

Frecheville Library and Learning Centre

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FLLC TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Charity Name Frecheville Library and Learning Centre

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Charity's Principle Address 83 Smalldale Road
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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 been running the Library for over ten 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. In January, a volunteer was nominated and accepted onto the committee as secretary to replace the existing secretary who wished to resign the post but remain on committee.

The committee holds quarterly review meetings to review the business accounts, resolve any ongoing issues and discuss any future plans or activities.

Volunteer Recruitment

The number of volunteers has remained consistent throughout the year at 28, The 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. This has created a slow steady flow of new volunteers that have replaced the volunteers that have left.

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
- Games club

The financial support from the local council remains vital to our sustainability. Visitor numbers have increased slightly but income is relatively unchanged.

With a healthy balance in the bank (after many years of focused fundraising), the Committee felt there was little need to hold any Fayres in the year. Fayres require an enormous amount of volunteers support to organise and run so to ease the pressure on our volunteers the Committee agreed to organise less demanding fundraising initiatives like more frequent raffles and tombola.

Achievements and Performance

Fundraising

We raised £5108 from our fundraising efforts. The main items being

£1216 from selling donated books, jigsaws, CD and Dvd's.

£950 from Interest on a Savings account

£640 from Knit and Natter

£621 from Yoga classes

£559 from public donations & gifts

£362 from Photocopying and printing

£347 from Tombola and Raffles

£215 from room hire and refreshment sales

£198 from the Games club and Craft chat.

Community Garden

A small team of dedicated volunteers meet one afternoon a week to care for the community garden. They cut the grass, weed the flower beds, prune and coppice the trees and undertake all necessary maintenance. In the spring and summer it is a joy to see all the flowers in their glorious colours. The garden is a magnet for parents with young children who love to play on the trampoline, the hammock, the turbo ball, Connect 4, in the Wendy house or just running around for the fun of it. Parents often just sit on the garden seats and watch their children having fun while enjoying a complimentary cuppa and a biscuit.

Many visitors and parents have commented and praised the garden for its colour, its variety of plants, flowers and above all the safe space it provides for young children. We the committee are extremely delighted with the investment of time and money in the garden to transform it from just a large area of just grass land into a fun place for young children.

The committee see the garden as the gateway to attracting young children to the library. To see them having a good time, enjoying the experience and hopefully wanting to visit time and time again. We hope these children will become the next generation of readers and library users.

Grants

Our applications for two extra Grants were approved in the new financial year. We received £1000 from Sheffield City Council Library services to buy new books and £750 from the Labour Ward Pot fund to finance free refreshments for visitors and a new Library sign on the outside of the building.

The Book Grant enables us to continually upgrade our book stock with the latest book releases and is a significant factor in retaining and gaining new members and visitors to the library. This extra money allowed us to increase our spending on new Books to £1338.

The balance of the Ward pot from the previous year allowed us to purchase a new Main computer £651. This year's Ward Pot Grant allowed us to replace a fading old weather-beaten Library sign and enabled us to offer complimentary refreshments of a cuppa with a small packet of biscuits to all visitors to the library in the hope that they would visit more regularly.

The Warm Spaces Grant enabled us to purchase £408 of indoor games to support our Games Club night

Savings account Interest

One of our two savings accounts matured and we received £950 in interest. This amount of money is equal to the proceeds of two Fayres.

The Library building

The Library was constructed in 1955. It was built in the "Vic Hallam" design of construction which was very popular in Sheffield at that time. The building is predominantly a wooden structure with timber upright support beams being faced with hardwood timber cladding. Buildings of this design were deemed to have an expected lifespan of about 30 years. From the moment the volunteers took over the running of the Library in 2014 they have raised the issue of rot and decay at the bottom of the cladding with the Council. In April 2024 the Council prepared to replace the bottom 1 metre of rotten cladding. Materials were delivered to site and in October the repair work began but soon after starting, it was stopped because the rot in the timber upright beams was considered too bad to proceed.

A council structural engineer visited to assess the rot and the planned repair work was suspended indefinitely.

In February 2025 a meeting was held between the Library Trustees, the Council Maintenance Manager, representatives from the Council Library services and our two local Labour councillors. The Council maintenance manager explained the state of disrepair, the options the Council had considered and the costs associated to those options. None of the Council options presented were considered viable to the Trustees and equally the associated costs were too expensive for the Council. A possible solution was to consider approaching a number of Council approved subcontractors to invite them to put forward a costed repair proposal. By the year end there had been no further progress. The Trustees were waiting for the relevant information from the Council Maintenance Manager.

