Stories with Symbols

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2025

28th October 2026

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Administrative details

Registered charity name:	Stories with Symbols
Registered charity number:	1193393 (England & Wales)
Principal address:	14 Hartwell Road, Ashton, Northampton, NN7 2JR, UK
Trustees:	Alex Rowe; Katie Kennedy; Samantha Rowe

Structure, governance and management

Stories with Symbols is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The charity trustees manage the affairs of the CIO and operate according to the Governing Document adopted on 3rd February 2021.

Objectives and activities

The objective of Stories with Symbols is to advance the education of individuals, in particular (but not exclusively), children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN), through the provision of specialist videos, created by the charity.

The videos are free-to-access and are designed from the outset for children with additional needs, to stimulate their interest in books and shared reading, while supporting the development of core communication, language and literacy skills.

Achievements and impact

- As planned, no new videos were produced during 2025. This was due to anticipated personal and professional demands on trustees Katie and Alex – who both have full time jobs and young families. Happily, the videos already produced remain available, free to access, and their impact continues regardless of the absence of new activity.
- Meanwhile, The Stories with Symbols YouTube channel grew by over 125,000 views to around 350,000 during 2025. The average daily number of views increased from around 270 in 2024 to around 340 in 2025. The number of subscribers grew by 300 to over 1,300.
- No new videos are planned for 2026, but it is expected that opportunities to make new resources will materialise again from 2027.

Financial review

1. Position at the end of the period

(1) Total income for 2025 was £250 and total expenditure was £0 representing an in-year surplus of £250.

2. Reserves

(1) Stories with Symbols has no employees or ongoing financial commitments. Reserves of £200 are deemed sufficient to meet the charity's needs.

3. Income and expenditure account for year ended 31.12.2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Income:		**(£)**	**(£)**
Loans	1	-	-
Donations		250	19
Sale of assets		-	-
Grants		-	-
Total Income		**250**	**19**
Capital Expenditure:			
Equipment		-	-
Props		-	-
Total Capital Expenditure		**-**	**-**
Non-Capital Expenditure:			
Software		-	137
Consumables		-	-
Presenter fees		-	-
Insurance		-	96
Marketing		-	-
Professional fees		-	-
Expenses		-	-
Total Non-Capital Expenditure		**-**	**233**
Total Expenditure		**-**	**233**
Surplus/(deficit)		**250**	**(214)**
Brought forward		**484**	**698**
Balance C/Fwd		**734**	**484**

Notes

1. Trustee's loan from A. Rowe

4. Balance sheet as at 31.12.2025

	Notes	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	**294**	**942**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Balance in current account		**734**	**484**
LIABILITIES			
Loans		**(2000)**	**(2,000)**
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**(972)**	**(574)**

Notes

1 25% per year amortisation of the following items:

Asset	Date purchased	Purchase Price (£)	Value 2025 (£)
RØDE Wireless Pro microphones	19/11/2023	394.99	98.75
Aputure Amaran 200X S lighting	18/04/2023	372.00	93.00
Smallrig RA-D85 lighting softbox	17/04/2023	114.66	28.67
Pixapro C-stand	07/04/2023	139.98	35.00
Neewer X12 Teleprompter	27/02/2023	157.59	39.40
TOTAL:			**294.82**