

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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### **AIMS:**

To promote the principle that play does matter for the developing child.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To make play available and lend appropriate toys to extend the opportunity for shared play into the home.
- To provide play areas where children and adults can use a wide range of toys and creative activities.
- To offer an opportunity to socialise and exchange experiences.
- To offer a befriending and supportive service to parents and carers.

We aim to improve the current quality of life and future life chances of local children by providing a much-needed child-centred support service to families in our main premises at Langhorne House and through our outreach service HomeStart and other child-centred groups as well as other hard-to-reach families referred by Health Visitors and other health professionals. We also offer a low-cost toy/book/games and child safety equipment loan scheme.

Many of the children we support through our Outreach Service live in families experiencing poverty and disadvantage, some have suffered domestic violence and many feel isolated. This has a huge negative impact on the children's well-being and development. Our intervention at an early formative stage in their development aims to break the cycle of deprivation by improving their literacy, numeracy, creative & social skills, thus improving their school careers and their future life chances and contributing to stronger, more cohesive communities.

## WHO WE ARE

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Charlton Toy Library is a registered charity offering an inter-linked support service for the under 5s community in the Royal Borough of Greenwich. We operate a toy, book and safety equipment loan scheme and a stay and play service in our main base along with a much-needed Outreach service to support disadvantaged families and children in desperate need.

Charlton Toy Library is a registered charity, governed by a constitution adopted 10th February 1982. It is run by members of a voluntary Management Committee (who are also the charity trustees), staff (a Toy Library Co-ordinator and an Outreach Worker) and volunteers, all helping to run play & borrowing sessions and giving help, support and advice to families.

All the money received from membership, loan fees and fundraising events is spent on toys and Toy Library running costs. We have an Equal Opportunities policy and aim to provide a good selection of multi-cultural and non-sexist toys and books along with impartial advice and support.

“CTL is a fantastic facility, congratulations on running such a great resource for children and parents.”

“I love this place SO much! Coming now with my third child, so it feels like a second home. A favourite place for all my girls. Thank you so much for everything. I was so pleased once you opened again after lockdown. Also, LOVE the singing sessions. Thank you!”

CTL is such a great place for our babies to play, for us parents to make new friends, a fantastic way to get toys and baby equipment without spending a lot of money and, at the same time, help the environment by reusing them. Thank you for the amazing work you do!

## CHAIR'S REPORT BY JOHN STEPHENS

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I am now coming to the end of my fourth year as Chair of Trustees. It's fair to say that the twelve months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 have certainly been the most eventful so far!

This was the year that Charlton Toy Library, after 42 years in Charlton House, found itself potentially without a home. By early 2024 Greenwich Heritage Trust, which manages Charlton House, faced an unsustainable funding gap for essential repairs and refurbishment. As a result, the Trust decided it needed a tenant able to pay commercial rent, and we received notice to leave in July 2024.

It's safe to say the period from September 2024 to our reopening at Langhorne House in January 2026 was challenging for everyone involved. I would like to pay particular tribute to our two team members, Vicky Thomas and Sharon Jay, for their hard work and resilience. Without their willingness to go the extra mile to overcome a host of practical challenges and difficulties we would not now be successfully operating at Langhorne House and could not have created such an inviting new space for young children and their families.

We are also grateful to Janet Denne and the Charlton House team, as well as the trustees at Greenwich Heritage Trust, for their support in helping to make the move viable. Charlton House kindly provided £2,000 to help cover additional costs associated with the relocation, for which we're very thankful.

My thanks also goes to Victoria Sandell, Events & Culture Manager at The Royal Borough of Greenwich, for her help during the negotiations, and to Cllr. Lakshan Saldin and Cllr. Jo Van Den Broek for their help liaising with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Charlton Triangle Homes (now Peabody), enabling us to make the move to Langhorne House.

