Frecheville Library and Learning Centre

Smalldale Road
Frecheville
Sheffield
S12 4YD
Tel: 01142037817
E-Mail: frechevillelibrary@gmail.com
Reg'd Charity No: 1158647

FLLC TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2026

Charity Name	Frecheville Library and Learning Centre
Registered Charity No.	1158647
Charity's Principle Address	83 Smalldale Road Frecheville Sheffield S12 4YD

Trustees

Miss Liz Katharyn Grant	Chair
Mr. Stephen Burgin	Treasurer
Miss Christine Williamson	Volunteer

Management of the Charity

The Charity has three appointed trustees and has been running the Library for over ten years.

The affairs of the Charity are managed by a team of seven volunteers from which members are appointed to the positions of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Library Manager, Fundraising Officer and Publicity Officer.

After six months into the year, two long serving members of the committee were unable to continue due to age and ill health. The committee thanked those members for their time and contribution to making the Library a success over the past 11 years. A committee of six will now manage the Charity, with five members being long standing.

The committee holds quarterly review meetings to review the business accounts, to manage any issues and discuss future plans or activities.

Volunteer Recruitment

The number of volunteers has remained fairly consistent throughout the year at 28. The volunteers have again performed brilliantly as a team to ensure the Library has been able to open 100% of its stated opening hours.

Advertising for volunteers is on the library website, on Facebook, on X, in the library and by word of mouth. This helps create a slow steady flow of new volunteers that have replaced the volunteers that have left.

Applications from the public to become a volunteer in Frecheville Library and Learning Centre are most welcome. Details for volunteering can be found on our Website, on Facebook or in the Library.

Activities & Objectives

The primary activities are

- Loaning Books etc
- Offering support and information
- Photo copy service
- Public access to Computers, printing and the internet
- Fundraising from the sales of donated books, jigsaws, plants, CD's and knitted items
- Organising events such as book sales, quiz nights, meet the author and entertainment to encourage greater connection with members of the public

Other activities are

- Yoga classes
- Knit and Natter group
- Mother and Toddler group
- Reading group
- Writing group
- Children's Lego group
- Craft and Chat group
- Games club

The financial support from the local council remains vital to our sustainability. Visitor numbers have increased slightly year on year and monthly income is relatively stable.

Achievements and Performance

Fundraising

We raised £5575 from our fundraising efforts i.e

£1067 from Fayres, events & raffles
£1169 from Interest on a Savings account
£992 from selling donated books, jigsaws, CD and Dvd's.
£606 from Knit and Natter
£456 from Yoga classes
£496 from public donations & gifts
£379 from Photocopying and printing
£288 from the Games club and Craft chat.
£122 from room hire and refreshment sales

The fundraising total was £467 higher than the previous year due to holding extra fayres at Christmas and Easter.

Community Garden

A small team of dedicated volunteers continue care for the community garden. From Spring to Autumn, the garden is a popular attraction for the younger members who visit the Library. The trampoline, hammock, turbo ball, Connect 4, play house, animal search and just running around for the fun of it are just a popular as ever and parents have the luxury of being in a safe secure space where they can also enjoy a complimentary cuppa and a biscuits.

The committee see the garden as the gateway to attracting young children to the library. To see them having a good time, enjoying the experience and hopefully wanting to visit time and time again. We encourage them to have fun, not to be quiet but to be respectful to others and to have a good time. We recognise that these children will eventually become the next generation of readers and library users and the future.

Grants

In addition to the Council maintenance grant to run the library, we applied for and received four extra Grants in the new financial year.

We received £100 from the Royal British Legion to fund the creation of a small 80th VE Day commemorative garden within our Community garden. The commemorative stoned walled garden has a funded willow tree and a plaque bearing the names of the fallen soldiers from the Frecheville area in WWII.

We received £272 from Sheffield City Council to improve our environmental footprint with the purchase of three 210litre water buts and a Swift nesting box.

We received £400 from the Labour Ward Pot fund to enable us to continue to provide free hot drinks and biscuits for visitors to the library and support our warm space scheme.

We received £500 from Sheffield City Council for the purchase of new books

Savings account Interest
One of our savings accounts matured and we received £1169 in interest.

The Library building
The Library was built in 1955 in the "Vic Hallam" design of construction which was very popular in the Sheffield area at the time. The building is predominantly a wooden structure with timber upright support beams being faced with hardwood timber cladding. Buildings of this design were deemed to have an expected lifespan of about 30 years. From the moment the volunteers took over the running of the Library in 2014 they have raised the issue of rot and decay at the bottom of the cladding with the Council.

