Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1st	Jan	2025	To	31st	Dec	2025

Charity name SIR THOMAS WIDDRINGTON EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 505778

Charity's principal address

Dissington Hall
Dalton
NEWCASTLE-UPON -TYNE
Postcode NE18 0AD

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)
Mr Ian Lawson	Secretary	Resigned 30/6/2025	
Margaret Armstrong		Resigned 30/6/2025	Belsay Primary school
Mrs Gillian Blissett		Resigned 30/6/2025	
Mr Andrew Carr			
Mr Duncan Hutt			
Mrs Claire McKinney			Stamfordham Primary School
Ms Gill Fozzard		Appointed 30/6/2025	Belsay Primary school
Mr Peter Lambert	Treasurer	Appointed 30/6/2025	
Mrs Lindy Edwards	Secretary	Appointed 30/6/2025	
Mrs Linda Boylan		Resigned 6/7/2026	Stamfordham Parish Council
Mr Patrick O'Neill		Resigned 6/7/2026	
Mr Michael Brown	Chair	Resigned 6/7/2026	
Mr Richard Williams		*Appointed 6/7/2026*	*Stamfordham Parish Council*
Mrs Sue Noble		*Appointed 6/7/2026*	
Mr Rob Forsyth		*Appointed 6/7/2026*	

		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)

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Trust SCHEMES DATED 29 JUNE 1878, 3 OCTOBER 1895 AND 7 JUNE 1995
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Three trustees are nominated by the governors of Belsay Primary school; by the governors of Stamfordham Primary School and by Stamfordham Parish Council. The remaining Six Co-opted Trustees are persons who through residence, or occupation or employment, or otherwise have special knowledge of the area comprising the Parishes of Stamfordham, Belsay, Capheaton and Matfen

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.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	Promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years who are resident in the area comprising the Parishes of Stamfordham, Belsay, Capheaton and Matfen or who have a parent or parents so resident or who have at any time attended as a pupil at a school in Stamfordham or Belsay and who are in need of financial assistance; by awarding scholarships, bursaries, or grants tenable at any school, university, college of education, or other institution of further (including professional and technical) education approved for the purpose by the Trustees; and/or by providing financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist them to pursue their education (including the study of music and other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof, or to prepare for entering employment on leaving education; and/or by providing equipment and other items, services and facilities to advance education in Stamfordham or Belsay Schools.
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)	These objectives are met by providing grants or educational equipment to individuals, associations and to the two Primary Schools in Stamfordham and Belsay.

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.	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The Trustees were able to help young people by providing grants to 29 individual learners (up from 17 last year), the summer scheme, the brownies and to the two Primary Schools in Stamfordham and Belsay. This year, the main target at Stamfordham was to upgrade lunch space to make it more welcoming for pupils. School Council did research and identified what tables provide a welcoming social space for pupils to enjoy their lunch. Belsay School said they applied their grant to enhancing the school's learning environment. modernising technology to better support teaching and learning across all year groups. Additionally, to purchase class sets of guided reading books, giving opportunities for children to read and explore texts independently and in small groups.. At Chapel farm Trustees continued to work with our agent appointed to discuss with the tenant the future of the tenancy into the next generation, Negotiations are ongoing. A programme of planned maintenance on Widdrington House and Chapel Farm house, continues currently addressing porch roof and completing window work. Independent examination of the accounts was again kindly donated this year. Continued property management work by the trustees avoiding agents fees, has kept the financial position very stable, whilst allowing good progress again to be made on long standing maintenance issues. A fruitful negotiation with Northumbrian water for use of trust land as a compound has continued to add the building fund. Reaching out to learners who need help remains a key goal with adverts placed Stamfordham Communicator, and direct approaches again made to the two primary schools along with village notices. Parents are now sent the Trust poster attached to school newsletters. Trustees have again made direct approaches to the staff at the high school to ensure awareness amongst secondary pupils and school leav ers. Four young people with additional needs were supported to attend BARNABILITY sessions involving physical activity and exercise.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The trust deed prescribes that a building fund be maintained to allow for planned maintenance and repairs of trust properties. Condition surveys have raised the expectation that the trustees will need to continue to spend significant sums on the fabric of the buildings. This fund remains at £47,200 leaving £35,925 to be applied to the future objectives of the charity.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

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 Trust is entirely funded by rents from Widdrington House; Chapel farm and the allotment land and interest earned from funds on deposit.

Section F Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael Lewis Brown	Lindy Rosemary Edwards
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	16th October 2026	

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025

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					
Widdrington House rent	15,600	0	0	15,600	15,600
Chapel Farm rent	5,600	0	0	5,600	5,600
Garden allotments rent	548	0	0	548	494
Electricity Board wayleave	226	0	0	226	223
British Telecom wayleave	26	0	0	26	26
Bank interest	1,580	0	0	1,580	1,982
Northumbrian Water Compound Fee	2,400	0	0	2,400	7,200
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	25,980	0	0	25,980	31,125
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,980	-	-	25,980	31,125
A3 Payments					
Widdrington House expenses	5,851	-	-	5,851	350
Chapel Farm expenses	264	-	-	264	-
Garden allotment expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	2,543	-	-	2,543	2,322
Grants to Stamfordham School	4,000	-	-	4,000	3,500
Grants to Belsay School	4,000	-	-	4,000	3,500
Individual Grants	9,170	-	-	9,170	6,518
Misc. Expenses	152			152	92
Surveyor's Fees	2,236			2,236	1,513
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,216	-	-	28,216	17,795
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,216	-	-	28,216	17,795
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,236	-	-	- 2,236	13,330
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	85,361	-	-	85,361	72,031
Cash funds this year end	83,125	-	-	83,125	85,361

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	1 YR FIX TERM DEPOSIT	45,000	-	-
	32 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT	26,074	-	-
	COMMERCIAL INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT	4,629		
	TREASURERS ACCOUNT	7,422	-	-
	Total cash funds	83,125	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
NONE	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
CHAPEL FARM	UNRESTRICTED	-	-
WIDDRINGTON HOUSE	UNRESTRICTED	-	-
GARDEN LAND IN STAMFORDHAM	UNRESTRICTED	-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
NONE		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
NONE		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M. L. BROWN	6/7/2026
	PETER LAMBERT	25/10/26

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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SIR THOMAS WIDDRINGTON (EDUCATIONAL) TRUST

On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	**Charity no (if any)**	505778

Set out on pages 3 to 9
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	Beth Ramsden	**Date:**	21 October 2026

Name: Beth Ramsden FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Acca Registration No: 1859403

Address:	Allancroft, The Grove, Rowlands Gill, NE39 1PN.

Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	Nothing to disclose.