The Future

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 £13109

The itemised receipts were

SCC Grant Funding	£6251
SCC Book Grant 2025	£1000
Labour Ward Pot Grant	£750
Library Fundraising	£3599
Sales Donations and gifts	£559
Interest from Savings	£950

Payments

The total payments were £9839

The itemised payments were

Heating, Lighting & Water	£2251
Insurance	£1191
Repairs & Equipment	£940
Sundries and Stationery	£888
SCC Book Grant 2020	£763
Labour Ward Pot Grant 2024	£651
SCC Book Grant 2023	£575
Labour Ward Pot Grant 2025	£568
System Rental & Refuse	£473
Warm Space Grant	£408
Wi fi	£360
Council Tax	£130
Garden materials	£120
SCC IT Grant	£86
Bank charges	£80
Cleaning materials & Safety	£55

Closing Bank balance & cash **£61250**

Year on year, the total balance grew by £3270.

Restricted funds at the year-end were £6343 which is £1929 lower than the previous year due to increased spending.

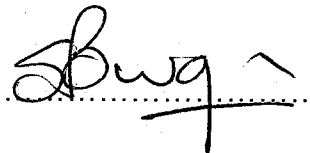
All monies retained are to cover any unexpected maintenance or necessary improvements to the building which is over 69 years old. At the year-end there were no outstanding debt and no funds were held by a custodian trustee.

S. Burgin

S. Burgin
Trustee & FLLC Treasurer
11.10.2025

Treasurer Signature

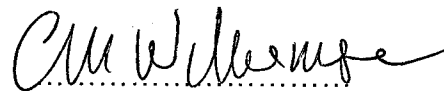
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29th October 2025

Treasurer Signature

& Date

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29th October 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Savings	25000	
Opening Bank Balance	32904	
Opening cash	76	
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Receipts

SCC Grant Funding	6251	
Fayres, Events & Raffles	347	
Book Sales	1216	
Refreshment sales	145	
Knit & natter group	640	
Yoga	621	
Craft chat Group	69	
Games Club	129	
Sales, Donations & Gifts	559	
Photocopying	362	
Room Hire	70	
SCC Ward Pot Grant	750	
SCC Book Grant 2025	1000	
Savings Account Interest	950	
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Total Receipts		13109
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		71089

Payments

SCC Council Tax	130	
Wi-fi	360	
Gas	843	
Electric	1190	
Water	518	
Health & Safety / Cleaning	55	
Stationery & Craft mat'ls	393	
Sundries	495	
Insurance	1191	
Repairs & Refurb's	112	
Equipment	828	
System Service Charge	192	
Refuse	281	
Garden Mat'ls	120	
Bank Charges	80	
SCC IT Grant	86	
SCC Book Grant 2023	575	
SCC Warm Space Grant	408	
Labour Ward Grant 2023	651	
SCC Book Grant 2020	763	
Labour Ward 10Yr Grant	568	
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Total Payments		9839
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		61250

Closing Balances

Saving account	40000	
Current Account	21181	
Cash in hand	69	
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Total		61250



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Frecheville Library and Learning Centre

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2024

To

Period end date
31st March 2025

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 2025	-	6,251	-	6,251	6,251
SCC Book Grant 2025	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Ward Pot Grant	-	750	-	750	750
General Sales & Fundraising	4,158	-	-	4,158	5,579
Interest from Saving Account	950	-	-	950	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,108	8,001	-	13,109	13,580
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Opening balances	49,708	8,272	-	57,980	51,906
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,708	8,272	-	57,980	51,906
Total receipts	54,816	16,273	-	71,089	65,486
A3 Payments					
Council tax & Wifi		490	-	490	358
Heating, Lighting & Water		2,551	-	2,551	2,257
Equipment, Repairs & Garden Mat's		1,060	-	1,060	277
Insurance		1,191	-	1,191	1,067
Refuse, System and Bank Charges		553	-	553	541
Sundries, H&S and Cleaning Mat's		550	-	550	568
Stationery & Crafts		393	-	393	349
Labour Ward Pot 2024		568		568	
Warm Spaces Grant 2024		408		408	
Labour Ward Pot 2023		651		651	
SCC Book Grant 2023		575		575	925
SCC Book Grant 2020		763		763	
SCC IT Grant 2021		86		86	637
SCC Garden Grant					519
SCC Book Grant 2022					8
			-		
Sub total	-	9,839	-	9,839	7,506
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	9,839	-	9,839	7,506
Net of receipts/(payments)	54,816	6,434	-	61,250	57,980
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	54,816	6,434	-	61,250	57,980

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	54,816	6,434	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds account(s))	54,816	6,434	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Savings Account	40,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	System Computer & Printer		-	-
	Network Computers x 3		-	-
	New Books		-	-
	Storage Cupboards x 5		-	-
	Bespoke Book Cases x 2		-	-
	Garden Equipment & Tools		-	-
	CCTV System		-	-
	Security Fencing		-	-
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	03.10.2025	