



**BRAIN TUMOUR  
SUPPORT**

**Trustee Recruitment Pack**  
2026

# Who are we?

Every day, Brain Tumour Support walks alongside people facing one of life's most devastating diagnoses. We provide practical, emotional and specialist support to brain tumour patients, carers, family members and bereaved loved ones at some of the most difficult moments in their lives. Our mission is rooted in compassion, connection and understanding. We know that a brain tumour impacts far more than physical health — it affects relationships, finances, mental wellbeing, identity and the future people imagined for themselves and their families.

**Brain Tumour Support** is a national charity dedicated to providing support to anyone affected by any type or grade of brain tumour. We provide a range of individualised services, including specialist individual and family counselling, one-to-one support, support groups, welfare and benefits guidance and peer support, free of charge and from the point of diagnosis for as long as is needed.

Founded in 2003 by Tina Mitchell Skinner following her own husband, Paul's, diagnosis and death from a brain tumour - we have proudly supported thousand's of families through unimaginable times and we are passionate about ensuring we reach as many people as we can with our support into the future.



*Brain Tumour Support saved my life, without their support I simply wouldn't be here. Jeanette*



# Our Mission, Values and Strategic Focus

Our **MISSION** is to support individuals, carers, friends and families impacted by a brain tumour by providing individualised and specialist information, guidance and emotional support, for as long as it is needed.

## Our Values

**COMPASSIONATE**  
We are understanding, warm-hearted and gentle, with resilience you can rely on



**INCLUSIVE**  
We support everyone regardless of race, age, gender, sexuality, disability, faith or need



**INNOVATIVE**  
We embrace and create new ways of working to best meet the needs of our community



**SUPPORTIVE**

We are caring and unwavering as we come alongside to encourage and empower



**PROFESSIONAL**  
We are consistent in delivering a professional support service tailored to each individual



## Strategic Focus

**UNDERSTAND** the support needs within the brain tumour community

**RAISE AWARENESS** of how Brain Tumour Support helps those affected by a brain tumour

**PROVIDE SUPPORT** to patients and loved ones affected by any type of brain tumour for as long as needed

## What do we do?

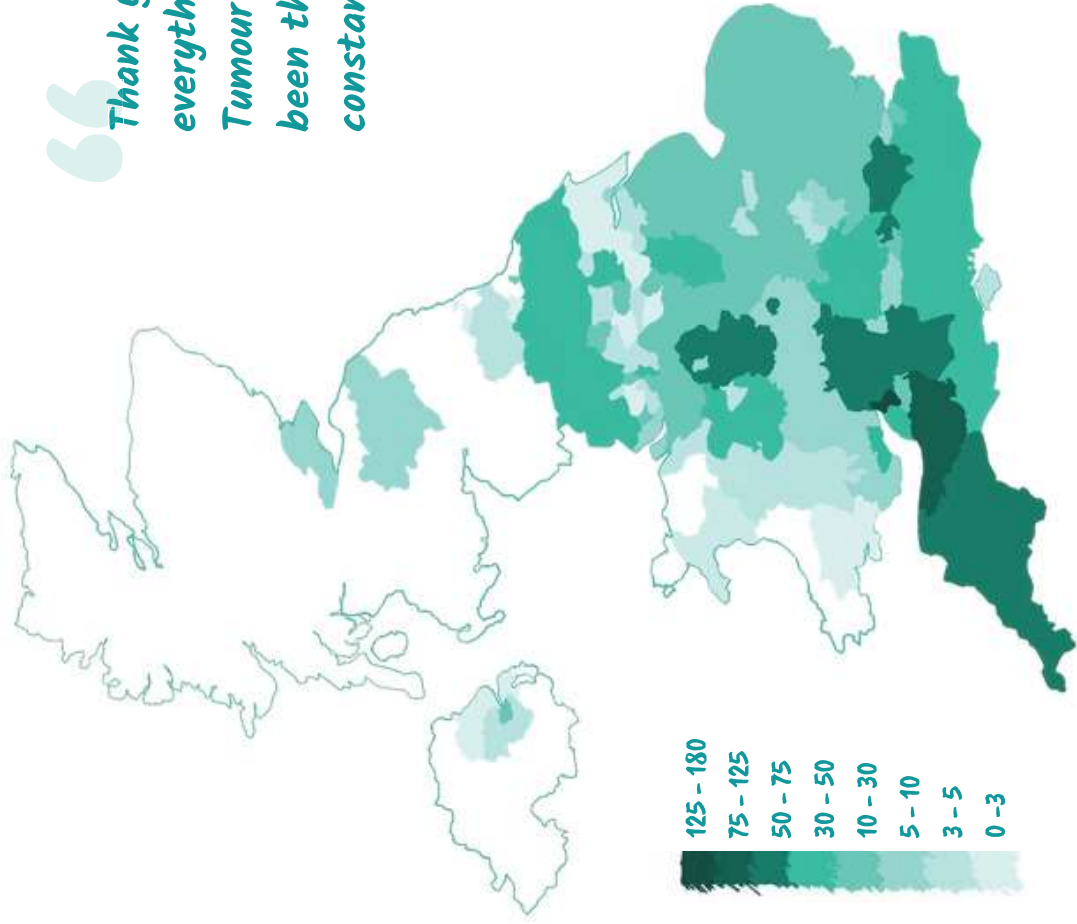
More than 30,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with a brain tumour every year, 13,000 with a primary brain tumour and an estimated 18,000 with a metastatic brain tumour. Our support is freely available to anyone affected by any type or grade of brain tumour, primary or secondary, malignant or non-malignant. We are committed to reaching those who are not yet aware of the support we offer, while continually improving how we connect with and serve our patients and families.

