



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
From	1 <sup>st</sup>	January	2023	To	31 <sup>st</sup>	December 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

### 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	Rev Martin Harrison	Chairman	Until 30/11/23	
2	Richard Thompson	Secretary/Treasurer		
3	Amy Holden			
4	Leslie Osguthorpe		Until 17/09/23	
5	Philip Coverdale			
6	Chris Chambers	Chairman from 11/12/23		Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council
7	Dennis Baxter			Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council
8	Daniel T Pillai			
9	Janet Mountain		From 11/12/23	

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document   
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted   
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

One ex officio trustee, up to 3 nominated by Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council and up to 5 appointed by the charity trustees

### 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.

The Ebor Academy Trust (EAT), a multi-academy trust, is responsible for the Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy (RWPA). The charity's trustees can nominate two Members and one Trustee to the Board of the EAT, and up to 3 governors for the Board of Governors for RWPA.

In line with the Charity's first objective, as well as being sited on land owned by the Charity, the Academy and its current and former pupils are the principal beneficiaries of bequests from the Charity under this objective.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The objectives are:

- 1) The advancement of education primarily for the benefit of children in the Parish of Strensall with Towthorpe and particularly the pupils of Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy. This includes making available land owned by the charity, as determined by the trustees, to the above Academy; and promoting the education of those under 25 and in need.
- 2) The relief of those in need by virtue of poverty, hardship or distress and resident in the above Parish or surrounding area by the provision of assistance and support (financial or otherwise) in such ways as the trustees from time to time think fit.

However, the trustees shall not be obliged to provide funding for the above which should otherwise be provided by the state (whether through central or local government or otherwise).



**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 largest benefit activity has been the usual provision of book grants to former Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy pupils, and other young people living in Strensall, to help purchase books and similar materials for their university courses. This is in support of the first objective.

The Charity assisted with the costs associated with several pupils from Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy to go on the Year 6 Residential Course in 2023. The Charity has agreed to provide financial assistance for two pupils to attend the 2024 course. This activity supports both objectives.

As with recent years, the Trustees have received relatively few requests for assistance in the period under review. However, the Charity agreed to pay the majority of the projects costs for enhancing Wrap Round Care facilities at Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy which would allow more working families to extend childcare cover and provide additional revenue for the Academy. The project costs were agreed up to a maximum of £28,000. This project aligns with the first objective.

The project above has further reduced the Charity's funds. However, it is anticipated that The Academy will progress with further projects and the Charity will be able to provide financial support where funding is not the responsibility of the Department for Education.

In their decisions to agree to requests for funding, the trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### **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.

## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

As noted above, apart from book grants and the Academy project, the Charity has had a quiet year in terms of requests for funding. This has allowed it to both support all assistance requests, where consistent with the objectives, and to retain funds for future projects at the Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy.

This Charity's accumulated funds significantly exceed the targeted reserve.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Trustees aim to retain around £15,000 in the Charity's bank account in case of any major issues with its properties.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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

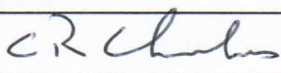

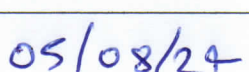
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's income is relatively fixed as it is limited to rental income from its two residential properties and a small amount of agricultural land, together with dividends from several investment funds. The income from the latter in 2023 has remained similar to that in 2022 but the capital values have increased following the previous year's reduction caused by the pandemic and other market effects. One of the properties was unoccupied for part of the Spring.

**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)	Chris Chambers	Richard Thompson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary/Treasurer
Date		

**Wilkinson, Cobb and Hodgson Trust – Registered Charity 1154612**

Accounts for 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Income	Income 2023	Income 2022	Notes	Expenditure	Expenditure 2023	Expenditure 2022	Notes
Residential property rent	14955.00	14800.00	16 West End unoccupied for part of each year	Charity expenses	0.00	0.00	
Agricultural land rent	1556.20	2011.20		Student book grants	6300.00	10525.00	
Investment dividends	16285.92	15639.69		Relief in Need grants	2430.00	216.96	
Wayleaves	20.47	20.47		House Insurance & York Landlords' fee	1061.27	978.97	
				Maintenance and repairs for houses	1168.38	2402.89	
				Council Tax	237.21	201.11	
				Utilities	411.21	0.00	16 West End unoccupied for part of year
				Public Liability Insurance	415.14	899.36	2021 cheque not presented until 2022
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**EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT (FOR A NON-COMPANY CHARITY)**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Wilkinson, Cobb and Hodgson Trust (registered charity 1154612) ("the charity")**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are attached.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

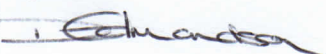
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 27th July 2024