

Silas Mkoba Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report

Reporting Period: 1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024

Charity Registration Number: [Insert Number]

Principal Address: 48 Kelmscote Road, Coventry, CV6 2DY

1. Trustees and Governance

The Silas Mkoba Foundation is governed by committed trustees and supported by passionate volunteers working to deliver our mission.

Current Trustees:

- Sifiso Mkoba – Chairperson and Founder
- Hlangabeza Mkoba – Trustee
- Ian Bradley – Trustee
- Stella Mbetu – Appointed 04/07/2025
- Sihlesenkosi Thobekile Gwanzura (Sihle) – Appointed 04/07/202

Former Trustees:

- Marvellous Maseko
- Annie Mtuwa

We extend sincere gratitude for their contributions and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

2. Objectives and Activities

The Foundation supports individuals and families facing loss, bereavement, grief, long-term illness, and hardship. We provide peer support groups, bereavement assistance, and educational support for disadvantaged children.

Public Benefit:

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning activities.

3. Achievements and Performance

Key achievements for the year include:

- ✓ Launch and growth of The Jewels women's support group for widows, single mothers, and those facing loss, illness, or grief
 - ✓ Operation of The Jewels 24/7 Zoom Platform, fully funded by the Founder, providing a powerful, safe space for women to meet, support each other, cry together, and empower one another
 - ✓ Bereavement awareness and support for families experiencing loss
 - ✓ Community engagement through volunteer mobilisation and partnerships
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4. Financial Review Summary

- Total Income: £476.40
- Total Expenditure: £406.74
- Balance Carried Forward: £69.66

The Foundation remains reliant on donations, small contributions from the general public, and personal funding from the Founder to maintain its activities.

5. Future Plans

- Expand bereavement, illness, and loss support services for individuals and families

- Grow The Jewels women's support group and launch The Crowns men's group for men affected by grief, illness, or loss
 - Provide greater support for bereaved and vulnerable children, ensuring their emotional and practical needs are addressed
 - Continue sharing information with wider communities to raise awareness, reduce stigma around grief and illness, and promote available support
 - Strengthen partnerships with other organisations, schools, and community groups
 - Secure sustainable funding through grants, community fundraising, and volunteer engagement
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6. Declaration

This report was approved by the trustees.

Signed: Sifiso Mkoba – Chairperson

Date: 07/07/2025

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Financial Review

Reporting Period: 1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024

1. Income Summary

Total Income Received: £476.40

Sources of Income:

- - Regular donations: £120.00
- - General public donations: £45.00
- - Personal contributions from Founder (Sifiso Mkoba): £340.00

The Foundation remains reliant on small donations, personal contributions, and volunteer support to sustain its operations.

2. Expenditure Summary

Total Expenditure: £406.74

Breakdown of Expenses:

- - Website subscriptions and online services: Majority of costs
- - Bereavement contributions (support for families): £110.00
- - Other administrative and operational costs: Included in total

All expenditure has been applied directly towards charitable purposes, awareness, and supporting bereaved individuals and families.

3. Financial Position

Total Income: £476.40

Total Expenditure: £406.74

Balance Carried Forward: £69.66

The Foundation continues to operate within its means, maintaining a positive balance while seeking sustainable income sources to grow its support activities.

4. Financial Outlook

The Foundation is actively pursuing additional funding through:

- - Grant applications
- - Volunteer recruitment
- - Community partnerships

- - Monthly giving campaigns

These efforts aim to reduce reliance on personal contributions and ensure long-term sustainability.