67,802)	-	20,676
Westminster	67,659	105,976	(922,749)	-	80,886
Camden	10,384	34,915	(41,822)	-	3,477
Online	1,500	6,848	(4,828)	-	3,521
Kensington and Chelsea	-	120,000	(31,811)	-	88,189
Volunteering	-	31,000	(16,917)	-	14,083
Total Restricted Funds	142,582	525,326	(424,625)	-	243,283
Total Unrestricted Funds	53,795	377,303	(267,897)	-	163,201
Total Funds	196,377	-	-	-	406,484

Restricted funds are, in most cases, restricted to one of the five London boroughs that we work in or to the online programme and funds are held for each of these. The 'Main Restricted Fund' is made up of smaller funds that are not restricted to either a specific borough or to the online programme but have other restrictions in place.

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Notes to the financial statements (cont.)

6 Details of certain items of expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
6.1 Trustee expenses		
Number of Trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total amount paid	-	-

6.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the financial statements	1,008	960

7 Paid employees

	2024	2023
	£	£
7.1 Staff costs		
Gross salaries	485,650	624,775
Employer's National Insurance costs	40,275	56,202
Pension costs	29,522	34,633
Redundancy Costs	14,540	-
Total staff costs	569,986	715,610

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the accounting period

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Generating funds	2	2
Charitable activities	12	16
Governance	1	1
Total	15	19

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8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment
Cost	£
At 1 April 2023	11,830
Additions	549
At 31 March 2024	<u>12,379</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	5,768
Charge for the Year	3,989
At 31 March 2024	<u>9,757</u>
Net Book Value	
At 1 April 2023	6,062
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,622</u>

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	-	5,491
Prepayments and accrued income	1,548	12,364
Total	<u>1,548</u>	<u>17,855</u>

The reduction in Debtors and Prepayments relates mainly to the Office Rental deposit and prepayment which are no longer being held in 2024 since the charity moved out of fixed office space in June 2023 and is now occupying flexible office space since October 2023.

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10 Creditors and accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	1,691	3,693
Accruals	6,269	3,334
Other Taxes	13,685	16,292
Deferred income	7,632	20,000
Total	29,276	43,319

11 Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties in the year ended 31 March 2024, nor in the period ended 31 March 2023.

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Share The Love Online



DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1158197

Accounts

Ms Elizabeth Dawson
Doorstep Library Network
34 Grosvenor Gardens
London
SW1W 0DH

9 January 2024

Dear Elizabeth,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Doorstep Library Network

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year period 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 23 to 36 of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts and signed by the Trustees on 13.12.2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Michaelides ACA CTA
For and on behalf of
MICHAELIDES WARNER & CO



Annual Review

2022/2023



DOORSTEP LIBRARY
Words take you places

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CEO's report

Since day one, our aim has been to give children the opportunity to step inside a story and to have access to books in the home, and we are more determined than ever before to share our passion for reading for pleasure with as many children as possible. Over the last thirteen years of delivering our home reading projects, we have had the precious opportunity of witnessing how reading can empower children in a million different ways, as they grow up and find their feet in the world.

Low literacy carries life-long implications. Children from under-resourced areas are statistically less likely to have access to books and are more likely to start school already behind their more affluent peers. We know that the attainment gap between children from under-resourced areas and their better off peers is currently at its highest level in ten years. If you have a poor vocabulary at 5, then you are on average six times less likely, compared to other children, to reach the expected standard in English at 11. And you are more than twice as likely to be unemployed at age 34.

Part of the reason our unique home-based approach works is that we empower both the children and the parents, putting them at the heart of what we do. They welcome us into their homes, we base the sessions on their feedback and the books we bring are based on their interests. We take the time, returning week after week, to build trust, a love of books and the ability to read. We've found that this approach allows us to:

- Engage the hardest-to-reach families/children by meeting them through door-knocking in disadvantaged areas;
- Include the whole family in our reading sessions and promote reading for pleasure within the home;
- Offer interventions that challenge educational inequality before children even start school;
- Support parents, reduce social isolation, and promote community engagement through our programme of signposting families to other supportive and enriching services.

The pandemic widened the attainment gap between the children we see and their more affluent peers, and the cost-of-living crisis is now impacting this further. Many families living in the top 10-20% areas of deprivation in London are experiencing increased feelings of isolation, with less access to books, and less time for joy. There are waiting lists of children who we can't reach because we don't currently have the volunteering capacity. We want to reach out to them.

This past year we have focused on supporting the families we work with on our existing projects, both in-person and online through our Online Reading Corner. To enable us to see as many families as possible we have worked extremely hard to increase the number of volunteers recruited, and looked at how we retain our volunteers by offering the best possible volunteering experience.

Increasing our volunteer team to 170 active reading volunteers has enabled us to expand on our existing projects, reaching more children and families. Throughout this year we have found that the families we visit have needed more support from other external agencies, where possible we have signposted them on and sometimes helped with form-filling and making calls on their behalf. With the cost-of-living crisis, this support has been requested more often than in previous years.

I am extremely proud of the Doorstep Library staff team, who have worked hard to ensure continued delivery of services, and to support the volunteers, enabling reading for pleasure to happen in the home environment. We have not been isolated from the current economic environment, and the increasingly difficult fundraising landscape, but we are proud to have been able to work with over 630 children this year.

As ever, we are extremely grateful to all our financial supporters, without whom we would not exist. We have continued working with some longstanding charitable trusts, some of whom have supported our work for over 12 years now, and we're also delighted to be partnered with some new trusts and organisations. As we have expanded our reach and our team, so has our income and expenditure increased, we are so thankful to everyone who has donated towards our work this year, enabling us to run more reading sessions, improve our stock of books and bring more volunteers on board.

We know that the next few years will continue to be extremely challenging, for charities and for the families we work with. With the increasing attainment gap, and the cost-of-living crisis both putting more pressure on families we are determined to do all we can to keep them connected to their local communities and to share as many stories as we possibly can.

Katie Bareham, CEO





"We are very happy with Doorstep Library, it has helped us greatly as a family to get through some very difficult times ... I feel that there would be something missing from our life, if we didn't have Doorstep Library to look forward to."

Doorstep Library Parent

About us

Our mission:

- ★ Supporting children living in disadvantaged areas to become keen and confident readers;
- ★ Supporting parents to take an active role in reading for pleasure with their children;
- ★ Supporting families to connect to a wider range of cultural, social and support services.

What we do:

Doorstep Library is a community-focused literacy charity dedicated to bringing the magic of books and the joy of reading directly into the homes of children who need our support. Just 59% of 10 and 11 year-olds reached the expected standards in literacy, writing and maths in this year's (2022) SAT results and the attainment gap between children from under-resourced areas and their better-off peers is at its highest level in ten years. The cost-of-living crisis is further adding to the problem with recent research* indicating that 1 in 5 children (aged 5-8) does not own a single book of their own, a figure we know is much higher among families facing economic disadvantage. We recruit and train home and online reading volunteers to go into disadvantaged areas of London to help introduce young children (aged 0-11 years) to the pleasure and benefits of reading.

Our unique home-based service, whether in person or online, enables us to find the most appropriate books for every child we visit and build a relationship with the whole family. Our goal is to help children develop the self-confidence and essential skills they need to access all the opportunities that will come their way in life.

Our values:

We want our brand to;



History:

Doorstep Library was officially born in October 2010 with one project and a small team of volunteers. It followed the hard work of Agnes Paroissien who set up the first pilot project two years earlier in Fulham. Funding from Hammersmith and Fulham Council allowed the charity to begin its expansion.

In the past thirteen years, we have lent 138,500 books to over 2,000 children and 900 families. In 2021 in response to the pandemic, we launched our Online Reading Corner offering online reading visits and enabling us to now reach children remotely. We currently run 19 projects in four London boroughs and online, and are working to reach even more children and families.

