

LINCOLNSHIRE RURAL ACTIVITIES CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1032447

Details

Other names	LOUTH RURAL ACTIVITIES CENTRE, L R A C RURAL AND EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1994-02-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (1) THE RELIEF OF PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, AND, OR, WHO ARE PHYSICALLY DISABLED, BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION (2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CONCERNING RURAL LIFE INCLUDING RURAL CRAFTS HORTICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE, AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL FLORA AND FAUNA

Activities: To organise and incorporate equestrian facilities for all abilities To establish a rural activities centre for all abilities To create training opportunities in rural education, appreciation, equine management and such other appropriate activities To maintain links with other organisations interested and involved in rural activities/education and disabled riding.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£148,676	£140,755	-	-
2024-03-31	£109,585	£127,300	-	-
2023-03-31	£116,524	£115,863	-	-
2022-03-31	£123,397	£115,681	-	-
2021-03-31	£124,778	£95,703	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colin Pitman	Chair	1993-12-30
Bonita Hodge		2024-04-09
HEATHER CANTER		
Janet Viner		2019-11-12
Matthew Hotham		2020-06-09

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Accounts

Chairman's Report 2025

So, another year and milestone passes as we as a board of Trustees move forward, despite the financial pressures we struggle with and maintaining an active and engaged group of Trustees. We have had our ups and downs this past year, particularly in the key area of the Trustee Board and it's membership. Despite strenuous efforts to retain the services of a number of Trustees to maintain a healthy and quorate group, we were unable to resist the resignations of two of our number. Chris and Tim had been supporting the charity for a considerable number of years and were amongst some of the longest serving of our Trustees. The crushing news that they were having to withdraw from their respective roles on the board left a considerable gap in our expertise and a worrying low number of existing Trustees.

I have written to both Tim and Chris and thanked them for their individual and unique contributions they have made over the years but wanted to mark their departure and the personal sadness I felt when they confirmed their decisions to resign from the Trustee Board of LRAC.

But, such is in the nature of the progress of the charity that we have been able to find a replacement for at least one of the vacant positions of Trustee. We should soon confirm the appointment of Simon onto the board and I am sure that Simon is more than capable in filling one of those vacant positions and look forward to working with him to ensure that LRAC continues into the future to provide it's unique role within Louth and the surrounding counties that we serve in the Greater Lincolnshire area.

As usual our Centre Manager, Sarah, has provided the stability and energy to keep LRAC moving forward whilst maintaining it's core strengths in supporting and developing the facilities and services at the centre, for the benefit of all who might need our facilities. I am pleased and proud to note that despite the external financial pressures placed on the charity, Sarah who takes her financial stewardship of the charities income and expenditure as a personal challenge, was able to ensure this year that our income exceeded our expenditure. we are extremely grateful to Sarah for all the hard work this took to achieve.

We have also had some bad news over the last year as our Groundsman Stuart struggled with some potentially serious health issues. As he went through all the health tests and procedures our thoughts and the best wishes of trustees were with Stuart. It is with some relief, not only to Stuart, but for all of us that after all his worrying symptoms I can now report that Stuart has been able to return to work. Sarah, I know will continue to support Stuart during his return to normal duties and a full recovery and we all wish him well for the future.

As I mentioned at the last AGM, we needed to review how we function and operate as a charity in order to maximise the potential of the charity's assets. Following our meeting in the New Year I am pleased and grateful that Bonny our Vice Chair has taken up that challenge, and we are now part way through her proposals to revitalise and change how we function and operate more effectively in the years ahead.

My thanks and gratitude go to all the trustees who have continued to support the charity throughout the year. I appreciate the time and effort that all LRAC Trustees give freely to help make sure that LRAC delivers on its ambitions and in maintaining the facilities and services which are provided on site for the benefit of those who are less able and sometimes unable to access appropriate services in the community. Our partners in this endeavour use the site, to make a valuable contribution in providing the services and opportunities on this wonderful site and are a vital component in supporting and enabling disadvantaged individuals and groups to enjoy and maintain healthier, productive and more rewarding lives.

All the Trustees at LRAC make a vital and often unseen contribution to ensuring that the facilities and services on this site continue into the future.

