

LAWRENCE WESTON COMMUNITY FARM
ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31st March 2024

Charity Number 1046563
Company Registration Number 03040752

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REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

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THE TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Corporate Engagement Sessions

A total of 294 individuals from 7 companies participated in corporate engagement sessions at the farm during the year; an increase on the previous years when 223 people from 7 companies engaged with the farm.

Work Experience and Alternative Education Placements

13 work experience placements (22 in the previous year) were delivered for local young people undertaking accredited college / university courses mostly in Animal Care, Land Management and Ecology. In addition to which 10 young people undertook Alternative Education Placements.

Visitors

The farm attracted approximately 23,000 during the year. Our 2023 user survey indicated that 88% of visitors to the farm came from those wards with in our area of benefit where individuals experience most need.

Membership

341 individuals (327 in 2022-23) became members of the farm during the year. Membership of the farm is free.

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Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT) Sessions & Training

As part of a new partnership between Lawrence Weston Community Farm, Vita Minds, Windmill Hill City Farm and St Werburghs City we delivered Wellbeing sessions for a total of 29 individuals including:

- Cooking for wellbeing
- Walking for wellbeing
- Woodland for wellbeing
- Gardening for wellbeing
- Craft for wellbeing
- Animal Care for wellbeing

Support for Adults experiencing mental health challenges

During the year the farm delivered a range of supportive groups, activities and services that helped to meet the needs of 32 individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Informal training, learning and social activities

We also delivered sessions enabling 43 local people to take part in informal training, learning activities and taster sessions including:

- Knit & Natter (40 weekly sessions)
- Orchard Sessions (40 weekly sessions)
- Tree planting (6 sessions)
- Bee Keeping (8 sessions)
- Gardening & Orchard Club (40 weekly sessions)
- Walking group (40 weekly sessions)

Children & Young People

Throughout the year we delivered a range of services aimed at helping to meet the needs of local children, young people and their parents and carers including:

- **Volunteering Placements for Young People** – 41 volunteer placements for young people aged between 12 and 17 years of age were delivered (42 in the previous year).
- **Farm Hands** – We delivered 200 x 3 hr sessions for local children aged between 8 and 11. These sessions, focusing on animal care and farm activities, are for children referred to the farm by local schools and care professionals as being in most need, 36 local children have benefited (48 in the previous year).
- **Farm Tots** – We delivered 42 weekly sessions for local toddlers and their parents / carers to socialize and take part in environmental and farm based activities. During the year a total of 71 (82 in 2021 – 22) toddlers and their families benefited from this service.

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- **Alternative Education Placements** - We have developed a new and exciting partnership with Compass Alternative Provision who deliver care, mentoring, support and education to young people. These term time, weekly sessions, initially for 4 young people, have proved to be very successful and we hope to build on this work in the future.
- **After School Cooking Sessions** – We ran a series of 8 pilot sessions in the farm's Community Kitchen for local families and their children focusing on cooking fresh ingredients, healthy eating and having lots of fun! The sessions were attended by 12 families and their children and proved to be very successful, so much so that we are seeking to secure funding to expand this service delivery.
- **Holiday Activities** – Following Covid 19, we are delighted to have been able to restart our delivery of holiday activities for local children and their families. Back2Basics Forest School delivered 8 holiday sessions attended by over 80 families.

The farm also worked in partnership with Community of Purpose (again a new partnership) and Back2Basics to deliver 10 sessions during the year attended by 357 children considered to be in most need.

In addition to the above 40 children attended LWCF and Back2Basick Holiday Clubs and 50 families and their children attended holiday open day sessions.

- **Forest School Sessions delivered by Back2Basics Forest School** – This is a new area of service delivery. Back2Basics deliver Forest School sessions in the farm's Community Woodland for groups and schools many of which work with children with special educational needs and disabilities. A total of 289 children have benefited.

