

**TRUTH BE TOLD:
STORYTELLING FOR LIFE**

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3 AUGUST 2022

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CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3 AUGUST 2022

Trustees	Lwanga Chibamba (appointed 21.11.21) Jacqueline Last Hannah Lawford Richard Stamp (resigned 21.11.21) Karen Todd
CEO	Gemma Gillard
Principal Office	9 Blair Avenue Poole Dorset BH14 0DA
Charity Registration Number	1190702
Independent Examiner	All Tax Ltd 17 Mortimer Road Bournemouth Dorset BH8 9HP
Website	https://truthbetold.org.uk/



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 4 August 2021 Period start date

To 3 August 2022 Period end date

Charity name: Truth Be Told: Storytelling For Life (TBT)

Charity registration number: 1190702

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

SORP
ref.

Para
1.17

(Statement of Recommended Practice)

Objects of the charity

(1) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society by the provision of intergenerational storytelling activities.
(2) The advancement of the Christian faith.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Para
1.17
and
1.19

Main activities for the public benefit

TBT partners with churches across the UK to provide training, resources and support, enabling them to deliver intergenerational storytelling sessions with local families and older adults in care homes and the community.

These sessions can take place in care homes, in churches or online and have been designed specifically to involve, encourage and fulfil all guests. The trained Storyteller from the Partner Church leads the group in some nursery rhymes, tells a short bespoke story, and using a hand-sewn bag covered in pockets and full of props, the group all share memories and imaginative ideas together. The sessions have Christian roots and references but are enjoyable for those of any faith and none.

Everyone is equal and valued and belongs, regardless of their age or stage. It is this interdependence and mutuality that means TBT is in its very essence, socially inclusive and combative against loneliness and isolation. The sessions act as a vehicle to facilitate the building of authentic, long-lasting and supportive relationships outside of the group context.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Para
1.18

In supporting the activities of TBT, the Trustees have given consideration to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.



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 and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

SORP
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Para
1.20

1) Increasing impact by replicating the project

In line with our 5-year strategy, we are working hard to partner with 50 churches by the end of 2026 to enable them to deliver the project and its benefits in their community.

a. **Seven projects in place**

Despite the ongoing limitations to growth this past year due to Covid, we are delighted to have seven Partner Churches, all now delivering the project in care homes or in their own facilities. These are located as follows:

1. Birmingham (Gas Street Church)
2. Bournemouth (Citygate Church)
3. Christchurch (GodFirst Church)
4. Dorchester (Dorchester Family Church)
5. Poole (Gateway Church)
6. Sherborne (ReBorne Church)
7. Surrey (St Peter's Church, West Molesey)

"I always leave feeling more joyful."

"A resident who was very agitated at the start of the session, began to join in and sing and was very interactive by the end."

"A Thai childminder began sharing Thai greetings with an older adult who lived in Thailand as a child."

"It feels like we're making a difference in people's lives!"

It is impossible to fully paint the picture of how the project is impacting individual beneficiaries, but we ask each Storyteller to submit their reflections after every session and above left are a few of their highlights, of which there are many similarly.



b. **Jubilee giveaway**

The Jubilee was the perfect occasion to bring together people from all generations to learn from one another and celebrate. We took this opportunity to promote the project by giving away a new story, session plan, songs and various training workshops. Representatives from 20 toddler groups attended the workshops and downloaded our resources so that they could help people of all ages have an increased sense of belonging at that time. One participant said, *"I was trying to pull something together myself exactly like this, but you offer such a great structure - thank you!"*

c. **National span**

The profile of the charity has increased over the year, thanks to our growing social media following, our Jubilee giveaway and the number of projects now active. This has meant that we are in contact with interested potential partners in all four nations of the United Kingdom.

d. **Cinnamon Recommended Project status**

Our relationship with Cinnamon Network has continued and having met their criteria for successful replications, we were awarded the accolade of becoming a Cinnamon Recommended Project. This puts Truth Be Told alongside many other trusted social action projects who also have a transformative impact on their communities such as CAP Debt Advice, Trussell Trust Food Banks and Hope Into Action.



2) Increasing impact by working with other organisations

The national scale of loneliness and isolation, affected further by the pandemic, is too great for organisations like ours to work in a silo. To have the maximum impact, there is strength in number and so it has been a pleasure to be invited to collaborate with more prestigious organisations with aligned vision and values this year.

a. Advocacy

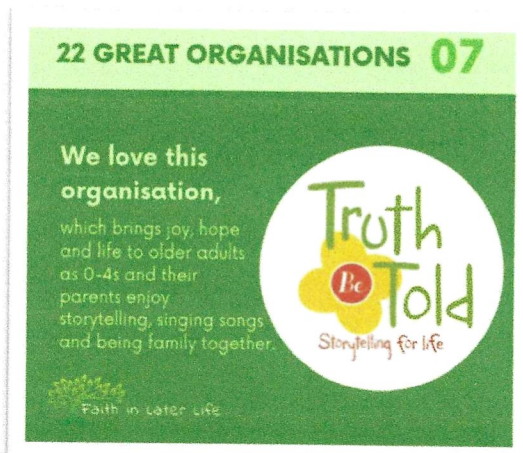
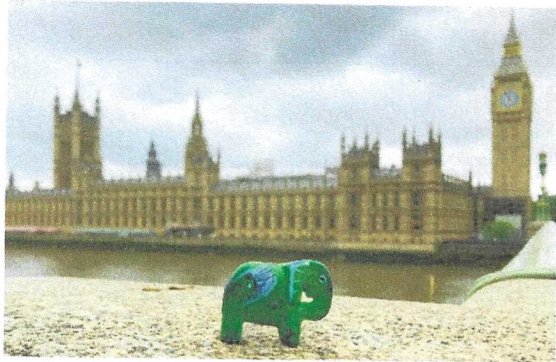
TBT represented Christians Together Against Loneliness (CTAL) at a meeting with the Loneliness team at the Department for Media, Culture and Sport in May. We were able to increase their understanding of the part churches play in tackling social isolation and offer our ongoing support and commitment to their loneliness agenda.

