Robert Windle Foundation

Charity Number 529471

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended

31 March 2026

Windle & Bowker Limited

Chartered Accountants

Robert Windle Foundation

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2026

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Robert Windle Foundation
Charity registration number	529471
Principal office	The Old Grammar School School Lane Earby Lancashire BB18 6QF

The trustees

Margaret Brown (Secretary)
Anthony Tomlinson
Rachael Taylor (Treasurer)
Jane Riley
Jennifer Beckwith
Gerard Cumiskey
Robin Carter (Appointed 1st July 2025)

Independent examiner	Steven Briggs FCA Windle and Bowker Limited Croft House Station Road Barnoldswick Lancashire BB18 5NA

Structure, governance and management

New trustees given advice on reading Charity Commission website regarding their role and responsibilities before they agree to become a trustee.

We have polices on Risk assessment, vulnerable adults and children, health and safety and lone working, CCTV use, food hygiene, financial management, use of donations, new trustees and volunteers induction.

We have an insurance policy which protects the trustees and volunteers from personnel claims.

We hold monthly minuted meetings for trustees to keep everyone up to date. Any interested parties/volunteers are welcome to attend our meetings. The minutes are available for anyone to read on request; they are displayed on the noticeboard for 1 month then stored.

Objectives and activities

To support education of the young people who are residents of the ancient parish of Thornton in Craven.

To keep the Old Grammar School Building in good sound order and available for the people of the Parish to use – subject to acceptance by the trustees

By giving grants to schools and youth groups. Information on how to apply is available via the web site or by contacting the trustees directly.

To maintain the building by having a schedule of work to be undertaken each year to ensure that all is in good order and fit for purpose.

All new and existing Trustees are informed of their role and to read the information on the Charity Commission web site and to follow the guidelines of the Constitution.

Grants are requested via the website. Once received they are discussed at the monthly trustees meeting. The requests have to meet the guidelines set out in the constitution and on the website. If all are happy to give the grant this is accepted, and the monies sent via BACs transfer by the treasurer of the group/school. On receipt of the grant, we ask that the recipients send either a letter, drawing or photographs of the activity that the grant has supported.

We use local tradesmen to carry out any work to the building or grounds We also have 3 volunteers who look after the grounds for us, and a group of people who will help at our events, running the cafe and cake baking. Other local groups use the facilities for meetings etc.

The Foundation continues to pay for volunteers who work in the kitchen to gain an online stage 2 food hygiene course. Currently 7 have successfully completed the course.

We have a separate bank account to build up a fund for expensive repairs to the building. As it is over 400 years old and a grade 2* listed building, it is very expensive to maintain. At the moment we do not have any spare funds to invest, but may be something to look into in the future.

Achievements and performance

Throughout the year a programme of maintenance and upgrading of the building has been carried out to modernise the premises and improve access. This work continues with us still working towards building up enough funds to pay for the extensive roof repairs. We aim to have this completed in the Autumn of 2026. Our aim is to have £45,000 for this project. We transfer £500 per month from the Santander Account into the Virgin money account to help build up the roof repair fund. Fund raising is on target for this. We have applied for several grants though the funding from these will fall into the 2026 -27 accounts.

The café and shop continue to be successful, with many new customers arriving. We are continuing with the Tuesday and Friday opening 1 – 4 pm and Thursday 11 – 2. We would like to increase the opening times and are actively trying to recruit more volunteers.

Sadly, Inspire are no longer able to visit us as a group though, individual members do still come along.

The café and Charity shop have been very successful this year and attendance has increased, with many new visitors. We have a volunteer cake baking team who use our 5* hygiene rated kitchen to produce lovely home made cakes.

The sewing group have increased their sessions and now hold a fortnightly Saturday session. These are very popular.

We are continuing to give out grants, we aim to give out up to 4 grants each month still set at £200.00 per application, sometimes more if we feel that their need is something the trustees want to give more support to. As in previous years the grants are given to local schools and youth groups e.g. football and rugby teams, Scouts and Guides and other local groups that have members under 24 years of age e.g. the swimming club, brass band and bowling club to encourage young people to join or to train older members to support young people. Unfortunately in 2025 we could not give out the Christmas grants as we needed to save the money for the roof repairs. We hope that once the repairs are paid for these grants will restart.

Our grounds continue to be well cared for by the volunteers and are enjoyed by all our visitors.

Financial Review

We are slowly building up a reserve for repairs to the roof and other areas. We now transfer £500 per month into the Virgin/Nationwide account to build us these funds. Monies in the current account are also increasing and these the extra monies will go into the roof fund. Once this is completed we will discuss what our longer-term plans will be.

We continue to raise money through selling donated household items and handicraft items through our shop and online, some more valuable items are sold on marketplace or Ebay.

The café, craft group and other small social events are also profitable. This year we have been very successful both in fund raising and welcoming local people into our building. The building is very important to the local population who love being able to come and visit us and enjoy our lovely grade 2* listed building and garden.

This year we have continued to donate to local schools and other not for profit groups. Usually £200 to 3 - 4 groups each month.

We are a “warm Space” during the colder months this has been very successful. There are many groups of friends who now meet regularly in the café to enjoy socialising, this makes for a lovely happy atmosphere.

The trustees' annual report was approved on …….. and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Margaret Brown Secretary	Gerald Cumiskey Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report

Year ended 31 March 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements do 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.

Steven Briggs FCA
Independent Examiner

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Date ……

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Receipts

	2026			2025
	£		£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Voluntary sources				
Donations	2,164	-	2,164	173
Grants	-	-	-	1,900
	2,164	-	2,164	2,073
Fundraising Activies				
Fundraising sales	38,109	-	38,109	36,302
Rental income	-	-	-	450
Raffles	1,044	-	1,044	364
	39,153	-	39,153	37,116
Other Receipts				
Amazon refunds	20	-	20	22
	20	-	20	22
Total Receipts	41,337	-	41,337	39,211

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Payments

	2026			2025
	£		£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Charitable Activities				
Grants	5,230	-	5,230	18,107
Fundraising Costs				
Ebay/Paypal fees	32	-	32	20
Storage	58	-	58	298
Fundraising costs	3,742	-	3,742	4,338
Lift Service & repair	687	-	687	760
Lottery licence	20	-	20	20
	4,539	-	4,539	5,436
Other Expenditure				
Water	674	-	674	469
Light & heat	2,761	-	2,761	1,407
Insurance	1,793	-	1,793	1,714
Telephone	535	-	535	822
Cleaner & garden	2,969	-	2,969	2,011
Website/Computer	830	-	830	243
Repairs	1,936	-	1,936	10,567
Architect fees	1,080	-	1,080	-
Accounts	432	-	432	414
Sundries	714	-	714	814
	13,724	-	13,724	18,461
Total Payments	23,493	-	23,493	42,004

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	2026		£	2025 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Total Receipts	41,337	-	41,337	39,211
Total Payments	23,493	-	23,493	42,004
Net surplus for year	17,844	-	17,844	- 2,793
Cash Funds at 31 March 2025	20,291		20,291	23,084
Cash Funds At 31 March 2026	38,135	-	38,135	20,291

Cash Funds At 31 March 2026

Santander Bank	23,135	10,291
Virgin Money Bank	15,000	10,000
Total Cash Funds	38,135	20,291

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The building and land at The Old Grammar School, School Lane, Earby, Including fixtures and fittings.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mrs M Brown Secretary

Mr G Cumiskey Trustee

Date