Partner groups included:

- Bristol Autism Tam
- Ventures E-Act Academy
- Bristol Home School Hub
- Avon Wildlife Trust
- IMAYLA
- Children's Scrapstore

Local Schools -The ongoing impact of COVID19 resulted in fewer visits from local schools and nursery groups than was usual pre-pandemic. However, despite that, 225 children from 12 local schools took part in 15 tours of the farm focusing on issues such as sustainability, the environment and food production.

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Community Woodland & Community Orchard - Our community orchard and woodland remained open as public green space throughout the year and attract a wide range of visitors and acted as venues for the delivery of community events, Forest School sessions and our Growing Wellbeing initiative; a project helping to meet the needs of those managing and recovering from mental illness.

Community Events & Arts Activities - Following COVID19 we have been able to resume our delivery of community and arts events. 431 local people attended our Easter Egg Hunt and 91 local residents came to the opening of our Sunflower Forrest.

Room hire, engagement with residents & other local groups – A total of 16 local groups and service providers delivered activities using our facilities on 72 occasions reaching 417 individual beneficiaries.

Groups hiring out training facility, community kitchen and community room included:

- Families in Focus (Bristol City Council, North)
- Learning Partnership West
- BCC Training (various)
- Family Centre for Deaf Children
- Forest of Avon Trust
- Bristol Quilters
- Neighbourhood Lab
- MP Training
- BAND Play Training (various)
- Housing Delivery Service
- Bristol Scrapstore
- Safer Options Children Service
- Sirona Care & Health
- North Bristol CAMHS
- Care Support Centre
- NPL Training

Children's parties – 28 local families hired our community room for children's parties attended by 391 youngsters.

Publicity & profile raising

The farm has continued to raise its profile, thus enabling more people to know about, contribute to and benefit from the services it provides. This has involved expanding our website www.lwfarm.org.uk, twitter (we now have 1011 followers) & face-book (3,900 followers), web links to a range of other local and city wide service providers, e-newsletters sent to 4,956 individuals

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The Positive Impact of Our Work:

The feedback gained through regular support session with our beneficiaries and the monitoring and evaluation of our service provision illustrates that:

Reducing isolation

80% of our volunteers and placements said that they feel less isolated as a result of helping at the farm

Increased skills and self confidence

85% of our volunteers and placements said that they had learnt new skills whilst helping at the farm and 84% said that their confidence had improved.

Gaining accredited qualifications

13 local young people gained qualifications as a result of their college and work experience placements at the farm during grant period.

Reduced levels of stress, anxiety and mental health problems

86% of our beneficiaries said that engaging with the farm through volunteering or placements had improved their general wellbeing and had reduced their stress and anxiety.

Access to local training and improved employability

Of those who accessed work experience placements and training at the farm, 80% said they thought doing so had improved their chances of gaining employment or progressing to further learning.

Improved mental wellbeing

92% of those who described themselves as have mental health issues said that they were better able to manage their condition.

Gaining Employment or progressing to further learning

13 of our beneficiaries who had previously been unemployed for a period of at least six months gained employment and 5 went on to further learning.

Feeling happier and more content

92% of our volunteers and placements said that engaging with the farm had made them feel happier and more content.

Better able to make long lasting positive changes to their life

53% of our beneficiaries said that engaging with the farm had helped to feel more confident in the future and better able to make 'considered' life decisions.

We consider that the above clearly illustrates the success of the services we have delivered to local people during the year.

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Quotes from service users and beneficiaries:

'I know this sounds a bit over the top, but I was in a really, really bad place before coming here. The support has been fantastic; I can't thank the farm enough.' Adult volunteer.

'The young people we bring here benefit so, so much ... therapeutic activities, one to one support, learning, social skills and increased confidence.' Teacher, Compass Alternative Provision.

'I started volunteering at the farm when I was at a crossroads employment-wise and feeling quite socially isolated. It has quickly become the anchor of my week. I have had the opportunity to meet new people from a range of backgrounds, in a friendly and supportive environment. Working with the animals is an absolute joy and I feel trusted and valued by the staff.' Volunteer

'We do more drinking tea and chatting than anything else ... it's wonderful. The farm is such a relaxing place and everyone is very friendly.' Local older person

'I enjoy being here so much. It makes me happy and gives me something to look forward to every week.' Volunteer Gardner.

