



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 16/09/2024 Period start date To 30/04/2025 (Period end date)

Charity name: Brighter Grays

Charity registration number: 1210060

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit to relieve the needs of children and young people up to the age of 21 in West Yorkshire, suffering from bereavement by the provision of peer support and practical advice.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During the period from September 2024 to April 2025, Brighter Grays delivered bereavement and emotional wellbeing support to children and young people aged 0-21 and their families, in line with the charity's objects. The charity's primary activity during this period was the delivery of fortnightly bereavement support groups in the local community. These sessions provided a safe, inclusive space for children and young people to explore grief through creative activities, gentle discussion, and peer support. Activities were designed to be age appropriate and trauma informed, enabling participants to express feelings, build coping strategies, and create meaningful items to take home in memory of the person or pet they had lost. Alongside group provision, the charity offered one to one support where appropriate, responding flexibly to individual need. Families were able to self-refer, with no eligibility criteria, referral requirements, or postcode restrictions. To remove barriers to access, the charity operated a travel sponsorship scheme for families across West Yorkshire who were unable to afford transport or were unable to drive. During the reporting period, Brighter Grays also developed and maintained a Mental Health Library, providing free access to resources for children, young people,

		parents, carers, and professionals. These resources supported emotional literacy, grief understanding, and self-regulation outside of sessions. In April 2025, the charity began delivering bereavement support within school settings. This marked the start of a new strand of work aimed at reaching children and young people who may otherwise struggle to access community based support. School sessions focused on emotional regulation, grief education, and individual support, delivered in partnership with school safeguarding teams.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in carrying out the charity's activities during the reporting period.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the reporting period, Brighter Grays supported children, young people, and families who were experiencing bereavement and emotional distress, many of whom had not previously accessed specialist support. By offering self-referral and removing eligibility and postcode restrictions, the charity increased access to early, preventative support. Children and Para 1.41isolation, and increased confidence in talking about bereavement. The creative and relational nature of the charity's work enabled beneficiaries to build meaningful memories and connections, helping them feel less alone in their grief. The introduction of school based support in April 2025 represented a significant step in widening the charity's reach, enabling earlier identification of bereavement related needs and strengthening collaboration with education and safeguarding partners. This contributed to wider public benefit by supporting children's emotional wellbeing within their everyday environments and reducing pressure on families and statutory services.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the reporting period, the trustees were satisfied that the charity was financially stable, had no funds materially in deficit, and was able to continue operating as a going concern.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees have established a reserves policy to ensure the charity can continue to operate in the event of unexpected income shortfalls or increased costs. Reserves are held to support continuity of core services, particularly to protect the delivery of bereavement support to children and young people. The charity's reserves policy sets a minimum reserve level of £2,000, below which no wages are paid. This ensures that services can continue on a voluntary basis if required, while safeguarding the charity's financial position.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustee selection method is via the trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Brighter Grays
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1210060
Charity's principal address	37 Westgate Heckmondwike WF16 0EN

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	Adrian Roberts	Chair	N/A	N/A
2	Shirley Twigger	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Jeanette Peel	N/A	Until 18/12/2024	N/A
4	Helen Sheard	N/A	18/12/2024	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Adrian Roberts	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	14 th February 2026	



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Brighter Grays

1210060

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

16th September

To

5th April 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					
Founder Contributions	1,749	-	-	1,749	-
Donations	600	-	-	600	-
Event Income	3,099	-	-	3,099	-
Grant Income	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Sponsorships	2,732	-	-	2,732	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,180	-	-	10,180	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,180	-	-	10,180	-
A3 Payments					
Admin Costs	651	-	-	651	-
Advertising	56	-	-	56	-
Equipment	105	-	-	105	-
Office Costs	25	-	-	25	-
Purchases	620	-	-	620	-
Training	60	-	-	60	-
Travel	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,667	-	-	1,667	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,667	-	-	1,667	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,512	-	-	8,512	-
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	8,512	-	-	8,512	-

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				
	Bank	8,512	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,512	-	-

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

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

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Details			
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		-	-
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	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Details			
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Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ADRIAN ROBERTS	26.2.16

Charity Commission
PO Box 211
Bootle
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25th February 2026

Re; Brighter Grays (Charity No: 1210060) – Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2025

To whom it may concern,

We act as accountants for the above-named charity.

We write to confirm that we have prepared the charity's accounts for the financial year ended 5th April 2025, using the charity's accounting records and the information and explanations provided to us by the charity's trustees and/or officers.

Our work was limited to the preparation of the accounts from those records and information. Responsibility for maintaining proper accounting records, and for the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information, rests with the charity's trustees. Responsibility for the accounts, including their approval and filing (where applicable), also rests with the trustees.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully,



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