*National Literacy Trust

Reading with Doorstep Library... opens doors and empowers lives

Benefits

Words take you places. Here at Doorstep Library we believe that literacy is the foundation of every child's future and we aim to fulfil every child's right to read by giving families access to books and sharing stories in the home.

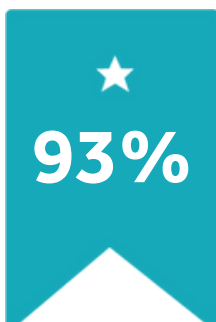
We want to help level the playing field for children living in disadvantaged areas. Our unique programmes go directly into the home and support both the child, and the family, to discover books and choose reading as a way of life. By helping to equip them with a love of books and the skill of reading, Doorstep Library empowers each child by giving them the tools they need to learn, enjoy and understand more about their world.

"My child was very behind in their reading and has made amazing progress. I really appreciate it. Thank you so much."


Doorstep Library Parent

Our impact is long lasting. Once literacy is embedded in a person's life, it can never leave. It is the fundamental building block to further learning, development and achievement. It inspires imaginations. It triggers ideas. It can be a stepping-stone to new directions and greater opportunities in later life.

Our Impact 2022 - 2023



of parents/carers said Doorstep Library has helped their child/ren to read better.



"I would like to thank Doorstep Library for helping my son to read and to give eye contact. In the past he struggled to pay attention or to give eye contact, now he has started to speak and is really interested in reading."

Doorstep Library Parent

Reading with Doorstep Library... brings people and communities together

Benefits

Doorstep Library's work may be rooted in reading for pleasure and literacy, but our influence goes well beyond the page.

The regularity of our reading sessions and the long-term, supportive nature of the relationships with volunteers means that they are often focal points for the whole family. In addition the sessions contribute to enhanced family life by offering support for parents who might be experiencing difficulty.

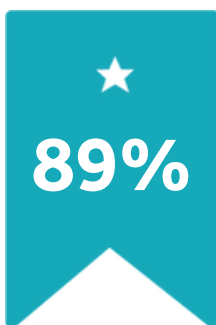
In many cases our volunteers befriend the families and are warmly welcomed into their lives. They are there to lend a listening ear, to offer support, to have a friendly chat with parents and carers. In return our volunteers are able to watch the children develop and grow in confidence. They also have the opportunity to meet and spend time with a broad and diverse range of families, as well as other volunteers.

"Expand more to other boroughs and communities! I know a lot of parents who want to join and I always refer them to you!!"

Doorstep Library Parent

Having reached out and established a trusted link with the family, Doorstep Library is able to help families form bonds with the wider community through our signposting of local services. Books and reading form the basis of a contract of trust – it gives us a valuable platform to help fill in social gaps and forge community bonds that might otherwise be lost.

Our Impact 2022 - 2023



of parents/carers found the community services and activities Doorstep Library signposted to them both useful and interesting.

"They are so generous. We are extremely obliged to the team who even visit in bad weather, sometimes extremely cold, hot or rainy. It is about their love for the children and the community. Thank you so much all of the team who make it possible."

Doorstep Library Parent

Reading with Doorstep Library... promotes positive mental health and wellbeing

Benefits

At Doorstep Library we believe in children having fun. Children who read for pleasure in the home and families that share reading together are proven to have better mental health and general wellbeing. We aim to bring families together – helping to increase shared family time and encourage parents and carers to continue to spend time with children even after they are reading independently.

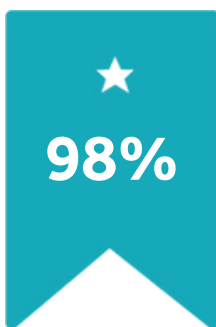
Our volunteers source books featuring characters from a diverse range of backgrounds and situations. We know that reading books with identifiable characters helps to create empathy and foster aspiration. Children become more aware of the richness and vastness of the world which opens their eyes to other cultures, backgrounds and life experiences. We also know that through books children can explore their emotions and vulnerability by observing a familiar feeling or situation from a distance.

"I want to thank Doorstep Library for their support with my child's reading - it has also really improved our relationship."

Doorstep Library Parent

We encourage parents to join our sessions and to continue to read with children after we're gone because we know that sharing stories together improves child-parent bonds, which in turn enriches family life, leading to better literacy and enhanced life opportunities.

Our Impact 2022 - 2023



of parents/carers said that Doorstep Library has had a positive impact on both theirs and their child/ren's overall wellbeing.





“Doorstep Library has been the best thing and I hope more parents are as lucky as me to receive a chance for their child to improve their confidence - just like my daughter has. She has come a very long way and I’m going to miss her having her reading sessions. A massive thank you!”

Doorstep Library Parent

Organisational achievements

This year we ran 19 Home and Online Reading Projects across 4 boroughs.