Moving has brought some unexpected positives, too. Through the efforts of Vicky and Sharon, we reduced our toy stock – built up over many years - to a well-curated, more manageable collection with a full inventory. At the same time, and thanks to our treasurer and finance officer Janine Khoshnevisan, we upgraded our IT hardware and are in the process of moving more securely to cloud-based storage.

With respect to the charity's finances, our running costs have reduced during 2024-25, largely due to no longer paying rent and utilities at our new premises. However, like many small charities, our financial position remains precarious. The move to Langhorne House placed significant operational pressure on our small team of trustees, who had to prioritise the complex and time-sensitive demands of relocating the charity over other important activities, including fundraising.

We are enormously grateful that BBC Children in Need has backed our Outreach programme for an incredible 13 years and has confirmed support of around £18,000 a year until 31 October 2026. Children in Need is now limiting grants to nine-year periods for all charities, so this funding will end at that point.

As a result of these aspects, securing replacement funding and building new income streams for 2025-26 is our top priority.

### **Reach and impact**

Overall, in 2024-25 we were proud to support 245 children in 180 families. Almost a quarter (24%) of these families accessed our services completely free of charge and a further 19% paid a concessionary rate, while 12% were lone-parent households. In the current cost-of-living crisis, support for less-well-off families remains a key priority for the charity. Around 25% of the families we serve are from the global majority, and we will keep working to ensure our membership truly reflects the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of Greenwich.

The Outreach service is there for families who are experiencing disadvantage and face barriers to visiting the Toy Library in person. During the last year, 69 children in 43 families received direct support through home visits or telephone calls. Outreach offers far more than toys, sensory equipment, books, safety equipment, clothes, shoes, cots, beds, prams and buggies. Just as important, it provides a friendly face and listening ear from our Outreach worker, Sharon Jay. Sharon's compassion and determination often see her going well beyond the call of duty to make sure vulnerable families' basic needs are met. On behalf of those families, and all the trustees, I would like to say a huge thank you to Sharon for everything she does.

Since reopening at Langhorne House, we have resumed our core face-to-face offer, including toy and equipment loans plus lively, interactive Stay & Play sessions for members every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with an extra Saturday session once a month. Vicky and Sharon have transformed the new space into a warm, engaging environment for our members. Although we understandably saw a reduction in attendance at face-to-face sessions since the move, we are already welcoming new faces and look forward to seeing our numbers grow further from September.

### Thank you

This brings me to the vital role played by our volunteers - without whom our weekday sessions, Saturday mornings, and community events simply could not happen. On behalf of all trustees, I'd like to offer heartfelt thanks to our dedicated and generous volunteers for everything you do. Our current volunteer team includes:

June Shand, Jen Stanley, Julie Pepperrell, Julie Cullen, Sophie Durcan, Susan Weinwright, Nikeisha Nilmaraj, Emma Foord-Divers, Simina Ghent, Wendy Wen.

The day-to-day running of our Toy Library – whether that's toy loans, Stay & Play sessions, community events, or the many administration tasks that keep us going – is brilliantly led by our indefatigable Co-ordinator, Vicky Thomas. Vicky's passion, creativity and calm determination underpin so much of what we do. On behalf of the trustee board, a huge thank you to Vicky for all her tireless work and for always going above and beyond.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our trustee group, who have worked hard to help us steer the Toy Library through an incredibly challenging year. We have operated with a smaller group than ideal, comprising myself, Cat Farnsworth, Emily Wallace, Janine Khoshnevisan, Kate Hall and Jo Rollings. It's only because of the commitment and hard work of this group that we are where we are today. Jo stepped down from her role at Easter, and I'd like to thank her for her contribution and dedication during her time as a trustee.

We have been actively recruiting and are delighted to welcome Suzie Mackenzie and Bren Albiston to the trustee group. We expect to be joined by at least two more trustees later this year, strengthening our team as we look ahead.