We support individuals from across the UK, through a combination of in-person and digital services, 1:1 work and group sessions. We offer specialist counselling, welfare benefits support, emotional and practical guidance. Our Support Professionals deliver face-to-face support groups across the South West, Wales and the Midlands.

Alongside this regional presence, our online support groups, telephone and text services ensure that anyone can access support regardless of location or personal circumstances. Our digital channels and social media platforms further extend this reach, helping us to connect with individuals and families who may not be in regular contact with their clinical teams or closely connected to local support networks and ensuring support is always within reach.

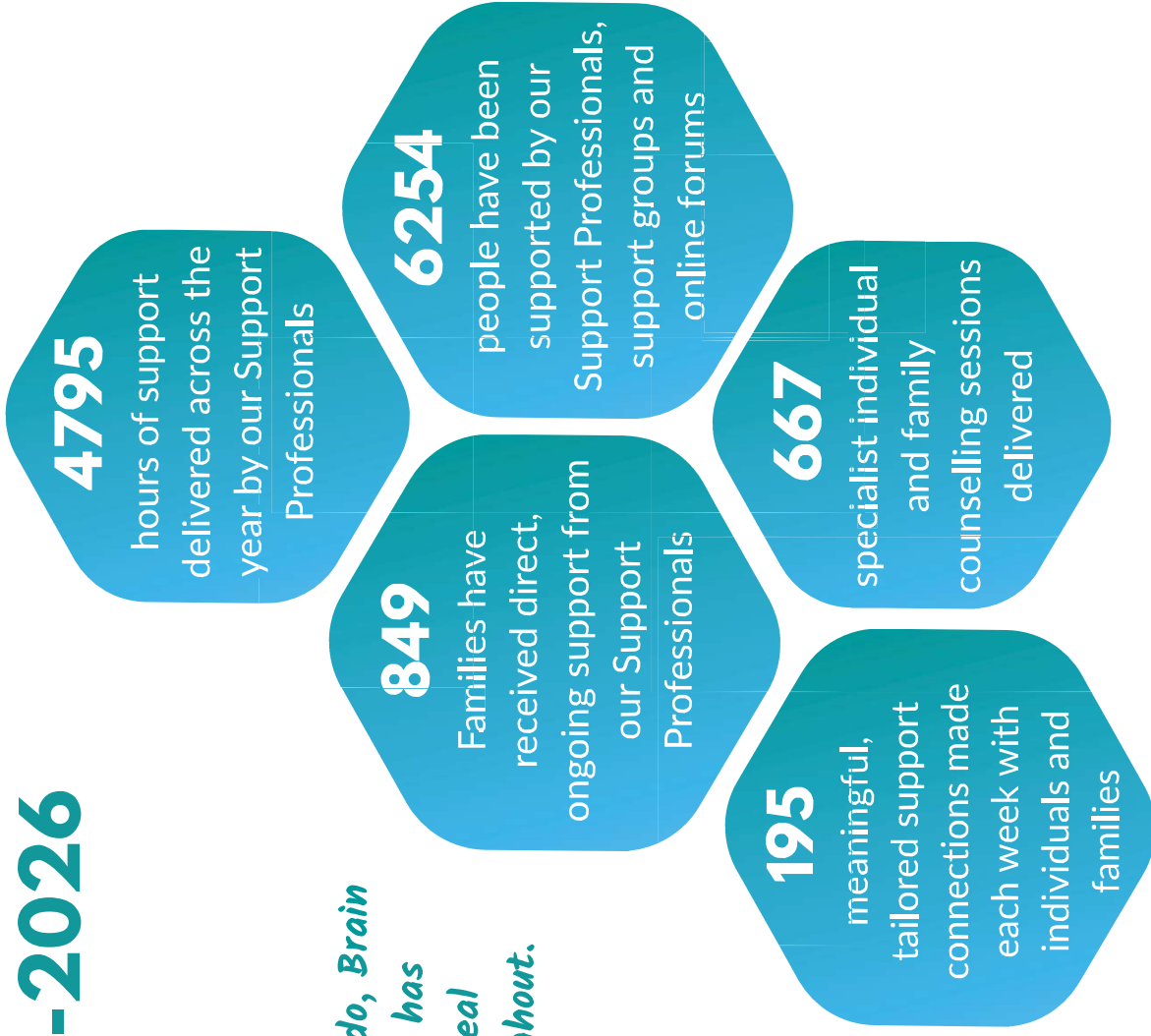


# Our Reach & Impact 2025-2026



**Families supported across the UK**

*“Thank you for everything you do, Brain Tumour Support has been the only real constant throughout.”*



*“I wish everyone who is going through this knew about you, it would make such a difference to their journey.”*

# Our Team

The collective lived personal experience, skills, qualifications and professional background of our Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) offers a passionate and trusted leadership of the charity in working towards and delivering our strategy.