634

**CHILDREN
BENEFITED
FROM DOORSTEP
LIBRARY VISITS**

357

**FAMILIES BENEFITED
FROM DOORSTEP LIBRARY VISITS**

96

**NEW FAMILIES
JOINED DOORSTEP LIBRARY**

186

**NEW CHILDREN
JOINED
DOORSTEP LIBRARY**



5,792

**BOOKS SHARED
BOTH ONLINE
AND HOME**



1,074

**BOOKS
GIFTED**

5,354

**READING SESSIONS
CONDUCTED**



14,855

**BOOKS
BORROWED**

314

**SERVICES
SIGNPOSTED**



1,784

**HOURS
OF READING**

107,040

**MINUTES
OF READING**



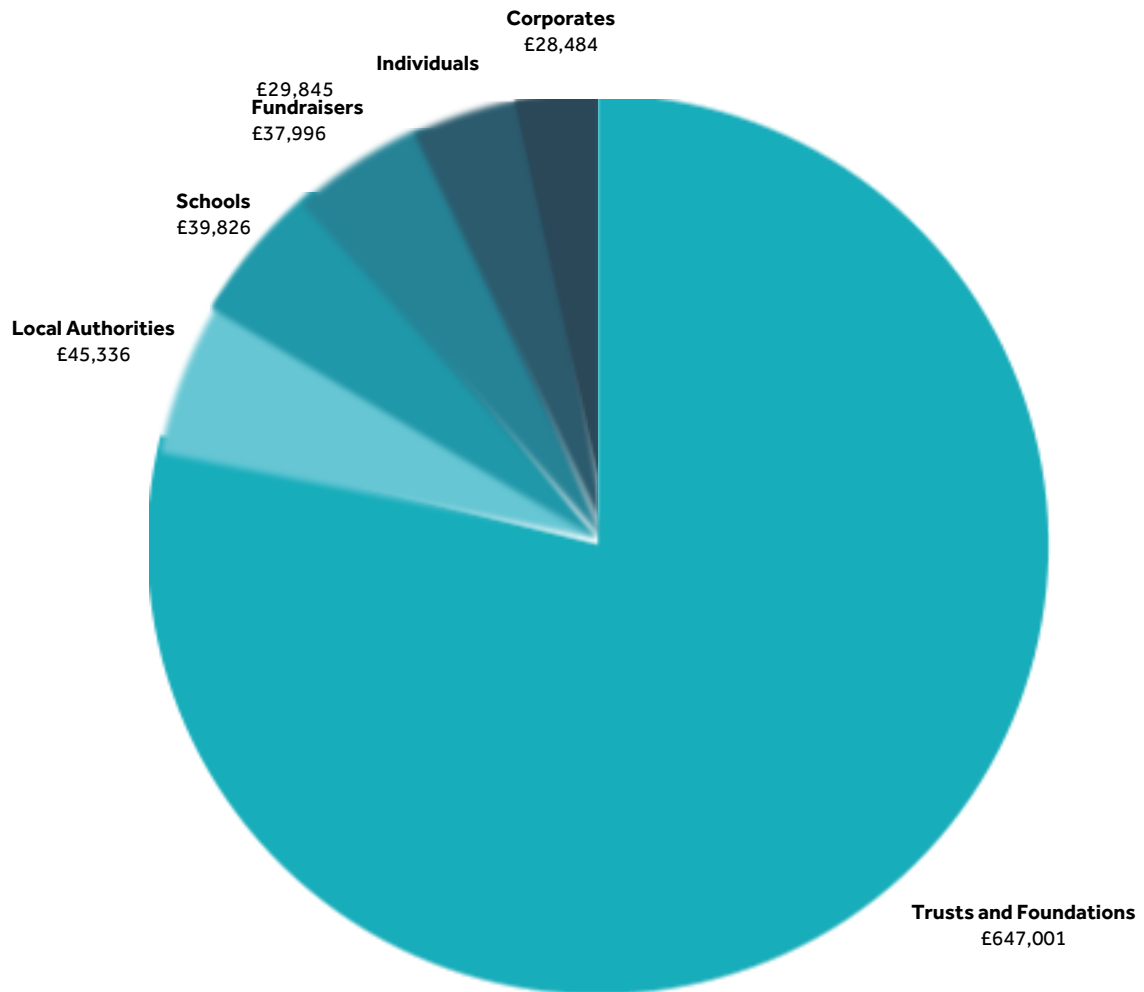
82

**CHILDREN
GRADUATED**

Annual income

£828,487

income mainly from trusts and foundations



15

full time employees

6

part time employees

6

trustees with a range of expertise

Home Reading Projects

This year we:

- ★ Carried out 4,054 home reading sessions
- ★ Visited 529 children and 292 families
- ★ Shared 1,351 reading hours or 81,060 reading minutes
- ★ Gifted 400+ books and packs via Little Box of Books
- ★ Recruited 80 new families and 144 new children
- ★ Set up 1 new project in Camden
- ★ Worked with 138 Home Reading Volunteers

We have had a busy year on our home reading projects, visiting 292 families and 529 children across 16 projects. At the start of the year, we were excited to return to indoor reading visits, after an extended period of reading on the doorstep for all families during COVID restrictions. After careful risk assessments and family surveys, we were able to safely re-launch our indoor visits for those families who wanted them. We never expect to be invited inside, so for some families, outdoor doorstep visits will always be the norm. However, volunteers and families who chose indoor visits were happy to be reunited!

In June we launched our newest Camden project, near Euston, and continued to grow those projects launched in 2021-22 - in Somers Town, Chalk Farm and Tulse Hill. As our reading projects returned to normal, we were able to kick-start volunteer recruitment in September, in order to start growing our child and family numbers.

We were also able to strengthen certain aspects of our service this year, such as family support. As the cost-of-living crisis intensified in the winter months, we offered additional support to parents and carers, including signposting to financial grants, baby banks and warm hubs, as well as advocating in key areas such as housing issues and energy/heating needs.

Finally, we worked hard to diversify and update our book stock on all of our home reading projects, to ensure that there is a greater representation of the children we visit in the stories that we bring. We were delighted to once again partner with the inclusive and representative book company Little Box of Books. In January 2023 they donated a diverse book and activity pack to every child we visit, ensuring all of the children we visit have a book of their own to keep.

We hope to continue growing our existing projects and seeing even more children and families each week!





"What shall we play?" said Ben.



Penguin said nothing.

"Can't you talk?" said Ben.



Penguin said nothing.

"I've been volunteering for some time now - I continue to really, really, enjoy it and to look forward to Thursdays when I know everything else will just melt away as I enjoy the experience."

Doorstep Library Volunteer



Online Reading Corner

This year we:

- ★ Carried out **1,300 online reading sessions**
- ★ Visited **105 children and 65 families**
- ★ Shared **1,766 books online**
- ★ Shared **433 reading hours or 25,980 reading minutes**
- ★ Gifted **574 books through Doorstep Library**
- ★ Gifted a further **100+ books and packs via Little Box of Books**
- ★ Worked with **92 Online Reading Volunteers**

This year has been one of consolidation for our Online Reading Corner. We have visited 65 families and 105 children over the year, continuing to offer reading sessions to families who have been reading with us for a couple of years now, whilst also extending our online service to new children.

We have worked hard to improve the range of gift books that are sent through the post to families participating in our Online Reading Sessions. We want to ensure children who read with us online still get access to physical books that are tailored to their reading ability as well as their individual interests. At Doorstep Library we know there's nothing quite like holding a book, turning the page while wondering what is going to happen next ... So, we want to ensure all children we engage with, regardless of whether this is done online or in person, have access to this experience. When we surveyed parents last year, they asked us for more diverse representation in the books we gift. As a result, we set diversity as a priority in our book gifting and have looked at including more books with a wider spectrum of characters from different backgrounds. In addition, we have delivered training for volunteers on the importance of choosing titles that better represent the families we see and the communities they live in. This has been incredibly well received by parents and children, who are delighted with the selections they have been sent through the post.

Alongside Online Reading sessions, we have continued offering our Online Read and Play Groups aimed at children aged 0-4, reading stories, singing songs, and playing games with them. We have regular families who turn up every week, as well as families who drop in a few times per term. Children and parents who return week after week are familiar with session routines, pre-empting songs and engaging with games. Our Read and Play Groups have become a consistent part of the families' weekly routines and also provide a fantastic opportunity for parents of young children to connect with each other too.



“My daughter loves the books she is able to choose and receive in the post. She gets very excited when the parcel drops through the door and is usually found deep in the book as soon as it arrives. She is currently reading three different titles from three different genres!”

Doorstep Library Parent

Impact results

At Doorstep Library we evaluate the impact of our Reading Programmes by capturing both quantitative and qualitative data through a range of methods, measuring success in terms of reading ability, parental engagement and an interest in books.

In addition, each year we survey our parents/carers to find out how they think our service has impacted on their child/ren and on themselves.

2022-2023 Impact Results – Parent/Carer feedback

Our Reading Programmes

93%

of parents/carers said Doorstep Library has helped their children to read better



91%

of parents/carers said Doorstep Library has encouraged them to spend more time reading with their children



89%

of parents/carers found the community services and activities we signposted them to useful and interesting

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“Both the reading with the volunteers and the group sessions are fun. The children enjoy both but they really love the group sessions as they get to interact with Martin and Marcel - the soft toy monkey!”

“They are very nice very helpful and very kind. I am so happy that they come every Monday and Leela is so excited. It helps her learn more and the visits are her favourite part of a Monday.”

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Additionally ...



98%

of parents/carers feel that Doorstep Library sessions have improved both their own and their child's wellbeing



95%

of parents/carers are happy with the diversity of children's books they have been gifted

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“Coming together to read with my children and showing how exciting it can be - has had such a positive influence on their lives.”

“It is a lovely routine for the children, they say know that at least twice a week on both the individual and the group sessions (online) they will read something and my son says - readers are leaders!”

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Results are based on respondents who answered 4 or 5 out of 5 on our annual survey (where 1 was 'not at all' and 5 was 'very much').

A year in volunteering

This year we:

- ★ Worked with 230 volunteers overall
- ★ 138 Home Reading Volunteers (84 Regulars/54 Stand-ins)
- ★ 92 Online Reading Volunteers (50 Regulars/42 Stand-ins)
- ★ Received 134 new applications – a 42% increase on 21-22
- ★ Increased our pool of Regular Volunteers from 55% to 63%

Throughout the year our Volunteer Engagement Team has maintained and developed partnerships with a range of universities, corporates and community organisations. For example, over the year we partnered with many new universities resulting in 31 university students starting with us, representing nearly a third of our new volunteer cohort. We have also grown our corporate partnerships and we now have many corporate partners actively encouraging staff to volunteer. We finished the year with 174 active volunteers, a 34% increase on last year.

