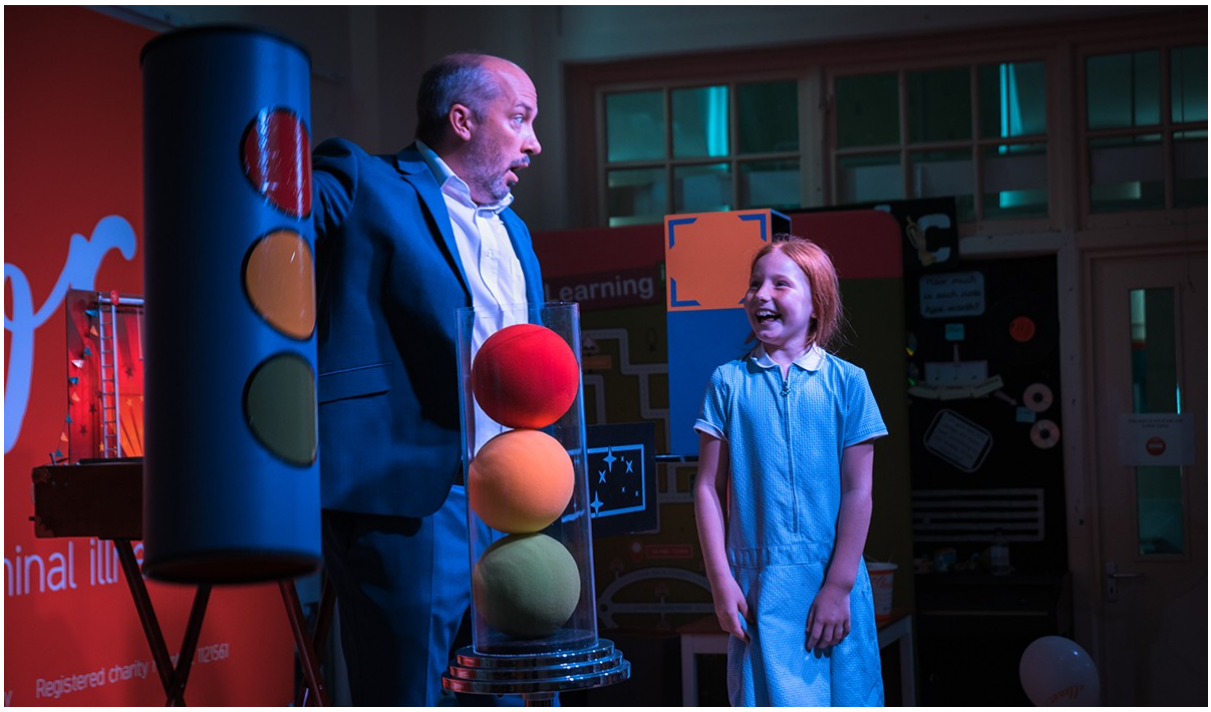


Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st December 2025



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Introduction

The Trustee's present their report and financial statement for the year ending 31st December 2025. This report is presented in accordance with the statement of recommended practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP), issued in March 2005.

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) registered number 1167521 was established on 7th June 2016, to use the creative arts to proclaim the Good News, equip Christians through training and provide them with resources to tell the Big Story of God.

The financial year for the charity runs from January to December and this is the fourth annual report covering the period between 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2025.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: The Big Story Trust

Registered Charity Number: 1167521

Registered Address: 80 Broadview Avenue
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Kent
ME8 9DE

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC
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PO BOX 1000
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Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office	Date Started	Date Ended
REV SUSAN VALLENTE-KERR	Chair	7.6.16	N/A
REV NATHAN WARD		14.9.21	N/A
CLIVE ARUNDELL		14.9.21	N/A
Rachel Shortland		13.11.22	N/A



Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a constitution and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The trustee's are fully committed to safeguarding and therefore have made 'The Big Story Trust' a member of CCPAS (The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) which is an independent Christian charity providing professional advice, support, training and resources in all areas of safeguarding children, vulnerable adults and for those affected by abuse.

The trustees have adopted a full set of policies and procedure which are all published on the charities website under the governance section. The policies include:

- Volunteer management policy
- Risk management policy
- Reserves policy
- Paying staff policy
- Investment policy
- Grant-making policy
- Expenses Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy Statement
- Conflict of interest policy
- Complaints handling policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Anti money-laundering terrorist financing and bribery policy
- Safeguarding Policy

- Volunteer Agreement

The trustees review all major risks facing the charity at each meeting of the trustee's and believe that there are no major risks facing the charity at this time. New Trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Commission's leaflet "The Essential Trustee – CC3''.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trustees have, in their view, met the public benefit requirement by holding a variety of events which are open to the general public and which seek, in accordance with their vision, to transform lives and thus enable people to live as responsible citizens in their community.



Objectives and Activities

The Big Story Trust is a Kent based charity aiming to uses the creative arts to proclaim the Good News, equip Christians through training and provide them with resources to tell the Big Story of God.

Its objective is to advance the Christian Faith by communicating the Good News through evangelism and the teaching and training of Christian disciples.

Vision
Our Vision is to transform lives by communicating the truth of Christianity.

Mission
To have an impact in every region of the UK, locally and nationally

- by presenting the truth of Christianity in a way that enables people to make an informed decision about Jesus Christ.
- by teaching and training Christians to do the same
- by developing resources to support the above

The Big Story Trust has done this through:

- Proclamation – communicating Christianity using the creative arts
- Training – equipping Christians to communicate Christianity and Disciple others
- Producing resources for evangelism and discipleship

Throughout 2025, trustees have continued to implement the Trust's operational plan, focusing on developing existing projects and building partnerships to extend the reach and impact of its work.

Key developments during the year included:

- **The Wacky Science Show:** The Trust partnered with The Family Trust, a Christian charity working with schools across Kent and Medway, to deliver a two-week tour of *The Wacky Science Show*. Performing two shows each day, the tour provided opportunities to engage children through an entertaining combination of science, creativity and Christian teaching.
- **Fragile Wonder:** Significant progress continued on *Fragile Wonder*, with the manuscript reaching the final editing stage in preparation for publication. Work also continued on developing the book into a one-man theatrical production, with writer and performer Jonny Donahoe commissioned to create the stage adaptation.
- **The ProKids Show:** The Trust continued to maintain *The ProKids Show* as part of its portfolio of creative educational programmes, designed to encourage positive values and character development among children.

The trustees remain committed to using creative storytelling, performance and education to communicate the Christian faith in accessible and engaging ways. Building on the partnerships and progress achieved during 2025, the Trust looks forward to further developing these projects in the coming year.

Financial Review

The charity had sufficient resources to deliver the objectives within the financial year without seeking external support.

Policy on reserves

Due to the small size of the charity and the fact that it does not own any assets or buildings and has no employed staff, the trustees have concluded that it does not need to hold any reserves however this policy will be continually be reviewed as and when the charity grows.

Deficits

The charity does not have any deficits at the time of reporting.

Statement of Accounts

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and annual accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

