Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	05	04	2025	To	05	04	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Wessington Bright Futures Foundation
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1209327
Charity's principal address	c/o Wessington primary School
	Lanercost
	Washington, Tyne and Wear
	Postcode NE38 7PY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steven IRVINE-DUFFY			
2	Ledine MITCHELSON			
3	Beth Veronica JONES			
4	Andrew Keith DALTON			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	THE OBJECTS ARE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR BY: DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE STAFF, PARENTS AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOOL AND ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES OR PROVIDING FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims, activities and plans for the future.

During the year, the trustees have focused on raising funds to support a range of projects and activities that further the charity's objectives and benefit children, families and the wider local community. This has included securing and seeking funding towards core costs, physical activities, Thriving Through Play, Play Therapy and the Play, Learn, Thrive: Outdoor Mud Kitchen Project.

These projects enhance educational opportunities, promote physical and emotional wellbeing, encourage learning through play and provide additional resources and activities that support pupils and their families.

The trustees have continued to oversee the charity's governance and financial management, while identifying opportunities to develop activities and facilities that strengthen relationships between the school, parents and the wider community. Through this work, the charity remains committed to advancing the education of pupils and delivering meaningful public benefit in accordance with its charitable objects.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity continues to be run entirely by volunteers, with trustees contributing their time, skills and expertise to oversee operations, maintain effective governance and support the development of activities that further the charity's objectives.

During the year, with the support of partners and the wider school and local community, the charity has begun to develop and test new projects and activities that complement existing provision within the school and wider Glebe community. This approach enables the charity to learn from experience, respond to emerging needs and identify opportunities to enhance educational experiences, wellbeing and opportunities for children and families.

The contribution of volunteers and partners remains central to the charity's work, helping to maximise available resources, strengthen community relationships and support the development of sustainable activities that deliver public benefit.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, the charity made significant progress in delivering activities that further its charitable objectives and benefit children, young people and families within the Glebe community. Building on the foundations established in the previous year, the trustees have focused on securing funding, developing partnerships and introducing new opportunities that complement existing provision and respond to the needs of local beneficiaries.

Despite an increasingly challenging funding environment, the charity has worked to secure resources to support its core costs and a range of projects, including physical activities, Thriving Through Play, Play Therapy and the Play, Learn, Thrive: Outdoor Mud Kitchen Project. These projects have supported the development of play-based learning opportunities, physical activity and emotional wellbeing, helping children and families to thrive.

Key achievements during the year include:

- Developing and delivering new play-based, educational and physical activities that promote children's learning, development, physical health and mental wellbeing.
- Working in partnership with Washington Primary School, Active Families and Rebecca's Daycare to develop activities that complement existing provision, respond to local priorities and address gaps in opportunities available to children and families.
- Supporting approximately [X] children and families through activities designed to improve wellbeing, encourage participation and strengthen community connections.
- Securing and seeking funding to support the charity's ongoing operations and the development of new projects, despite the challenges facing the wider voluntary and community sector.
- Registering with easyfundraising to establish an additional source of income, with funds expected to be received in the next reporting period.
- Continuing to strengthen governance, financial oversight and compliance arrangements to support the charity's long-term sustainability.

The charity operates within a community experiencing significant socioeconomic disadvantage. The local neighbourhood is amongst the 10% most deprived in England, with only 7% of neighbourhoods experiencing higher overall levels of deprivation. Deprivation affecting children aged 0–15 is particularly significant, alongside challenges relating to health and disability, education, skills and employment.

Against this backdrop, the charity's activities have been particularly important in providing accessible opportunities that support children's educational development, physical and mental health and wider family wellbeing. The introduction of activities that were not previously available locally has helped address identified gaps in provision, while contributing to wider priorities around improving health, reducing inequalities and supporting children to achieve their potential.

Partnership working has been central to these achievements. We have collaborated with local organisations so the charity can make better use of available resources, avoid duplication and ensure that activities reflect both local priorities and the interests of beneficiaries.

This collaborative approach has strengthened the local network of

support available to children and families and helped create opportunities that might otherwise have been unavailable.

Feedback received from children, families and partners has been overwhelmingly positive, with beneficiaries expressing a desire for further activities and opportunities. This feedback will help inform future planning and ensure the charity continues to develop provision that is relevant, accessible and responsive to community needs.

Looking ahead, the trustees intend to build on the progress made during the year by continuing to pursue funding opportunities, strengthening existing partnerships and exploring new projects that advance the charity's objectives. Particular emphasis will be placed on extending opportunities for play, learning, physical activity and emotional wellbeing, while ensuring that the charity remains financially sustainable and responsive to the needs of children, young people and families within the Glebe community.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The trustees remain committed to building and maintaining unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months of core operating costs to support the charity's financial sustainability and ability to respond to unforeseen expenditure. The trustees will continue to work towards achieving this target as funding and income permit, reviewing the policy annually to ensure it remains appropriate to the charity's activities and financial position.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	The charity held no funds that were materially in deficit during the reporting period.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

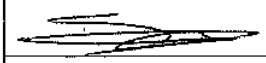
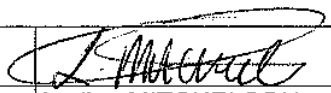
You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	The charity's principal sources of income during the year were grants received from charitable trusts, foundations and local authorities. Fundraising remained an important priority for the trustees, particularly given the challenging funding environment and increasing demand for activities that support children and families. Expenditure during the year has been directed towards activities and projects that further the charity's objectives, particularly those promoting education, learning through play, physical activity and emotional wellbeing. Wherever possible, the charity has worked with local partners who understand the needs of the community, ensuring that resources are used effectively and activities remain accessible, relevant and responsive to local priorities. The trustees monitor expenditure carefully, ensuring that funds are used appropriately and deliver meaningful benefits for the charity's beneficiaries, while supporting the organisation's ongoing financial sustainability.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Steven IRVINE-DUFFY	Ledine MITCHELSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date 05/11/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Wessington Bright Futures Foundation	1209327

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	06/04/2025	To	05/04/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £		Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Grants	4,000	#	13,590	-	17,590	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	4,000		13,590	-	17,590	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-		-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,000		13,590	-	17,590	-
A3 Payments						
Room Hire	-		1,902	-	1,902	-
Sessional Costs	-		660	-	660	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
	-		-	-	-	-
Sub total	-		2,562	-	2,562	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Outdoor Play Equipment (Mud Kitchen)	-		1,000	-	1,000	
	-		-	-	-	
Sub total	-		1,000	-	1,000	-
Total payments	-		3,562	-	3,562	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,000		10,028	-	14,028	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-		-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,000		10,028	-	14,028	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

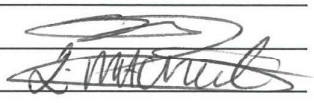
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	4,000	10,058	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,000	10,058	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Outdoor Play Equipment (Mud Kitchen)	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Nil		-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Steven IRVINE-DUFFY	05/11/2026
		Ledine MITCHELSON	**05/11/2026**