We are continuously seeking ways to improve our volunteer experience and this year we invested time in our engagement strategy, working to ensure that our volunteers feel valued and supported. We hosted our first full cohort volunteer social since the pandemic in December to say thank you. There was a fantastic turnout and everyone enjoyed getting together to meet, in many cases for the first time. In addition, we launched our very first Volunteer Committee, developing the strategy, recruiting seven volunteer representatives and holding an inaugural meeting. We also encouraged all volunteers to get in touch with the Volunteer Committee and share their ideas on how we can improve the volunteer experience. This has already resulted in some positive changes being made to how we report back to our volunteers. Additionally, we asked our volunteers to reach out to their own networks and this has been successful in both promoting our volunteer offer and securing vital funds for the charity.

Alongside this, we have been working hard behind the scenes to transform the way we manage our volunteers internally. We have introduced new safer recruitment measures and updated our onboarding processes to ensure we continue to put child safety at the very heart of what we do. We have also introduced a new way of managing our regular volunteer absences, which our stand-in volunteers rated an incredibly positive 4.75 out of 5.

It has been a hugely successful year which has seen both our volunteer numbers and our partnerships grow. We look forward to building on this next year.



Thank you!

Doorstep Library is funded by local authorities and partnerships, trusts and foundations, corporations, schools and individual supporters. We are currently working to diversify our income streams, ensuring longevity and sustainability and enabling us to expand even further. We are extremely grateful to all of our supporters in 2022 - 2023.

Trusts and Foundations:

Belron Ronnie Lubner Charitable Foundation
Belvedere Trust
Brighter Futures/ Young Westminster
Cadbury Foundation
City of Westminster Charitable Trust
Derwent London
Earls Court Community Fund
Evening Standard/Childhood Trust
February Foundation
Hammersmith United Charities
Immersion Capital Foundation
John Lyons Charity
Kusuma Trust UK
Lightbulb Trust
Lloyd's of London Foundation
Mayhew Charitable Trust
Mazars Charitable Trust
The Mercers Company
Monday Charitable Trust
Pimlico Million
Q Charitable Trust
Queen's Park Community Council
Quintessentially Foundation
Schroder Charitable Trust
Scouloudi Foundation
Sobell Foundation
St Giles in the Field & William Shelton Charity
The Blue Thread Foundation
The Children's Trust
The Clothworkers Foundation
The Daisy Trust
The Drapers Company
The Grace Trust
The Grocers' Charity
The John Coates Charitable Trust
The McGrath Charitable Trust
The Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund
The Swire Charitable Trust
The Tanlaw Foundation
The Weir Link
Thomas's Foundation
Two Magpies Foundation

Vinci UK Foundation
Walcot Foundation
Wellington Management UK Foundation
West London Zone
Westminster Foundation

Local Authorities:

LBHF 3rd Sector Investment Fund
Westminster City Council

Schools:

St Paul's School
Fulham Prep School
Kensington Prep School

Corporates:

Lewis Communications
Argo Global
Residential Management Group
Sage Publications
HA Marks Limited

Other:

Chiswick Book Festival
National Lottery
University of Westminster



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DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

(Registered Charity No. 1158197)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2023

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees:

The following Trustees held office during the year to 31 March 2023 and up to the date of the report:-

Mr H Raymant-Pickard, resigned April 2022

Mr O. Minton, Treasurer, resigned July 2022

Mrs A. Kane, resigned September 2022

Mr J. Trevathan, resigned November 2022

Ms A. James, Chair, resigned November 2022

Mrs A. Lennon, resigned February 2023

Mrs C Campbell, resigned July 2023

Ms E. Dawson, Chair, appointed July 2022

Ms S. Gresty, Deputy Chair, appointed July 2022

Mrs A. Musiol Poole, appointed July 2022

Ms F. Jordan, appointed July 2022

Mr A. Seres, Treasurer, appointed September 2022

Mr P. Warwick, appointed July 2023

Trustees are appointed for a term of two years with a maximum of three terms. There shall not be more than ten Trustees.

Management:

Mrs K. Bareham (*Director*)

Registered Office and operational address:

x+why Fivefields, 8-10 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH

Charity number: 1158197

Independent Examiners:

Michaelides Warner & Co, 102 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6 9PL

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank Plc, 417 North End Road, Fulham, London SW6 1NS

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Principal activities

Doorstep Library Network is a registered charity. Its principal activities comprise the advancement of education of young children in primarily low-income families in deprived areas of the United Kingdom, through the provision of reading and library services, delivered in homes and online.

Governing document

The charity was registered as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* on 08 August 2014 with charity number 1158197. On 1 October 2014, all the activities, assets and liabilities of The Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1137861) were transferred to Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1158197).

Our Objectives

The Charity's objectives are:-

- The advancement of education in particular for children aged 1 to 12 years from deprived areas of the United Kingdom and low-income families primarily by providing doorstep library services;
- To provide books and book-led learning;
- The relief of need by working with low-income families to support them to increase and develop their skills and confidence so that they may better participate in their community and meet their own needs;
- To further such other purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time decide.

Financial Review

Income

Despite an increasingly difficult fundraising environment income grew in the year by 29% to £828k (2022: £641k). This was mainly as a result of increased income from Trusts and Foundations, where we received a larger number of higher value donations than in the previous year.

Expenditure

Expenditure grew by 18% to £875k (2022: £741k) and the increase relates mainly to higher staff costs as a result of team expansion in the latter part of 2022, with the creation of a Volunteer Engagement team as well as the Head of Operations role. In addition to the higher staff costs, a cost of living payment was made to support our staff through the rising costs of the past year.

Looking ahead, our most significant financial risks include:

- The challenging economic environment and the impact on our ability to achieve fundraising targets
- Challenges in raising unrestricted funds to cover overheads and build reserves to a sustainable level
- Rising costs and inflation

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Reserves Policy

The General Reserve Fund of £53,795 (2022: £49,201) represents the unrestricted free reserves of the charity arising from past operating results. The Restricted Reserves of £142,582 (2022: £194,177) represent the unspent balances remaining from income received that has been donated for specific purposes and are not available for other purposes. The Total Reserves figure of £196,377 represents approximately 3 months' expenditure. The Trustees' aim is to increase the General Reserve Fund to a level where it would cover 6 months' expenditure budgeted for the following year.

Independent examiner

A resolution will be tabled at the next Trustees' meeting to reappoint Michaelides Warner & Co as the independent examiner.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting practices and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting for charities;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the governing document and SORP (FRS 102). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Subsequent events

While these accounts reflect the financial year to 31 March 2023, subsequent to the year end, rising costs and an increasingly challenging fundraising environment led the Board and Senior Management Team to take steps to reduce expenditure and safeguard the delivery of services. This action saw us relocate to a more cost-effective and flexible working space, and restructure the workforce, including a reduction in headcount of four FTE managerial posts.

Maintaining the project delivery team roles was the priority alongside fiscal security, and this has ensured that there has been no reduction in the level of services provided. The financial impact of these changes has

improved liquidity as well as the reserves position, whilst operationally, we continue to refine our delivery model to make sure we are delivering our services where they are most needed and as widely as possible.

Approved by the Trustees on 13/12/2023 and signed on their behalf by:-

E. Dawson

Elizabeth Dawson

Chair Of Trustees

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Chair's Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Doorstep Library's aim has always been to give children the opportunity to step inside a story and to have access to books in the home. We believe it to be a privilege to be able to work with children and their families, bringing the joy of reading and helping to address the impact that lower levels of literacy can have on those from areas of socio-economic disadvantage. As our CEO sets out in her report, if you have a limited vocabulary at 5, then you are on average six times less likely, compared to other children, to reach the expected standard in English at 11. And you are more than twice as likely to be unemployed at age 34.