We are extremely proud of our wider team of people at Brain Tumour Support, we celebrate the diverse and rich backgrounds of work, educational and life experience that each and every member of the team brings to shaping the charity, fundraising for and delivering our specialist support services with passion and dedication.

*“ I feel grateful to be part of such a positive workplace where staff are valued and well being is a high priority.”*



**92%** of the team report feeling very valued

*“ I love working with Brain Tumour Support! I feel valued and listened to. There is great motivation and morale and it really is a lovely team to be a part of.”*

**100%** of the team feel their contributions are recognised & appreciated

# Our Chair of Trustees - Ali Woodhead

I was invited to become a trustee at Brain Tumour Support in 2023, after experiencing first hand the incredible support the charity offers, when my mum was diagnosed with a grade 4 glioblastoma.

I lead my own strategic marketing consultancy, Clientseye, and prior to that was a board level director in the legal sector for over 25 years. I support the team with strategic marketing, PR and communications advice and to get the critical message out further to help the charity to support as many people as possible. Having been on the receiving end of that, I know the difference it can make.

Having taken on the role of Chair of Trustees at Brain Tumour Support from 1st April 2026, I am totally inspired and humbled by the incredible progress of the charity in recent years, and it is a privilege to carry forward this legacy into 2026 and beyond, with continued clarity of purpose and a bold vision for even greater impact and reach into the future.

Meeting these strategic goals and the priorities for our community requires more than resources, it requires champions. Trustees, connections, fundraisers, volunteers, donors, community groups and corporate partners – all of which are lifelines to our mission.

To make this happen we are looking for new trustees to join our board as we work together to support our Chief Executive, Emma McKeown and her team in the delivery of ambitious strategic plans over the coming years.



# Our Trustees

John Stuart



In 2004 I spent a life-changing three weeks in hospital being diagnosed with, and having surgery for, a brain tumour. On being discharged, I learnt about the charity Hammer Out (now Brain Tumour Support) and my family and I hugely appreciated the support we received, knowing we were not alone. We have met some wonderful, inspiring people over the years and that has driven my long term involvement in sharing my story, being a patient representative and a volunteer project manager for the charity.

It was an honour for me, in 2022, to be invited to become a trustee. Alongside my professional skills, I think my key responsibility is to ensure we can respond to our community's needs and keep delivering the 'you are not alone' support for patients and families.

Steve Mayers



I started as a trustee at Brain Tumour Support in April 2024. I lost my sister to a glioblastoma when she was only 18. Nearly 40 years on, the impact of her loss still affects me, so I really understand the value that the Brain Tumour Support brings.

Most of my career has been in mobile telecommunications where I led technical, strategic, sales, delivery and operational teams. I now use that experience to help technology 'start up' companies to fulfil their growth ambitions, drive revenues and explore new markets, and raise funds from the private and public sector. I am honoured to be able to bring that experience to bear for the charity and give something back.

Sam Derricourt



I am a Finance Business Partner for Lloyds Banking Group and have been with the organisation since 2013. A CIMA qualified accountant, I have held a variety of roles across the bank with a focus on Analytics, Forecasting and Partnering for various areas of the business.

I joined Brain Tumour Support as a trustee in April 2024. I unfortunately lost my dad in 2014 to a brain tumour after he was diagnosed with a glioblastoma and died 12 months later. Despite brilliant care from the NHS and charities and eventually a hospice, there felt a lack of support for us as his family, so when I was told about the work Brain Tumour Support does the importance of it really resonated with me, and made me keen to give my time and knowledge to help their vital work.

## What do we need from you?

- Attendance at 4 half day board meetings per year and 1 joint SLT & Board strategy day
- Joining ad hoc meetings to celebrate success with the team and sharing key updates
- 3-4 hours per month to review board papers, carry out governance responsibilities and engage with the team on any areas of expertise
- Commitment to proudly and actively represent and promote Brain Tumour Support to your personal and professional networks to maximise prospect potential
- Supporting the team in ambitious fundraising targets
- Sound and constructive governance and oversight

## What you can expect from us

- An opportunity to use your experience to make a real difference and contribution in shaping the charity into the future
- Opportunities to attend and be involved in our support groups to meet our community and see the impact first hand
- Opportunities to engage and connect with the team on specific projects or areas of expertise
- Monthly board papers and financial updates
- Training and development opportunities.

## Why be a trustee?

- Be a part of making a meaningful difference to families impacted by a brain tumour diagnosis
- Help guide the strategic direction of a respected and growing charity
- Work with a diverse, ambitious passionate and dedicated team rooted in compassion, connection and understanding
- Use your skills and experience for strength, sustainability and impact
- Get involved in fundraising activities that raise awareness and joyful impact!