



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2023		31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	North Lincolnshire Children's Literacy Trust		
Website	www.childrensliteracytrust.co.uk		
Registered charity number	1176961		
Charity's principal address	Ashby Community Hub		
	Ashby High Street, Scunthorpe		
	North Lincolnshire		
	Postcode	DN16 2UT	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Role	Dates acted if not for whole year	Additional Information
1	Jennie Fullwood	Chair of Trust		
2	Sandra Simmons	Vice Chair of Trust		
3	Colin Brabazon	Treasurer		
4	Addy Farmer	Trustee		
5	Cllr Julie Reed	Trustee		
6	Hannah Dale	Trustee		
7	Sarah Spencer	Trustee		SS intention to retire/resign from the board in June 2024
8	Susan Hollingworth	Trustee		
9	Timothy Nick Webb	Trustee		
10	Ryan Eskrett	Trustee		
11	Vacancy	Trustee		
12	Vacancy	Trustee		

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
In kind support	Jane Laws	North Lincolnshire Council – Head of Community Wellbeing (Intention to retire from NLC role April 2024)
In kind support	Emma Wilkinson	North Lincolnshire Council – Senior Development Officer
In kind support	Katie Carter	North Lincolnshire Council – Development Officer

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Trustees

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document & strategic plan.

To advance the education of children in North Lincolnshire by the provision of support to improve their literacy skills.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Priority 1 - Campaign locally to raise awareness of the importance of reading. Helping the community to understand the impact reading has on lifelong learning, health & wellbeing and improved life chances.

- **Promotion of trust** via website, Facebook & Twitter. This year we have updated the website and created an Instagram account.
- **North Lincolnshire Year of Reading 2023** From January 2023 to March 2024 the North Lincolnshire Children's Literacy Trust in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council and our community partners funded events and activities across North Lincolnshire linked to promoting reading and reading for pleasure. Over 100 events and activities took place including authors such as Patrice Lawrence and Rachel Morrisroe, poets such as Benjamin Zephaniah and Joseph Coelho, illustrators such as Nick Sharratt and family storytelling and theatre, including Luna Loves Library Day, A Bagful of Stars, The Greatest Robot Ever, Pirate Bonnie and much more.
- Over the year our charity sponsored a number of local events and projects provided by our community partners linked to reading and reading for pleasure, this included small grants, book gifting and competition prizes awarded to: Althorpe & Keadby School, Lincoln Gardens School, Be APT, Folk Lincs, Rotary Club, Social Circle, Barrow Pre-School, Humber Estuary Federation, Crowle Peatland Railway, Baths Hall, No Limits Festival, School Readiness Event, Barton Town Partnership (Ropewalk) and more.

Priority 2 - Promoting and supporting new and established children's literacy initiatives to inspire a generation of children to read, grow and succeed.

- **Making Big Memories with Little Babies** celebrated over 5 years of book gifting with a special celebration held at Ashby Community Hub. Volunteers involved in the project, ward staff and families previously in receipt of the gifts were invited to help us celebrate this landmark occasion. In addition to this a further £2500 was raised to support the continuation of the

project. Thus included £1000 from Tesco, plus £1500 raised via the sponsored '10 Peak Challenge' The funds have supported purchasing 500 gift packs, which now also include a finger puppet.

- **Breakfast & Books** - The North Lincolnshire Children's Literacy Trust in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council Libraries and several community partners continues to provide free breakfast and book themed activities in three community hubs (Ashby/Riddings, Brigg and Scunthorpe Central) over the key holiday periods. A £1000 Tesco Groundworks community grant, Fuelled funding and donations from ASDA have provided food, resources, and activities over the year.
- **FREE Books for children/families** - Over the past year we have sourced thousands of free and heavily subsidised books for our local schools and children across North Lincolnshire. These have come from partners including; The Rabbit Hole, Bookmark, Penguin Books, Dollywood UK, Positive Activities, The Reading Agency, SSE Thermal, Walker Books, Multiply, UKSPF and more.
- **Year of Reading Grant Funded 'Projects' included**
 - **Secondary School Reading Support £5000 (Wrendale).** £1000 grants gifted to the following schools to support struggling and reluctant readers, to help them engage in reading. **Melior Academy, The St Lawrences Academy, St Hugh's School, Frederick Gough School and Huntcliff Academy.** Schools chose to spend the money on support programmes and appropriate books and resources. Case Studies were provided at the end of the year on the impact and outcomes of the funding.
 - **Everest Files Reading Challenge £3190 (SSE Thermal)** Y5/Y6 pupils from **Althorpe & Keadby Primary, Crowle Primary, Crowle St Norberts Primary, Luddington & Garthorpe Primary and Eastoft Primary**, took part in the Everest Files Challenge during June - September 2023. They attended workshops with author/explorer Matt Dickinson and were given copies of his book Everest Files. Children who read the story over summer and completed the challenge were gifted £10 gift vouchers and there were additional £25 vouchers for the winners of the art/writing competition. Funding left from the project was used to buy books, which were gifted to children at the Althorpe & Keadby Christmas Fair.
 - **Isle Stay & Play IL Book Chatter/Book Gifting £1560 (SSE Thermal)** Ten Stay & Play and Early Years groups based on the Isle were support though 2023/2024 to develop their reading skills/offer. They were given 1 year's supply of Imagination Library books and invited to take part in Book Chatter training, and 1:1 support visits, which gave them access to further resources and support.