Finally, on behalf of all the trustees, staff, and volunteers, I wish all our members a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in Charlton Toy Library – we truly couldn't do it without you. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

John Stephens  
Chair of Trustees  
1st July 2025

### **Membership Statistics 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Families using our main services & outreach service combined: 180 families  
Total number of children helped: 245 children and 203 adults

Outreach families supported (free of charge): 43 families  
Outreach children helped: 69 children

Families supported free of charge: 43 families (24%)  
Families paying concessionary rate: 42 families (19%)

Families from global majority backgrounds: 45 families (25%)

New families: 122 families

Lone parent families: 22 families

Grandparent members: 19

Childminders: 2

Families in the SE7 area: 69 families

Families in the SE18 area: 42 families



Our Outreach service is in its 12th year of funding from BBC Children in Need and we have successfully secured a grant to keep this much-needed support for struggling local families going until September 2026. In 2024-25 I worked with 43 families and their 69 children. This accounts for 24% of our entire membership.

Referral for our services continue to come from many local organisations such as Home Start, Family Engagement Support Workers from Children's Centres, Health Visitors, Social Workers, The Pre-birth Assessment Team, Best Beginnings Midwives Team, Early Years Quaggy Development Trust, and others too. Some families hear about our services and refer themselves directly to us.

I continued to support families in their home. The children supported had many and varied struggles to deal with, such as families with low incomes, disabilities, families experiencing domestic abuse and families with no recourse to public funds of any kind. Our aim was to give these children some sense of a "normal" childhood... to just be kids... playing and having fun.

On my first visit to homes, I assessed what help was needed. I began by helping to improve the physical wellbeing of children by providing, completely free of charge, essential clothing, beds, prams, baby equipment, child home safety equipment and much more.

Once the safety and physical comfort of the children had improved, I then supplied the toys, books and games that families could not afford. These items kept the children constructively occupied. They learnt to play happily within the home, with their parents and with their siblings, improving behaviour and family dynamics. The books and play equipment stimulated their curiosity and improved their learning & development.

I worked with parents and carers, helping them to understand the importance of play in their children's development. These measures together helped children develop and learn, making them better ready for school when the time comes.

In January 2024, we started a new collaboration with The Bridge and MumsAid, supporting families with children with complex medical conditions or disabilities. I supported these families within the home and CTL stay and play sessions. We have a wide range of Sensory toys and equipment to help children within their play.



## OUTREACH PROJECT REPORT by Sharon Jay

So that you can appreciate all the work carried out please consider the following achievements. The figures are slightly lower than usual, due to being closed for two months for our relocation.

- 80 visits to families in their own homes.
- 128 support phone calls to families between visits providing much needed help and advice.
- 69 children were supported between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025
- 153 toys/books and a wide range of child safety equipment were delivered to families.
- 34 large bags of clothing for children and nappies were given out to Outreach families.
- 33 Christmas presents were given to children, and 30 families received a £50 supermarket voucher each to buy food over the festive season.

We also helped families with whatever was needed to relieve some of the struggles and disadvantage in their lives such as housing problems and emotional and practical support.

When needed we linked with other organisations to extend the range of help. There has been an increase in the number of outreach families that have visited our stay-and-play sessions and enjoyed the singing and sensory activities. They have socialised with other families and reduced their sense of isolation. I hope to see more and more coming into our stay and play sessions in the near future.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to Vicky for being there to support and help whenever it has been needed, it means so much to have such an amazing friend and work colleague.

Thank you to all the volunteers who take the time to make outreach happen, their dedication in helping in every possible way, you are all truly amazing.

Sharon Jay  
Outreach worker

## TOY LIBRARY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT by Vicky Thomas

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I have had the honour to be the CTL Coordinador for almost 7 years now. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our lovely members, our wonderful team of dedicated volunteers, our Trustees and our amazing Outreach Worker Sharon.