Finally, in concluding my thanks to Trustees I must also give a special thank you to our Treasurer Matt. An often-unsung hero on the board, we are more than lucky to have Matt in this, for many, the least exciting role on the board. Long may he continue to crunch the numbers, check the figures and keep the finances of the Charity in order.

Lincolnshire Rural Activities Centre

Year ended 31/3/25

	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
Income	106342.02	94315.38
Grants	36729.00	9797.00
Interest	<u>5605.81</u>	<u>5472.79</u>
Total income	148676.83	109585.17
Wages	69531.10	65678.45
Telephone	1931.07	1688.69
Heat & light	16154.16	13451.37
Cleaning	10905.25	3184.41
PPS	596.89	1941.70
Repairs	22149.86	32962.57
Misc	<u>19486.93</u>	<u>8393.74</u>
Total expenditure	140755.26	127300.93
Surplus for the year	<u>7921.57</u>	<u>-17715.76</u>
brought forward reserves	261487.55	279203.31
Reserves carried forward	<u><u>269409.12</u></u>	<u><u>261487.55</u></u>
Funded by		
Lloyds	103648.29	68735.60
Cambridgeshire	86508.40	82782.98
Virgin	0.00	32270.51
Hampshire	79252.43	77698.46
Cash	0.00	0.00
Total funds	<u><u>269409.12</u></u>	<u><u>261487.55</u></u>

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Dear Sarah

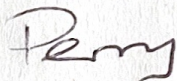
Independent Examination 2025

As requested, we have completed the examination of the accounts of the centre for the year ended 31/3/25.

Our testing and confirmations were carried out as per normal practices and found no areas of concern.

A copy of the accounts is enclosed, and your records can be collected from the office.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman's Report 2024

This year has been a difficult one. As a Charitable Organisation we have been subject to and affected by the impact of the Cost of Living crisis. The financial downturn and increased costs have affected our ability to maintain our performance over the year in relation to keeping our income above the necessary expenditures of operating and managing the centre and its facilities.

The Centre Manager, Sarah works away at maintaining the balance we hope to strike in maintaining financial viability and sees the challenges the charity faces, personally. She is aware of the trust we as trustees place on her shoulders, but occasionally needs the support and encouragement of us all to continue in her endeavours. Sarah's task is not an easy one and balancing practical and logistical considerations in the smooth running of the centre. Moving through the minefield of blocked toilets, maintaining our partnership arrangements and pursuing grant funding is difficult, but Sarah manages them with a smile on her face and a steely determination. We are grateful and fortunate in having her as our manager at LRAC.

I have passed on my personal thanks to Sarah in her recent Appraisal and I would ask that other Trustees take the time, following the AGM to either pass on any comments about her role as Centre Manager or to myself and I will add them to her Appraisal Document. Sarah continues to support Stuart through her line management, which enables our Groundsman to maintain the building and the grounds to such a high standard.

Our discussions in that appraisal, and reflecting the current financial situation looked at whether the model of operating at Kenwick was appropriate and fit for purpose. There has been a steady reduction in the Grant Funding from other organisations which has usually been able to offset any under funding from the revenue the centre generates. Whilst we can, in the short term, sustain a period of our expenditure being slightly above what we earn this cannot continue long term or should the pressures increase. From a general discussion with Sarah on this subject we as Trustees should I feel consider this issue and look at what strategically we might want to change to ensure the continuing existence of the Charity. I therefore propose that sometime in the New year we set aside sometime other than a meeting to specifically look at how we operate as a charity. This maybe the basis for a revision of how we obtain our funding or a tweaking of how we operate currently.

The Centre Manager Report will detail what has been happening at the centre over the last year but I would just like to note a couple of items that has stood out for me over the past year.

Firstly, I would like to note the continuing success of, one of our own trustee's daughter, Ros Canter. It seems despite the difficulties of losing a former high performing horse she has been able to improve her winning ways with her replacement on Lordships Graffalo. Wins at Badminton 2023, Burghley 2024 and the recent Gold Medal at the Paris Olympics has sealed her position as Number 1 in the country. It is nice to note that although Ros's success is of course down to her own ability and

determination, Heather and Barney have been there in the background supporting and encouraging. I would also like to think that the facilities at LRAC have also played a part in her success.

