

TOY HUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1198216

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-03-11

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE RELIEF OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE IN THE BERKHAMSTED, TRING AND SMALL SURROUNDING AREA OF THE UK FOR THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AFFECTED BY FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BEFORE CHRISTMAS, BY PROVIDING FREE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

Activities: Ensuring children in Berkhamsted, Tring and small surrounding area whose families are suffering financial hardship receive presents at Christmas time.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£21,843	£15,727	-	-
2024-03-31	£10,710	£9,493	-	-
2023-04-01	£9,241	£8,188	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rebecca Young	Chair	2022-03-11
Lisa Hardy		2022-03-11
Lyndsey Abercromby		2024-09-27
Rachel Francis		2023-06-29

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whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		Commission/s public benefit guidance. The guidance is taken into account when making decisions about the charity's activities and purpose and any other areas that might be relevant.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During 2024 we received applications for support for 639 children living locally. This number was an increase of 90 applications in comparison to 2023. We planned for a 10% increase from 2022. 639 applications was greater than the 10% increase we allowed for. Thanks again to a huge amount of physical donations we received from the public and the financial donations that we also received, we managed to provide bags of gifts for all 639 children. Each bag included 1 x brand new gift, 2 x like new gifts, chocolate coins, a roll of wrapping paper and Sellotape, a book, puzzle or board game, stocking fillers, a soft toy and a toothbrush and toothpaste. The list slightly varied for children aged 11 and over, toys are not as appropriate for this age group. Once we had finished providing

		support to our parents/carers, we were again fortunate enough to have surplus donations of like-new toys/gifts left over. We were delighted that we able to donate these items to other local organisations who would hugely benefit.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	In the latest fiscal year, the charity has experienced a notable financial growth. The charity's financial position has improved over the past year demonstrating a flourish in the donations and grants, together with rise in the net income. This financial improvement had improved the charity's ability to fund its core activities and expand its reach.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIC
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Toy Hub
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1198216
Charity's principal address	9 Gaveston Drive, Berkhamsted, Herts

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lisa Hardy			
2	Rebecca Mitchell			
3	Rachel Francis			
4	Rebecca Young			
5	Lyndsey Abercromby		Appointed 27/09/2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	R Young	
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Full name(s)	Rebecca Young	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	20/03/2025
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Toy Hub

Other names charity is known by None

Registered charity number (if any) 1198216

Charity's principal address

9 Gaveston Drive	
Berkhamsted	
Herts	
Postcode	HP4 1JF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Rebecca Young			
2 Lisa Hardy			
3 Rebecca Mitchell			
4 Charlotte Simmons		02/04/23 – 29/06/23	
5 Louise Barron		02/04/23 – 29/06/23	
6 Rachel Francis		Appointed 29/06/23	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
none	_____

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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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)	Appointed by a resolution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit, the relief of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in the Berkhamsted and Tring area of the UK for the parents and guardians affected by financial hardship before Christmas, by providing free Christmas presents for their children.

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)

Toy Hub provides relief to parents and guardians affected by hardship (for the reasons mentioned above) by providing free ready-to-wrap Christmas presents for their children.

Toy Hub relies on donations of new and like new toys/gifts (suitable for 0 – 18 year olds) from members of the public. We set up donation points where these can be dropped off. We then check, sort and clean every donation received thus ensuring they are of suitable quality. Once all donations have been checked and donation points close we then begin to pack these donations into bags for every child. We aim to provide, (dependant on donations received), a bag of gifts that meets each child's individual interests. The bags are double checked and are then ready to deliver to the parent/carer who we are providing support to. We aim to have all bags delivered around the first week of December.

The charity uses financial donations to purchase additional items where we are lacking in donations. Financial donations are also used to purchase wrapping paper, chocolates, sellotape and essential toiletries. When cleaned and checked, a bag of toys/gifts is made up for each child and these are distributed to families hit by financial hardship in time for Christmas.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Our volunteers assist in collecting donations from drop-off points. The cleaning, fixing, sorting and quality checking of all donations received. They also assist with the packing of bags. We also have a volunteer who helps us with some of our SM posting.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During Toy Hub's second year we received applications for support for 549 children living locally. This number was an increase of 75 applications in compared to the year before. We planned for a 10% increase from 2022. 549 applications was greater than the 10% increase we allowed for.

Thanks again to a huge amount of physical donations we received from the public and the financial donations that we also received, we managed to provide bags of gifts for all 549 children. Each bag included 1 x brand new gift, 2 x like new gifts, chocolate coins, a roll of wrapping paper and Sellotape, a book, puzzle or board game, stocking fillers, a soft toy and a toothbrush and toothpaste. The list slightly varied for children aged 11 and over, toys are not as appropriate for this age group.

Once we had finished providing support to our parents/carers, we were again fortunate enough to still have some donations of like-new toys/gifts left over. The leftover donations were generally baby/pre-school/reception age toys and books. We were really pleased that we could donate these to places that would really benefit.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Toy Hub does not hold reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

R Young

Full name(s)

Rebecca Young

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

1st April 2024

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

For Toy Hub's first year we received applications for support for 474 children living locally. This number was far greater than we had expected.

Thanks to a huge amount of physical donations we received from the public and the financial donations that we also received, we managed to provide bags of gifts for all 474 children. Each bag included 1 x brand new gift, 2 x like new gifts, chocolate coins, a roll of wrapping paper and Sellotape, a book, puzzle or board game, stocking fillers, a soft toy and a toothbrush and toothpaste. The list slightly varied for children aged 11 and over, toys are not as appropriate for this age group.

Once we had finished providing support to our parents/carers, we were fortunate enough to still have some donations of like-new toys/gifts left over. We donated these to other local charities and organisations, who we knew would benefit.

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	R Young	
Full name(s)	Rebecca Young	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	31 st March 2023	