'Bringing my little girl to Farm Tots has helped me get to know others with small children who are in the same situation as me. I don't feel so alone and she really enjoys it as well.' Local Single Parent

Financial Review:

Grant Funding:

The farm secured £150,691 of grant funding during the year, £74,140 more than in the previous period, including:

Bristol City Council, Impact Fund 2	£38,460
OVO	£25,000
Henry Smith Charity	£17,500
The Nisbet Trust	£11,000
Lottery Community Fund	£10,857
Shaping Places 1 & 2	£13,005

Community Business Enterprise

Income from social enterprise activities, including room hire, delivery of training, corporate fees and sales of produce was £43,283 this being £8,115 less than in the previous year.

Donations

The farm received donations of £2,289

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Total Income / Expenditure

The total income for the year to 31st March 2024 was £194,139; £47,751 more than in the previous year and total expenditure was £198,190 which was £8,524 less the previous year. The accounts, therefore, show a deficit in the year of £4,051 after £18,293 having been charged for depreciation.

Plans for future periods:

As long as they remain relevant to the needs of the community, the Trustees are keen to ensure the farm continues to deliver its existing range of successful services and opportunities for local people.

However, following ongoing community consultation and evaluation, they have identified the following as being areas of potential growth and development:

Implementation of the revised Business Plan 2023-26 regarding the future development of the farm in line with identified local need.

Meeting the needs of mental health service users and those who are managing mental health issues - Developing new and exciting opportunities for individuals to benefit from the therapeutic value of community farming, growing and engaging with the natural environment in a supported and social setting.

Health and wellbeing – Developing new initiatives that enable local people to improve their health and wellbeing.

Community Enterprise - Generating more income through community business activities.

Corporate Partnership Scheme – Increasing income through developing new mutually beneficial partnerships with local businesses

Community Education – Increased access to accredited and informal learning opportunities for members of the local community

Older People – New services that help to meet the needs of older local people.

Additional volunteering and placement opportunities – That help to individuals challenge multiple deprivation.

Children & young people – Delivering and acting as a venue for more services that help to meet the needs of local children and young people. For example, Forest School sessions in our community woodland and more alternative education placements.

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Engaging 'hard to reach' communities - More partnership and out-reach work with other local service providers in order to help meet the needs of members of 'harder to reach' communities.

Sustainability—Increased emphasis on practicing, illustrating and promoting sustainability.

COVID19 recovery— Delivering services that help local people to recover from the initial and ongoing detrimental impact of COVID19.

Brief statement of the Charity's policy on reserves

Trustees recognize that managing reserves is a tricky balancing act. Too much in reserves and Trustees could be accused of hoarding; too little and should a worst case scenario occur, then Trustees would be unable to meet obligations to staff, animals and creditors. Trustees believe it is prudent to have unrestricted reserves amounting to a sum sufficient to cover salaries and running costs for between 3 -6 months in case of a significant drop in funding.

The Trustees therefore aim to maintain a free cash reserve level between £50,000 and £90,000.

Unrestricted General Fund

At year end, the farm held a total of £772,207 in its unrestricted fund. However, the largest part of this £684,255 was tied up (and designated to) fixed assets. This, therefore, is not cash available to the farm.

The farm held £83,995 in its general fund which is in line with the Trustee's target range of between £50,000 and £90,000. However, the Trustee's expect this level of reserve to fall over the next financial year given the current risks facing the farm relating to securing grant funding and rising costs.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statement in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the statement of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

..... Date

Tim Fell - Director

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12 young people completed their DofE Award placements at the farm (11 in the previous year).

Corporate Engagement Sessions

A total of 294 individuals from 7 companies participated in corporate engagement sessions at the farm during the year; an increase on the previous years when 223 people from 7 companies engaged with the farm.

Work Experience and Alternative Education Placements

13 work experience placements (22 in the previous year) were delivered for local young people undertaking accredited college / university courses mostly in Animal Care, Land Management and Ecology. In addition to which 10 young people undertook Alternative Education Placements.