b. Collaboration

The TBT team have had the opportunity to speak publicly to the supporters of Faith in Later Life, the Baptist Union and Premier Christian Radio about our work and the part we play in tackling loneliness and advancing the Christian faith. We are also working with HOPE Together and the Growing Faith Foundation among others to best deliver our shared purpose, equipping and empowering others to work for a deeper sense of belonging and faith.

c. Innovation

Determined to try new and innovative ways to find and help transform the lives of those most lonely and in need of hope, we have been innovating with other organisations this year. Amongst other initiatives we have been exploring creative ways to deliver more content to more people and developing our resources to facilitate an intergenerational befriending approach for those older adults who are at particular risk of isolation and loneliness.



Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity's financial position is healthy and can fund the immediate plans to further its strategy, although dependant on securing future grant-funding and continued church Licence Fees. In order to increase impact and the public benefit, there are no plans to make significant investment in assets at this stage, rather it is necessary to increase staff resources. It is the charity's approach to appoint part-time specialists to roles so that expertise can be maximised, and business continuity maintained.</p> <p>Grants during the year were gratefully received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PramaLife • Bishop Radford Trust • Valentines Trust <p>TBT's social action franchise model means that Partner Churches contribute to the running of their project by paying a Launch Fee and a monthly Licence Fee to the charity (although this can be covered by grant income if necessary if it will enable impact). This will mean that the charity becomes more self-sustaining as the number of Partner Churches grow.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity recognises the propriety of not building up funds for which there are no clear expenditure plans. The charities' policy is to allow reserves to accrue to a level of three months' average expenditure, plus funds which may be earmarked for specific projects in the future. As the charity is growing, reserves may only exceed this policy level in order to be able to respond positively to new opportunities. This situation is monitored to ensure that reserves do not build up unnecessarily.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£33,093
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution, as lodged with Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>New Trustees are identified through connections made with individuals in the course of TBT's activities, and social media publicity. Exploratory conversations occur and if the time/skills of the individual and the needs of the Board align, the person is invited to attend a Board meeting. If this is successful, the person is invited to an interview with two Trustees where they have the opportunity to ask further questions and introduce themselves. If a synergy is identified, the person is invited to become a Trustee based upon the voting of existing Trustees.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Truth Be Told: Storytelling For Life
Other name the charity uses	Truth Be Told (TBT)
Registered charity number	1190702
Charity's principal address	9 Blair Avenue Poole Dorset BH14 0DA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Richard Stamp		Until Nov-21	
2	Mrs Jacqueline Last	Chair	Whole year	
3	Mrs Karen Todd		Whole year	
4	Mrs Hannah Lawford		Whole year	
5	Miss Lwanga Chibamba		From Nov-21	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Gemma Gillard, CEO

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

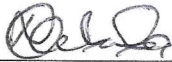
Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

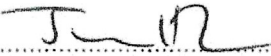
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Miss Lwanga Chibamba	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee, on behalf of the Chair	
Date	15.1.23	

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3 AUGUST 2022

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the annexed accounts from the accounting records of Truth Be Told: Storytelling For Life and from information and explanations supplied to us.


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All Tax Ltd - JAMES SWILER
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Dated: 22 NOVEMBER 2022

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3 AUGUST 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants	25,750		58,500	
Donations and sponsorship	1,866		2,783	
Sales of services and products	580		5,963	
Bank interest received	2		-	
		28,198		67,246
Cost of sales				
Purchases	330		1,043	
Sub-contractors	15,025		7,930	
		15,355		8,973
Gross profit		12,843		58,273
Overhead expenses				
Salaries and NIC	15,808		10,693	
Pension costs	656		229	
Advertising and promotion	1,612		-	
Web design costs	1,157		1,708	
Computer expenses	765		619	
Office costs	188		193	
Room hire	50		-	
Training costs	-		259	
Gifts	-		153	
Travel and accommodation	665		304	
Insurance	378		256	
Accountancy	300		300	
Consultancy fees	800		-	
Subscriptions	-		296	
Sundries	271		128	
Bank charges	96		67	
Depreciation	31		41	
		22,777		15,246
Net surplus / (deficit)		<u><u>- 9,934</u></u>		<u><u>43,027</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 3 AUGUST 2022

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
FIXED ASSETS		
Office equipment	92	123
	<u>92</u>	<u>123</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank balances	33,397	43,204
	<u>33,397</u>	<u>43,204</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and accruals	396	300
	<u>396</u>	<u>300</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>33,093</u>	<u>43,027</u>
FINANCED BY		
RESERVES		
Balance at start of period	43,027	-
Net surplus / (deficit)	- 9,934	43,027
Balance at end of period	<u>33,093</u>	<u>43,027</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 3 AUGUST 2022

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
1 Fixed assets				
Office Equipment				
Cost:				
As at 4 August 2021	164		-	
Additions	-		164	
As at 3 August 2022	<u>164</u>		<u>164</u>	
Depreciation:				
As at 4 August 2021	-	41	-	
Charge for the year	-	31	-	41
As at 3 August 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41</u>
Net book value 3 August 2022		<u>92</u>		<u>123</u>

2 Details of certain types of expenditure

The independent examiners' fee for the year to 3 August 2022 was £300.

3 Staff costs and numbers

During the year the organisation employed one part time member of staff.
No member of staff earned in excess of £60,000 in the period.