In 2024 the Council began repairing the building but almost immediately the work was stopped due to worse support timber rot than expected.

In February 2025 a meeting was held between the Library Trustees, the Council Maintenance Manager, representatives from the Council Library services and our two local Labour councillors to discuss the library repairs. The options considered by the council were all very expensive. They were demolish the building and rebuild on the existing site or to demolish and install a prefabricated building on the site or to rehouse the library in another Council building. Each of these options would involve the library being closed for approximately 6 months. The Trustees considered these options to be unacceptable and simply wished for the library to be repaired and to remain open during the repairs.
A possible solution was to approach a number of Council approved subcontractors to invite them to put forward a costed repair proposal. Three subcontractors were invited to evaluate the building and quote to repair. All quotations were forwarded to the Council for consideration. One subcontractor quote appealed to the Trustees because they often do minor repairs in the Library on behalf of the Council and because their investigative work had been thorough and the price affordable. They had also confirmed that the work would be done with the minimum of disruption and it was unlikely that the Library would need to close.

In November 2025 the Trustees met again with the Council team of experts to discuss the quotes. The trustees hoped that the quote from the preferred subcontractor would be approved. Once again the views of the Council were in stark contrast to that of the Trustees. The preferred repair quotation did not meet the Council sets protocols and as such would not be approved without more detail. Further work was needed and the Council Maintenance manager would try to gain further clarification on what needs to be done or what other options can be explored. Another meeting would be arranged for mid 2026.

The Future
The committee remains optimistic about the future and will seek every opportunity to increase the range of activities in the library, to improve the internal fabric of the building, to seek funding to make further improvements and to be a Community hub

for the Frecheville area. Sadly the condition of the building structure is a major concern with its life expectancy estimated now to be only a few more years and so a resolution for repairing the building grows ever more vital. The clock is ticking down.

Financial Review

A full detailed account is supplied separately. A summary is given below

Receipts	
The total receipts were	£13098
The itemised receipts were	
SCC Grant Funding	£6251
SCC Book Grant 2026	£500
Labour Ward Pot Grant	£400
SCC Environment Grant	£272
SCC VE Grant	£100
Library Fundraising	£3910
Sales Donations and gifts	£496
Interest from Savings	£1169
Payments	
The total payments were	£7248
The itemised payments were	
Heating, Lighting & Water	£2715
SCC Book Grant 2020	£881
Sundries and Stationery	£640
Insurance	£607
System Rental & Refuse	£523
Council Tax	£389
Wi fi	£380
Repairs & Equipment	£236
SCC Environment Grant	£247
Labour Ward Pot Grant 2025	£180
SCC VE Day Grant	£100
Warm Space Grant	£89
Labour Ward Pot Grant 2026	£88
Garden materials	£73
Bank charges	£46
Events, Cleaning, H&S	£54
Closing Bank balance & cash	**£67100**

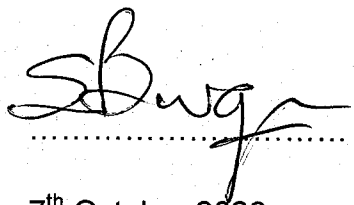
Year on year, receipts of £13098 were just £11 less than the previous year, expenditure was down to £7246, £2591 less than the previous year and hence the total balance grew by grew by £5850

Restricted funds at the year-end were £6710 which is just £367 higher than the previous year due to gaining one more grant.

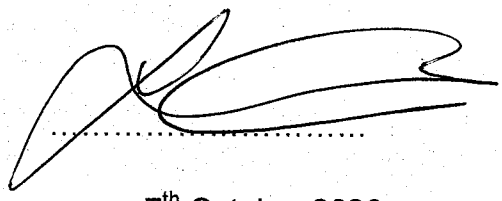
All monies retained are to cover any unexpected maintenance or necessary improvements to the building which is over 69 years old. At the year-end there were no outstanding debt and no funds were held by a custodian trustee.