Secondly, I would like to note the contribution Spencer and Back to Bear has made to also putting the Charity on the National and Global Map. Through his efforts he was able to secure a World Championship Event which was held here at Kenwick in July.

I was bitterly disappointed that I wasn't able to be here on the day but would like to applaud his considerable efforts in running such a successful event.

I mentioned in my last report my concerns about maintaining a healthy number of trustees to oversee the governance of LRAC. The pressure to retain a quorate board of trustees is a constant. Whilst I am extremely grateful to those trustees who remain on the board, I am aware that there comes a time when pressures elsewhere result in trustees having to make difficult decisions about remaining as a trustee. I will therefore at our next meeting put forward a proposal re Trustees making a practical contribution towards ensuring the quorate primacy. This may well entail a change to our Governance Document re the role of Trustees in nominating and proposing a replacement prior to their resignation. This option, if adopted, does not mean that our efforts to constantly re new the number of trustees on the board should be forgotten. We need to constantly be vigilant to encourage and welcome any new potential trustee.

Finally, my thanks go to all the trustees who have continued to support the charity throughout the year and to note that we have had the bonus this year of welcoming back a former Trustee into the team. Bonny Hodge was a significant contributor and asset when she was last a trustee, I have no doubt that this will remain the same during her time with the Charity. Welcome indeed to Bonny.

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Dear Sirs

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Year ended 31/3/24

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Income	94315.38	97618.94
Grants	9797.00	18906.00
Interest	<u>5472.79</u>	<u>3366.22</u>
Total income	109585.17	119891.16
Wages	65678.45	60385.06
Telephone	1688.69	1473.60
Heat & light	13451.37	10520.63
Cleaning	3184.41	9110.18
PPS	1941.70	933.70
Repairs	32962.57	18210.38
Misc	<u>8393.74</u>	<u>15230.39</u>
Total expenditure	127300.93	115863.94
Surplus for the year	<u>-17715.76</u>	<u>4027.22</u>
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Another year coming to an end and another year added to LRAC's successful progress since it became a charity. It is interesting to note that the Charity LRAC was established on 30th December 1993. This then will be our 30th Anniversary. That the efforts to provide a suitable building for the two local Riding for the Disabled groups started a couple of years earlier, the 30 years of progress as a charity is therefore something of a milestone. A fitting tribute to those individuals who were involved from 1991 and to those trustees and the Charity's staff who are still working to ensure we continue for another 30 years, at least.

There will be more work to do in the coming years but now is the opportunity to reflect on last year's Anniversary efforts.

On a personal note, one of our achievements last year which warms my heart, has been the refurbishment of the Round House. Such an impressive structure that was beginning to show its age. Not from the Bronze and Iron Age, I hasten to add, but from when it was first constructed on site. It is pleasing to see that the structure remains in good condition and now it has had a short back and sides from a Master Thatcher, it looks as good as new or should that be old.

To maintain our environmental credentials, we have also been looking at the introduction of Solar Panels to improve our carbon footprint. That we also maintain prudent financial management in trying to secure the best deal has meant that we haven't yet completed this particular project, but I am sure in the year to come this will be achieved.

On the issue of financial management, I would like to thank Matt, our treasurer for his continuous efforts to ensure we keep the books balanced. His efforts as always supported by the prudent administration of Sarah, our Centre Manager. Sarah continues to try and secure any funding streams that help maintain our existing resources and supports development of the site to meet the needs for the vulnerable groups who rely on this provision.

This year therefore has seen support from Tesco in the garden area, Heritage Lottery to refurbish the Round House and more recently a National Lottery fund for a Catalytic Kitchen - For Improving Lives, Saving Energy.

We have in place a funding application to the Lottery Partnership Fund which we understand has got through to the next round for approval. We await a successful outcome for Sarah's efforts.

That finances are tight, and every effort has to be made to make the most of whatever money we generate, brings me to the topic of how the current Government seems to be working towards hindering our efforts to continue as a charity. This relates to the Red Diesel issue which continues for another year. We are no further forward in securing a positive outcome for the charity in being accepted that as a Charity providing Sporting Opportunities for Vulnerable groups, we are not financially disadvantaged by having to buy White Diesel when compared to our neighbours Kenwick Golf Club et al.

