

Nottingham Imagination Library
(Registered charity, number 1204435)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

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**Nottingham Imagination Library
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

Full name Nottingham Imagination Library

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1204435

Principal address 20 Carisbrooke Drive, Nottingham, NG3 5DS

Trustees

David Mellen

Cheryl Barnard

Peter Moore

June Galloway, until 09/04/2025

Candida Brudenell, from 01/04/2025

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 22/08/2023.

Recruitment of trustees is from those with an existing interest in improving the literacy levels for young children and in sympathy with the aims of Nottingham Imagination Library.

Appointment is by the existing trustees following an interview and references.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the CIO are to promote early education for the public benefit in particular, but not exclusively by the provision of free, high quality books for children aged under five, living in Nottingham.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The main activities undertaken for Public Benefit are the provision of age appropriate books to children registered with the scheme to enhance their reading skills and provide them with a better start for school entry.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

The book gifting scheme, in the City of Nottingham, operated in conjunction with the Dollywood Foundation UK, had been carried out, from inception in March 2012, through the Rotary Club of Nottingham Trust Fund. With the establishment of Nottingham Imagination Library (NIL), the Nottingham scheme has been transferred to NIL and is fully effective from July 2024 to carry on the distribution of books to children already registered on the scheme. With the conclusion of the Small Steps Big Changes Scheme in August 2025, NIL will continue to distribute books to children registered on that scheme, subject to the availability of funds.

At 30 June 2025 there were 3,419 children registered in the City of Nottingham. Since the scheme started in Nottingham in 2012, 563,879 books have been delivered and over 13,000 children have graduated or are currently registered.

Looking Ahead

With the funds held and as more become available it is planned to extend the distribution of books to other parts of the City and September 2025 marked the opening of a scheme in Bestwood.

Risks

The principal risks are the failure of grant applications, donations or fundraising activities which would seriously curtail the ability of NIL to establish new schemes to provide books for children.

Financial review

The Trustees are pleased with the financial position at the year end.

The charity's policy on reserves

The policy of the trustees has been to ensure that sufficient funds are designated as available to meet the cost of providing books for children in a particular area through to age 5 before a scheme is established and to meet administrative costs for a six-month period.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed

Peter Moore, Trustee

Date

6 January 2026

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Nottingham Imagination Library
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nottingham Imagination Library (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

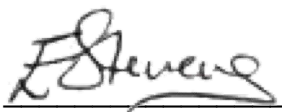
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 07/01/2026
Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Nottingham Imagination Library
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

2024			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2025
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	£	Funds
£						£
	Receipts					
68133	Grants & donations	2	27162	90282	10000	127444
-	Theatre collection		3531	-	-	3531
194	Bank interest		1660	-	-	1660
<u>68327</u>	Total receipts		<u>32353</u>	<u>90282</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>132635</u>
	Payments					
1153	Book delivery		-	12505	-	12505
25	Bank charges		69	-	-	69
-	PayPal fee		2	-	-	2
<u>1178</u>	Total payments		<u>71</u>	<u>12505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12576</u>
67149	Net receipts/(payments)		32282	77777	10000	120059
-	Cash funds at start of this period		12569	54580	-	67149
<u>67149</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>44851</u>	<u>132357</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>187208</u>

Nottingham Imagination Library **Statement of assets and liabilities** **at 30 June 2025**

2024		2025
£		£
67149	Cash assets	
<u>67149</u>	Bank accounts	<u>187208</u>
		<u>187208</u>
	Other monetary assets	
17662	Debtors	<u>-</u>
<u>17662</u>		<u>-</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Liabilities	
-	Creditors- Independent examination fee	<u>(780)</u>
<u>-</u>		<u>(780)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Peter Moore Date 6 July 2026
 Peter Moore, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Rotary Club of Nottingham	20400	-	20400
Small Steps Big Changes	90140	-	90140
Louis Nicholas Charitable Trust	2000	-	2000
The Fulmar Charitable Trust	1500	-	1500
The Boots Charitable trust	-	10000	10000
The David Family Foundation	2000	-	2000
Aslockton Book Club	167	-	167
General donations	1237	-	1237
	117444	10000	127444

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Organisational Costs	-	10000	-	10000
	-	10000	-	10000
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	12569	32353	(71)	44851
Distribution of Books	54580	90282	(12505)	132357
	67149	122635	(12576)	177208

Organisational costs - this fund is for salary costs, travel, subsistence, volunteer engagement, marketing costs and child enrolment fees.

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4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

6. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.