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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1205148

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

for

START TO STIR

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith by encouraging the education, mentoring, coaching, training and teaching of the Christian faith. Objectives are for the benefit the public, which trustees have received guidance on during the setup of the charity as a CIO.

The charity seeks to meet its objectives through the following activities:

* Creating practical, relevant resources for church and charitable organisations to use in their efforts to encourage people to explore spirituality in general and the Christian faith in particular.

* Creating practical resources and curriculum for schools' workers and chaplains who assist in leading acts of worship and collective worship.

* Delivering spirituality and faith-exploration sessions in schools, churches, and community groups.

* Delivering digital and in-person training for Christians, Christian organisations, and churches who are seeking to be more effective in their efforts to invite people in their communities and spheres of influence to explore the Christian faith.

* Raising awareness regarding the benefits of exploring spirituality and the Christian faith through printed media, radio, podcasts and social media platforms.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Highlights of this reporting period include establishing our newly formed staff team, creating and promoting two new innovative tools that equip Christians to talk about faith, and expanding our reach through national publications as well as a small group of national leaders.

1. ESTABLISH STAFF TEAM

Two part-time employees started near the end of the last reporting period. Therefore, a main objective of this period was to establish regular rhythms of meeting, in person and online, for the purposes of setting direction, collaborative working, and personal support. We also aimed to solidify job descriptions around each employee's skills and experiences that would also help meet the goals for Start to Stir for this season. These rhythms of working and line management were successfully established. Employees frequently comment on how inspiring and refreshing it feels to work in an environment where the vision is clear and each individual's tasks and contributions clearly help to move the organisation forward.
During this reporting period, we were also able to increase the hours of our Head of Engagement from half-time to full time employment.

2. CREATE AND LAUNCH NEW DIGITAL RESOURCE

The main emphasis of activity during this reporting period centred on producing and promoting a new digital resource called Soul Stirrers. This tool was created in direct response to our charity's beneficiaries who asked for a lighter version of our Stir Course that they could use in contexts where attention spans and session lengths are shorter.

The final product will be a series of fifteen short videos that helps beneficiaries such as church leaders, school chaplains, schools workers, and 'everyday' Christians get faith conversations started in a variety of contexts such as assemblies, Collective Worship, lunchtime groups, University Christian Unions, Church cafés, and personal faith-sharing endeavours.

The entire staff has input into the overall shape of the resource, with our new Head of Creative taking the lead in producing the videos. Promotion is driven primarily by our Head of Engagement and Digital Content Specialist. Midway through the creation of the tool, we made the bold decision to host the videos for free on YouTube, rather than requiring users to purchase or register. Despite limiting the financial gain we may have received, we knew this would allow the videos to be shared by our beneficiaries without any barriers and also enable them to be viewed by the general public. Users can, however, purchase optional sets of coasters and posters we've developed that can help get more faith conversations started in their Christian Unions, Youth Clubs, and Cafés.

We began launching the videos in early November, so only have a small amount of data to share for this reporting period, but early returns are encouraging:

* 4 of the 15 total videos have been completed
* Over 100 churches and youth organisations, that we specifically are aware of, are already using the Soul Stirrer series.
* Over 3600 people have viewed the full videos online with an additional 5600 views of the short versions.

We've received some great pieces of feedback already from youth ministers and youth workers who say the videos are perfect for getting conversations started with groups who "are not into debating and who struggle to listen to one another" and they love how the videos "enable us to start conversations with young people right where they're at because they don't expect any kind of prior Biblical understanding or church experience". Schools workers have also commented how the resource, "Gets students thinking and helps students to see beyond the secular, materialist worldview, by gently nudging them to think more deeply. I hope Soul Stirrers produce many more videos that could be used in classrooms across the country."

3. CREATE ADULT FAITH-SHARING RESOURCE

One of our charity's long-term goals is to expand beyond the youth ministry sector and resource the broader church, including adults. We envisioned our first adult-specific resource would be an adaptation of The Stir Course which is being used by hundreds of youth groups globally. However, after seeking feedback from our charity's current beneficiaries, as well as several Christian friends, the message was clear, "What would help us get into more faith conversations isn't another Christian Course, but instead, a few simple questions!"

