

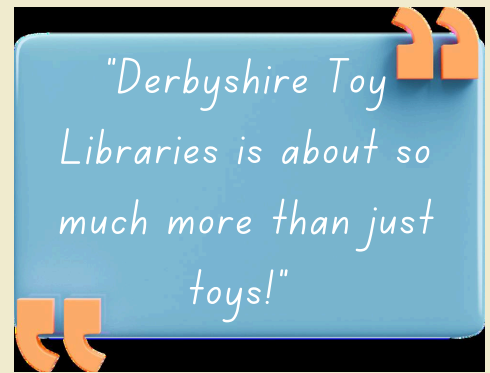


# Impact Report

## 2026



# About Us



- Ann-Marie McMillan -  
Founder & Manager

Derbyshire Toy Libraries (DTL) is a registered Charity established in May 2000. We abide by the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in setting our objectives and carrying out our work.

We carry out our work throughout Derbyshire and exist to:

- support children's education and development through the extension of play opportunities
- provide a place for parents and carers to meet
- offer support for parenting and parental involvement in play
- relieve financial hardship of families through the provision of affordable and subsidised play activities and resources
- reduce the number of toys in landfill, encouraging multiple re-use
- act as a hub within the local community
- provide opportunities for volunteering and learning new skills

We are run by a dedicated team of local people who oversee Toy Library operations.

The charity is governed by a board of six unpaid trustees who hold legal responsibility for the charity and adhere to our governing document and supporting policies.



## Derbyshire Toy Libraries

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# Play for every child. Support for every family

*"We care about providing children and their families with opportunities to learn through play, building communities and giving loved toys a new life".*

*- Ann-Marie McMillan -  
Founder & Manager*



# Welcome to our Impact Report

Welcome to our Impact Report, where we share the difference our work has made over the past year. This report highlights the activities, services and support we have provided to children and families in our community.

Through shared toys, welcoming spaces, and affordable access, we help children learn, explore and grow through play while supporting families and building stronger communities.

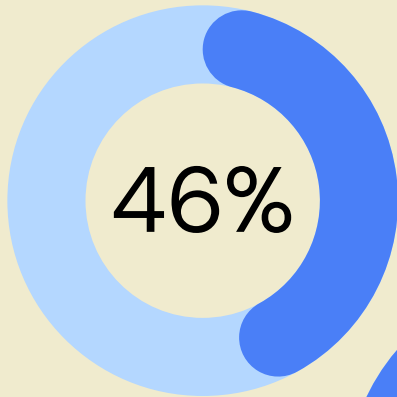
## Ann-Marie

Founder and Manager

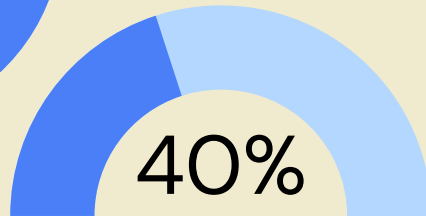


Ann-Marie at The Derby Cathedral Service for Volunteers. Pictured with The Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Elizabeth Fothergill CBE and Rachel Morris DL.

# About our members



of members in 2024/2025 had a recurring membership.