Visitors

The farm attracted approximately 23,000 during the year. Our 2023 user survey indicated that 88% of visitors to the farm came from those wards with in our area of benefit where individuals experience most need.

Membership

341 individuals (327 in 2022-23) became members of the farm during the year. Membership of the farm is free.

Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT) Sessions & Training

As part of a new partnership between Lawrence Weston Community Farm, Vita Minds, Windmill Hill City Farm and St Werburghs City we delivered Wellbeing sessions for a total of 29 individuals including:

- Cooking for wellbeing
- Walking for wellbeing
- Woodland for wellbeing
- Gardening for wellbeing
- Craft for wellbeing
- Animal Care for wellbeing

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Support for Adults experiencing mental health challenges

During the year the farm delivered a range of supportive groups, activities and services that helped to meet the needs of 34 individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Informal training, learning and social activities

During the year the farm delivered a range of supportive groups, activities and services that helped to meet the needs of 32 individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Informal training, learning and social activities

We also delivered sessions enabling 43 local people to take part in informal training, learning activities and taster sessions including:

- Knit & Natter (40 weekly sessions)
- Orchard Sessions (40 weekly sessions)
- Tree planting (6 sessions)
- Bee Keeping (8 sessions)
- Gardening & Orchard Club (40 weekly sessions)
- Walking group (40 weekly sessions)

Children & Young People

Throughout the year we delivered a range of services aimed at helping to meet the needs of local children, young people and their parents and carers including:

- **Volunteering Placements for Young People** – 41 volunteer placements for young people aged between 12 and 17 years of age were delivered (42 in the previous year).
- **Farm Hands** – We delivered 200 x 3 hr sessions for local children aged between 8 and 11. These sessions, focusing on animal care and farm activities, are for children referred to the farm by local schools and care professionals as being in most need, 36 local children have benefited (48 in the previous year).
- **Farm Tots** – We delivered 42 weekly sessions for local toddlers and their parents / carers to socialize and take part in environmental and farm based activities. During the year a total of 71 (82 in 2021 – 22) toddlers and their families benefited from this service.
- **Alternative Education Placements** - We have developed a new and exciting partnership with Compass Alternative Provision who deliver care, mentoring, support and education to young people. These term time, weekly sessions, initially for 4 young people, have proved to be very successful and we hope to build on this work in the future.
- **After School Cooking Sessions** – We ran a series of 8 pilot sessions in the farm's Community Kitchen for local families and their children focusing on cooking fresh ingredients, healthy eating and having lots of fun! The sessions were attended by 12 families and their children and proved to be very successful, so much so that we are seeking to secure funding to expand this service delivery.

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- **Holiday Activities** – Following Covid 19, we are delighted to have been able to restart our delivery of holiday activities for local children and their families. Back2Basics Forest School delivered 8 holiday sessions attended by over 80 families.

The farm also worked in partnership with Community of Purpose (again a new partnership) and Back2Basics to deliver 10 sessions during the year attended by 357 children considered to be in most need.

In addition to the above 40 children attended LWCF and Back2Basics Holiday Clubs and 50 families and their children attended holiday open day sessions.

- **Forest School Sessions delivered by Back2Basics Forest School** – This is a new area of service delivery. Back2Basics deliver Forest School sessions in the farm's Community Woodland for groups and schools many of which work with children with special educational needs and disabilities. A total of 289 children have benefited.

Partner groups included:

- Bristol Autism Tam
- Ventures E-Act Academy
- Bristol Home School Hub
- Avon Wildlife Trust
- IMAYLA
- Children's Scrapstore

Local Schools -The ongoing impact of COVID19 resulted in fewer visits from local schools and nursery groups than was usual pre-pandemic. However, despite that, 225 children from 12 local schools took part in 15 tours of the farm focusing on issues such as sustainability, the environment and food production.

Community Woodland & Community Orchard - Our community orchard and woodland remained open as public green space throughout the year and attract a wide range of visitors and acted as venues for the delivery of community events, Forest School sessions and our Growing Wellbeing initiative; a project helping to meet the needs of those managing and recovering from mental illness.

