

Frecheville Library and Learning Centre



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Reg'd Charity No: 1158647

FLLC TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Charity Name	Frecheville Library and Learning Centre
Registered Charity No.	1158647
Charity's Principle Address	83 Smalldale Road Frecheville Sheffield S12 4YD

Trustees

Miss Liz Katharyn Grant	Chair
Mr. Stephen Burgin	Treasurer
Miss Christine Williamson	Volunteer

Management of the Charity

The Charity has three appointed trustees and has now been running the Library for over nine years.

The affairs of the Charity are managed by a team of seven volunteers from which members are appointed to the positions of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Library Manager, Fundraising Officer and Publicity Officer.

Fortunately, the seven members of the committee have been together for many years and so provide a wealth of experience and continuity in the running of the Charity.

The committee holds quarterly review meetings to resolve any ongoing issues and make plans for the future.

Volunteer Recruitment

The number of volunteers has remained consistent throughout the year. The 28 active volunteers have performed brilliantly as a team to ensure the Library has been able to open 100% of its stated opening hours.

Advertising for volunteers is on the library website, on Facebook, on X, in the library and by word of mouth and has created a slow steady flow of new volunteers that have replaced the volunteers that have left us. At the year-end we still had 28 active working volunteers.

Applications from the public to become a volunteer in Frecheville Library and Learning Centre are most welcome. Details for volunteering can be found on our Website, on Facebook or in the Library.

No volunteer meetings were held except for the AGM.

Activities & Objectives

The primary activities are

- Loaning Books etc
- Offering support and information
- Photo copy service
- Public access to Computers, printing and the internet
- Fundraising from the sales of donated books, jigsaws, plants, CD's and knitted items
- Organising events such as book sales, quiz nights, meet the author and entertainment to encourage greater connection with members of the public

Other activities are

- Yoga classes
- Knit and Natter group
- Mother and Toddler group
- Reading group
- Writing group
- Children's Lego group
- Craft and Chat group restarted in May 2023
- Games club started in Jan 2024

The financial support from the local council remains vital to our sustainability after the Covid pandemic. Visitor numbers are increasing slowly but numbers are still below pre Covid levels. Covid still poses a concern and as such the Committee decided not to hold any Fayres throughout the year to avoid having large numbers of people being in close proximity in the library. It is hoped that some new activities and events will be reintroduced in the new financial year to encourage more visitors.

Achievements and Performance

Community Garden

The locally appointed gardener had completed his part of the project by the start of the new-year and so work to continually improve and maintain the garden was performed by volunteers. In the spring the garden looked wonderful with its many varieties of plants, flowers and colours.

In May, a volunteer group from Irwin Mitchell Solicitors worked in the garden to extend our existing gravel path. The extended path was constructed with bark chippings as this material was considered to be more sustainable and less expensive. The paths now connect the two seating places in the garden.

The trampoline has been very popular with young children and has often been the catalyst for parents and children to visit the garden.

Many visitors have commented and praised the garden transformation, its variety of plants, flowers and interest for young children.

Extended Opening Hours

The extra opening hours on Saturday afternoon that started as a trial was a success and has continued. We were asked by local residents to stay open over lunch time and in response, the Monday morning team of volunteers agreed to stay open until 1pm instead of 12pm.

New Activity

In January, a volunteer organised a new activity in the library. A games night that runs every fortnight on Monday evenings between 7-9pm. Visitors have the options to play a wide variety of indoor games – card games, chess and draughts, monopoly or dominoes. The games club used to run in another local venue and grew to be very popular. We hope it will grow in popularity in the library.

New Grants and Gifts

Our applications to the Sheffield City Council for extra Grants were approved early in the new financial year. We received £1000 to buy new books and £750 to support more activities being run in the library. We were delighted with this outcome.

The book grant enabled us to continually upgrade our book stock with the latest book releases and was a significant factor in retaining and gaining new members and visitors.

The activities grant allowed us to replace all the old well-used donated indoor games for our Games night to enhance its appeal to visitors.

In April we received a £250 King's Coronation gift that was used to plant a commemorative tree

Savings account

We received £953 in interest from our savings account. This money is roughly equally to the proceeds of two fayres which we would normally have run if it were not for the Covid risk.

The committee remains optimistic about the future and will seek every opportunity to increase the range of activities in the library, to improve the fabric of the building and to seek funding to make further improvements.

Financial Review

A full detailed account is supplied separately. A summary is given below

Receipts

The total receipts were £13580

The itemised receipts were

SCC Grant Funding	£6251
SCC Book Grant 2024	£1000
SCC Activities Grant	£750
Library Fundraising	£3439
Sales Donations and gifts	£721
Interest for Savings	£953
King's Coronation Gift	£250
Refunds	£216

Payments

The total payments were £7506

The itemised payments were

Heating, Lighting & Water	£2257
Insurance	£1067
SCC Book Grant 2022/3	£933
SCC Garden Grant	£519
SCC IT Grant	£637
Sundries and Stationery	£863
System Rental & Refuse	£460
Wi fi	£329
Garden materials	£216
Bank charges	£81
Repairs & Equipment	£61
Cleaning materials & Safety	£54
Council Tax	£29

The bank and cash grew by £6074

Bank & cash balance **£57980**

Receipts grew by £791 due to an increase in our fundraising and interest from our savings account.

Payments reduced by £6229 due to the completion of the Garden project.

All monies retained are to cover any unexpected maintenance and necessary improvements to the building which is over 68 years old. At the year-end there were no outstanding debt and no funds were held by a custodian trustee.

S. Burgin
Trustee & FLLC Treasurer
05.09.2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2023

To

Period end date
31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
SCC Library Funding Grant	-	6,251	-	6,251	6,252
SCC Book Grant 2023	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,500
SCC Activities Grant	-	750	-	750	-
SCC IT Equipment Grant	-	-	-	-	2,750
SCC Book Grant 2021	-	-	-	-	2,000
Labour Ward pot Grant 2023	-	-	-	-	1,000
SCC Community Garden Grant	-	-	-	-	519
SCC Book Grant 2022	-	-	-	-	8
General Sales & Fundraising	4,626	-	-	4,626	4,039
Interest from Saving Account	953	-	-	953	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,579	8,001	-	13,580	18,068
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Opening balances	44,129	7,777	-	51,906	52,850
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	44,129	7,777	-	51,906	52,850
Total receipts	49,708	15,778	-	65,486	70,918
A3 Payments					
Council tax & Wifi	-	358	-	358	870
Heating, Lighting & Water	-	2,257	-	2,257	1,754
Equipment, Repairs & Garden Mat'l's	-	277	-	277	1,404
Insurance	-	1,067	-	1,067	984
Refuse, System and Bank Charges	-	541	-	541	408
Sundries, H&S and Cleaning Mat'l's	-	568	-	568	585
Stationery & Crafts	-	349	-	349	337
SCC Garden Grant	-	519	-	519	6,320
SCC Book Grant 2023	-	925	-	925	-
SCC IT Grant	-	637	-	637	-
SCC Book Grant 2022	-	8	-	8	1,073
Sub total	-	7,506	-	7,506	13,735
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	7,506	-	7,506	13,735
Net of receipts/(payments)	49,708	8,272	-	57,980	57,183
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	49,708	8,272	-	57,980	57,183

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand & in Bank	49,708	8,272	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds account(s)	49,708 OK	8,272 OK	- OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
	Savings Account	25,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>S. Burgin</i>	Stephen Burgin	02.09.24	