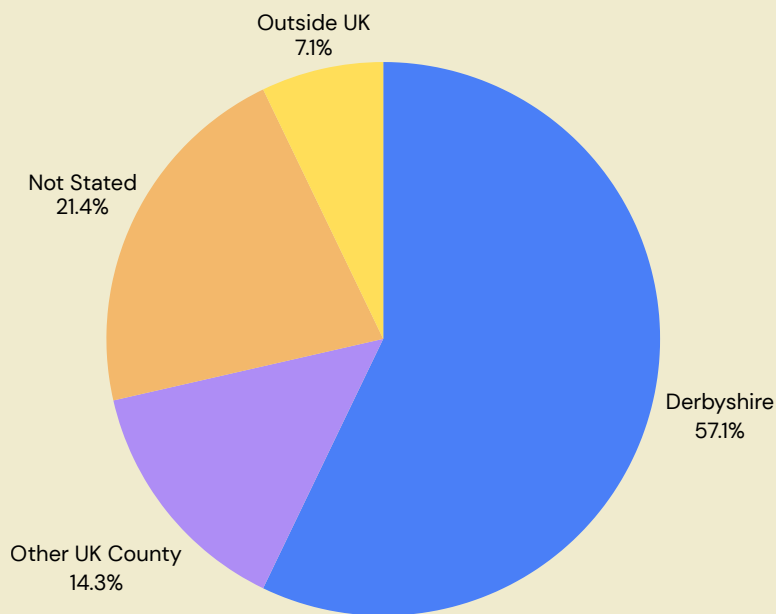


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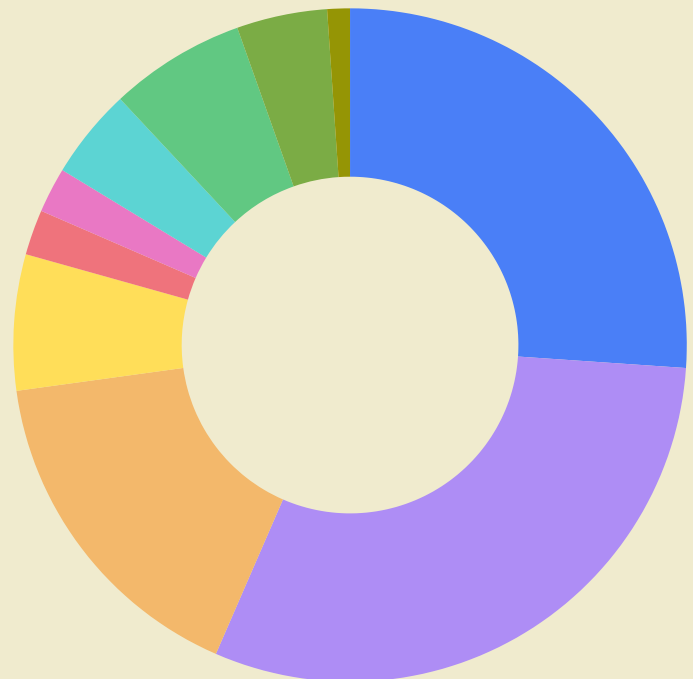
Recurring membership is discounted from £10 to £8 per annum when members sign up to 2 year minimum.

## Derbyshire Members by District

### Where our members live



- Amber Valley    ● Derby
- Derbyshire Dales    ● Chesterfield
- High Peak    ● Derbyshire
- North East Derbyshire    ● Erewash
- Bolsover    ● South Derbyshire



# Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play Coordinators, with the assistance of our volunteer team run a timetable of weekly, 90 minute stay and play sessions.

A rotated selection of clean, safe and high quality toys are available for the children to play with alongside other play based activities and song time. Parents and carers engage in play with the support of our Play Co-ordinators and volunteers.

Each week parents/carers are offered refreshments whilst children enjoy a snack.