Community Events & Arts Activities - Following COVID19 we have been able to resume our delivery of community and arts events. 431 local people attended our Easter Egg Hunt and 91 local residents came to the opening of our Sunflower Forrest.

Room hire, engagement with residents & other local groups – A total of 16 local groups and service providers delivered activities using our facilities on 72 occasions reaching 417 individual beneficiaries.

Groups hiring out training facility, community kitchen and community room included:

- Families in Focus (Bristol City Council, North)
- Learning Partnership West
- BCC Training (various)
- Family Centre for Deaf Children
- Forest of Avon Trust

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- Bristol Quilters
- Neighbourhood Lab
- MP Training
- BAND Play Training (various)
- Housing Delivery Service
- Bristol Scrapstore
- Safer Options Children Service
- Sirona Care & Health
- North Bristol CAMHS
- Care Support Centre
- NPL Training

Children's parties – 28 local families hired our community room for children's parties attended by 391 youngsters.

Publicity & Profile Raising

The farm has continued to raise its profile, thus enabling more people to know about, contribute to and benefit from the services it provides. This has involved expanding our website www.lwfarm.org.uk, twitter (we now have 1011 followers) & face-book (3,900 followers), web links to a range of other local and city wide service providers, e-newsletters sent to 4,956 individuals

The Positive Impact of Our Work:

The feedback gained through regular support session with our beneficiaries and the monitoring and evaluation of our service provision illustrates that:

Reducing isolation

80% of our volunteers and placements said that they feel less isolated as a result of helping at the farm

Increased skills and self confidence

85% of our volunteers and placements said that they had learnt new skills whilst helping at the farm and 84% said that their confidence had improved.

Gaining accredited qualifications

13 local young people gained qualifications as a result of their college and work experience placements at the farm during grant period.

Reduced levels of stress, anxiety and mental health problems

86% of our beneficiaries said that engaging with the farm through volunteering or placements had improved their general wellbeing and had reduced their stress and anxiety.

Access to local training and improved employability

Of those who accessed work experience placements and training at the farm, 80% said they thought doing so had improved their chances of gaining employment or progressing to further learning.

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Improved mental wellbeing

92% of those who described themselves as have mental health issues said that they were better able to manage their condition.

Gaining Employment or progressing to further learning

13 of our beneficiaries who had previously been unemployed for a period of at least six months gained employment and 5 went on to further learning.

Feeling happier and more content

92% of our volunteers and placements said that engaging with the farm had made them feel happier and more content.

Better able to make long lasting positive changes to their life

53% of our beneficiaries said that engaging with the farm had helped to feel more confident in the future and better able to make 'considered' life decisions.

We consider that the above clearly illustrates the success of the services we have delivered to local people during the year.

Quotes from service users and beneficiaries:

'I know this sounds a bit over the top, but I was in a really, really bad place before coming here. The support has been fantastic; I can't thank the farm enough.' Adult volunteer.

'The young people we bring here benefit so, so much ... therapeutic activities, one to one support, learning, social skills and increased confidence.' Teacher, Compass Alternative Provision.

'I started volunteering at the farm when I was at a crossroads employment-wise and feeling quite socially isolated. It has quickly become the anchor of my week. I have had the opportunity to meet new people from a range of backgrounds, in a friendly and supportive environment. Working with the animals is an absolute joy and I feel trusted and valued by the staff.' Volunteer

'We do more drinking tea and chatting than anything else ... it's wonderful. The farm is such a relaxing place and everyone is very friendly.' Local older person

'I enjoy being here so much. It makes me happy and gives me something to look forward to every week.' Volunteer Gardner.

'Bringing my little girl to Farm Tots has helped me get to know others with small children who are in the same situation as me. I don't feel so alone and she really enjoys it as well.' Local Single Parent.