Low literacy carries life-long implications. Children from areas of socio-economic disadvantage are statistically less likely to have access to books and are more likely to start school already behind those from more affluent communities. If you have a limited vocabulary at 5, then you are on average six times less likely, compared to other children, to reach the expected standard in English at 11. And you are more than twice as likely to be unemployed at age 34.

Doorstep Library has not been immune to the current economic climate and the increasingly difficult fundraising environment, requiring us to make some difficult choices to ensure that we can continue to support as many families as possible. We are extremely grateful to all our financial supporters, both the long-standing charitable trusts and those we are working with for the first time, without them we would not exist.

This has also been a challenging time for volunteer recruitment. We are looking at ways we can make our offer as flexible as possible to reflect the changes we have seen post pandemic in the way people live and work and will continue to increase our efforts both to recruit and retain volunteers. We would not be able to offer our services without them and I would like to thank them for their invaluable support.

We know that the next few years will continue to be extremely challenging, for charities and for the families we work with. The continuing commitment of our staff team will help Doorstep Library deliver on its aims and I thank them for their ongoing efforts. Finally, I would like to acknowledge my fellow trustees who have given so generously of their time and advice.



Elizabeth Dawson
Chair of Trustees

**DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year ended 31 March 2023**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITIES**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
		£	£	TOTAL	TOTAL
				£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income	Note 3	372,681	455,807	828,487	640,599
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		372,681	455,807	828,487	640,599
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating voluntary income	Note 4	91,360	45,878	137,238	109,467
Charitable Activities	Note 4	258,799	450,286	709,085	622,981
Governance costs	Note 4	17,928	11,237	29,165	8,919
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		368,087	507,402	875,488	741,367
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		4,594	(51,595)	(47,001)	(100,768)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	Note 5	49,201	194,177	243,378	344,146
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	Note 5	53,795	142,582	196,377	243,378

**DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year ended 31 March 2023**

BALANCE SHEET

		31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Office Equipment	Note 8	6,062	9,181
		<u>6,062</u>	<u>9,181</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	Note 9	17,855	19,049
Cash at Bank and in Hand		215,779	266,846
		<u>233,634</u>	<u>285,895</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within 1 year	Note 10	(43,319)	(51,698)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		190,314	234,197
NET ASSETS		<u>196,377</u>	<u>243,378</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted Funds		142,582	194,177
General Reserve Fund		53,795	49,201
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>196,377</u>	<u>243,378</u>

The notes on pages 31 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees onand signed on their behalf by:

E. Dawson

Elizabeth Dawson
Chair

Adam Seres

Adam Seres
Treasurer

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	(47,001)	(100,768)
Depreciation Charges	3,943	1,825
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	1,194	(1,164)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(8,379)	(84,402)
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	(3,242)	(83,741)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(50,243)	(184,509)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Office Equipment	(824)	(11,006)
Net cash provided by investing activities	(824)	(11,006)
Net cash decrease for period	(51,067)	(195,516)
Cash at beginning of period	266,846	462,362
Cash at end of period	215,779	266,846

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2023

Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Doorstep Library Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Accounting period

The Financial Statements cover the period of 12 months from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The prior accounting period was for the period of 12 months from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

1.3 Going Concern

The Board of Trustees has reviewed Doorstep Library's financial position, taking into account the level of reserves and cash and considers there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity becomes entitled to it and the income has been received.

Grants and donations are recognised when received.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts are recognised when received.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity and are recognised when received.

Volunteer help: The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.3 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis over the economic life of the asset

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2023

Notes to the financial statements (cont)

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
Brighter Futures/ Young Westminster	-	13,750	13,750	7,500
Calleva Foundation	-	-	-	16,459
City of Westminster Charitable Trust	-	16,000	16,000	-
Earls Court Development Company	-	6,000	6,000	-
Fulham School	9,736	-	9,736	-
Grabiner Family / Blue Thread	-	10,000	10,000	5,000
Grosvenor Estates	-	-	-	41,637
Hammersmith United Charities	-	10,909	10,909	5,277
Individuals	43,984	23,856	67,841	92,299
John Lyon's Charity	5,000	25,000	30,000	25,000
Kusuma Trust	50,000	-	50,000	-
LBHF 3 rd Sector Investment Fund	-	34,736	34,736	32,000
Local Economic Action Partnership (LEAP)	-	-	-	56,379
Lightbulb Trust	-	40,000	40,000	40,000
Lloyd's of London	-	25,000	25,000	-
Local schools, charities and other organisations	30,497	7,187	37,684	7,815
Mohn Westlake Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Monday Charitable Trust	20,000	-	20,000	-
National Lottery	9,760	-	9,760	-
Other Trusts/Foundation	12,973	57,692	70,665	52,247
Ovo Foundation	-	-	-	13,011
Peter Sowerby Foundation	-	-	-	20,578
Pimlico Million	-	5,000	5,000	-
Q Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-
Quintessentially	50,000	-	50,000	-
St Giles in the Field	-	16,250	16,250	14,375
St Pauls Juniors School	15,730	-	15,730	-

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The Alasol Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	20,000
The Childhood Trust	50,000	4,153	54,153	9,368
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
The David Cock Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	-
The Drapers' Company	-	26,766	26,766	-
The Leathersellers' Company	-	-	-	10,000
The Mercers' Company	-	58,052	63,334	63,334
The Swire Charitable Trust	15,000	-	15,000	-
Two Magpies Foundation	-	15,000	15,000	14,689
Walcot Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	25,000
Wellington Management Trust	50,000	-	50,000	41,000
Westminster Foundation	-	37,456	37,456	17,631
	372,681	455,807	828,487	640,599

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)

4 Analysis of resources expended

			2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Generating voluntary income				
Salary costs	63,520	42,941	106,461	91,913
Administration costs	27,840	2,937	30,778	17,554
	91,360	45,878	137,238	109,467
Charitable activities				
Salary costs	198,425	384,738	583,162	471,211
Administration costs	56,257	14,038	70,295	83,449
Project costs	4,117	51,510	55,628	68,321
	258,799	450,286	709,085	622,981
Governance costs				
Salary costs	15,375	10,612	25,986	4,838
Administration costs	2,553	626	3,179	4,081
	17,928	11,237	29,165	8,919

5 Movement In Funds

	Opening				Closing
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
Main Restricted	63,672	189,511	(223,471)	-	29,712
Hammersmith and Fulham	7,838	70,561	(68,939)	-	9,460
Lambeth	24,957	43,000	(44,089)	-	23,868
Westminster	28,574	92,503	(53,418)	-	67,659
Camden	66,719	58,052	(114,387)	-	10,384
Online	2,418	2,180	(3,098)	-	1,500
Total Restricted Funds	194,177	455,807	(507,402)	-	142,582
Total Unrestricted Funds	49,201	372,681	(368,087)	-	53,795
Total Funds	243,378	828,487	(875,488)	-	196,377

Restricted funds are, in most cases, restricted to one of the four London boroughs that we work in or to the Online program and funds are held for each of these. The 'Main Restricted Fund' is made up of smaller funds that are not restricted to either a specific borough or to the Online program but have other restrictions in place.

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6 Details of certain items of expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
6.1 Trustee expenses		
Number of Trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total amount paid	-	-

6.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the financial statements	960	864

7 Paid employees

	2023	2022
	£	£
7.1 Staff costs		
Gross salaries	624,775	497,723
Employer's National Insurance costs	56,202	43,381
Pension costs	34,633	31,038
Total staff costs	715,610	572,143

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the accounting period

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Generating funds	2	3
Charitable activities	16	14
Governance	1	-
Total	19	17

The 2022 number of staff comparative has been restated from 19 to 17 to reflect a change in the average staff number calculation so that this is consistent with the 2023 calculation.