S. Burgin

S. Burgin
Trustee & FLLC Treasurer
06.07.2026

Treasurer Signature 

& AGM Date 7th October 2026

Trustee Signature 

& AGM Date 7th October 2026

Frecheville Library and Learning Centre

Receipts and Payments account for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Savings	40000	
Opening Bank Balance	21181	
Opening cash	69	
		61250
Receipts		
SCC Grant Funding	6251	
Fayres, Events & Raffles	1067	
Book Sales	992	
Refreshment sales	22	
Knit & natter group	606	
Yoga	456	
Craft chat Group	128	
Games Club	160	
Sales, Donations & Gifts	496	
Photcopying	379	
Room Hire	100	
SCC VE Day Grant	100	
SCC Environment Grant	272	
Labour Ward Pot Grant 2026	400	
SCC Book Grant 2026	500	
Saving Account Interest	1169	
Total Receipts		13098
		74348
Payments		
SCC Council Tax	389	
Wi-fi	380	
Gas	1104	
Electric	1144	
Water	467	
Health & Safety / Cleaning	14	
Stationery & Craft mat'ls	384	
Sundries	256	
Events	40	
Insurance	607	
Repairs & Refurb's	32	
Equipment	204	
System Service Charge	229	
Refuse	294	
Gardening Mat'ls	73	
Bank Charges	46	
SCC IT Grant	0	
SCC Book Grant 2020	881	
SCC Warm Spaces Grant	89	
Labour Ward Pot 10yr Grant	180	
80th VE Day Grant	100	
SCC Book Grant 2024	0	
SCC Book Grant 2025	0	
SCC Environment Grant	247	
Labour Ward Pot Grant 2026	88	
Total Payments		7248
		67100
Closing Balances		
Saving accounts	41169	
Current Account	25869	
Cash in hand	62	
Total		67100

Restricted Funds Summary

Grant Title and Yr received	Original Grant £	Carried Forward	Spent	Carry to Next yr
2025-26 Grants				
SCC Library Grant Funding	6251	6251	5366	885
SCC VE Day Grant	100	100	100	0
SCC Environment Grant	272	272	247	25
Labour Ward Pot Grant 2025	400	400	88	312
SCC Book Grant 2026	500	500	0	500
2024-25 Grants				
SCC Library Grant Funding	6251	297	297	0
Labour Ward 10yr Grant	750	182	180	0
SCC Warm Spaces Grant	750	342	89	256
SCC Book Grant 2025	1000	1000	0	1000
2023-24 Grants				
SCC Book Grant 2024	1000	1000	0	1000
Grants from Previous years				
SCC Book Grant 2020	2000	1237	881	356
SCC IT Support 2021/22	2750	2376	0	2376
Restricted Funds Total	22024	13957	7248	6710

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Frecheville Library and Learning Centre	115867	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date: 1st April 2025	To	Period end date: 31st March 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
SCC Library Funding Grant 2025	-	6,251	-	6,251	6,251
SCC Book Grant 2026	-	500	-	500	1,000
Ward Pot Grant 2026	-	400	-	400	750
SCC Environment Grant		272		272	
VE Day Grant		100		100	
General Sales & Fundraising	4,406	-	-	4,406	4,158
Interest from Saving Account	1,169	-	-	1,169	950
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	5,575	7,523	-	13,098	13,109
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Opening balances	54,816	6,434	-	61,250	57,980
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,816	6,434	-	61,250	57,980
Total receipts	60,391	13,957	-	74,348	71,089
A3 Payments					
Council tax & Wifi		769	-	769	490
Heating, Lighting & Water		2,715	-	2,715	2,551
Equipment, Repairs & Garden Matl's		309	-	309	1,060
Insurance		607	-	607	1,191
Refuse, System and Bank Charges		569	-	569	553
Sundries, H&S and Cleaning Matl's		270	-	270	550
Stationery & Crafts		384	-	384	393
Event costs		40		40	
Labour Ward Pot Grant		268		268	568
Warm Spaces Grant 2024		89		89	408
SCC Book Grant 2020		881		881	763
Environment Grant		247		247	
VE Day Grant		100		100	
				-	
			-		
Sub total	-	7,248	-	7,248	8,527
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	7,248	-	7,248	8,527
Net of receipts/(payments)	60,390	6,710	-	67,100	61,250
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	60,390	6,710	-	67,100	61,250

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash in Hand & in Bank	60,390	6,710	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	60,390	6,710	-

account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
Savings Account	40,000	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
System Computer & 2 x Printer		1,250	
Network Computers x 2		400	
New Books		1,500	
Storage Cupboards x 5		2,000	
Bespoke Book Cases x 2		1,000	
Garden Equipment & Tools		400	
CCTV System		1,000	
Security Fencing		2,000	
Lego, Duplo, Games & toys		1,500	

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
S.Burgin	Stephen Burgin	05.10.2026