Despite trying to get support from our MP Victoria Atkins, her response and the progress in resolving this matter has been seemingly un-supportive, unhelpful and ponderously slow.

A second letter which has been forwarded to the treasury, sent early this year is still sitting in someone's in tray. We waited six months for the first letter to be responded to. That first response from the Treasury official, was more content to repeat a series of platitudes and good advice than to address the core issue of the clear bias in favour of providing a dubious exemption to Golf Clubs than to a Charity providing Sporting/Recreational activities to vulnerable groups. We await a further response but despite efforts to speed up the process of getting a response, it looks like we will be waiting another six months.

I spoke earlier about this being an Anniversary for LRAC and the need to look forward to further years as a vibrant and effective Charity. To do this we need to address the issue of future proofing our past and our current efforts by recruiting new and committed trustees onto the board. So again, a plea to existing trustees, that this year we make a concerted effort to try and recruit more trustees.

As always, I would like to thank the employees of the Charity for their conscientious and hard work in their respective roles in keeping the centre running.

To Sarah, our Centre Manager who as the sole manager, administrator and the 'go to person' to get things done, as usual trustees are profoundly grateful for the work she does. I would also like to thank our long serving and enduring Groundsman, Stuart. Without his efforts to keep the centre well maintained and functioning the centre would not consistently be looking so well cared for.

Just to note this year that following re assuming oversight of the direct management of the site and it's activities from GIFHE the frequency of meetings has changed. We no longer meet on a monthly basis but now operate a quarterly cycle throughout the year. Should this arrangement prove unsatisfactory in terms of providing Trustee oversight I am sure we will make any appropriate adjustments to these arrangements.

So, another year ends and we strive towards another decade of progress and success. I hope that as a dedicated group of individuals/trustees we are all around and involved with the Charity as we hit that next milestone along this journey. Plus, I hope some new friends being recruited along the way.

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Grants	18906.00	43995.00
Covid Grant	0.00	1224.00
Interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1712.23</u>
 Total income	 116524.94	 123397.59
Wages	60385.06	58377.80
Telephone	1473.60	1306.08
Heat & light	10520.63	8514.84
Cleaning	9110.18	1644.75
PPS	933.70	943.97
Repairs	18210.38	31199.86
Misc	<u>15230.39</u>	<u>13693.93</u>
 Total expenditure	 115863.94	 115681.23
 Surplus for the year	 <u>661.00</u>	 <u>7716.36</u>
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Another year has passed and the spectre of Covid and its likely impacts are still with us. That its effects due to the vaccination programme are not likely to impact as much as it has over the past two years is something of a blessing.

As the centre tries to get back to normal running, it is extremely pleasing that we seem to have recovered from the hiatus that was covid and in terms of our five year plan we have moved to a position in terms of our finances that we hoped to have been in two years ago. That we are now generating several months where our income exceeds expenditure is particularly rewarding. This achievement is due in a great part to the efforts of Sarah our Centre Manager. She has, despite her best efforts, had to endure too many months where this has not happened and her frustrations at not achieving this goal has been a testament to her resilience and determination. So it gives me great pleasure on behalf of all the trustees to pass on our thanks and gratitude to Sarah for achieving this milestone..

In noting the efforts that she has made I would also like to thank our long serving and enduring Groundsman. Without his efforts and consistent resolve to keep the centre well maintained and functioning the centre would not consistently be looking so well cared for.

We now have a healthy mix of care and social providers on site and as a busy and happy site. Having such a relaxing and happy environment does I am sure add a great deal to satisfaction and enjoyment to the users of their services. We need to maintain the philosophy of the site and ensure potential other groups who want to make use of our facilities benefit from what we have to offer. Mirroring our Aims and ambitions for the future.

I spoke earlier about the five year plan and I think it is time that we address the next five years in order to give Sarah a road map to work to. In the completion of a new plan it is evident to me that one of the threats we face is maintaining a healthy level of trustees and their involvement in the overseeing of the Charity and its future. I am extremely grateful to the current group of Trustees and those who support the Chair directly through the Vice Chair and Treasurer Roles. But we are all aware of the

threats to that situation. We need, as I have said on a number of occasions to look to increasing the number of Trustees. Those we have are excellent but it doesn't take much to make the situation re numbers at a meeting close to making the charity not quorate.

