

# IW STORY FESTIVAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1198024

## Details

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**Other names** ISLE OF WIGHT STORY FESTIVAL

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-02-22

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE IW STORY FESTIVAL ARE:A) TO PROMOTE THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT, AND IN PARTICULAR THE ART OF LITERATURE AND STORYTELLING, BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT.B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY PROMOTING AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE APPRECIATION, UNDERSTANDING AND CREATION OF STORIES.

**Activities:** To promote the arts, culture and heritage for public benefit, and in particular the art of literature and storytelling, by the establishment and maintenance of an annual festival aimed at children, young people and families on the Isle of Wight.To advance the education of children & young people by promoting and providing opportunities for the appreciation, understanding and creation of stories

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Isle Of Wight

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£21,161	£24,787	-	-
2024-08-31	£40,693	£34,973	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,400	£21,142	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elspeth Giddens		2023-10-13
Elspeth Kathleen Jackson		2023-10-13
Geoffrey John Banks		2021-06-24
Ian Charles Dickens		2025-12-01
Katie Elizabeth Churchill-Cheatham		2025-12-01
Peta Jane Hodge		2023-10-13
Susan Bailey		2026-03-07

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# Accounts

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ISLE OF WIGHT STORY FESTIVAL 2025 FINAL ACCOUNTS 1.9.24 - 31.8.25

Balance brought forward 31.8.24 14164.30

	Income	Expenditure
Performers		14325.00
Venue		4118.00
Accommodation		638.00
Insurance		963.00
Contingencies		1162.52
Travel		1018.83
Buffet meal		990.00
Printing, graphics & website work		1571.99
Grants	8985.44	
Ticket sales	3376.85	
Donations	8700.00	
Other income	99.30	
TOTAL	21161.59	24787.34

Balance carried forward 31.08.25 10538.55

Accounts inspected by (print name) ..... DAVID KENNETH WALTERS

Signed ..... D.K. WALTERS

Date ..... 7.10.2025

Accounts approved by Trustees at a meeting dated .....

Signed .....

Print name .....

Date .....

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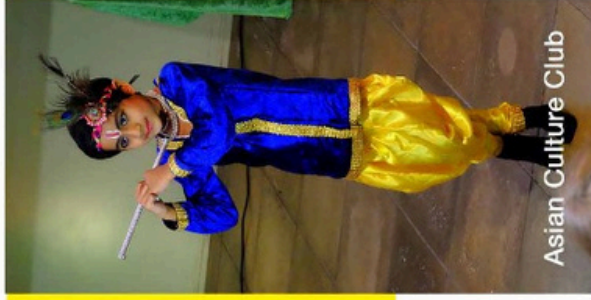
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## What we introduced in 2024

- Thursdays for the over 12's
- songwriting workshop
- introduction to Dungeons and Dragons
- talks about the graphic novel process
- wordsmithing with poet Adam Gaterell
- performance by Apollo Youth Theatre
- Julia Tuffs's novel Hexed



- 200 Instagram, Facebook and Twitter posts,
- video on Red Funnel
- coverage in the local press
- increased audience base

## We also ran Stories in Schools June 2024

- authors • storytellers • illustrators • live theatre • poets
- graphic novelists • comic book creators • junk modelling

**13** schools with at least **250** children per school involved

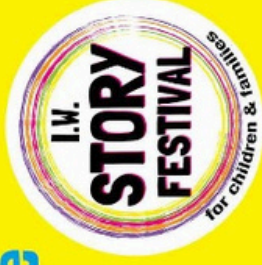
nursery to key stage 3

ALL host schools keen to have Stories in Schools in 2025

Thank you to all our performers, volunteers, and sponsors: we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to everyone else who helped make the event such a success: Quay Arts, Raven Print, Medina Books, and our other sponsors.

create inspire imagine

# I.W. STORY FESTIVAL 2024 15-17 February Quay Arts, Newport



Hundreds of children and their families, from the Island and beyond, were treated to a magical three days over half term, celebrating everything to do with stories.

- authors • illustrators • storytellers • role players
- theatre performers • artists • musicians • nature educators

- gave talks, read from their books, led activities and inspired hundreds of young people aged between 3 and 18.



