Charity registration number: 1201585

THE NEVER ALONE PROJECT
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Elwin Associates Limited

The Never Alone Project
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The Never Alone Project
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

Trustees	D Cook - Trustee (appointed 17/09/2025) S Edwards - Trustee I Sinfield - Chair N Cook - Trustee (appointed 17/09/2025)
Charity Number	1201585
Principal Address	6 Amen Place Little Addlington Kettering Northamptonshire NN14 4AU
Independent Examiner	Elwin Associates Limited Elwin Associates Limited 20 Wenlock Road London N1 7GU

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

Introduction
2025 was another important year for The Never Alone Project, as we continued to develop our services and respond to the growing need for bereavement support across Northamptonshire.

Demand for our services once again far exceeded expectations, highlighting the significant need for accessible, compassionate and specialist support for those experiencing grief and loss, especially children and young people.

Throughout the year, our commitment remained unchanged: ensuring that no one has to face grief alone.

Objectives and Activities
Our Vision
The Never Alone Project positively impacts the todays and tomorrows of grieving children. We extend our support to their families and carers.

Our Mission
We stand together as a community to reduce isolation and create a safe space to deal with grief. We provide tools to help build resilience, improve mental wellbeing and give families the comfort of knowing they are never alone.

Our Objectives
The charity exists for the public benefit to relieve the needs of people affected by grief and bereavement, with a particular focus on children, young people and their families and carers.

We achieve this through:
• Providing grief recovery programmes, peer support, support groups and individual bereavement support.
• Providing education and training to improve understanding of grief and help individuals and organisations respond appropriately to bereavement.
• Supporting and signposting individuals to other appropriate organisations and services where required.

Our activities include children's, teenage and adult grief support groups, individual sessions, online and in-person programmes, Grief Recovery Method support, Helping Children with Loss training and Edu-Therapy.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, in accordance with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.
The Never Alone Project provides public benefit by relieving the needs of individuals affected by grief and bereavement, particularly children, young people and their families and carers.

This is achieved through grief recovery programmes, individual support, peer support, group activities, education, training and signposting to other appropriate services.

Our activities aim to reduce isolation, improve emotional wellbeing, build resilience and encourage greater understanding of grief within our communities.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

Meeting Growing Demand
Throughout 2025, demand for our services continued to grow significantly, with 558 referrals received, compared with 432 in 2024, representing an increase of 29%.

This continues a sustained pattern of growth, from 151 referrals in 2022 to 558 in 2025, an increase of almost 270% over three years.
Importantly, the impact and support provided through each referral extends well beyond the individual referred. Our holistic approach involves supporting parents, siblings, carers and teachers, with an estimated four people benefiting from each referral. On this basis, our 2025 referrals potentially represented support reaching approximately 2,200 individuals.

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Main Achievements - continued

This does not include the additional reach of our community events, education and training activities, general enquiries and wider awareness work.
This continued increase reinforces the importance of our work and the growing need for accessible, specialist bereavement support within our communities.
Despite the challenges faced by a growing charity, The Never Alone Project remained committed to delivering expert, compassionate services and helping bereaved individuals and families access appropriate support.

Supporting Children, Young People and Families
Children and young people remained at the heart of our work.

Through individual support and group programmes, we continued to provide safe and understanding environments in which young people could explore their grief, express their emotions and develop the tools to help them navigate life following bereavement.

We recognise that grief can affect children's emotional wellbeing, confidence, relationships and engagement with education.

Our approach focuses on helping children and young people feel heard, understood and supported, while also providing guidance and reassurance to their families and carers. We believe that supporting children and young people can positively influence their futures.

Supporting Bereaved Adults
Alongside our work with children and young people, we continued to support bereaved adults through individual sessions and group programmes.

These activities aim to reduce isolation, encourage connection and provide opportunities for individuals to process their experiences in a supportive environment, contributing to improved mental wellbeing.

Education and Community Engagement
Education and awareness remain important elements of our work.

Through our engagement with schools, organisations and the wider community, we aim to improve understanding of grief and encourage more confident, compassionate responses to bereavement.

We believe that by building greater awareness and understanding, we can help create communities in which those experiencing loss feel better supported.

Supporters and Partnerships
The continued development of The Never Alone Project would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of our volunteers, donors, funders, supporters and community partners.

Their contributions have been invaluable in helping us sustain our services and respond to growing demand.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported our work throughout 2025.

Financial Review

Financial Position

For the year ended 31 December 2025, The Never Alone Project received total income of £80,923, against expenditure of £86,075, resulting in an annual deficit of £5,152.

As a charity providing specialist bereavement support, a significant proportion of our expenditure relates to staffing and the skilled practitioners who deliver our services. Investing in experienced, appropriately trained staff enables us to provide safe, consistent, high-quality support to children, young people and families, while responding to the increasing demand for our services.

The trustees acknowledge the importance of maintaining a sustainable financial position. Plans have been put in place to strengthen the charity's financial resilience through diversified income generation and the development of unrestricted reserves.

The trustees remain committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of The Never Alone Project and its ability to continue meeting the growing demand for bereavement support.