So I think we need some discussions about increasing numbers of trustees but not to the situation where those on the Trustee board don't enjoy or have fulfilment from their role.

During the year discussions began to consider the future definition of LRAC as a charity or whether it should pursue the option to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The decision to go down this route or not will I am sure be a feature of next years programme.

This end of year report is therefore one with a more positive outlook. We essentially have a good product to sell and to benefit the community of Louth and the wider county of Lincolnshire. The charity is in good hands when served by the Trustee Board and managed by Sarah, supported by Stuart.

I look forward to the next five years and beyond.

Lincolnshire Rural Activities Centre

Year ended 31/3/22

	31/03/2022	31/03/2021
Income	76466.36	33338.62
Grants	43995.00	74070.00
Covid Grant	1224.00	17368.97
Interest	<u>1712.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total income	123397.59	124777.59
Wages	58377.80	56109.96
Telephone	1306.08	1398.32
Heat & light	8514.84	6484.37
Cleaning	1644.75	4841.01
PPS	943.97	2309.34
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Misc	<u>13693.93</u>	<u>11887.74</u>
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Virgin	31670.82	31670.82
Hampshire	74359.06	74359.06
Cash	76.97	76.97
Total funds	<u><u>275176.09</u></u>	<u><u>267459.73</u></u>

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Dear Sirs

Independent Examination 2022

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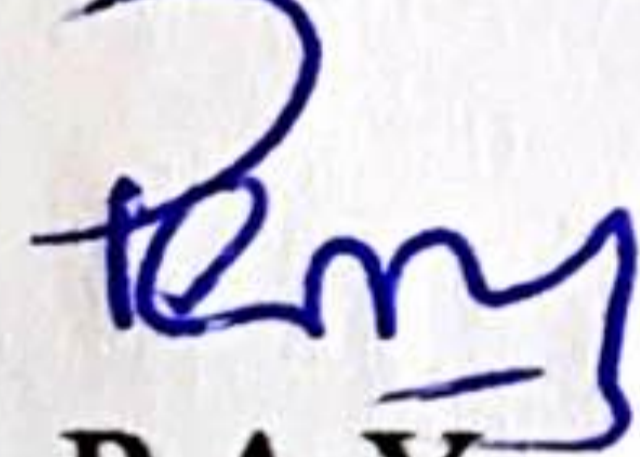
As requested, we have completed the examination of the accounts of the centre for the year ended 31/3/22.

Our testing and confirmations were carried out as per normal practices.

We were unable to confirm the balances on the bank accounts at Virgin and Hampshire as these were not supplied.

A copy of the accounts is enclosed, and your records can be collected from the office.

Yours sincerely



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LINCOLNSHIRE RURAL ACTIVITIES CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1032447

Accounts

Chairman's Report 2020

Well if we thought last year had it's problems and difficulties, this year and the influence of Covid 19 put everything in perspective, albeit in a much more pessimistic one.

I ended my last report on a bit of an optimistic note, as we had secured the necessary grants to provide a springboard to get LRAC operating as we envisaged and with what should have been a nucleus of Volunteers to support the development of the site and the opportunities it could offer. However no one apart from Graham Garden apparently could have foresaw the appearance of Covid 19 and its impacts on everyone's lives.

As we started the year under Sarah's stewardship the centre was moving gradually into the vibrant and active centre we envisaged. Bookings were on the increase, more users of the centre were benefitting from the groups, individuals and the agencies that were providing services for the benefit of all. Through the grants Sarah had been able to secure we were becoming more efficient and environmentally friendly especially with the refurbishment of the Main Arena and the upgrading of it's lighting. My thanks to all who helped in securing the grants from Sport England, Reaching Communities, Awards for All and Tesco.

We were just about to have a mini celebration of those efforts and to reap the benefits of these developments as well as beginning work on recruiting volunteers to help support and further develop the centre, when the spectre of the Coronavirus stopped everything in its tracks.