Financial Review:

Grant Funding:

The farm secured £150,691 of grant funding during the year, £74,140 more than in the previous period, including:

Bristol City Council, Impact Fund 2	£38,460
OVO	£25,000

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Henry Smith Charity	£17,500
The Nisbet Trust	£11,000
Lottery Community Fund	£10,857
Shaping Places 1 & 2	£13,005

Community Business Enterprise

Income from social enterprise activities, including room hire, delivery of training, corporate fees and sales of produce was £43,283 this being £8,115 less than in the previous year.

Donations

The farm received donations of £2,289

Total Income / Expenditure

The total income for the year to 31st March 2024 was £194,139; £47,751 more than in the previous year and total expenditure was £198,190 which was £8,524 less the previous year. The accounts, therefore, show a deficit in the year of £4,051 after £18,293 having been charged for depreciation.

Plans for future periods:

As long as they remain relevant to the needs of the community, the Trustees are keen to ensure the farm continues to deliver its existing range of successful services and opportunities for local people.

However, following ongoing community consultation and evaluation, they have identified the following as being areas of potential growth and development:

Implementation of the revised Business Plan 2023-26 regarding the future development of the farm in line with identified local need.

Meeting the needs of mental health service users and those who are managing mental health issues

- Developing new and exciting opportunities for individuals to benefit from the therapeutic value of community farming, growing and engaging with the natural environment in a supported and social setting.

Health and wellbeing – Developing new initiatives that enable local people to improve their health and wellbeing.

Community Enterprise - Generating more income through community business activities.

Corporate Partnership Scheme – Increasing income through developing new mutually beneficial partnerships with local businesses

Community Education – Increased access to accredited and informal learning opportunities for members of the local community

Older People – New services that help to meet the needs of older local people.

Additional volunteering and placement opportunities – That help to individuals challenge multiple deprivation.

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Children & young people – Delivering and acting as a venue for more services that help to meet the needs of local children and young people. For example, Forest School sessions in our community woodland and more alternative education placements.

Engaging 'hard to reach' communities - More partnership and out-reach work with other local service providers in order to help meet the needs of members of 'harder to reach' communities.

Sustainability—Increased emphasis on practicing, illustrating and promoting sustainability.

COVID19 recovery— Delivering services that help local people to recover from the initial and ongoing detrimental impact of COVID19.

Brief statement of the Charity's policy on reserves

Trustees recognize that managing reserves is a tricky balancing act. Too much in reserves and Trustees could be accused of hoarding; too little and should a worst-case scenario occur, then Trustees would be unable to meet obligations to staff, animals and creditors. Trustees believe it is prudent to have unrestricted reserves amounting to a sum sufficient to cover salaries and running costs for between 3 -6 months in case of a significant drop in funding.

The Trustees therefore aim to maintain a free cash reserve level between £50,000 and £90,000.

Unrestricted General Fund

At year end, the farm held a total of £772,207 in its unrestricted fund. However, the largest part of this £684,255 was tied up (and designated to) fixed assets. This, therefore, is not cash available to the farm.

The farm held £83,995 in its general fund which is in line with the Trustee's target range of between £50,000 and £90,000. However, the Trustee's expect this level of reserve to fall over the next financial year given the current risks facing the farm relating to securing grant funding and rising costs.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to

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presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Date 9/10/24

Tim Fell - Director

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

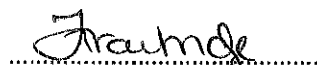
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

It should be noted that Bristol Community Accountants provide bookkeeping services to Lawrence Weston Farm. I confirm that my duties are segregated, and I am not involved in the day-to-day bookkeeping matters of the farm.

