Read for Life

Registered Charity No. 1213172

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 6 May 2025 to 31 December 2025

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The trustees of Read for Life are pleased to present their report for the charity's first period of operation, covering the period from 6 May 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Read for Life exists to improve adult literacy by providing free, one-to-one reading support for adults in South Leeds who struggle to read. We believe that learning to read has the power to transform lives by increasing confidence, independence and opportunities, while also helping to break the generational cycle of low literacy.

This report outlines the charity's activities, achievements and financial position during its first reporting period.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document:
For the public benefit, to advance the education of adults in reading, writing and other literacy skills in the South Leeds area.

Summary of the main activities in this period:
Our first reporting period focused on establishing the charity and beginning the delivery of our charitable activities.

Read for Life works within the communities of Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside.

We provide free, one-to-one reading support by matching adult learners with trained volunteer reading coaches. Our activities in this period focused on the following:

- contacted local primary schools to begin developing referral partnerships.
- attended September parent meetings to promote the charity.
- began supporting our first adult learners through one-to-one reading coaching
- developed the charity's website and publicity materials
- began introducing Read for Life to local organisations that could refer adults needing support
- established the systems, policies and procedures needed to enable the charity to operate safely and effectively

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries:

Although this was our first reporting period, we are pleased with the progress made in establishing Read for Life.

During this period we laid the foundations for the charity by establishing its governance, financial systems and safeguarding arrangements while also beginning direct support for adult learners. The adults who began coaching during this period did so with clear goals, including preparing to apply for college and improving their employment opportunities. Their willingness to seek support demonstrated the need for accessible adult reading provision within the local community.

We were encouraged by some positive responses from schools and community organisations in the local area.

By the end of the reporting period, Read for Life had moved from being a newly registered charity to an organisation beginning to deliver its charitable purposes within the local community.

Financial Review

This first reporting period focused on establishing the charity, and income and expenditure were modest.

Income: Our total income in this period amounted to £1983. This income was generated primarily through generous donations from individual supporters towards the charity's development.
Expenditure: Our total expenditure for this period was £509 related mainly to the costs of establishing the charity and creating the resources and infrastructure needed to begin delivering its charitable activities.
Reserves: As a newly established charity, Read for Life has not yet adopted a formal reserves policy.

The trustees are satisfied with the charity's financial position and are committed to ensuring that resources are used effectively to maximise the impact of our mission

Structure, Governance and Management

Read for Life is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution and registered with the Charity Commission.

The trustees are responsible for overseeing the charity's activities, ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and guiding its strategic direction. The trustees are:

- Helen Birch, Chair
- Helen Faraday, Treasurer
- Mark Hodgkinson, Trustee

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of Read for Life.
The board meets regularly to review the charity's progress and make strategic decisions. Day-to-day management is undertaken by the founder of the charity.

The charity's registered number is 1213172 and its registered address is:

8 Fieldway Close,
Rodley
Leeds
LS13 1EG

Plans for the Future

Looking ahead to the coming year, Read for Life aims to build on the success of its first year by:

- support more adults through one-to-one reading coaching
- recruit and train additional volunteer reading coaches
- strengthen partnerships with schools and community organisations
- increase awareness of adult literacy support across South Leeds
- secure funding to enable the charity to grow and reach more learners

The trustees remain committed to helping adults improve their reading skills and creating lasting benefits for individuals, families and the wider community.

The trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported Read for Life during its first year, including our supporters and the local organisations that have welcomed and encouraged the development of the charity. We are looking forward to building on these foundations in the years ahead.

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on [date] and signed on its behalf by:

_____ Chair of Trustees, Read for Life

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	06-May-25	To	31-Dec-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,983	-	-	1,983	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	1,983	-	-	1,983	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,983	-	-	1,983	-
A3 Payments					
Salaries inc. NI and Pension	-	-	-	-	-
Running costs	371	-	-	371	-
Office Supplies & Publicity	38	-	-	38	-
Books and resources for learners	-	-	-	-	-
Phone	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	99	-	-	99	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	508	-	-	508	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	508	-	-	508	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,475	-	-	1,475	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,475	-	-	1,475	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank Account	1,475	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,475	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Helen Faraday	Helen Faraday	12/10/2026