The next I.W. Story Festival  
20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

[iwstoryfestival.com](http://iwstoryfestival.com)

Balance brought forward 31.3.23

8443.95

	Income	Expenditure
Performers		21184.54
Venue		3815.00
Accommodation		1665.00
Advertising		0.00
Printing & graphics		1819.29
Insurance		659.00
Contingencies		3765.65
Travel		1444.54
Buffet meal		620.00
Grants	13500.00	
Ticket sales	10076.00	
Donations	16873.64	
Other income	243.73	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40693.37</b>	<b>34973.02</b>

Balance carried forward 31.8.24

14164.30

Accounts inspected by (print name) ..... **DAVID KENNETH WALTERS.**  
 Signed ..... **D. K Walters**  
 Date ..... **19.12.2024**

Accounts approved by trustees

Signed ..... **Geoffrey Banks**  
 Date ..... **3/1/2025**



*Cowes Town Council*

*Councillor David Walters*

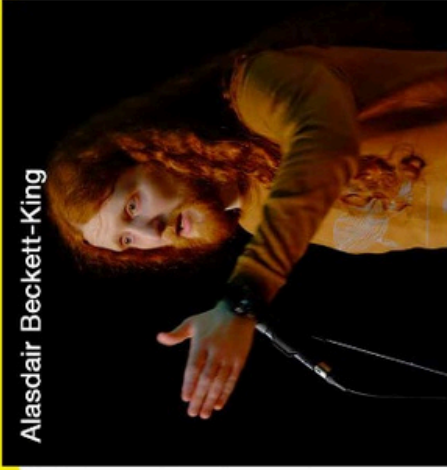
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## 1300 individual tickets sold at our 2024 festival

Headline authors, Kes Gray, Francesca Simon, Harriet Muncaster and Alasdair Beckett-King enthralled the crowds, and John Hegley and Neal Layton had the audiences laughing with hilarious songs and illustrations.



Opera Prelude



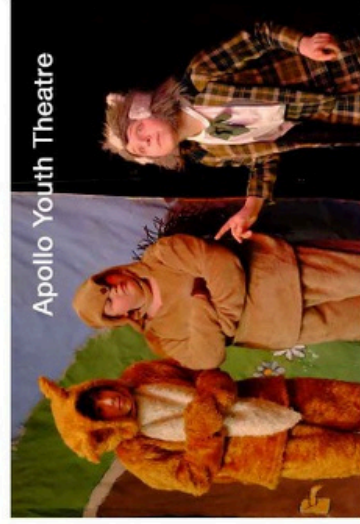
Alasdair Beckett-King

There were lots of interactive things to do: a hands-on musical workshop with The Cabinet of Living Cinema; Opera Prelude gave a wonderful performance of Nicholas Allen's The King's Pants, and the Apollo Youth Theatre brought Going South for Winter.

Local authors showcased their latest books to enthusiastic audiences and storytellers enthralled listeners with a host of tales.



Isabel Norwood



Apollo Youth Theatre

## Did you know we had:

- 60** performers
- 40** scheduled events
- 1300** tickets sold
- 15** other hands-on activities
- 6** free drop-in activities
- 5** local bands/musicians



Francesca Simon

### In our quest to have stories

#### relevant to all –

- wide genre of events
- free workshops
- BSL communication support
- youth theatre
- wide age range 3-18 years
- exploring culture and heritage
- affordable tickets
- central location
- accessible for people with disabilities



Kes Gray D is for Danger



Nazneen Ahmed Pathak

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ISLE OF WIGHT STORY FESTIVAL ACCOUNTS 15.2.22 - 31.3.23			
Balance brought forward 15.2.22			13185.44
	Income	Expenditure	
Performers		11536.32	
Venue		1481.50	
Accommodation		3315.60	
Advertising		1222.40	
Insurance		631.00	
Contingencies		1197.09	
Travel		274.29	
Buffet		722.00	
Printing		761.99	
Grants	10440.00		
Sales	3275.00		
Donations	2522.00		
Other income	163.70		
	<u>16400.70</u>	<u>21142.19</u>	
Balance carried forward 31.3.23			8443.95