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT
BCA CIC, The Park, Daventry Road
Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1DQ



Date... 14/10/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Donations and legacies	2	26,424	138,877	165,301	101,794
Charitable activities	3	8,336	-	8,336	23,364
Other trading activities	4	19,763	739	20,502	21,230
Total		54,523	139,616	194,139	146,388
Expenditure On:					
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	632
Charitable activities	6	108,819	88,231	197,050	205,079
Other	7	1,140	-	1,140	1,003
Total		109,959	88,231	198,190	206,714
Net income/(expenditure)		(55,436)	51,385	(4,051)	(60,326)
Net movement in funds		(55,436)	51,385	(4,051)	(60,326)
Total funds brought forward		827,643	68,724	896,367	956,693
Total Funds Carried Forward	13	772,207	120,109	892,316	896,367

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements

As required by paragraph 4.67 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

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BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	748,513	766,805
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		145,184	131,672
Livestock		2,075	2,000
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>147,259</u>	<u>133,672</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,456)	(4,110)
<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>		<u>143,803</u>	<u>129,562</u>
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>		<u>892,316</u>	<u>896,367</u>
The Funds of the Charity	13		
Restricted funds		120,109	68,724
Unrestricted funds		772,207	827,643
		<u>892,316</u>	<u>896,367</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

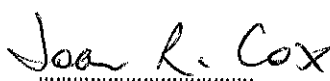
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 9/10/24 and are signed on their behalf by:


Tim Fell - Director


Joan Cox - Director

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charitable company is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and has therefore taken the advantage of the disclosure exemption available to it in relation to presentation of a cash flow statement.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

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Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

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Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pensions costs

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

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Income and Endowments From:

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	11,814	138,877	150,691	76,551
Donations	2,289	-	2,289	17,976
Corporate volunteering	12,321	-	12,321	6,940
Membership fees	-	-	-	327
	<u>26,424</u>	<u>138,877</u>	<u>165,301</u>	<u>101,794</u>

Donations and legacies - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	-	76,551	76,551
Donations	17,976	-	17,976
Corporate volunteering	6,940	-	6,940
Membership fees	327	-	327
	<u>25,243</u>	<u>76,551</u>	<u>101,794</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Farm sessions / placements	8,336	-	8,336	4,799
Training	-	-	-	18,565
	<u>8,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,336</u>	<u>23,364</u>

Charitable Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Farm sessions / placements	4,799	-	4,799
Training	18,565	-	18,565
	<u>23,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,364</u>

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4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Room hire	12,435	239	12,674	13,112
Sales	7,163	500	7,663	7,982
Other	165	-	165	136
	<u>19,763</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>20,502</u>	<u>21,230</u>

Other Trading Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Room hire	13,112	-	13,112
Sales	7,982	-	7,982
Other	136	-	136
	<u>21,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,230</u>

Expenditure on:

5 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Café stock purchases	-	-	-	632
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>632</u>

Raising Funds - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Café stock purchases	632	-	632
	<u>632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>632</u>

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6 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Wages and outsourced labour	40,622	82,736	123,358	129,266
Depreciation	16,982	1,311	18,293	19,003
Activities and workshops	-	615	615	64
Site improvements & upkeep	7,327	327	7,654	22,725
Insurance	2,878	-	2,878	2,782
Farm animal costs	14,743	2,627	17,370	10,071
Utilities and rates	15,103	-	15,103	10,391
Bookkeeping & payroll fees	4,121	-	4,121	4,039
Miscellaneous	1,134	-	1,134	40
Office costs	1,551	-	1,551	1,079
Fees & memberships	590	37	627	622
Tools and equipment	190	-	190	396
Staff training	169	-	169	24
Postage and stationery	201	-	201	1,010
Materials	2,268	578	2,846	2,597
Publicity	56	-	56	60
Volunteer costs & expenses	640	-	640	-
Staff travel	8	-	8	135
Staff refreshments & subsistence	9	-	9	476
Gardening	-	-	-	93
Bank charges	227	-	227	206
	<u>108,819</u>	<u>88,231</u>	<u>197,050</u>	<u>205,079</u>

