

TECHNOLOGY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

England & Wales · Charity number 1206202

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-12-14

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, AROUND TECHNOLOGY IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY TO SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS BY• DISTRIBUTING BOOKS TO EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, WORKING WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND POLICY MAKERS TO PROMOTE TECHNOLOGY BOOKS FOR CHILDREN• PROVIDING AND FACILITATING “READING RELATED ACTIVITY AROUND TECHNOLOGY” SUCH AS AUTHOR VISITS, TALKS, LINKED RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES• CARRYING OUT RESEARCH ON TOPICS SUCH AS THE ROLE OF BOOKS WITH A TECHNOLOGY THEME IN SUPPORTING DIGITAL LITERACY

Activities: Technology Books for Children provides a website that promotes reading for pleasure on tech topics. This is done through curated reading lists and resources. We also offer tech book packs, author and book ambassador visits to educational organisations/events and interactive tech activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£10,044	£9,939	-	-
2024-10-31	£240	£204	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rebecca Jane Franks	Chair	2023-12-14
Abena Amina Akuffo-Kelly		2023-12-14
Juliana Smith		2026-02-18
Luke Ronayne		2025-09-29
Robert James Walden		2025-09-29

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended October 2025

Objectives and Activities

Technology Books for Children exists to encourage reading for pleasure on technology topics and to help children and young people see technology as relevant, enjoyable, and accessible. The charity promotes technology themed texts to support digital literacy and to help address the digital divide.

During the year, the charity's activities included:

- Curating age appropriate recommendations of technology themed books to promote technology literacy.
- Providing free resources for schools and teachers, including lesson materials and virtual reading packs, to support the integration of technology reading into the curriculum.
- Community engagement through author visits, reading events, and related initiatives that encourage participation and enthusiasm for technology themed reading.
- Launching a publication for teenagers to support understanding of tech careers

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and delivering the charity's activities.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £10,044.51.

Total expenditure for the year was £9,939.80.

Expenditure included £9,822.33 on charitable activities, £63.97 on support costs, and £53.50 on governance costs.

This means that 98.82% of total expenditure was applied directly to charitable activities.

The charity recorded a surplus of £104.71 for the year.

Reserves Policy

In addition to grant funding, the charity generated small amounts of supplementary income during the year, contributing to a modest surplus and supporting the charity's reserves position.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its governing document and is managed by the trustees, who are responsible for strategic direction and oversight. Trustees meet as required to review performance, monitor finances, and ensure compliance with legal and regulatory obligations.

Trustee Responsibilities Statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the receipts and payments accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose

with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable the preparation of accounts that comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees confirm that the accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on: 2/3/2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name: Rebecca Franks

Position: Chair of Trustees

Signature:



Date: 2/3/2026

Receipts and Payments Account

For the Year Ended - October 2025

Description	£
INCOME	
Grants	10,000.00
Income from Charitable Activities	13.69
Other Income	30.82
Total Income	10,044.51
EXPENDITURE	
Charitable Activities - Educational Resources	930.31
Charitable Activities - Printing & Publications	1,636.78
Charitable Activities - Travel & Subsistence	844.44
Charitable Activities - Staff Costs	1,800.00
Charitable Activities - Professional Fees - Workshop Delivery	3,600.00
Charitable Activities - Professional Fees - Resource Development	1,000.00
Charitable Activities - Postage & Distribution	10.80

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Total Charitable Activities	9,822.33
Support Costs – IT & Communications	47.99
Support Costs – Office & Administration	15.98
Total Support Costs	63.97
Governance Costs	53.50
Total Expenditure	9,939.80
Surplus for the Year	104.71

During the year, 98.82% of total expenditure was applied directly to charitable activities. The trustees remain committed to ensuring that the vast majority of funds are used to deliver the charity’s objectives, with support and governance costs kept to a minimum.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	14	December	2023		31	October	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Technology Books for Children

