



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| From | Period start date | | | To | Period end date | | |
| | 1st | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| | June | 2024 | 31st | | May | 2025 | |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bereaved Children Support York

Other names charity is known by

BCSY

Registered charity number (if any)

1171422

Charity's principal address

1 Dealtry Avenue

Wigginton

York

Postcode

YO32 2FJ

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 | Joanne Cole | Chair | | Board of Trustees |
| 2 | Lisa Curtis | Treasurer | | Board of Trustees |
| 3 | Yvonne Methley | | | Board of Trustees |
| 4 | Angela White | | | Board of Trustees |
| 5 | Janet Bennett | | 13/03/25 – present | Board of Trustees |
| 6 | Kathryn Hardaker | | 13/03/25 – present | Board of Trustees |
| 7 | Lucy South | | 13/03/25 – present | Board of Trustees |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | Constitution (31/01/2017) |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | Appointed by existing 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.

We were delighted to appoint 3 additional trustees to our board in March 2025. They bring a wealth of experience and skills to the role and are a valuable addition.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of children, young people and their families living in the York area, who have experienced bereavement or loss by the provision of counselling and support and recreation and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life

To advance the education of the public in the subject of the affects of bereavement and loss on children and young people.

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)

Run a monthly peer support drop-in group

This enables bereaved children, young people and families living in the York area to come together and explore their feelings through play, creativity and peer support by meeting others who have had a similar experience, with the aim of improving their emotional well-being.

Individual therapeutic support

One-to-one therapeutic support is provided by bereavement practitioners to those children and young people who need additional specialised and individual help to better cope with the impact of grief on their lives.

Recreational activities

The organisation of recreational activities offers the opportunity for bereaved children, young people and families to meet in an even more relaxed and informal way than the drop-in sessions. This is often a good introduction to the charity and the services we provide.

These have previously included activities such as trampolining, theatre trips, music concerts, football sessions and circus skills workshops.

Parents fortnightly coffee

This provides an opportunity for the parents and carers of bereaved children and young people to meet each other without their children being present to seek, offer and gain mutual support about the issues faced by their children and them as parents.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the charity commission to ensure that all activities are provided for the public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We are delighted to continue to receive the design expertise of local businessman Richard Playford on a voluntary basis in relation to the creation and maintenance of the charity's website and publicity material. We have continue to prepare content for a new updated website which we hope to have up and running next year.

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

Monthly peer support drop-in sessions

These sessions continued to be in-person with crafts and activities for the children to do individually and in groups. We continue to run these sessions in Oaken Grove Community Centre.

52 children have attended at least one session in the past 12 months

Individual therapeutic support

The one-to-one therapeutic support is for those children and young people who need more specialist support to help them be better able to cope with the impact of grief on their lives. The sessions continued to be face-to face, with children and young people mostly being seen at school.

We appointed 2 further part-time sessional bereavement practitioners due to increased demand and a growing waiting list. We now have 7 part-time, sessional bereavement practitioners.

68 children have been referred in the past 12 months

Parents/carers fortnightly coffee

This group continues to be well attended and very much valued by participants. It enables good conversations to be had and relationships built allowing for emotional support to be shared. There is no cost to the charity for these sessions.

Recreacnal Activities

The children, young people and families have enjoyed several recreational activities including pottery painting, trampolining and a trip to see a local production of Sister Act.

Website and publicity

The website continues to be maintained and publicity materials produced on a voluntary basis by supporter Richard Playford, although some printed resources, books and leaflets are purchased. We are beginning to write content in preparation for a new website. We hope to have this up and running next year.

Other collaborations and donations

We were fortunate enough to be chosen as the Charity of the Year for Barratt David Wilson Homes Yorkshire East and this started in July 2024. They organised some amazing fundraising events including a fishing match, golf day and the Red Ball. They entered a team in the local Dragon Boat Race and 2 young adults that have benefited from our services took part. Their fundraising team worked tirelessly and some of our trustees were lucky enough to attend the Red Ball. The total raised was an astounding £58,175.

We continue to benefit from the fundraising of others. We have had supporters raising money for us holding raffles, selling treats and cakes. One of the parents who has used our services, Jenny, ran a half-marathon and raised £2275.

The local branch of the Co-op continued have us as a beneficiary of the Community Fund until October 2024 and we received a final payment of £1833.67.

The staff and customers at the local David Lloyd Leisure Centre collected and donated chocolate Easter eggs to the children in April.

We were delighted to be chosen as one of the good causes to benefit from the Scarecrow Festival held in Haxby and organised by the local Methodist church over the May Bank Holiday weekend. The children and volunteers created a wonderful scarecrow in the form of the BFG and it gave us the opportunity to raise the profile of the charity by having an information stall in the church over the weekend. We received £1373.

We are also thrilled to be chosen as Charity of the Year by TSYS for 2025. This is the local branch of an international company and they will be organising fundraising activities throughout the year. Two of our trustees did a presentation to the staff group to explain what we do.

Also this year we have been humbled to receive increased donations from funerals and wills with a total of £4759 in donations. We are immensely grateful for this.

Future plans for the year ahead

We are hoping to have the new website up and running as well as developing a new strategy and financial plan.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have set a level equivalent to approximately 3 months of operating costs (£15,000) for the organisation as a desired level of reserves.

This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the organisation from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure.

This will be reviewed by trustees in light of increased costs, especially the therapeutic support.

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.

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)

Joanne Cole

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| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair of Trustees | |
| Date | 02/02/2026 | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bereaved Children Support York
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01/06/2024

To

Period end date
31/05/2025

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 | | | | | |
| Fundraising by individuals | 3,260 | - | - | 2,444 | 2,444 |
| Fundraising by groups/organisations | 4,158 | - | - | 4,158 | 9,141 |
| Barratts | 58,176 | - | - | 58,176 | |
| Donations from businesses | 1,510 | - | - | 1,510 | 3,600 |
| Donations from individuals | 622 | - | - | 622 | 520 |
| Funerals/Wills | 4,759 | - | - | 4,759 | |
| Gift Aid | 467 | - | - | 467 | |
| Misc | 15 | - | - | | 637 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 72,967 | - | - | Cross Add Error | 16,342 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 72,967 | - | - | #VALUE! | 16,342 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Therapeutic support sessions | 48,932 | - | - | 48,932 | 40,780 |
| Creative supplies | 745 | - | - | 745 | 571 |
| Recreational activities/entertainment | 651 | - | - | 651 | 609 |
| Venue/room hire | 675 | - | - | 675 | 686 |
| Insurance | 103 | - | - | 103 | 83 |
| Books and resources | 30 | - | - | 30 | 16 |
| DBS check | 67 | - | - | 67 | 52 |
| Refreshments (SS) | 49 | 1 | - | 49 | 153 |

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| Misc | 131 | - | - | 131 | 81 |
| Sub total | 51,383 | - | - | 51,383 | 43,031 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 51,383 | - | - | 51,383 | 43,031 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 21,584 | - | - | #VALUE! | - 26,689 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 39,253 | - | - | 39,253 | 65,942 |
| Cash funds this year end | 60,837 | - | - | #VALUE! | 39,253 |

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

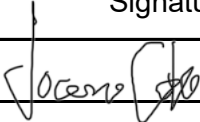
| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash in current account | 60,836 | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 60,836 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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|  | Joanne Cole | 02/02/2026 |
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Bereaved Children Support York

On accounts for the year
ended

May 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1171422

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) 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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Phillip

Date:

26/1/26

Name:

PHILLIP JOHN WILSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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