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8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 April 2022	11,006	11,006
Additions	824	824
At 31 March 2023	11,830	11,830
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	1,825	1,825
Charge for the Year	3,943	3,943
At 31 March 2023	5,768	5,768
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2023	6,062	6,062
At 31 March 2022	9,181	9,181

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	5,491	6,089
Prepayments and accrued income	12,364	12,960
Total	17,855	19,049

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10 Creditors and accruals

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	3,693	4,563
Accruals	3,334	9,069
Other Taxes	16,292	19,907
Deferred income	20,000	18,159
Total	43,319	51,698

11 Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties in the year ended 31 March 2023, nor in the period ended 31 March 2022.

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1158197

Accounts

Ms Elizabeth Dawson
Doorstep Library Network
34 Grosvenor Gardens
London
SW1W 0DH

19 January 2023

Dear Elizabeth,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Doorstep Library Network

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year period 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 14 of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts and signed by the Trustees on 18 January 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Michaelides ACA CTA
For and on behalf of
MICHAELIDES WARNER & CO



DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

(Registered Charity No. 1158197)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2022

Registered Office:
34 Grosvenor Gardens
London SW1W 0DH

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Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees:

The following Trustees held office during the year to 31 March 2022 and up to the date of this report:-

Ms A. James, Chair, *resigned 9th November 2022*

Mr O. Minton, Treasurer, *resigned 12th July 2022*

Mr A. Seres, Treasurer, *appointed 14th September 2022*

Mr H Raymant-Pickard, *resigned 26th April 2022*

Mrs A. Kane, *resigned 28th September 2022*

Mrs A. Lennon

Mrs C. Campbell

Mr J. Trevathan

Ms S. Gresty, *appointed 12th July 2022*

Ms E. Dawson, *appointed 12th July 2022, (and interim chair from November 2022)*

Mrs A. Musiol Poole, *appointed 12th July 2022*

Ms F. Jordan, *appointed 12th July 2022*

Trustees are appointed for a term of two years with a maximum of three terms. There shall not be more than ten Trustees.

Management:

Mrs K. Bareham (*Director*)

Registered Office and operational address:

34 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH

Charity number: 1158197

Independent Examiners:

Michaelides Warner & Co, 102 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6 9PL

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank Plc, 417 North End Road, Fulham, London SW6 1NS

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Principal activities

Doorstep Library Network is a registered charity. Its principal activities comprise the advancement of education of young children in primarily low-income families in deprived areas of the United Kingdom, through the provision of doorstep library services.

Governing document

The charity was registered as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* on 08 August 2014 with charity number 1158197. On 1 October 2014, all the activities, assets and liabilities of The Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1137861) were transferred to Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1158197).

Our Objectives

The Charity's objectives are:-

- The advancement of education in particular for children aged 1 to 12 years from deprived areas of the United Kingdom and low-income families primarily by providing doorstep library services;
- To provide books and book-led learning;
- The relief of need by working with low-income families to support them to increase and develop their skills and confidence in order that they may better participate in their community and meet their own needs;
- To further such other purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time decide.

Reserves

The General Reserve Fund of £49,201 (2021: £122,038) represents the unrestricted free reserves of the charity arising from past operating results. The Restricted Reserves of £194,177 (2021: £222,972) represent the unspent balances remaining from donations received that have been donated for specific purposes and are not available for other purposes. The Trustees' aim is to increase the General Reserve Fund to a level where it would cover 6 month's expenditure budgeted for the following year.

THE DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Report of the Trustees (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Independent examiner

A resolution will be tabled at the next Trustees' meeting to reappoint Michaelides Warner & Co as the independent examiner.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting practices and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting for charities;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the governing document and SORP (FRS 102). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 18/1/22 and signed on their behalf by:-



Elizabeth Dawson

Chair

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

Chair's Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2022

It has been a year of transition for everyone involved with Doorstep Library, from our volunteers to the families we support, for our staff and many of our funding partners. We have adapted and continued to be flexible as COVID restrictions have lifted.

We were able to return to visiting our families in their homes but maintained our own restrictions for much of the year. Our volunteers stayed outside the homes, reading on the doorstep, in all weathers. Where we couldn't visit families, a very successful book swap by post was undertaken, ensuring that many of our children continued to enjoy reading for pleasure.

We continue to be extremely grateful to our volunteers, who share their passion for reading for pleasure week after week, ensuring access to books and stories for all our children, and enabling us to support families where needed. Doorstep Library would not exist without our team of volunteers, and we continue to strive towards offering them an enjoyable and worthwhile volunteering experience with us.

The pilot of an online reading service transformed into our Online Reading Corner, with a new cohort of volunteers trained to read and engage online with new families and children. Putting in place a robust, practical and safe programme took time and resource, but it has meant that Doorstep Library is now well placed to deliver its reading service to a much wider group of children and families. It will continue to adapt and evolve as we learn more about the impact of reading online, both for the children, and for volunteers.

Doorstep Library is committed to bringing its work to more children and families. Volunteers remain at the heart of the organisation, and post pandemic it has been the focus to rebuild and expand our volunteer numbers. Understanding what volunteers want from their role, and how best we can support them has been central to a newly created volunteer engagement team.

We have invested in our organisational structure this year as a key step in a long-term development programme. Underpinning this is good governance, efficient processes and robust management systems, so investment in our website along with key internal roles to support our work are the foundations we have laid for the future.

New ways of working have become the norm this year. With very restricted access to the office, as well as restrictions on projects, staff have continued to keep the project bases safe, stocked with books and operational. The Trustees are enormously grateful for the resilience of all staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our volunteers can continue to visit and read with children.

Harnessing the power of technology to support our mission is an evolution. It can only work effectively if it underpins the relationships between volunteers and families, not as a solution in itself. Bringing the joy of reading to a home often without books is a very human endeavour. As the impact on educational attainment post pandemic becomes clearer, so organisations such as Doorstep will be needed more than ever: to provide support for some of our most vulnerable children to be able to engage at school and to give them the foundations of their own future.

We were able to expand our services into Camden this year, with very many thanks for a grant from Mercers Company. Working closely with them we have been able to trial new ways of working, from how we reach new families, to how we recruit volunteers. It has been enormously helpful to work so closely with such a committed and experienced funder.

We thank all of our funders, long established and new, who have supported our work this year. As the end of the year signals concerns about the economy with energy price rises and cost of living issues, we expect that funding environment may be more challenging. However, we remain committed to delivering an efficient service that reaches as many children and families as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees. From working closely with the finance team to providing expertise in safeguarding, HR and fundraising, the board has worked tirelessly again this year to support Doorstep Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Elizabeth Dawson

Chair

**DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		Unrestricted	Restricted	31.03.2022 TOTAL	31.03.2021 TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income	Note 3	177,835	462,764	640,599	741,837
Incoming resources from charitable activities		177,835	462,764	640,599	741,837
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		177,835	462,764	640,599	741,837
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating voluntary income	Note 4	58,139	51,329	109,467	82,999
Charitable Activities	Note 4	185,502	437,480	622,981	374,738
Governance costs	Note 4	6,168	2,751	8,919	5,015
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		249,808	491,559	741,367	462,752
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		-71,973	-28,795	-100,768	279,084
TOTAL FUNDS, Brought forward	Note 5	121,174	222,972	344,146	65,062
TOTAL FUNDS, Carried forward	Note 5	49,201	194,177	243,378	344,146

**DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
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BALANCE SHEET

		31.03.2022	31.03.2021
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Office Equipment	Note 7	11,006	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-1,825</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		9,181	0.00
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	Note 8	19,049	17,885
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>266,846</u>	<u>462,362</u>
		285,895	480,247
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within 1 year	Note 9	-51,698	-136,101
NET CURRENT ASSETS		234,197	344,146
NET ASSETS		<u>243,378</u>	<u>344,146</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted Funds		194,177	222,972
General Reserve Fund		49,201	121,174
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>243,378</u>	<u>344,146</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:-



Elizabeth Dawson
Chair



Adam Seres
Treasurer

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2022	2021
	Total	Total
	£	£
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income	-100,768	279,084
Depreciation Charges	1,825	0
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	-1,164	-5,711
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	-84,402	-36,151
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	-83,741	-41,862
Net cash provided by operating activities	-184,509	237,223
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Office Equipment	-11,006	0
Net cash provided by investing activities	-11,006	0
Net cash increase for period	-195,516	237,223
Cash at beginning of period	462,362	225,140
Cash at end of period	266,846	462,362

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Doorstep Library Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Accounting period

The Financial Statements cover the period of 12 months from 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

The prior accounting period was for the period of 12 months from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

1.3 Going Concern

The Board of Trustees has reviewed Doorstep Library's financial position, taking into account the level of reserves and cash and considers there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and the resources have been received.