Reserves Policy

The trustees recognise the importance of building unrestricted reserves to provide financial stability and support the continued delivery of the charity's services.
At the year end, unrestricted funds were in deficit. Strengthening unrestricted income and rebuilding reserves will remain an important priority for the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Never Alone Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales under charity number 1201585.

The charity is governed by its constitution and overseen by its Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and financial oversight of the organisation.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's constitution and work to ensure that the charity operates effectively and in pursuit of its charitable objectives.

Other Information

Additional Note

As we look to the future, our priority remains ensuring that The Never Alone Project can continue to meet the exceptional and growing need for our services.
We will focus on strengthening our existing services, developing new partnerships and building a more sustainable and diverse funding base.

We also aim to continue improving access to support, strengthening community engagement and developing opportunities to help individuals, schools and organisations respond more effectively to grief and bereavement.

Our longer-term vision is to contribute towards communities in which grief is better understood, support is more accessible and no one feels they must face bereavement alone.

2025 reinforced just how important the work of The Never Alone Project has become.

The demand for our services demonstrates the significant need for bereavement support and strengthens our determination to continue making a meaningful difference.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who has contributed to our work and helped us reach those who need us.
Together, we are building a community where no one has to grieve alone.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

I Sinfield

Trustee
31/10/2026

The Never Alone Project
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Never Alone Project
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Never Alone Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 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 carried 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(5)(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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Elwin Associates Limited

31/10/2026
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The Never Alone Project
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
		£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	**3**	46,972	25,561	72,533
Charitable activities:				
Providing services		8,390	-	8,390
		55,362	25,561	80,923
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	**5**	(4,232)	-	(4,232)
Charitable activities:	**5**			
Providing services		(56,282)	(25,561)	(81,843)
		(60,514)	(25,561)	(86,075)
NET EXPENDITURE		(5,152)	-	(5,152)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(5,152)	-	(5,152)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		(6,534)	-	(6,534)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(11,686)	-	(11,686)

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

The Never Alone Project
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	**9**	2,073	-	2,073
		2,073	-	2,073
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	**10**	225	-	225
Cash at bank and in hand		9,323	-	9,323
		9,548	-	9,548
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	**11**	(14,180)	-	(14,180)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		(4,632)	-	(4,632)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(2,559)	-	(2,559)
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year	**12**	(9,127)	-	(9,127)
NET LIABILITIES		(11,686)	-	(11,686)
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY				
Unrestricted Funds				(11,686)
TOTAL FUNDS				(11,686)

On behalf of the board

I Sinfield

Trustee
31/10/2026

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1. General Information

The Never Alone Project is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1201585. The principal address is 6 Amen Place, Little Addlington, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN14 4AU.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount
of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies
Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a
donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income
is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the
control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable
Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where
performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the
balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

2.3. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures & Fittings	20% Reducing Balance

2.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	15,161	25,561	40,722
Grants	31,811	-	31,811
	46,972	25,561	72,533

4. **Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025
	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	497

5. **Analysis of Expenditure**

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 6)	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	-	4,232	4,232
Providing services	4,459	77,384	81,843
	4,459	81,616	86,075

6. **Support Costs**

	Raising funds	Providing services	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Employee costs	-	65,914	65,914
Premises expenses	-	2,069	2,069
General administration	4,232	8,904	13,136
Depreciation	-	497	497
	4,232	77,384	81,616

7. **Staff Costs**

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025
	£
Wages and salaries	53,974
Other pension costs	1,619
	55,593

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

8. **Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 2

9. **Tangible Assets**

	Fixtures & Fittings
	£
Cost	
As at 1 January 2025	3,684
Additions	114
As at 31 December 2025	3,798
Depreciation	
As at 1 January 2025	1,228
Provided during the period	497
As at 31 December 2025	1,725
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2025	2,073
As at 1 January 2025	2,456

10. **Debtors**

	2025
	£
Due within one year	
Trade debtors	225

11. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	2025
	£
Other creditors	3,544
Taxation and social security	9,916
Accruals and deferred income	720
	14,180

12. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year**

	2025
	£
Other creditors	9,127

13. **Pension Commitments**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,619.

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

14. **Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

15. **Related Party Disclosures**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

The Never Alone Project
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	
Donations and legacies	
Donations and gifts	40,722
Grants	31,811
	72,533
Charitable Activities:	
Providing services	
Income from charitable activities	8,390
	8,390
	80,923
EXPENDITURE ON:	
Raising funds	
Printing, postage and stationery	(410)
Advertising and marketing costs	(2,101)
Accountancy fees	(1,706)
Bank charges	(15)
	(4,232)
Charitable Activities:	
Providing services	
Travel and subsistence expenses	(359)
Other direct costs	(4,100)
Wages and salaries	(53,974)
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	(1,619)
Staff training	(3,295)
Travel and subsistence expenses	(7,026)
Rent	(2,069)
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	(1,299)
Insurance	(1,263)
Telecommunications and data costs	(310)
Consultancy fees	(4,300)
Subscriptions	(799)
Sundry expenses	(933)
Depreciation	(497)
	(81,843)
	(86,075)
NET EXPENDITURE	(5,152)