

SIR THOMAS WIDDRINGTON (EDUCATIONAL) TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 505778

Details

Other names SIR THOMAS WIDDRINGTON'S ENDOWED SCHOOL

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1976-11-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE 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 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 B) PROVIDING EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR AND THEREFORE ADVANCE EDUCATION AT ANY SCHOOL SITUATED IN EITHER OF THE PARISHES OF STAMFORDHAM AND BELSAY.FOR FULL DETAILS SEE SCHEME OF 7 JUNE 199

Activities: Education of persons under the age of 25 years who are resident inthe area comprising the Parishes ofStamfordham,Belsay,Capheaton and Matfen or who have a parent or parents so resident or who have attended as apupil at a school in Stamfordham or Belsay who are in need of financial assisstanc

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PARISHES OF STAMFORDHAM, BELSAY, CAPHEATON AND MATFEN
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£31,125	£17,795	-	-
2023-12-31	£23,162	£20,528	-	-
2022-12-31	£22,043	£22,840	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,832	£15,519	-	-
2020-12-31	£21,950	£21,284	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Brown	Chair	2017-09-24
Andrew Carr		2019-12-09
Claire Ann Mckinney		2022-03-22
Duncan Hutt		2019-09-09
Jill Diana Fozard		2025-06-30
LINDA BOYLAN		2012-04-25
Lindy Rosemary Edwards		2025-06-30
Patrick O'Neill		2013-09-12
Peter Lambert		2025-06-30

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		Period end date
From	1st Jan 2024	To	31st Dec 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

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	
	Mr Andrew Carr			
	Mr Michael Brown	Chair		
	Miss Clare Cantwell		Resigned 11/3/2024	Belsay Primary school
	Margaret Armstrong		Appointed 11/3/2024 Resigned 30/6/2025	Belsay Primary school
	Mrs Gillian Blissett		Resigned 30/6/2025	
	Mrs Linda Boylan			Stamfordham Parish Council
	Mr Patrick O'Neill			
	Mrs Claire McKinney			Stamfordham Primary School
	Mr Duncan Hutt			
	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	

	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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Deed of Trust SCHEMES DATED 29 JUNE 1878, 3 OCTOBER 1895 AND 7 JUNE 1995
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trustees were able to help young people by providing grants to 17 individual learners (up from 10 last year), the summer scheme, the brownies and to the two Primary Schools in Stamfordham and Belsay.

Stamfordham school were able to update their whole suite of i-pads in school and purchase new coding equipment enabling an outstanding computing curriculum; also giving pupils the opportunity to attend computer-based extra-curricular clubs. Older pupils have taken on the role of digital leaders and the school is now able to equip the pupils with the IT skills they need for high school and beyond

Belsay School reported that the Trust's donation made a significant difference to our Early Years provision, helping them create a more enriching and welcoming environment for their youngest learners.

At Chapel farm the tenant had begun some repairs (initially window replacement). An agent has been appointed to discuss with the tenant the future of the tenancy into the next generation, proposed diversification away from pure agriculture and rent increase to reflect this.

A programme of planned maintenance on Widdrington House, continues currently addressing window and door timber rot.

The conducting of all trust business electronically including banking and communication, continues to work well. The online application form replacing handwritten requests seems to be encouraging a new generation to engage with the Trust. Cheques have been completely phased out with secure online methods replacing them.

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 added a significant sum to the building fund. This will be applied to future road maintenance at Chapel farm.

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 also made direct approaches to the staff at the high school to ensure awareness amongst secondary pupils and school leavers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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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.

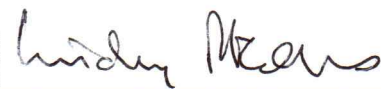
The Trust is entirely funded by rents from Widdrington House; Chapel farm and the allotment land and interest earned from funds on deposit.

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 14th October 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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	494	0	0	494	363
Electricity Board wayleave	223	0	0	223	219
British Telecom wayleave	26	0	0	26	26
Bank interest	1,982	0	0	1,982	1,353
Northumbrian Water Compound Fee	7,200	0	0	7,200	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,125	0	0	31,125	23,161
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,125	-	-	31,125	23,161
A3 Payments					
Widdrington House expenses	350	-	-	350	10,154
Chapel Farm expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Garden allotment expenses	-	-	-	-	-
last year's accs provision	-	-	-	-	2,144
Insurance	2,322	-	-	2,322	2,144
Grants to Stamfordham School	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,190
Grants to Belsay School	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,190
Individual Grants	6,518	-	-	6,518	3,900
Misc. Expenses	92	-	-	92	94
Surveyor's Fees	1,513	-	-	1,513	-
Sub total	17,795	-	-	17,795	20,528
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,795	-	-	17,795	20,528
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,330	-	-	13,330	2,633
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,031	-	-	72,031	69,398
Cash funds this year end	85,361	-	-	85,361	72,031

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	1 YR FIX TERM DEPOSIT 21887331LS	40,000	-	-
	32 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT 18544330LS	20,994	-	-
	COMMERCIAL INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT 78443768	2,378	-	-
	TREASURERS ACCOUNT 01949716	21,989	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,361	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds


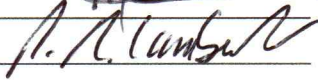
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
NONE	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
Details			
CHAPEL FARM	UNRESTRICTED	-	-
WIDDRINGTON HOUSE	UNRESTRICTED	-	-
GARDEN LAND IN STAMFORDHAM	UNRESTRICTED	-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Details			
NONE		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Details			
NONE		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Michael Lewis Brown	14th October 2025
	Peter Lambert	14th October 2025



**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name SIR THOMAS WIDDRINGTON (EDUCATIONAL) TRUST		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2024	Charity no (if any)	505778
Set out on pages	3 to 9 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

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:** 23 October 2025

Name: Beth Ramsden FCCA

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