As we all know the world and the centre came to a sudden halt. The services that we were facilitating at the centre had to stop. From a situation where we had a vibrant and expanding centre, all existing work and any future proposals were put on ice. Income reduced to virtually zero but our expenditure continued as we had to keep the centre ticking over. Fortunately, Stuart was able to continue working and with safeguards in place re social distancing etc he has been able to maintain the centre, ready for when it could open again. So on behalf of trustees I would like to formally thank Stuart for all his virtually single handed efforts. Although it is a bit of an irony that if he had not been lone working then he couldn't have worked.

Sarah, after the initial onslaught of the virus was in lock down like everyone else and the charity was able to access the furlough financial support for her wages. Doing whatever she could within the requirements for being furloughed Sarah has maintained a watching

brief on the mothballed centre. We have maintained regular telephone contact. As with Stuart, I would therefore want to pass on our thanks to Sarah for her support and commitment to keeping the centre going during lockdown and in her efforts to get the centre prepared for opening under the social distancing and Government guidelines.

So it has been a very stressful five/six months and it would seem we are not out of the woods yet. There have been some significant losses to our income and although the grants have been continued to be paid to able the developments to recommence, after they had to be so drastically stopped. It will feel, for the next year at least, as though we are starting all over again. However, we are fortunately not in the position of a number of charities and businesses that are struggling to continue or have had to close completely. So in July and August we saw a steady resumption of the services at the centre, and as we saw in August's Accounts the income streams for the first month post lockdown are now starting to improve.

As I said earlier we rely heavily on our two permanent staff, they will in the future have to maintain a cautious and vigilant approach in ensuring the centre is a safe and virus free facility for everyone who uses it. Trustees will, I know, continue to provide the support and if required practical assistance to ensure the charity is able to continue to function and develop so that we are stronger and more resilient in the future. All involved in the charity, will I know, work together to ensure we can continue to provide a friendly and welcoming approach, to all those who need the services and facilities provided at Lincolnshire Rural Activities Centre, Kenwick Hill.

At a minuted Virtual meeting on 10th November 2020 the Independent Examination of Accounts were presented:

Colin reported that the End of Year Accounts have now been Audited as per the Information sent by E mail to Trustees. He asked if they could be now signed off so they could be placed on the Charity Commission Website. Trustees Approved the End of Year Accounts 2019-2020.

Lincolnshire Rural Activities Centre

Year ended 31/3/21

	31/03/2021	31/03/2020
Income	33338.62	53395.92
Grants	74070.00	143000.00
Covid Grant	17368.97	0.00
Interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2742.79</u>
 Total income	 124777.59	 199138.71
Wages	56109.96	54613.60
Telephone	1398.32	1202.46
Heat & light	6484.37	10540.40
Cleaning	4841.01	5191.69
PPS	2309.34	175.22
Repairs	12671.92	98266.61
Misc	<u>11887.74</u>	<u>9976.12</u>
 Total expenditure	 95702.66	 179966.10
 Surplus for the year	 <u>29074.93</u>	 <u>19172.61</u>
 brought forward reserves	 238384.80	 219212.19
 Reserves carried forward	 <u><u>267459.73</u></u>	 <u><u>238384.80</u></u>
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No statements supplied for accounts ex Lloyds. Balances per 1/4/20.

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Independent Examination 2021

As requested, we have completed the examination of the accounts of the centre for the year ended 31/3/21.

We examined the sales invoices and matched these to the banking receipts and found all to be correctly banked within a reasonable time.

We examined the purchases of the centre and found all expenditure to be of a nature for the centre and to be paid in a timely manner.

We examined the payments to staff and noted all payments were correctly reported under PAYE with the scheme operated correctly.

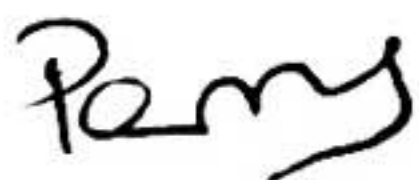
The monthly income and expenditure reports were checked to the bank and reconciliations carried out and all found correct.

The summary of the monthly reports and year report was confirmed as agreeing.

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A copy of the signed accounts is enclosed, and your records can be collected from the office.

Yours sincerely



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