Using this input, our staff team got to work ideating and gleaning the best principles from our in-person training sessions as well as our current Video Training Series resource. What emerged was a set of simple digital or printed postcards called 'The Faith Sharing Fast Tracker: 20 Questions to Stir any Soul, anytime, anywhere.' Users can access these free, downloadable graphics created by our Digital Content Specialist, receive a free printed set through the post, or purchase packs of ten postcards to use in their churches or Christian organisations.

Beneficiaries love the simplicity of this tool and these simple images have now become the backbone of our in-person training.

* By the end of this reporting period, over 450 people signed up to receive digital versions of our Faith Sharing Fast Tracker, with hundreds more hard copies given out at our in-person training events.

4. EXPAND REACH AND SUPPORT BASE

Another key goal for the past year was to expand the number of people who know about Start to Stir and broaden our financial and spiritual support base. Three major achievements in this area stand out:

* Start to Stir successfully secured its first major financial grant. It comes from a large Trust based in the USA. This grant will be disseminated at the start of the next budget year and covers nearly 25% of next financial budget year's needs.

* Start to Stir had two articles and one podcast published by Premier Christian Media which reaches hundreds of thousands globally through its online blogs, articles, and podcasts.

* We gathered a group of twenty national youth, schools, and denominational leaders who have benefited from Start to Stir's resources and are willing to help shape Stir and promote our charity through their own relationships and networks. Two online meetings took place as well as one in-person gathering. This group of national leaders have offered us crucial insights during the creation our two new tools, given us feedback as they piloted the resources in their local settings, then helped us to launch them nationally.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities records income of £127,864 and expenditure of (£124,447), resulting in a net income of £3,417. While resource sales generate a small percentage of income, our charity relies primarily on donations from individuals, local churches, and grants. We expect this to continue for the foreseeable future as our charity does not expect to achieve financial viability through sales alone.

Income figures also include a large donation from a grant-making organisation in the USA, the first grant of its kind for Start to Stir. The funds were received near the end of the 2025 financial year and will help us to meet our projected budget for 2026, particularly as we create, launch, and freely distribute our new video series to churches and Christians across the globe.

The remaining funds £96,018 carried forward will support our upcoming budget goals and help fulfill our reserves policy of maintaining three months of total staff salaries plus two months of operating expenses.

FUTURE PLANS

Our major aim for the short-term future is to complete the fifteen videos that comprise the Soul Stirrer Video series and promote them widely. Our goal is for 20,000 young people to view the videos through 200 churches and 100 schools using it in their outreach and curriculum.

Our desire is for the new Soul Stirrer resource to also increase the number of churches and schools using our original Stir Course tool and accessing our in-person training. Our goal for the next season is 200 more churches and schools using The Stir Course and 2500 more Christians trained at our in-person events.

We also wish to broaden our target audiences, within the UK and beyond. In order to accomplish this, we will prioritise building conversations and relationships with leaders of Christian Unions at several UK universities. We know our resources, especially the new video series, can help these organisations accomplish their aims around sharing the Christian faith on campuses. In addition, we have developed a partnership with a German-based youth organisation who wishes to work with us to translate our new Soul Stirrer video series first into German, and potentially into several other European languages. These will all be hosted on their existing youth resource digital platform.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The charity's Board of Trustees consist of five British residents, who meet a minimum of four times per year. Darin Stevens serves as the Director who oversees the day-to-day operations of the charity and reports directly to the Board of Trustees.

The charity must maintain a minimum of three trustees. Trustees chosen for this initial setup period of the charity and who served during the reporting period were approached by the Director based on their breadth of skills and experience as well as their resonance with the charity's mission and purposes.

Potential new trustees will be identified through a combination of personal relationships with the Director and Trustees, referral, and communication of needs and opportunities via Start to Stir's email and social media channels. New trustees will then be appointed by resolution of convened trustees and on-boarded via the governing document, recent annual reports and statements of accounts, personal guidance, as well as the Charity Commission's online help for trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
CE033867 (England and Wales)

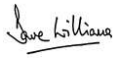
Registered Charity number
1205148

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D N Williams
M Mason
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Ms B A Hunter

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



D N Williams - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Start To Stir ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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10 September 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Year Ended 31.12.25 Unrestricted fund £	Period 10.10.23 to 31.12.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		121,973	161,305
Other trading activities	2	5,681	5,097
Investment income	3	23	12
Other income		187	2,622
Total		127,864	169,036
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		124,260	73,813
Other		187	2,622
Total		124,447	76,435
NET INCOME		3,417	92,601
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		92,601	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		96,018	92,601