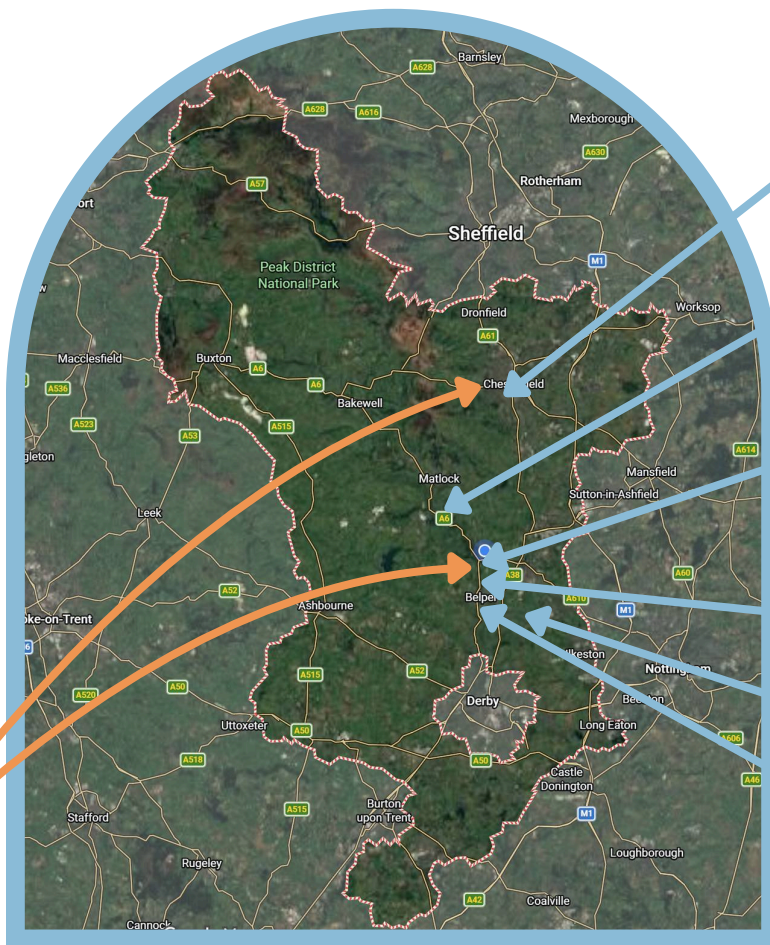
# 600

sessions held since Covid lockdown restrictions lifted in 2021.

# 6

venues in Derbyshire

In the 2025 members survey we asked where members would like future S&P sessions to be located. 30% said in Chesterfield 40% said in Amber Valley



**Grassmoor**

**Holloway**

**Crich**

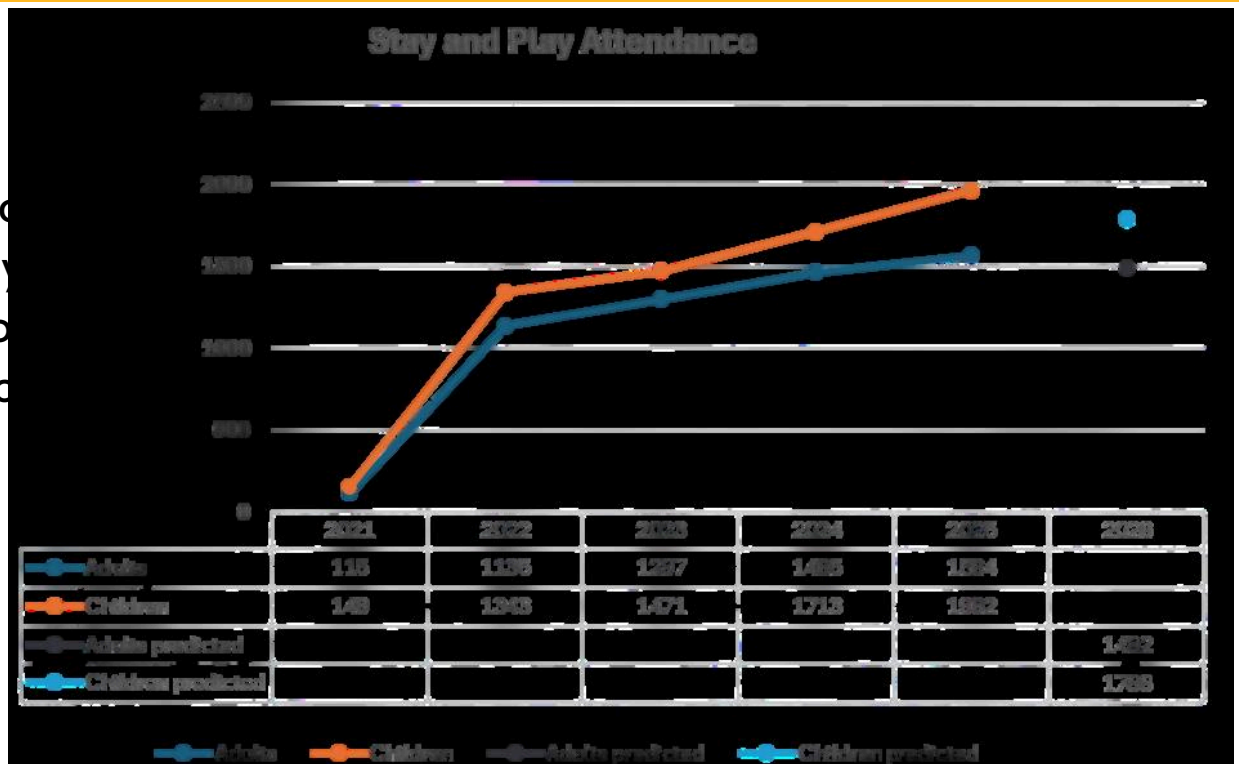
**Belper Community Hall**

**Kilburn**

**Belper Strutts**

# Stay and Play

Numbers attending our weekly stay and play sessions continue to increase.