From 1st April 2024 until 31st March 2025, we organised several successful events:

- In April we took part at the Charlton House **Easter Event** in Charlton Park, offering children's crafts and nearly new toys for sale.
- In October we participated in the **Hornfair festival** at Charlton House.
- In November we held a big sale in Charlton House to raise funds for our charity.
- In December we organised two **Christmas parties** for our members. Father Christmas visited the children, the families had photos taken with him and were each given a free book as a Christmas present.
- We celebrated the **Chinese New Year** at the beginning of February, with Chinese food, stories and crafts, sponsored by Peabody in Charlton.
- In November and December we closed our doors, in order to relocate to our new premises in Langhorne House in Charlton. We had to donate a big part of our stock to members of the community and other charities, as the new space has reduced storage space. It was a very busy and difficult time, but our wonderful volunteers worked tirelessly and helped immensely with the move. At the end of December, just before the Christmas holidays, we were very happy to open our doors to the public again. Our new home is bright and colourful and we have settled in very well.
- Throughout the year I continued to support our Outreach service by procuring toys, clothes and safety equipment for our vulnerable families via advertising in local groups. I helped our Outreach worker Sharon organise the Christmas Toy and Food voucher appeal and I am always truly humbled by the generosity of our community. I have helped cataloguing all the Outreach purchases and donations and got involved in the Might Acorns Project, a new collaboration with MumsAid and The Bridge.
- I have continued to help with fundraising, both by organising fundraising events and second-hand sales and by finding suitable grants that CTL can apply for.
- I updated our website and posted regularly on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.
- I managed the membership accounts and toy database and produced annual reports.

I would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful volunteers Sophie, Julie P, Julie C, June, Jen, Susan, Emma, Wendy, Simina and her daughter Angelina, Jack and Garry, as well as our Trustees who always offer their help and support. I am really looking forward to welcoming our members in the next few months!

Vicky Thomas, CTL Coordinator

We finished the financial year 2024-2025 with a deficit of £11,075, represented by -£11,094 in restricted funding and £19 in unrestricted funds. This deficit is due to the funding granted in 2023-24 but carried over and spent in 2024-25: £10,000 from Awards For All and £1,430 from The Leathersellers.

As the Toy Library had to close for two months to relocate to new premises, internally raised income was lower in 2024-25, but this was minimised to just £1,000 lower. The relocation was a huge task and took up much trustee time and energy that ideally should have been spent on making funding applications. This has left us in with a funding shortfall for 2025-26. This is a pressing focus. Now that we are settled in our new home the management committee is concentrating on diversifying income and finding new funding sources to secure the long-term future of the Toy Library.

Due to our very low membership and toy loan fees, and to the fact that our Outreach Service is always provided completely free-of-charge, the Toy Library needs outside funding to provide our much-needed services. We are very thankful to be in our 12<sup>th</sup> year of funding from BBC Children in Need, who cover much of the costs of our Outreach Service. We received a grant from the Mighty Acorns project to work with children with complex medical needs, and we were very pleased to receive a grant from the Barratt Foundation. Thank you to all these organisations without whose help we could not offer the range of services that we do.

A huge “thank you” goes to Charlton Triangle Homes who kindly gave us our first new home in 42 years. The immense support that they have given us is invaluable in helping us to support disadvantaged families in our community. We would also like to thank the Atlas Business Group who continue to provide our internet services for free and even switched these services to our new premises without charge.

The funds that we raise are never enough to run the entire Toy Library and for this reason we would also like to thank all those who help keep us going. Thank you to all our volunteers who help at sessions and events. Thank you to the local community for your continued support with both physical and financial donations. And thank you to all those organisations who help us too. Added together, your support and time helps to improve the lives of so many children and families across the borough. We could not do it without you.

## TREASURER'S REPORT BY JANINE KHOSHNEVISAN

These accounts have been successfully examined and accepted by our Independent Examiner, Caroline Sharp (FCA, DChA).

Janine Khoshnevisan  
CTL Treasurer and Trustee



### CHARLTON TOY LIBRARY INCOME RESERVES POLICY

Unrestricted funds are needed:

- 1) to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice and
- 2) to cover administration, fund-raising and support costs without which the charity could not function.