Grants and donations are included in the SoFA when received.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts are included in the SoFA when received.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity and are included in the SoFA when received.

Volunteer help: The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
Brighter Futures/ Young Westminster	7,500	-	7,500	-
BBC Children in Need	-	-	-	37,290
CAF Resilience Fund	-	-	-	26,316
Calleva Foundation	16,459	-	16,459	-
DEBK	-	-	-	4,170
Derwent London	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
February Foundation	-	-	-	-
Grabiner Family / Blue Thread	-	5,000	5,000	-
Grosvenor Estates	-	41,637	41,637	25,000
Grosvenor International	-	-	-	30,000
Hammersmith United Charities	5,277	-	5,277	5,277
Individuals	46,265	66,034	92,299	69,944
J Beckett Legacy	-	-	-	5,000
John Lyon's Charity	25,000	-	25,000	13,333
LEAP	56,379	-	56,379	58,690
Light Bulb Trust	40,000	-	40,000	-
Local schools, charities and other org	-	7,815	7,815	14,602
Lock Family Trust	-	-	-	10,000
London Borough of Hammersmith & Mohn Westlake Foundation	32,000	-	32,000	32,000
Mohn Westlake Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Monday Charitable Trust	-	-	-	20,000
National Lottery	-	-	-	25,000
Other Trusts and Foundations - gran	29,231	6,350	35,580	26,174
Ovo Foundation	13,011	-	13,011	30,000
Peter Sowerby Foundation	20,578	-	20,578	-
Sobell Foundation	1,667	-	1,667	10,000
St Giles in the Field	14,375	-	14,375	13,750
The Blue Thread	-	-	-	5,000
The Childhood Trust	9,368	-	9,368	54,748
The Fore	-	-	-	5,000
The Leathersellers Company	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
The Mercer's Company	63,334	-	63,334	71,334
The Portman Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
The Sackler Trust	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Two Magpies	14,689	-	14,689	-
Walcot Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-
Wellington Management Trust	-	41,000	41,000	27,500
Westminster Foundation	17,631	-	17,631	41,209
	462,764	177,835	640,599	741,337

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)

4 Analysis of resources expended

			2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Generating voluntary income				
Salary costs	48,519	43,394	91,913	41,762
Administration costs	9,620	9,935	17,554	42,237
	58,139	51,329	109,467	82,999
Charitable activities				
Salary costs	134,400	336,811	471,211	260,627
Administration costs	45,360	38,090	83,449	71,742
Project costs	5,742	62,579	68,321	42,639
	185,502	437,480	622,981	374,738
Governance costs				
Salary costs	2,554	2,284	4,838	3,217
Administration costs	3,614	467	4,081	1,798
	6,168	2,751	8,919	5,015

5 Movement In Funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance
Main Restricted	139,591	179,735	- 225,656	- 30,000	63,671
Hammersmith and Fulham	8,701	44,066	- 44,929		7,838
Lambeth	447	92,143	- 67,633		24,957
Westminster	14,947	46,083	- 32,457		28,574
Camden	59,285	78,023	- 100,590	30,000	66,719
Online	-	22,714	- 20,296		2,418
Total Restricted Funds	222,972	462,764	- 491,559	-	194,177
Total Unrestricted Funds	121,174	177,835	- 249,808	-	49,201
Total Funds	344,146	640,599	- 741,367	-	243,378

Restricted funds are, in most cases, restricted to one of the four London boroughs that we work in or to the Online program and funds are held for each of these. The 'Main Restricted Fund' is made up of smaller funds that are not restricted to either a specific borough or to the Online program but have other restrictions in place.

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)

6 Details of certain items of expenditure

	2022	2021
	£	£
6.1 Trustee expenses		
Number of Trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total amount paid	-	-

6.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the financial statements	914	864

7 Paid employees

	2022	2021
	£	£
7.1 Staff costs		
Gross salaries	497,723	268,325
Employer's National Insurance costs	43,381	21,215
Pension costs	31,038	16,066
Total staff costs	572,143	305,606

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the accounting period

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Generating funds	3	1
Charitable activities	16	8
Governance	0	-
Total	18	9

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)**8 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Office Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 April 2021	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>11,006</u>	<u>11,006</u>
	<u>11,006</u>	<u>11,006</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	-	-
Charge for the Year	<u>1,825</u>	<u>1,825</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,825</u>	<u>1,825</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2022	9,181	9,181
At 31 March 2021	-	-

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	6,089	6,089
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>12,960</u>	<u>11,796</u>
Total	<u>19,049</u>	<u>17,885</u>

10 Creditors and accruals

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	4,563	24,291
Accruals	9,069	5,377
Other Taxes	19,907	
Deferred income	<u>18,159</u>	<u>106,434</u>
Total	<u>51,698</u>	<u>136,101</u>

11 Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties in the year ended 31 March 2022, nor in the period ended 31 March 2021.

DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1158197

Accounts

Ms Annabel James
Doorstep Library Network
34 Grosvenor Gardens
London
SW1W 0DH

13 January 2022

Dear Annabel,

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Doorstep Library Network

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year period 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 14 of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts and signed by the Trustees on 10 January 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and



- to Accountants and Business Advisors prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Michaelides'.

Paul Michaelides ACA CTA
For and on behalf of
MICHAELIDES WARNER & CO



DOORSTEP LIBRARY NETWORK

(Registered Charity No. 1158197)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2021

Registered Office:
34 Grosvenor Gardens
London SW1W 0DH

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Reference and Administrative Information

Trustees:

The following Trustees held office during the year to 31 March 2021 and up to the date of this report:-

Ms A. James (*Chair*)

Mr H. Rayment-Pickard

Ms. A. Kane

Mrs A. Lennon

Mr. O. Minton (*Treasurer*)

Mrs C. Campbell

Mr J. Trevathan

Trustees are appointed for a term of two years with a maximum of three terms. There shall not be more than ten trustees.

Management:

Mrs K. Bareham (*Director*)

Registered Office and operational address:

34 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH

Charity number: 1158197

Independent Examiners:

Michaelides Warner & Co, 102 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6 9PL

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank Plc, 417 North End Road, Fulham, London SW6 1NS

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Principal activities

Doorstep Library Network is a registered charity. Its principal activities comprise the advancement of education of young children in primarily low-income families in deprived areas of the United Kingdom, through the provision of doorstep library services.

Governing document

The charity was registered as a *CIO* on 08 August 2014 with charity number 1158197. On 1 October 2014, all the activities, assets and liabilities of The Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1137861) were transferred to Doorstep Library Network (charity number 1158197).

Our Objectives

The Charity's objectives are:-

- The advancement of education in particular for children aged 1 to 12 years from deprived areas of the United Kingdom and low-income families primarily by providing doorstep library services;
- To provide books and book-led learning;
- The relief of need by working with low-income families to support them to increase and develop their skills and confidence in order that they may better participate in their community and meet their own needs;
- To further such other purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time decide.