MEMBERS WHO AGREE THAT DTL GIVES THEM NEW PLAY IDEAS

4.3/5

FACEBOOK REVIEWS

100%  
recommended

My little one has been coming for a couple of months now and really loves it. He really likes the train set and car's and the staff are lovely to, a great little play group.

Parent of Ollie (3 years) | Grassmoor

*"Nothing to be improved, it's perfect as it is!"*

**A members response from 2025 Members Survey**

# What our S&P attendees think.

*Coming to Stay & Play gives us the chance to get out, meet others & try some new toys. It adds structure to our week and we especially enjoy the drink & snacks. We've also made use of the Toy Library, which allowed us to try out different toys whilst keeping the house clutter-free!*

**Abbie & Robbie (13 months) | Feb 2026**

*The Stay & Play/Toy Library is such a wonderful programme and valuable resource. I have used it for both my children. I attended with Felicity when we first moved to the area and it gave me the chance to make "mum friends" and gave me a mood boost when I was overwhelmed and lonely. I now attend with Felicity and my second child Rowan so that Felicity can play with friends while I have a bit of quiet time with the baby.*

**Kate, Felicity (3 years) & Rowan (1 month) | Crich Stay & Play | Feb 2026**

*Loving bringing our grandson to the Crich Toy Library on Mondays. He has a huge choice of toys to engage with and loves the singing of his favourite songs at the end of the session.*  
**Anne | Crich Stay & Play | Feb 2026**

*The toy library has been such a lovely community-driven space for our family to come to. We enjoy seeing the village's children come together and play. Thank you for being so welcoming.*  
**Smallman Family | Feb 2026**

# What our S&P attendees think.

*The Toy Library is so important to us. We volunteered while we were going through the adoption process and found it so helpful. Ann Marie was so welcoming and supportive. Now we bring our daughter to weekly Stay & Play sessions. These are great for meeting other parents and for children to interact with each other. The Toy Library lending service is a great idea for saving money and space at home - our daughter can try new toys every week if she likes! Every town should have a toy library and every family could benefit from one like we have.*

**Sarah & daughter | Belper Stay & Play | Feb 2026**

*Quite simply we love it, the community feeling here is second to none. Both myself and my daughter walk through the door and feel like we've come home. The children are so free and relaxed and I love how children get to interact with different adults. It's just a lovely way to spend a Wednesday morning. The Toy Library has created something very special.*