The trustees consider it prudent that unrestricted reserves should be sufficient:

- a) to avoid the necessity of releasing fixed assets held for the charity's use;
- b) to cover 6 month's administration, fund-raising and support costs (currently approximately £20,000)
- c) to provide a pool equal to 10% of the average charitable expenditure over the preceding 2 years from which funds can be designated to specific projects (currently approximately £9,400).

# INCOME-EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2024-2025

## CHARLTON TOY LIBRARY Income & Expenditure Account 2024-2025

				Previous year
<b>INCOME</b>	Restricted	Unrestricted		
BBC Children in Need	16,810.20		BBC Children in Need	9,573.00
Mighty Acorns Project	4,335.00		Nat Lott Cmm Fund	20,666.00
The Barrat Foundation		1,500	Awards For All	10,000.00
Royal Greenwich Heritage Foundation		2,000	Leatherseller's	2,500.00
			Magic Little Grants	500.00
			Greenwich Supports	570.00
Fundraising		1,577		1,292.00
Membership fees		1,462		2,329.00
Toy loan fees		966		1,208.00
Safety equipment loan fees		88		98.00
Session sales		340		1,096.00
Donations		1,808		1649.00
Music Group		91		
Bank interest		283		293
Gift Aid		503		148
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,145.20</b>	<b>10,617</b>	<b>31762.41</b>	<b>51,922.00</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Restricted	Unrestricted	<b>Total</b>	Previous year
Advertising/promotional	158	0	158	927
Child Safety Equipment	652	0	652	1195
Equipment	555	325	880	302
Fundraising expenses	0	295	295	52
General running costs	3,731	3,058	6,789	14412
Insurance	1,571	0	1,571	1561
Management costs		35	35	35
Staffing costs	25,304	6,115	31,419	28434
Outreach welfare	0	710	710	975
Toys books videos etc	79	0	79	2242
Training				0
Travel	189	60	249	289
Volunteer expenses				125
Workshops, music group & crafts				0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,239</b>	<b>10,598</b>	<b>42,837</b>	<b>50549</b>

<b>Net receipts for the year</b>	<b>-11,094</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-11,075</b>	
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## INCOME-EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2024-2025

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Restricted	Unrestricted	<b>Totals</b>
Current Account	507	5,458	5,965
Business Reserve		20,366	20,366
Cash in hand		100	100
4 unrepresented items	-116	-368	-484
	<u>391</u>	<u>25,556</u>	<u>25,947</u>

#### **REPRESENTED BY:**

Balance b/fwd. 2023-2024	11,485	25,537	37,022
Net receipts for 2024-2025	-11,094	19	-11,075
	<u>391</u>	<u>25,556</u>	<u>25,947</u>

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Restricted	Unrestricted	<b>Totals</b>
Current Account	13,542	5,596	19,138
Business Reserve		20,083	20,083
Cash in hand		100	100
4 unrepresented items	-2,057	-242	-2,299
	<u>11,485</u>	<u>25,537</u>	<u>37,022</u>

#### **REPRESENTED BY:**

Balance b/fwd. 2022-2023	9,237	26,411	35,648
Net receipts for 2023-2024	2,248	-874	1,374
	<u>11,485</u>	<u>25,537</u>	<u>37,022</u>



We have:

- Obtained funding to continue offering our wide range of services: stay-and-play sessions, toy loaning, Outreach service
- Supported 69 children through our Outreach Service, working across the Royal Borough of Greenwich
- Provided 35 children with Christmas presents and 30 families with Christmas food vouchers through our Outreach Programme
- Provided 57 bags of essential clothing for children
- Continued our Child Safety Equipment Loan Scheme by lending families stairgates, cots, baby baths, highchairs, sterilizers, prams, baby bouncers and many more for 6-12 months at a time.
- Established and/or maintained strong links with organisations across the borough including HomeStart, the Midwife Team, Social workers, Family Engagement Support workers, Greenwich Children's Disability Team, Health Visitors, Best Beginnings, Quaggy Development Trust, Mama2Mama, and many more.
- Collaborated with MumsAid and the Bridge. The project was called Mighty Acorns Plus and our Outreach worker supported families with children (0-2 yrs old) with medical and other special needs.