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1206202

Charity's principal address

61 Bridge Street
 Kington
 Herefordshire
Postcode HR5 3DJ

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 Franks			
2	Sarah Edmundson			
3	Abena Akuffo-Kelly			
4	Susan Atkins			
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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

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)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are selected through an application process for advertised vacancies, followed by evaluation and agreement by the current trustees. Final approval is confirmed at a convened trustees' meeting, with mutual agreement between the charity and the new trustee.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Not applicable
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>Advancement of Education</p> <p>To advance education for the public benefit, around technology in particular but not exclusively to school aged children and their parents/carers by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distributing books to educational organisations • working with educational institutions, key stakeholders and policy makers to promote technology books for children • providing and facilitating “reading related activity around

technology” such as author visits, talks, linked resources and activities

- carrying out research on topics such as the role of books with a technology theme in supporting digital literacy

During the year, the charity advanced its objective of promoting education around technology by:

- Publishing book reviews and curated reading recommendations that highlighted key educational themes and their links to technology;
- Creating accessible supporting resources - such as worksheets and blog articles - that could be used by children, parents, and educators at home or in school settings.
- Collaborating with partner organisations to raise awareness of technology-themed books and encourage wider engagement with digital literacy through reading.

These activities were designed to inspire a love of reading while introducing young audiences to important technology concepts in an inclusive and engaging way.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit when planning and delivering these activities.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Not applicable

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**1. Launch of the Charity (Dec 2023)**

- Successfully constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a clear mission to promote technology-themed books and digital literacy for children.

2. Book Reviews & Recommendations

- Created and published **book reviews** linked to themes such as Artificial Intelligence, Online Safety, Digital Citizenship, Gaming, Coding etc
- Recommendations were linked to awareness days and national curriculum topics to make technology more accessible and relatable for children and educators.

3. Educational Resources

- Developed **downloadable worksheets and blog articles** to support at-home or in-school engagement with tech-themed books.
- Resources aim to encourage reading for pleasure while introducing core technology concepts.

4. Strategic Partnerships and Awareness Days

- Collaborated with schools, publishers, authors and education organisations to amplify impact.
- Shared content linking tech and tech books with events like Halloween, Christmas, Michael Rosen Manifesto for Reading

5. Advocacy & Visibility

- Raised awareness through social campaigns and speaking engagements about the role of books in digital literacy.

6. Audience Engagement & Reach

- Built a growing online following, reaching **educators, parents, librarians and community leaders**.
- Began piloting feedback and research mechanisms to understand the impact of tech-themed books on digital literacy, such as resource usage tracking

In our first year, Technology Books for Children made strong foundational progress - launching, building resources and forming partnerships that directly support our charitable objectives. We reached just over 2,500 people. Our work has begun to bridge gaps between literacy and technology, especially for underrepresented children, by promoting accessible, inspiring tech-themed literature.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have agreed to hold a reserve equivalent to six months of base operating costs, (domain registrations, registered office, ICO fee) to ensure the charity's financial sustainability and ability to respond to unexpected events or funding delays. To date the fees mentioned have been covered by the founder.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The charity had no funds materially in deficit during the reporting period.

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.

Not applicable

Section F

Other optional information



Not applicable

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)	Rebecca J Franks	Beverly C Clarke
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	CEO/Founder
Date	9 th June 2025	

Technology Books for Children Income 2023 - 2024

Date	Income Source	Amount
Feb-24	Gift	£ 200.00
Mar-24	Refund	£ 0.01
Apr-24	Gift	£ 40.00
		£ 240.01

Technology Books for Children Expenditure 2023 - 2024

Date	Expense	Amount
Mar-24	Computer and Internet Expenses	£ 19.18
Mar-24	Computer and Internet Expenses	£ 116.40
Mar-24	Reference Materials	£ 6.81
Apr-24	Computer and Internet Expenses	£ 26.40
Apr-24	Licensing and Subscriptions	£ 35.00
		£ 203.79

Balance in Bank	£ 36.22
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