

# SHEAF POETRY FESTIVAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1206253

## Details

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**Other names** SHEFFIELD POETRY FESTIVAL

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-12-18

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE ARTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR THE ART OF POETRY AND TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND APPRECIATION OF THE ART OF POETRY BY PROVIDING AN ANNUAL POETRY FESTIVAL AND/OR OTHER POETRY EVENTS AND/OR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMMES.

**Activities:** We bring a range of poetry, spoken word and associated events to Sheffield and South Yorkshire, and to online audiences. We promote integration and cooperation within the local community by working with partner organisations, and aim to make our events as accessible as possible. We encourage creative participation in literature for artists, volunteers, participants and audience members.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Sheffield City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31		£0	£47	-
2024-07-31	£2,028		£180	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Lewis		2023-12-18
Kate Hewett		2023-12-18
Oliver Ashby Mantell		2025-09-03

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# Accounts

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SHEAF POETRY FESTIVAL  
1206253

Trustees: Brian Lewis, Kate Hewett, Oliver Mantell

Structure:

The charity is a CIO with a foundation model article of association. There are currently three trustees who manage the governance, finance and reporting of the charity, but we are seeking to recruit more. So far we have advertised the role on Sheaf Poetry Festival's website and social media accounts, as well as directly communicating with other local organisations in our networks. We currently have no employed members of staff.

August 2024-July 25

Sheaf Poetry Festival is currently in a semi-dormant state due to a lack of funding. In July 2025 we held one event, which was a consultation and social event to bring poetry communities in Sheffield together and ask them what they might want from a poetry festival / events in Sheffield. This was a free event and we were able to secure a venue without charge at Off The Beaten Track in Sheffield.

We are now operating as a board of three trustees with former employee Suzannah Evans as a non-trustee volunteer. Two trustees, Shirin Teifouri and Sara-Jayne Hill, resigned in 2025 due to the dormancy of the festival.

Between December 2024 and July 2025 we had three board meetings at which the future of the festival, as well as events, funding applications and partnerships were discussed.

Our main objective at present is to start some smaller sustainable events which will enable the festival to regain a presence and resume manageable grassroots progress towards our charitable aims before attempting to make larger funding applications. We have begun to develop some new partnerships which we hope will help with this.

Financially we have spent very little, on website maintenance only, and we have not received any new funding so we have used existing balance to pay for this. We do not currently hold any debts or any reserves beyond

the current account balance. Our outgoings are minimal and reflect ongoing maintenance such as the festival website.

## **Accounts for Financial Year 24/25**

**Starting balance: £1,847.87**

Payments in: None

Payments out [1]: £47.15

**Closing balance: £1,800.72**

[1] - Payments out details:  
£47.15 - web hosting to Wordpress.

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77 Valley Road  
Sheffield  
S8 9FT

Trustees: Shirin Teifouri, Brian Lewis, Sara Jayne Hill, Kate Hewett

Structure:

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2023-24

Sheaf Poetry Festival is currently in a semi-dormant state due to a lack of funding. Two arts council Funding applications were submitted in October and December 2023 for a May 2024 festival and two smaller applications were made to local funds which were also unsuccessful. We made a bid for a local development fund in Sheffield in spring 2024 but this was also unsuccessful. This would have helped us develop our organisation's policies, strategies and structure.

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Between December 2023 and July 2024 we had three board meetings at which funding applications and partnerships, as well as any other relevant matters, were discussed.

No festival events have been held within the report period. Our main objective at present is to start some smaller sustainable events which will enable the festival to regain a presence and resume manageable grassroots progress towards our charitable aims before attempting to make larger funding applications. We have begun to develop some new partnerships which we hope will help with this.

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Income	Out	For	Paid to	Paid by (e.g ch	Date
£2027.20		Existing balance at start of account period			
		179.96	Web server / doGoDaddy	card	29.04.2024
	0.63		cashback		03.05.2024