Priority 3 - Develop relationship with Key Stakeholders to further the impact of our work. Identify opportunities to collaborate with a range of stakeholders who will support our mission, helping us to secure the longevity and success of projects and helping us to further sustain and extend our reach.

- Partnerships continue to grow and strengthen locally to support the ongoing work of the trust. We have continued to secure

funding from Scunthorpe Rotary, SSE Thermal, Tesco, Asda and Morrisons to fund the work of the trust.

- Partnerships continue to grow and strengthen with national organisations such as the Foyle Foundation, National Literacy Trust and Book Trust, Dollywood UK and Walker Books, plus The People's Postcode Lottery, who have supported events and projects over the year. In addition to this we have established a partnership with Severn Trent Water, who have agreed to fund the new Epworth Hub Children's library costing **over £30,000 (to be awarded in 2023/2024 financial year)**
- North Lincolnshire Council have continued to support the trust with support in kind to ensure projects are able to be delivered and sustained.

Priority 4 – Organisation development, building our capacity and capability. Ensure sustainability and quality of the trust through effective governance, financial resilience, and operational excellence.

- Website and social media pages have been updated to include the new logo and social media updates.
- Annual accounts 2023/2024 checked and verified by external accountant.
- Grant funding sourced from local, regional and national community partners.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Further to the elements already mentioned above:

- Approximately £20,000 income raised in 2023/2024 to support ongoing and new projects.
- North Lincolnshire Year of Reading successfully delivered which has led to further awareness, opportunities, and funding for the charity in 2024/2025.
- Partnerships strengthened at local, regional, and national levels.
- A strong board of trustees, who continue to support and develop the work of the trust.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Opening Balance £48,389.17 @ 1/04/2023

Total Income this period £19,848.42

Total Expenditure this period £31,742.49

Closing Balance

£6322 reserves for Breakfast & Books delivery at Scunthorpe Central

£2000 reserves for Breakfast & Books delivery at Brigg/Ashby

£1500 reserves for Making Big Memories with Little Babies

£500 reserves for Creating Calm project.

£1260 reserves for match funding towards Sever Trent Water Grant (Epworth Children's Library)

£1500 reserves for match funding of SSE Grant (Library Caravan Project)

£2000 reserves for book gifting and author visits i.e. the Let's Get Ready for School Event

Remaining balance to be used for existing and new projects during 2024/2025 and other costs linked to sustaining the work of the trust including, match funding, general website maintenance, subscriptions and licences, resources required for the trust operations etc.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F

Other optional information

- Key trust policies updated, including safeguarding policies.
- Key trust documents updated including, North Lincolnshire Children's Literacy Trust Strategy

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our trustees, and our community partners for their continued dedication and support of the work of the trust.

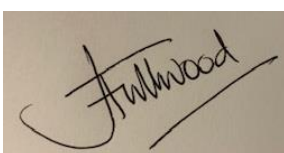
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jennie Fullwood

Sandra Simmons

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trust

Vice-Chair of Trust

Date

31.04.2024

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE CHILDREN'S LITERACY TRUST
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST OF MARCH 2024

2023-2024 2022-2023

INCOME

Lincs Lotto	56.50	65.00
Arnold Clark Grant YOR	-	2,000.00
Wrendale Designs Donation YOR Project	-	5,000.00
Foyle Foundation YOR Project	5,000.00	-
Rotary Swimarathon Grant YYOR Project	500.00	-
Local Giving Ltd- YOR Creating Calm	500.00	-
Groundwork UK TE- Breakfast & Book Grant	-	1,000.00
Groundwork UK -Tesco Making Memories with Little Babies	1,125.00	
Morrisons Foundation Grant - Breakfast & Books	6,322.00	
Donations Making Memories	1,325.10	
N Lincs Council Grant SSE	4,748.05	17,000.00
Donation	271.77	375.08
Author book sale	-	165.85
	<u>19,848.42</u>	<u>25,605.93</u>

EXPENSES

NLC Lottery & Gambling license	-	40.00
Resources for YOR Project	23,684.78	13,070.25
Resources Breakfast & Books	332.28	687.75
Resources Everest Files Project	3,319.05	1,515.00
Resources Making Memories	3,321.30	-
Equipment for events	571.33	-
Education workshop	-	190.80
Sundry	513.75	185.50
	<u>31,742.49</u>	<u>15,689.30</u>

OPENING BALANCE

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

CLOSING BALANCE

48,389.17	38,472.54
19,848.42	25,605.93
31,742.49	15,689.30
<u>36,495.10</u>	<u>48,389.17</u>

BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENTS

<u>36,495.10</u>	<u>48,389.17</u>
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I have reviewed and examined the above figures and can confirm they are correct

L Butler FCCA
7th of November 2024