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 December 2025

	Notes	31.12.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	113	189
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	5,481	-
Debtors	11	100	800
Cash at bank		92,662	92,124
		98,243	92,924
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,338)	(512)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		95,905	92,412
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		96,018	92,601
NET ASSETS		96,018	92,601
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		96,018	92,601
TOTAL FUNDS		96,018	92,601

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Matthew Mason

M Mason - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - straight line over 3 years

Stocks
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31.12.25	Period 10.10.23 to 31.12.24
	£	£
Sales	5,231	4,997
Training Income	450	100
	5,681	5,097

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended 31.12.25	Period 10.10.23 to 31.12.24
	£	£
Deposit Account Interest	23	12

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Year Ended 31.12.25	Period 10.10.23 to 31.12.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	76	37

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no expenses paid to the trustees during the Year Ended 31st December 2025.

During the Year Ended 31st December 2024 expenses relating to Mileage were reimbursed to the following trustees:

A Moxham £63
B Hunter £71
D Williams £44

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6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Year Ended 31.12.25	Period 10.10.23 to 31.12.24
Charitable Activities	4	2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricte fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	161,305
Other trading activities	5,097
Investment income	12
Other income	2,622
Total	169,036
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	73,813
Other	2,622
Total	76,435
NET INCOME	92,601
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	92,601

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8. CEO REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the period Mr D Stevens received a salary totalling £40,000 (2024: £36,667) for his role as CEO.

During the period expenses totalling £1,300 (2024: £756) were paid to Mr D Stevens, £122 (2024: £312) was owed by the company at the 31st December 2025.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	226
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2025	37
Charge for year	76
At 31 December 2025	113
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2025	113
At 31 December 2024	189

10. STOCKS

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Stocks	5,481	-

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Trade debtors	100	-
Other debtors	-	800
	100	800

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Trade creditors	321	395
Social security and other taxes	1,900	-
Other creditors	117	117
	2,338	512

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	92,601	3,417	96,018
TOTAL FUNDS	92,601	3,417	96,018

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	127,864	(124,447)	3,417
TOTAL FUNDS	127,864	(124,447)	3,417

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	92,601	92,601
TOTAL FUNDS	92,601	92,601

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	169,036	(76,435)	92,601
TOTAL FUNDS	169,036	(76,435)	92,601

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the period Mr D Stevens received a salary totalling £40,000 (2024: £36,667) for his role as CEO.

During the period expenses totalling £1,300 (2024: £756) were paid to Mr D Stevens, £122 (2024: £312) was owed by the company at the 31st December 2025.

During the period CEO Mr D Stevens wife, Mrs J Stevens was employed by the company. Mrs J Stevens received a salary of £23,290 (2024: £15,125) for her role. Expenses totalling £268 (2024: £50) were paid to Mrs J Stevens with £153 (2024: £12) owed by the company at the 31st December 2025.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 10.10.24 to 31.12.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	121,973	161,305
Other trading activities		
Sales	5,231	4,997
Training Income	450	100
	5,681	5,097
Investment income		
Deposit Account Interest	23	12
Other income		
Travel Reimbursed	187	2,622
Total incoming resources	127,864	169,036
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Trustbridge Fees	1,584	1,105
Other trading activities		
Resource Production	8,467	2,950
Postage	466	567
	8,933	3,517
Other		
Travel Costs	187	2,622
Support costs		
Other		
Accountancy Fees	3,011	1,896
Advertising	3,687	1,135
Bank Charges	162	107
Consultancy Fees	-	625
Carried forward	6,860	3,763

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	to 31.12.24 £
Other		
Brought forward	6,860	3,763
Depreciation Expense	75	37
Development & Fundraising	14	526
Donor / Participant Care	90	288
Entertainment	403	216
Independent Examination Fee	660	660
Insurance	384	311
IT Software & Consumables	149	267
Legal Fees	-	48
Membership Fees	334	434
Office Supplies	665	72
Resources - Books/Materials	38	54
Salaries	92,090	54,837
Small Equipment	186	28
Subcontractors	750	1,050
Subscriptions	2,937	2,014
Subsistence	-	8
Travel	2,286	376
Website Costs	4,983	4,202
Employers NI	839	-
	113,743	69,191
Total resources expended	124,447	76,435
Net income	3,417	92,601