**Molly & Bobbie-Rae | Belper Stay & Play | Feb 2026**

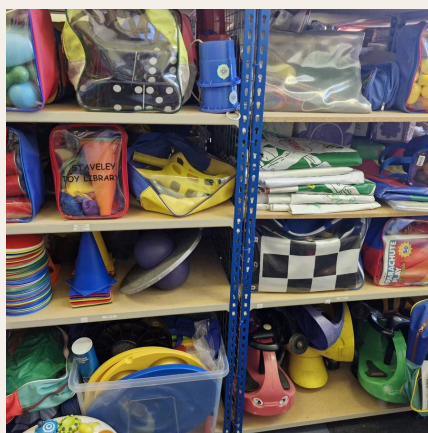
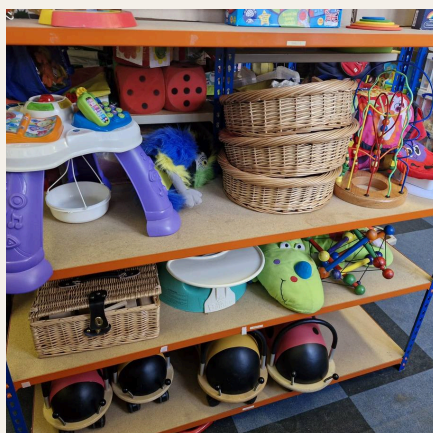
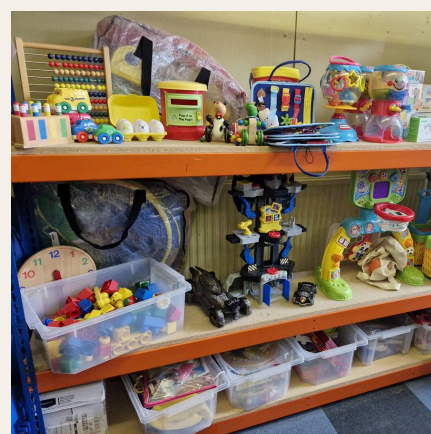
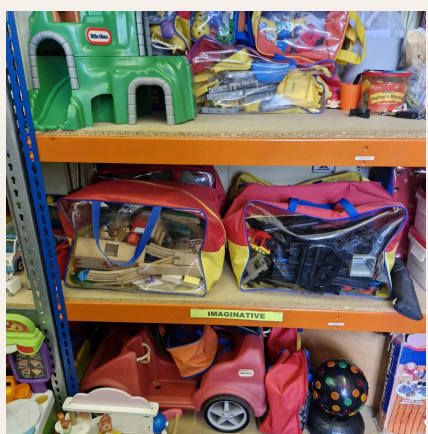
*Finding a group which takes toddlers and newborns is impossible, one of your children is always treated as a nuisance. The toy library offers fun for both my children and has allowed them to both have a fun, enjoyable time. This group has also allowed me to make friends with so many other dads and mums, which is a lifesaver as parenting can be quite isolating. My daughter has also made a best friend and watching them play make believe at the toy library is the sweetest thing. This group is vital for our family and we always look forward to our Wednesday there together.*

**Catrin & daughters | Belper Stay & Play | Feb 2026**



# Showcasing our Toy Store

Strutts Centre  
Belper



# Party Packages

Launched in 2025, our Party Packages provide families with an easy, affordable way to create fun and engaging celebrations for young children.

With three age-appropriate options each package includes a carefully selected range of toys and play resources designed specifically for the developmental stage of the children attending.

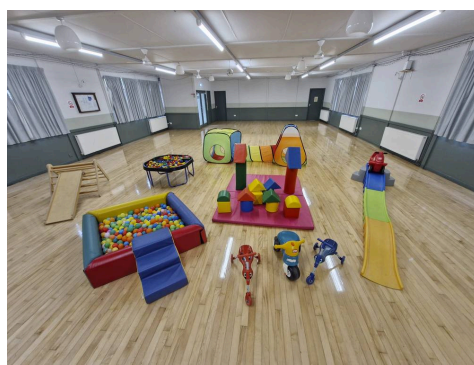
By hiring a package, families can offer a rich play experience without the cost of buying large quantities of toys that may only be used once. The packs also encourage shared, imaginative play and help create inclusive, low-stress party environments where children can explore, interact and enjoy meaningful play together.

Each pack is available to hire for £45. Enquiries and bookings are made online and the packs can be collected from our toy store at Strutt Centre, Belper.



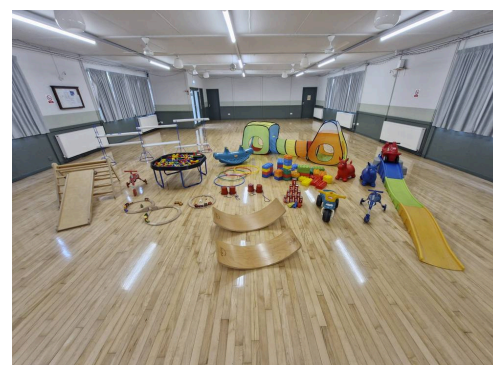
## PACK A

0 – 2 year olds



## PACK B

2 – 4 year olds



## PACK C

3 – 5 year olds

# Toy Hire 'Click and Collect'

## Hire stats



MOST HIRED ITEM THIS YEAR

# Rollercoaster

59 hires



1,240

TOYS HIRED



838

TOYS HIRED  
FOR

69

PARTIES

7

HIRES

OF

TABLEWARE KITS

# Virtual Toy Auctions

We hold Monthly Virtual Toy Auctions selling items that have either been retired from our play sessions or toys that have been donated to us.

