

**The Willingham British School Trust**  
**An Educational Charity Registered Number 311393**

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Report for the Annual Parish Meeting, for the year ending 05<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The Willingham British School Trust has been awarding educational grants to benefit the young people of the Parish, either through individual or institutional funding applications, for more than 45 years. The Scheme of Regulation for the Trust was originally approved by the Charity Commission in March 1979. There are currently eight Trustees, who contribute a range of professional backgrounds, skills and expertise to the Trust's activity. In the past year Councillor Lorna McKee has retired as a Trustee nominated by the Parish Council. She has been replaced in this role by Councillor Ian Barratt.

Oversight of the Trust's activity is maintained by the Charity Commission and an Annual Return is required of the Trust. The adoption by Trustees of a longstanding programme of audited financial management ensures that this is completed, submitted and reviewed without challenge. The Commission also encourages Trustees to take part in 'refresher' programmes, most recently an event to improve awareness of the impact of fraud and cybercrime on charitable activities.

The Trustees timetable three meetings each year in January, April and October. The support of the Baptist Church in hosting these meetings is gratefully acknowledged. Reports of those meetings and successful funding applications are placed in the Willingham News. Additional meetings are arranged on a bespoke basis, such as visiting the Primary School to meet the newly appointed Headteacher.

In the past financial year the Trust has made individual awards to seven undergraduates to support activities associated with their university programmes. An apprenticeship award was also made. The undergraduate award recipients are following a diverse range of programmes, including Medicine, Plant Science, Business Management, Ecology and Wildlife Conservation, Sports Therapy and Film Production. Institutional grants have also been made to Willingham Primary School, the Old Willingham Society and the Baptist Church. These grants have either contributed to innovations in the school's curricula or safeguarded the continuation of valued activities, either in the school or the wider village. These institutional applications have received approximately 65% of the funds awarded by the Trust in the past year. This division of individual and institutional funding reflects the practice of past years.

The Trustees are mindful of opportunities to raise a greater awareness of the Trust's activities and the availability of funding, especially from individuals. Alternatives have been discussed by the Trustees and trialled to address this in the past year. Two approaches have been adopted. A Facebook insert encouraged an increased number of individual applications which matched the number previously received pre-pandemic. The Trust's robust financial management has also ensured sufficient funding is available for the Trustees to regularly review and adjust award levels in line with inflation. It is hoped to further publicise the funding opportunities offered by the Trust with more inserts in the Willingham Village and the Willingham School Association Facebook pages.

Making an application is easy and quick! Please attach to an email to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher ([willinghambritishschooltrust@gmail.com](mailto:willinghambritishschooltrust@gmail.com)), a statement of no more than 400 words detailing your full name and address and the uses to which you will put any award. Further information may be requested, if needed, to support your application. If you have an enquiry about applying please contact the Trust Secretary.

Ray Croucher  
Secretary, Willingham British School Trust

# WILLINGHAM BRITISH SCHOOL TRUST

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## ACCOUNTS 2024 - 2025

### LLOYDS BANK

Credits		Debits	
Opening Balance	£17854.42	Student Grants	£4000.00
Charifund	£5312.35	Willingham School	£4550.00
Charishare Re. Inc.	£1012.77	Willingham Baptist Church	£500.00
Charishare Cap. Acc	£2633.86	General Grant	£1096.00
		New Investment	<u>£10000.00</u>
	£26813.40		£20146.00
		Balance c/f	<u>£6667.40</u>
			£26813.40

### COIF

Opening Balance	£3095.24
Interest (2 Years)	<u>£300.25</u>
	<u>£3395.49</u> Balance at 31st March 2025

Average interest rate 4.8%

### PETTY CASH

Balance brought Forward	£8.56
Expenses	<u>£3.50</u>
	<u>£5.06</u> Balance at 31st March 2025

## VALUATIONS 31ST MARCH 2025

M & G. Charifund 5870 units @ 1518.30p	£89124.21
less value in 2024	<u>£85471.90</u>
Gain in Year	£3652.31
Black Rock Charishare Capital Account 10389.97 units @£7.59	£78859.87
less value in 2024	<u>£75742.88</u>
Gain in Year	£3116.99
Black Rock Charishare Reserved Income 4649.937 units @£7.59	£35293.02 **
less value in 2024	<u>£24369.36</u>
Gain in Year	£10923.66

\*\* N.B. A further £10000 Invested during year increasing number of units

*M. Smith*

Mrs M.J. Smith (MAAT)  
Auditor

*G.M. Pake*

Mr G. M. Pake  
Treasurer

22nd April 2025