## ACHIEVEMENTS (continued) 2024-2025

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- We relocated the Toy Library!!!!
- Updated our computers and printers
- Had the Reception and Play areas decorated at Charlton House
- Promoted awareness and membership of our service among target groups, including black and minority ethnic and low-income families, asylum seekers and families suffering domestic abuse.
- Held regular management committee meetings via Teams.
- Publicised the Toy Library to local groups and around the borough. Maintained our website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.
- Worked with and supported 12 volunteers throughout the year.
- Maintained the singing session on Tuesday & Friday mornings and the sensory session on Thursday mornings.
- Developed and ran a survey to evaluate our services.
- We received a number of grants:
  - £18,000 per year for 3 years from BBC Children in Need for our Outreach programme
  - £4,335 from Mighty Acorns
  - £1,500 from the Barratt Foundation







Our plans for 2025-2026 are:

- Widen the support we offer to our Outreach families
- Reach more families in the Borough that would benefit from our Outreach services
- Maintain and improve links with relevant organisations across the borough
- Continue to increase awareness and use of our services particularly amongst black and minority ethnic and disadvantaged families
- Continue to maintain our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages and our presence on relevant apps and website listings
- Increase the number of trustees on our Management Committee
- Hold regular committee meetings and AGM (online and/or in person)
- Continue to encourage good management committee representation
- Review regularly all Toy Library policies and procedures
- Secure more outside grants and funding to secure the long-term security of our services

### **The Management Committee**

John Stephens, Chair

Janine Khoshnevisan, Treasurer

Jo Rollings, Committee Member (until Easter 2025)

Kate Hall, Committee Member

Patricia Santome, Committee Member (until July 2024)

Cat Farnsworth, Committee Member

Trustees and Officers are elected and appointed at the AGM by nomination method or co-opted by the Management Committee at a monthly meeting.

### **Staff**

Sharon Jay, Outreach Worker

Vicky Thomas, Toy Library Co-ordinator

### **Volunteers & Fundraisers**

Sophie Durcan, Susan Wainwright, Julie Pepperrell, Julie Cullen, June Shand, Jen Stanley, Wendy Wen, Simi and Angelina Ghent, Emma Foord-Divers, Garry Jay, Jack Wheeler and all our Trustees

**And to everyone else who has helped on a more informal basis... thank you!**

As always there are a huge number of people and organisations to thank for their support.

Thank you to all our funders and supporters:

Peabody Housing Association  
Triangle Homes Charlton  
BBC Children in Need  
Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust  
Charlton House  
The Royal Borough of Greenwich  
Awards For All  
The Barrat Foundation  
The Leathersellers  
Fire Action Ltd  
HeadStart IT  
Atlas Business Group  
Woolwich and Plumstead Relief in Sickness Fund  
Mama2Mama  
Greenwich Midwifery Team  
Greenwich Social Workers  
Greenwich Supports Team  
Home-Start Greenwich  
London Property Licensing

Thanks also to our Independent Examiner, Ms Caroline Sharp (FCA, DChA)

Finally, our thanks (and apologies!) to anyone else who has helped us this year and who we may have momentarily forgotten to mention!



