



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 **To** 31 March 2025

Charity name: Loss and Life

Charity registration number: 1194483

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	For the public benefit, and within a Christian ethos, to relieve the suffering and distress caused by bereavement or loss among people in the UK and elsewhere, in particular, but not exclusively through the following: - the provision of educational, learning, and informational resources to support individuals through the grieving process; and - by providing other such support directed to the above objects as the trustees from time to time determine
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.	There was further development of the Grief Pottery Series (GPS) through pilots and workshops. This led to a rebranding of the method to 'Remembering with Clay' (RWC). This was subsequently pursued with delivery into different settings including hospice, national charity events, existing bereavement groups as well as working with individuals.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	In planning the activities for the year, the trustees reviewed the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission at their trustee meetings.
Contribution made by volunteers	Volunteer contributions continued in the areas of web site design and development, particularly resource packs ready to send to clients.

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.	There was further development of the Grief Pottery Series (GPS) through pilots and workshops. This led to a rebranding of the method to 'Remembering with Clay' (RWC). This was subsequently pursued with delivery into different settings including hospice, national charity events, existing bereavement groups as well as working with individuals.. This has been well received with the flexible protocol being adapted for the specific needs of the organisation, group or person. Grief cards continued to be distributed through the website and where need was recognised for individuals in the delivered workshops. The charity engaged with The Canmore Trust to develop specific grief cards to help support those who have experienced bereavement as a result of suicide. These being in a similar format to the existing grief cards produced by the charity. A review of the existing resources was carried out and adjustments made. The grief cards remain a key resource for the charity. The founder continued to upskill in ceramics over the year in various ways and started specific training in the use of clay with individuals and groups with the Clay Conversations Community. A kiln was purchased to facilitate the firing of clay ware for participants of the RWC project and to facilitate the group work and to provide ceramics for sale or donation to charity funds. Ongoing connections were made with other organisations supporting the bereaved. Some training has been given in the methodology of the RWC to interested parties.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Whilst the charity suffered a deficit during the year as a result of increased 'Remembering with Clay' (RWC) activity including the purchase of a kiln, unrestricted cash funds of £15,942 were carried forwards for future activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Currently Loss and Life has no specific reserves policy.
Amount of reserves held	No reserves are held against future activities and contingencies.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Spare funds are available to projects and activities determined by the trustees and no borrowing is undertaken, nor staff employed, so the charity has no ongoing commitments and operates within its means utilising available funds for the public benefit and so does not need to hold reserves.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document		Constitution
How is the charity constituted?		Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation model)
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		Appointed by existing trustees

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Loss and Life
Registered charity number	1194483
Charity's principal address	Bulland Court Ashburton Newton Abbot Devon TQ13 7NG

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	Roger Womack	Chair		
2	Lindsay Lucas			
3	Craig Mackay			
4	Tor Mackenzie			

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Roger Womack	
Full name(s)	Roger Womack	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28/01/2026	

Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
Loss and Life		1194483		
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01-Apr-24		31-Mar-25	

Section A Receipts and payments								
	Unrestr icted funds		Restrict ed funds		Endowme nt funds		Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £		to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts								
Donations, legacies and grants	142						142	905
Sales of products	871						871	399
Interest on deposit account	339						339	46
Gift Aid	0						0	280
							0	
							0	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1352		0		0		1352	1630
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).								
							0	
							0	
Sub total	0		0		0		0	0
Total receipts	1352		0		0		1352	1630
A3 Payments								
Product generation costs	2121						2121	1718
Web site	119						119	204
Insurance	288						288	264
Bank charges	79						79	71
Equipment and software	3434						3434	263
Printing, postage, stationery	207						207	39
Governance costs	35						35	40
Consultancy	0						0	1080
							0	
Sub total	6283		0		0		6283	3679
Total payments	6283		0		0		6283	3679
Net of receipts/(payments)	-4931		0		0		-4931	-2049
A5 Transfers between funds							0	
A6 Cash funds last year end	20873						20873	22922
Cash funds this year end	15942		0		0		15942	20873

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

Categories	Details	Unrestriced funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	15942			15942	20873
	Total cash funds	15942	0	0	15942	20873
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))					
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Roger Womack		Roger Womack			28/01/2026