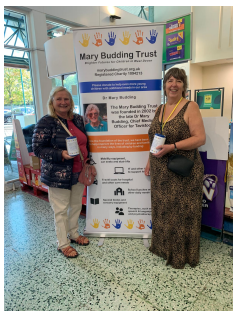
Mary Budding Trust
Chair's report 2024-5

The Mary Budding Trust has been proud to continue its mission to support children (and their families) with additional needs.
In many ways it has been a mixed year, with some wonderful highlights, but also some continuing challenges and frustrations.
Chris organised a 'bucket shake' at Morrisons, which was a great opportunity to talk about MBT and hear some lovely memories of Dr Budding herself.
We had another tree at the Christmas Tree Festival and putting the QR code next to the tree brought in some unexpected donations.
We had our first ever Quiz Night, kindly organised by Sandra and Liz and ably supported by Liz's husband Ian. It was a brilliant and most enjoyable event, both for raising funds and awareness of the MBT. More than 50 people attended.







Financially we had a much better year, receiving some extremely kind donations coming to a total of £3566.44, compared with £442.99 in the previous year. However, despite this our income is still falling short of what we are giving.
We are still attempting to move our banking into the 21st Century and get an online account, but this is proving extremely difficult, despite a lot of research.

Meetings
AGM and general meeting 24 April 2024 Upper Barn, Tavistock
General meeting 19 June 2024 Yelverton
General meeting 16 September 2024 Belstone
General meeting 27 November 2024 The Bedford, Tavistock
Quiz planning meeting 13 January 2025 Parish Centre, Tavistock
General meeting 17 March 2025 The Bedford, Tavistock

Events and Publicity
Morrisons collection September 2024
St. Eustachius' Church Christmas Tree Festival 2024
Quiz night January 2025

Financial Summary for 2024-5

Total income for the year amounted to £3566.44 (2024 - £442.99)

Total expenditure was £3831.81 (2024 - £4478.53)

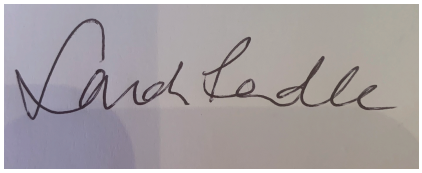
Profit for the year £-265.37 (2024 - £-4035.54)

Effective balance at bank £10542.00 (2024 - £10807.35)

(including liabilities)

Thank you

All Trustees continue to work with huge levels of dedication and care, despite their own very busy and active lives and are committed to our vision of “Brighter Futures for Children in West Devon.” Each Trustee brings with them a range of expertise and experience that is much valued and the work that is done simply could not happen without them.
Thank you to Sue for her work as Treasurer – a role which is not always easy and carries all our fiscal responsibility.
Sandra, who is careful and conscientious about making sure we all know what’s going on with Agendas and Minutes, thank you.
Chris – you have been a great support as Vice Chair and have also generated significant funds for the Trust.
Jo, thank you for your wisdom and experience in guiding us through some complex cases.
Liz has brought great energy and enthusiasm and we are very grateful for her expertise in IT, especially in terms of publicity, keeping the website up to date and generating flyers and leaflets.
I also have to record our very grateful to Simon Hill for his work on the website and platform. Thankfully, he will be continuing to help us out.
Sadly we are saying goodbye to Chris, who has been a valiant Trustee for many years. We will miss her common sense and all the fundraising she has done for the Trust - we will miss her.
With the current economic climate and continuing challenges for schools with SEND budgets and provision, we know that the Mary Budding Trust is meeting significant needs within our local community and for our local families. We are dedicated to the future work we can do.



Sarah Pendle
April 2025