Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1169750

STORIES FOR LIFE

TRUSTEES REPORT AND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ANDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Our trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with receipts and payments accounts for the charitable incorporated organisation (the charity) for the year ended 31st December 2025

The report and receipts and payments accounts have been prepared in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission

Legal and administrative information

Charity name	Stories for Life	
Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registration No.	1169750	
Registered Office	25 Combermartin Road London SW18 5PP	
Trustees	Barbara Altounyan	Chair
	John Greenwood	
	Yos Noor	
	Phil Loutsis	Resigned

Ayla Ronald

Debbie Usiskin

Connor Musoke-Jones

Grace Hinde

Charity Review – Annual Review

Stories for Life is a nationwide charity dedicated to preserving the voices and memories of people approaching the later chapters of their lives

Our trained audio biographers professionally record these precious life stories free of charge

During 2025 our services continued to be delivered across a wide range of healthcare settings including hospices care and nursing homes hospitals and other community venues

We are particularly proud to continue recording the life stories of the Chelsea Pensioners ensuring that their remarkable experiences are preserved for future generations

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Financial Stability

In 2021 Stories For Life received an exceptionally generous grant of £112,000 payable over three years from Pure Cremation. The trustees remain deeply grateful for this transformational support

Careful financial management and prudent use of these funds have enabled the charity to extend their impact well beyond the original funding period. As a result the charity continues to benefit from this investment whilst also being supported by a steady stream of donations from grateful storytellers families individual supporters and charitable trusts

Like many charities across the UK Stories For Life has experienced the effects of the continuing cost of living crisis with increased competition for grant funding and a general reduction in charitable giving. In response the Trustees have focused on strengthening the charity's long term financial resilience by developing a number of new and sustainable fundraising initiatives

Voices on Vinyl

One of the charity's most exciting developments has been the creation of Voices on Vinyl a unique legacy fundraising initiative which was conceived designed and piloted during 2025

Families are invited to commission a beautifully presented 12 inch red vinyl record featuring the voice of someone they love. Each bespoke album incorporates treasured family photographs and memorabilia to create a lasting keepsake that can be passed from one generation to the next

The trustees believe this initiative has significant tong–term fundraising potential whilst remaining entirely consistent with the charity's mission of preserving voices and memories for future generations. The official

public launch is planned for Christmas 2026

Private Biography Service

During 2025 the charity also continued to develop its private fee-paying biography service

A highlight of 2025 was a special celebrity event featuring renowned astrophysicist broadcaster and author Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock DBE. The event raised awareness of the charity's professional biography service and introduced Stories For Life to new audiences

Many private clients choose this service because it is personally recommended and delivered by experienced professional Audio Biographers. Equally important they value the work of our charity knowing that every commission helps subsidise the charity's free recording service for people receiving end of life care or living with serious illness

Supporting People Living With Early Dementia

During the year the Trustees observed a significant increase in the number of storytellers living with early-stage dementia across many of the healthcare settings in which the charity operates

Supporting People Living With Early Dementia (continued)

Recognising the importance of preserving memories whilst they can still be recalled the charity has developed a specialised recording approach designed specifically for people in the earlier stages of dementia.

This work enables individuals to capture treasured memories personal stories and family history during a crucial period when these recollections remain accessible

The resulting recordings provide an invaluable legacy for children and future generations whilst also

giving storytellers the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate their lives with dignity

Reserves Policy

As required by the Charities Commission, the trustees have considered the need to ensure sufficient reserves are in place to safeguard the charity's ongoing operations . It is the aim of the charity's trustees to hold unrestricted funds at a level sufficient to cover six months operating costs once sufficient incoming resources have been achieved

Investment Policy

The trustees are aware that the charity aims to retain a prudent amount of reserves and will seek to optimise a safe return on any available funds in the low return investment market that presently exists

Going Concern

The trustees continue to limit expenditure to the level of incoming resources to ensure the charity is able to continue in operation

Structure government and management

Governing document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the Charity) operates under its own constitution and is registered with the Charities Commission in England. The Charity was registered on 18th October 2018

Members of the Board of Trustees

The members of the board of trustees who served during the period and upto the date of this report are set out on page 1

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity's policy is to invite suitable qualified professionals to become trustees to the charity. Trustees are initially appointed for a term of 2 to 4 years. The trustees are encouraged to ensure they understand their responsibilities for governance and also the sector in which the charity operates

Organisational structure and decision making

Decisions are taken by the trustee board as a whole. Trustees meet at least quarterly

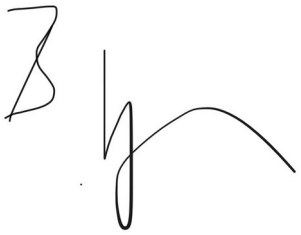
The trustees are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the charity including new and existing projects

Procedures and written policies are in progress to ensure compliance with the safeguarding of vulnerable beneficiaries and the General Data Protection Regulation

Remuneration of the management personnel of the charity comprise of the board of trustees. No salaries were paid to the key management personnel in relation to the financial year ended 31st December 2025 The founder who is also a trustee is due accrued fees for services supplied in 2017 to set up the charity under the provisions of the governing document which are detailed in note 2 to the accounts. No further payments were made against the outstanding balance during 2025

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee Report above

Approved by the Board of Trustees for issue on 23 September 2026 and agreed on its behalf by



Barbara Altounyan

Chair of Board of Trustees

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Total Receipts	1	13,267		13,267	42,843
Operating expenditure					
Story Liaison and pilot preparation		25,964		25,964	23,960
Training Costs		500		500	250
Fundraising and administration		14,742		14,742	13,967
		41,206		41,206	38,177
Net Income (Expenditure)		(27,939)		(27,939)	4,666
Cash Funds at 1st January 2025			64,345		64,345
58,690					
		34,407		34,407	63,356

The notes on Page 7 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 3025	Total 2024
		£	£		£
£					
Cash Funds					
Barclays Current Account		423		423	336
Barclays Deposit Account		34,572		34,572	64,009
		34,995	-	34,995	64,345
Liiabilities					
Creditors		-		-	2,029
Accrued Expenses					
Hospice liaison and charity set up fees		13,200		13,200	13,200
Expenses in respect of the foregoing		879		879	879
		14,079		14,079	16,108
Charity Reserves at 31st December 2025		20,916	-	20,916	48,237

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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Transactions with related parties and Trustees

The Charity has accrued fees of £13,200 at 31st December 2025 (2024 £13,200) relating to an agreed payment for services supplied at a substantial discount by the Founder, Barbara Altounyan for work undertaken in setting up the Hospice Network and volunteer training programmes. The liability remains outstanding at the date of signing the accounts . Unpaid operational expenses incurred during the initial set up phase by the Founder amounting to £ 879 are an accrued liability as at 31st December 2025 (2024 £879)

No guarantees have been given by the Charity and there are no secured liabilities at 31st December 2025

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

STORIES FOR LIFE

The financial statements of Stories for Life for the year ended 31st December 2025 comprising the Receipts and Payments account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes set out on pages 1 – 7. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (FRSSE) effective April 2016 under historical and cost convention

Opinion

(i) The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025 comprising the Receipts and Payments Account Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the related notes on page 1 to 7 are in agreement with the books of account kept by the charity

i(i On the basis of the information received in those books of account the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities the related notes on pages 1 to 7 for the year ended 31st December 2025 comply with the requirements

(iii) The financial criteria allowing the production of accountants report instead of a full audit has been met

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