Reserves

The General Reserve Fund of £122,038 (2020: £442) represents the unrestricted free reserves of the charity arising from past operating results. The Restricted Reserves of £222,972 (2020: £64,620) represent the unspent balances remaining from donations received that have been donated for specific purposes and are not available for other purposes. The Trustees' aim is to increase the General Reserve Fund to a level where it would cover 6 month's expenditure budgeted for the following year.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Independent examiner

A resolution will be tabled at the next Trustees' meeting to reappoint Michaelides Warner & Co as the independent examiner.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting practices and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting for charities;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008, the provisions of the governing document and SORP (FRS 102). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 10 / 1 / 2021 and signed on their behalf by:-



Annabel James

Chair

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Chair's Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Whilst the pandemic has been challenging for everyone in some way, and been something of a shared experience, it has not affected everyone equally.

Prior to 2020, the reading skills of children from less affluent backgrounds were on average almost three years behind those from the most affluent homes by the age of 16. Lockdown and the pandemic has accelerated educational inequality at an alarming rate. Just under half of disadvantaged pupils in primary school had met age related expectations for reading last summer compared to 63% of their peers.

Doorstep Library made the decision early on in the pandemic to keep all staff engaged; we knew it would best serve the families we work with to continue to support them by meeting our charitable aims, albeit in a different way, but with the same love and enthusiasm we always bring.

Our volunteers, whilst unable to physically visit families, adapted throughout the last year. We trialled online reading sessions, the success of which has led us to develop a new delivery model, Online Reading Corner, which will run alongside our home-based sessions. Through a combination of group reading sessions, targeted for different age ranges, and one-to-one sessions between families and volunteers, the programme will enable us to reach more families in the home.

No matter what the circumstances, our staff and volunteers have supported children and families who already face disadvantage. The team have worked tirelessly this year to make sure that our families come first, and there have been other successes too. We gifted over 1,500 brand new books directly to our children at home in lockdown, and we won Best Charity Film at the Third Sector Awards with our short film [#WordsTakeYouPlaces](#).

Without our flexible and incredibly supportive funders none of this would have been possible. A year-long partnership with Grosvenor GB extended into a second year which provided us with security of significant funds during the pandemic. We were successful recipients of Covid-19 Lottery funding, a Big Give Campaign resulted in £100,000 of donations, and so many of our existing funders prevailed throughout.

For Doorstep Library our priority, as always, is to share a love of reading amongst disadvantaged children. We will do all we can to get our committed team of volunteers back to visiting families in the safest way possible, but alongside that, we will work to add to our model by reaching out to new families online. We know that our services are more necessary than ever, to start to close the educational attainment gap that has become so much starker in the last year.

Doorstep Library was founded 10 years ago, with the aim of bringing a love of reading for pleasure into the homes of families living in some of the most disadvantaged areas in London. Armed with research about the many educational (and other) benefits for children who read for pleasure, regularly, in the home, and whose parents engage in reading for pleasure with them, we set up a simple, home-reading, volunteer-based programme. Since day one, our aim has been to give children the opportunity to step inside a story and to have access to books in the home. Since 2010, we have worked with over 1,600 children, and have set up projects in Hammersmith & Fulham, Westminster, Lambeth and most recently, Camden.

The future may remain uncertain, but our volunteers, including my fellow trustees, our staff led by Katie Bareham and her senior team, and all our families will continue to work together in person and remotely.

Annabel James

Chair

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

				31.03.20 21 TOTAL £	31.03.20 20 TOTAL £
		Unrestric ted £	Restrict ed £		
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary income	Note 3	170,127	571,710	741,837	454,574
Incoming resources from charitable activities		170,127	571,710	741,837	454,574
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES					
		170,127	571,710	741,837	454,574
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating voluntary income	Note 4	27,617	55,382	82,999	73,910
Charitable Activities	Note 4	19,939	354,799	374,738	334,934
Governance costs	Note 4	1,839	3,177	5,015	4,470
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		49,395	413,358	462,752	413,314
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		120,732	158,352	279,084	41,260
TOTAL FUNDS, Brought forward		442	64,620	65,062	23,802
TOTAL FUNDS, Carried forward		121,174	222,972	344,146	65,062

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BALANCE SHEET

		31.03.2021	31.03.2020
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	Note 7	17,885	32,002
Cash at Bank and in Hand		462,362	225,140
		<u>480,247</u>	<u>257,142</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within 1 year	Note 8	136,101	192,080
NET CURRENT ASSETS		344,146	65,062
NET ASSETS		<u><u>344,146</u></u>	<u><u>65,062</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted Funds		222,972	64,620
General Reserve Fund		121,174	442
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>344,146</u></u>	<u><u>65,062</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 10/1/.....2021 and signed on their behalf by:-



A James
 Chair



O J Minton
 Treasurer

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Doorstep Library Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Accounting period

The Financial Statements cover the period of 12 months from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

The prior accounting period was for the period of 12 months from 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and the resources have been received.

Grants and donations are included in the SoFA when received.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts are included in the SoFA when received.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity and are included in the SoFA when received.

Volunteer help: The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

2.2 Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)

3 Analysis of incoming resources

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
BBC Children in Need		37,290	37,290	36,757
CAF Resilience Fund		26,316	26,316	
Chiswick Book Festival		500	500	5,000
DEBK		4,170	4,170	2,917
Derwent London			-	9,000
February Foundation		5,000	5,000	-
Grosvenor Estates		25,000	25,000	25,000
Grosvenor International		30,000	30,000	-
Hammersmith United Charities		5,277	5,277	-
J Beckett Legacy	5,000		5,000	-
John Lyon's Charity	13,333		13,333	6,667
Kelly Family Trust			-	5,000
LEAP		58,690	58,690	55,943
The Leathersellers Company	10,000		10,000	10,000
Lock Family Trust		10,000	10,000	-
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham		32,000	32,000	32,000
The Mercer's Company		71,334	71,334	5,278
Mohn Westlake Foundation		10,000	10,000	11,000
Monday Charitable Trust	20,000		20,000	-
National Lottery		25,000	25,000	-
Newby Trust			-	5,000
Ovo Foundation		30,000	30,000	40,000
Pembridge Hall			-	13,276
Sobell Foundation		10,000	10,000	8,333
St Giles in the Field		13,750	13,750	-
The Blue Thread	5,000		5,000	-
The Childhood Trust	19,874	34,874	54,748	-
The Drapers Charitable Fund			-	15,000
The Fore	5,000		5,000	-
The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust		50,000	50,000	-
The Sackler Trust		5,000	5,000	-
Unwin Charitable Trust			-	7,500
Wellington Management Trust	12,500	15,000	27,500	5,000
West London Zone			-	3,017
Westminster Foundation	27,500	13,709	41,209	67,281
Other Trusts and Foundations - grants under £5,000	8,500	17,674	26,174	33,220
Local schools, charities and other organisations	13,602	1,000	14,602	25,261
Individuals	29,818	40,126	69,944	21,040
Gifts in kind			-	6,083
	170,127	571,710	741,837	454,573

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Notes to the financial statements (cont)

5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Trustee expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total amount paid	-	-

5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the financial statements	864	828

6 Paid employees

6.1 Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gross salaries	268,325	244,390
Employer's National Insurance costs	21,215	20,535
Pension costs	16,066	14,384
Total staff costs	305,606	279,309

6.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the accounting period

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Generating funds	1	1
Charitable activities	8	7
Governance	0	0
Total	9	8

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7 Debtors and prepayments

	2021	2020
	£	£
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>		
Other debtors	6,089	6,089
Prepayments and accrued income	11,796	25,913
Total	17,885	32,002

8 Creditors and accruals

	2021	2020
	£	£
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>		
Other creditors	24,291	17,229
Accruals	5,377	7,961
Deferred income	106,434	166,890
Total	136,101	192,080

9 Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties in the year ended 31 March 2021, nor in the period ended 31 March 2020.