## Signature

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I declare, in my capacity as Chair of the Management Committee, that:

- the Management Committee has approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signature

Full name

Position

Date

# Charlton Toy Library

## Receipts and payments

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>						
<i>From donations</i>						
Donations	1,808	-	<b>1,808</b>	1,649	-	1,649
Gift Aid	503	-	<b>503</b>	148	-	148
Fundraising	1,576	-	<b>1,576</b>	1,292	-	1,292
Bank interest	283	-	<b>283</b>	293	-	293
<i>From charitable activities</i>						
BBC Children in Need	-	16,810	<b>16,810</b>	-	9,573	9,573
National Lottery CCLF	-	-	-	5,468	15,199	20,667
Awards for All	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Mighty Acorns Project	-	4,335	<b>4,335</b>	-	-	-
Leathersellers	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
Royal Greenwich Heritage Foundation	2,000	-	<b>2,000</b>	-	-	-
The Barrat Foundation	1,500	-	<b>1,500</b>	-	-	-
Greenwich Supports	-	-	-	-	570	570
Magic Little Grants	-	-	-	-	500	500
Membership fees	1,462	-	<b>1,462</b>	2,329	-	2,329
Music Group	91	-	<b>91</b>	-	-	-
Toy loan fees	966	-	<b>966</b>	1,208	-	1,208
Safety equipment loans	88	-	<b>88</b>	98	-	98
Session sales	340	-	<b>340</b>	1,096	-	1,096
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,617</b>	<b>21,145</b>	<b>31,762</b>	<b>13,581</b>	<b>38,342</b>	<b>51,923</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Advertising/promotional	-	158	<b>158</b>	380	547	927
Child safety equipment	-	652	<b>652</b>	-	1,195	1,195
Equipment	325	555	<b>880</b>	-	302	302
Fundraising costs	295	-	<b>295</b>	52	-	52
General running costs	3,058	3,847	<b>6,905</b>	3,244	11,168	14,412
Insurance	-	1,571	<b>1,571</b>	1,561	-	1,561
Management costs	35	-	<b>35</b>	35	-	35
Staffing costs	6,115	25,188	<b>31,303</b>	8,137	20,297	28,434
Outreach welfare	710	-	<b>710</b>	954	21	975
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	92	33	125
Toys, books, videos etc	-	79	<b>79</b>	-	2,242	2,242
Travel	60	189	<b>249</b>	-	289	289
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>10,598</b>	<b>32,239</b>	<b>42,837</b>	<b>14,455</b>	<b>36,094</b>	<b>50,549</b>
<b>Net receipts for the year</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>(11,094)</b>	<b>(11,075)</b>	<b>(874)</b>	<b>2,248</b>	<b>1,374</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Cash funds brought forward	25,537	11,485	<b>37,022</b>	26,411	9,237	35,648
<b>Cash funds carried forward</b>	<b>25,556</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>25,947</b>	<b>25,537</b>	<b>11,485</b>	<b>37,022</b>

**Charlton Toy Library****Statement of assets and liabilities****As at 31 March 2025**

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £
<b>Cash funds</b>						
Current account	5,090	391	<b>5,481</b>	5,354	11,485	<b>16,839</b>
Business reserve	20,366	-	<b>20,366</b>	20,083	-	<b>20,083</b>
Cash in hand	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>100</b></u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>100</b></u>
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u><u>25,556</u></u>	<u><u>391</u></u>	<u><u><b>25,947</b></u></u>	<u><u>25,537</u></u>	<u><u>11,485</u></u>	<u><u><b>37,022</b></u></u>
<b>Funds</b>						
Restricted funds						
Awards for All			-			<b>10,000</b>
BBC Children in Need			<b>391</b>			<b>968</b>
Leathersellers			-			<b>1,431</b>
Mighty Acorns			-			<b>(914)</b>
Unrestricted funds						
General funds			<u><u><b>25,556</b></u></u>			<u><u><b>26,411</b></u></u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u><u><b>25,947</b></u></u>			<u><u><b>37,896</b></u></u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on

August 2025 on their behalf by

**Mrs Janine Khoshnevisan** (Treasurer)

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**Independent examiner's report**

**To the trustees of**

**Charlton Toy Library**

**Charity number: 285099**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Charlton Toy Library (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 1 and 2.

**Responsibilities and basis of the report**

As the charity trustees of Charlton Toy Library 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination that give 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.

**Caroline Sharp**  
FCA, DChA

LONDON SE7 8PF

Date: **28 August 2025**