JOVIE'S JOURNEY
(Charity No. 1196295)

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Jovie's Journey was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 27th October 2021.

The current trustees of the Charity are:

- Deborah Manning
- Chris Manning
- Simon Goddard
- Charles Goddard

Objective and Activities

The objects of the CIO are:

- For the public benefit, to relieve the needs of those who have received an 'incompatible with life' diagnosis during pregnancy, and those who choose to continue with the pregnancy after such a diagnosis, by the provision of emotional support.

Chair's Report

2025 has been a year of continued growth and development for Jovie's Journey. While we remain a small charity, we have seen encouraging progress in supporting families, raising awareness of our work, and developing new fundraising opportunities. Throughout the year, we have remained committed to honouring Jovie's legacy by walking alongside families facing some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable.

Jovie's Journey exists to:

- Support families facing the diagnosis of a life-limiting condition for their baby.
- Provide emotional care through regular contact, listening, and encouragement.
- Offer practical and financial support where possible.
- Raise awareness among medical professionals and the wider public about the experiences of families receiving these diagnoses.

Achievements and Performance

Supporting Families

Supporting families remains at the heart of everything we do. During 2025, we supported a new family from the point of diagnosis during pregnancy through to the birth and subsequent loss of their baby. Support was provided through regular messages, voice notes, telephone calls and ongoing emotional encouragement. We were able to help the family navigate complex conversations with medical professionals, consider the options available to them, and make arrangements that ensured they were able to spend meaningful time with their son following his birth. This support has continued beyond their bereavement. The family expressed deep appreciation for the care received, with one mother commenting: *"Thank you for everything you did, all the support, the texts – you are an amazing person."*

Alongside this intensive support, we have continued to maintain regular contact with many of the families we have supported in previous years. Through anniversary cards, birthday cards, messages and ongoing conversations, we seek to ensure that bereaved families know their children continue to be remembered, while families caring for children with complex needs know they have somewhere to turn when life becomes challenging.

One ongoing challenge is reaching families at the earliest stages following diagnosis. This remains a key objective for the charity, as we believe early support can make a significant difference. We continue to engage with online support groups and are exploring ways of improving connections with hospital departments so that families can be made aware of Jovie's Journey sooner.

During the year, we were also able to contribute feedback to another charity's development of a "Privacy Pram" designed to transport babies who have died within hospital settings. Drawing on the experiences of bereaved families, we provided suggestions that we hope will improve the design and better meet the needs of parents during these difficult moments.

Raising Awareness

Throughout 2025 we have continued to raise awareness through our website and social media channels. A particular focus has been our "Saturday Spotlight" series, sharing real-life family stories that offer hope, encouragement and practical insight for families who may be searching for information after receiving a difficult prenatal diagnosis. These stories continue to form an important part of our outreach and support strategy.

Work has also begun on the development of new printed resources, including leaflets and promotional materials aimed at helping hospitals and foetal medicine units become more aware of the support available through Jovie's Journey.

While social media engagement remains a challenge, the trustees continue to explore ways of extending our reach and ensuring that more families and professionals are aware of the charity's work.

Fundraising and Donations

2025 saw the launch of the first annual Football Factory Cup, organised in partnership with Herrco Cosmetics and Birds Eye. The event brought together families, supporters and local businesses for a day of football, food and community. Alongside the football tournament, fundraising activities included a barbecue and raffle. The event was well supported and raised valuable funds for the charity. The trustees hope this will become an annual event and a significant part of the charity's future fundraising programme.

Additional fundraising income was generated through a street sale and car boot sale organised by Charles Goddard, together with a number of smaller donations received throughout the year. The trustees remain extremely grateful to everyone who has supported the charity through fundraising activities, sponsorship and personal donations.

Operations and Administration

The trustees have continued to strengthen the charity's administration and record-keeping processes during the year. Work has been undertaken to improve financial systems, including the management of online payments and PayPal transactions. Trustees have also begun developing improved systems for recording support provided to families and maintaining regular contact through anniversary and birthday reminders.

Website development has continued throughout the year, with additional family stories being published and plans progressing for an online shop and further resources to support families and professionals.

Finances

The charity remains financially stable and continues to operate with careful stewardship of its resources. Income generated through donations and fundraising activities has enabled the charity to continue supporting families while also investing in resources that will help expand awareness and improve future outreach.

The trustees remain committed to ensuring that all funds are used in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Looking Forward

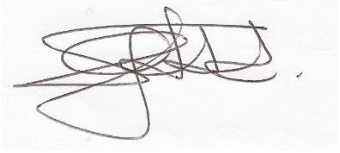
In 2026, our priorities will include:

- Continuing to improve our connections with hospitals and foetal medicine units so that families can access support earlier following diagnosis.
- Completing and distributing new promotional materials and leaflets.
- Expanding the collection and sharing of family stories through the website and social media channels.
- Building on the success of the Football Factory Cup and other fundraising activities.
- Strengthening systems for maintaining contact with supported families.
- Continuing to explore opportunities to raise awareness among healthcare professionals and the wider public.

Conclusion

2025 has been a year of meaningful support, growing awareness and encouraging fundraising developments. The stories we hear from families continue to remind us why this work matters. Whether through a conversation during pregnancy, support after bereavement, practical assistance, or simply remembering a child on a special date, Jovie's Journey exists to ensure that families know they do not walk this path alone.

As trustees, we remain committed to carrying forward Jovie's legacy with compassion, hope and practical support for every family we are privileged to serve.



Simon Goddard, Chair of Trustees

Financial review

The financial report presented here cover the financial year ending 31 December 2025. The accounts that follow and have been independently examined.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	JANUARY – DECEMBER 2024	JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025
INCOME		
Fundraisers	432.00	3374.19
Collections	52.50	-----
Donations	233.57	-----
Other	69.85	-----
TOTAL INCOME	787.92	3374.19
EXPENDITURE		
Postage	.75	-----
Donations Out	400.00	-----
Other	1170.45	808.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1571.20	808.42
Surplus/Deficit	-783.28	2565.77
Balance Brought Forward	--------	3918.65
Fund Balances Carried Forward	3596.42	6484.42
BALANCE AS OF	31ST DECEMBER 2024	31ST DECEMBER 2025
Petty Cash	49.70	------
Pay Pal Account	-------	148.60
Co-operative Bank Account	3918.65	6484.42
TOTAL	3968.35	6633.02

These accounts are signed by the Treasurer:

Charles Goddard (Treasurer) Date: 28th April 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEEES OF JOVIE'S JOURNEY (Charity No. 1196295)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2025.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts caried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section (145)(b) of the Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael Nottingham

03-05-2026.

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