

Exploding Words Festivals
No. 1210605

Trustees annual report for the period 22/10/2024 to 31/7/2025

Trustees: Pippa Hyam
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David Edwards

All served throughout the period

Objectives and Activities:

Exploding Words Festivals is an educational charity based in Cornwall, dedicated to bringing the magic of literature to life for primary and secondary school children with particular focus on areas of under privilege. We bring our day-long festivals to local venues across the region, immersing students in creative workshops led by renowned authors, poets, and illustrators, sparking curiosity, boosting confidence, and empowering young minds.

Achievements and Performance:

In our first period of operation we ran 3 events at; The Eden Project, Cast Theatre (Helston) and Penwith College (Penzance), reaching over 350 pupils and teachers from local primary schools. Each pupil received a free book of their choice, signed by one of our authors, at the end of the day.

In addition we ran a creative writing completion for primary schools in Penzance.

Financial Review & performance:

We were delighted to obtain a significant start up donation from the Pheonix Tanner Trust (through Cornwall Community Foundation) as well as support from other contributors and in total raised £14,086 during the period. We only charge a nominal amount to each school attending (£100 each, totalling £1,700) and hope in the future to make our events completely free to the schools. Our costs totalled £9,283 of which authors (£6,066) and books for our attendees (£2,704) were our largest expenditure. We have no employees and admin expenses are limited to insurances and safeguarding courses (£385).

All reserves at the end of the year are carried forward towards future events.

Plans for future periods;

In our second year we have run one event at Callywith College, Bodmin and have events booked at Eden, Sterts Theatre (Liskeard) and Penwith College and further events proposed in Camborne and Truro when further funds are secured.

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Accounts for the period 22nd October 2024 to 31st July 2025

		2025
Income		
Grant funding	12500	
School contributions	1700	
Other donations	<u>1586</u>	15786
Direct costs		
Authors' fees	4760	
Authors' expenses	1306	
Books	2704	
Event stationery	<u>128</u>	8898
Operating surplus		<u>6888</u>
Administrative expenses		
Insurance	180	
Safeguarding courses	192	
Sundries	<u>13</u>	385
Surplus for period		<u><u>6503</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2025

2025

Fixed Assets	0
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Current Assets

Cash at Bank	7617
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Stock of books & stationery	238
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Prepayments & sundry debtors	498
	<u>8353</u>

Creditors

Accrued payments	1850
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Total net assets	<u><u>6503</u></u>
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Represented by

Accumulated funds for period	<u><u>6503</u></u>
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