The toys are sold at very reasonable prices making them affordable to all. Prices start from 50p.



The Toy Auctions are a critical income stream for us as monies raised are used to pay rent on our hired toy store at The Strutt Centre and to purchase new resources.

The resale of these toys gives them a new lease of life with a new generation of children saving the items from landfill.



Images are of items for sale in recent auctions

# Community Events

DTL attended a variety of events to provide play facilities, raise awareness and to sell items to raise funds.



**Kilburn Day**



**Pride in Belper**

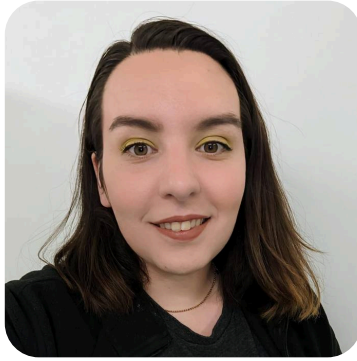


**Belper lights  
Switch on**

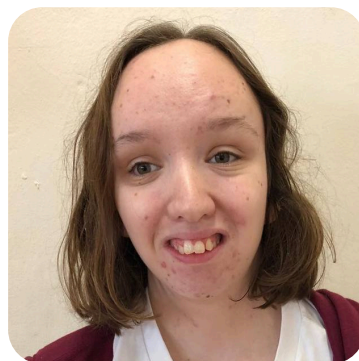
## Other events included:

- Transition Belper Eco Market
- Doormouse Children's Book Festival
- Belper Farmers Market
- Transition Crich Repair Cafe

# Our Volunteers make it possible



**Amy**  
Volunteer



**Olivia**  
Belper Volunteer



**Eva**  
Volunteer



**Jackie & Pam**  
Grassmoor Volunteers



**Clare & Georgina**  
Belper Volunteers



**Nicola and Jordanne**  
Kilburn Volunteers



**Sarah & Jamie**  
Events Volunteers



**Jessica**  
Belper Volunteer



**Elizabeth**  
Admin & Ops Volunteer



**Ornella**  
Belper Volunteer



**Kate**  
Admin Volunteer



**Ben**  
Volunteer

# Testimonials from our Volunteers

*I enjoy seeing the other volunteers, chatting to the parents/ carers and interacting with the children. I like doing craft activities with the children from time to time.*

**Jessica | Volunteer at Belper**

*Getting to know other volunteers and parents/grandparents and watching children's interactions.*

**Georgina | Volunteer at Belper**

*I think DTL stay & play is a friendly, fun and safe environment for both adults and their children to meet, socialise and learn together. I like being a part of that because having somewhere similar to go to when my children were young was very important and valuable to me.*

**Pam | Volunteer at Grassmoor**


*I have been volunteering at the Toy Library since it started up in Grassmoor.*

*I help with setting up the session with the toys and equipment and clearing away. Welcoming and chatting with the mums and children. Making teas, coffees and snacks. Clearing away.*

**Jackie | Volunteer at Grassmoor**

# A big Thank you!

To all of our team, volunteers, trustees, supporters, sponsors, funders and the families who use our services.



**In 2025/2026, Derbyshire Toy Libraries are grateful to have have had the support of:**

- **Coop Community Fund**
- **Crich Parish Council**
- **James Smedley Ltd**
- **Jonathan Maycock**
- **Lea, Dethick, Holloway Parish Council**
- **Martin Broadhurst Digital**
- **Tesco Alfreton**
- **Evolution Solution Services**

# How you can help?

## 1. Donate

Consider donating toys and resources to help us maintain and grow our 'Click and Collect' catalogue or to use in our Stay and Play sessions.

## 2. Promote us

Spread the word about Derbyshire Toy Libraries.

## 3. Volunteer

At a session, at an event, behind the scenes or consider becoming one of our Trustees.