



**SILVER STORIES**

# BECOMING A SILVER STORIES PROVIDER

Would you like to take part in a new, exciting and beautiful way to link the older members of the community that you support with children, a link which develops children's reading and conversational skills and improves the wellbeing of both the children and the older people? If so, then Silver Stories can help you do this.

“Wonderfully simple but with the most  
incredibly positive impact for both Silver  
Listeners and Silver Readers.”

This is how Silver Stories has been described.

## What is Silver Stories?

Children in a school (known as Silver Readers) telephone an older member of the community (known as a Silver Listener) every week and then read a short story or poem to them.

If you think that your organisation may want to become part of Silver Stories then we will provide you with all of the information and guidance to get started.

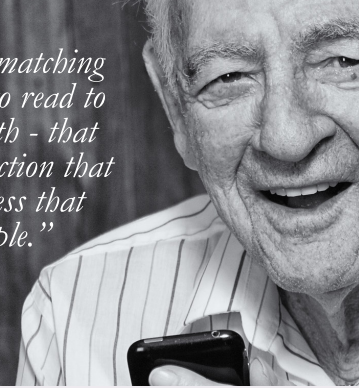
Our experience shows us that children who



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*“The beautiful simplicity of matching an older person with a child to read to them conceals a powerful truth - that it’s exactly this kind of connection that can break down the loneliness that affects so many older people.”*

*James Batchelor*  
*Chief Executive Alertacall*



become Silver Readers can become more enthusiastic about reading, develop greater confidence, fluency and expression in their reading and thoroughly enjoy building a relationship with their Silver Listener.

Silver Listeners feel that they are doing something useful for others and the weekly call increases their feelings of wellbeing and the social interaction can mitigate feelings of loneliness.