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<i>Charitable Activities - prior year</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2023 £</i>
<i>Wages and outsourced labour</i>	46,984	82,282	129,266
<i>Depreciation</i>	17,665	1,338	19,003
<i>Activities and workshops</i>	64	-	64
<i>Site improvements & upkeep</i>	22,725	-	22,725
<i>Insurance</i>	2,782	-	2,782
<i>Farm animal costs</i>	10,071	-	10,071
<i>Utilities and rates</i>	10,391	-	10,391
<i>Bookkeeping & payroll fees</i>	4,039	-	4,039
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	40	-	40
<i>Office costs</i>	1,079	-	1,079
<i>Fees & memberships</i>	622	-	622
<i>Tools and equipment</i>	396	-	396
<i>Staff training</i>	24	-	24
<i>Postage and stationery</i>	1,010	-	1,010
<i>Materials</i>	2,597	-	2,597
<i>Publicity</i>	60	-	60
<i>Volunteer costs & expenses</i>	-	-	-
<i>Staff travel</i>	135	-	135
<i>Staff refreshments & subsistence</i>	476	-	476
<i>Gardening</i>	93	-	93
<i>Bank charges</i>	206	-	206
	<u>121,459</u>	<u>83,620</u>	<u>205,079</u>

7 Other

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Independent examiner's fees	549	-	549	483
Accounts production	591	-	591	520
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,003</u>

<i>Other - prior year</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2023 £</i>
<i>Independent examiner's fees</i>	483	-	483
<i>Accounts production</i>	520	-	520
	<u>1,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,003</u>

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8 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	18,292	19,003
Independent Examination	549	483

9 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	114,721	121,807
Social security costs	7,471	9,623
Pension costs	1,957	2,268
Employer's allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 9 staff (2023: 9 staff)

Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £42,016 (2023: £41,309)

Trustee expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

10 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	861,197	47,903	43,079	952,179
At 31 March 2024	<u>861,197</u>	<u>47,903</u>	<u>43,079</u>	<u>952,179</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	131,359	31,680	22,335	185,374
Charge for the year	14,596	1,622	2,074	18,292
At 31 March 2024	<u>145,955</u>	<u>33,302</u>	<u>24,409</u>	<u>203,666</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>715,242</u>	<u>14,601</u>	<u>18,670</u>	<u>748,513</u>
At 1 April 2023	<u>729,838</u>	<u>16,223</u>	<u>20,744</u>	<u>766,805</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
PAYE/NIC	1,753	3,107
Trade Creditors	563	-
Accruals	1,140	1,003
	<u>3,456</u>	<u>4,110</u>

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13 Movement in funds

	At 01-Apr 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	-	38,460	(33,014)	-	5,446
Bristol City Council - H A & Food	-	1,193	(1,193)	-	-
BNSSG Care Board	-	1,529	(1,529)	-	-
CLA Charitable Trust	-	4,000	(2,666)	-	1,334
CAF Warburtons	-	400	(400)	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	17,500	(2,212)	-	15,288
John James	-	4,110	(2,955)	-	1,155
Lottery (Com Fund)	-	10,857	(3,793)	-	7,064
Quartet - BYCA	-	691	(691)	-	-
The Nisbet Trust	-	11,000	(9,000)	-	2,000
OVO	-	25,000	(18,197)	-	6,803
Prince of Wales	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Shaping Places 1 OCH North Bristol	-	3,600	(928)	-	2,672
Shaping Places 2	-	9,405	-	-	9,405
Medlock Charitable Trust	2,409	-	(2,409)	-	-
Nineveh Trust	246	5,000	(3,333)	-	1,913
Denman Charitable Trust	500	-	(500)	-	-
The Iron Mongers	-	3,871	(1,600)	-	2,271
Via MES	-	500	-	-	500
Building - asset depreciation	65,569	-	(1,311)	-	64,258
Total restricted funds	68,724	139,616	(88,231)	-	120,109
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	126,407	40,103	(82,515)	-	83,995
Designated:					
Asset depreciation	701,236	-	(16,981)	-	684,255
Windmill Hill City Fund	-	14,420	(10,463)	-	3,957
Total unrestricted funds	827,643	54,523	(109,959)	-	772,207
Total funds	896,367	194,139	(198,190)	-	892,316

Notes:

The General fund balance, £83,995 represents the free reserves available to the farm at the end of the year.

The asset depreciation fund represents the value of unrestricted fixed assets held on the balance sheet at year end. There is also a restricted asset depreciation fund.

Purpose of restricted funds

Bristol City Council – Impact Fund	Delivery of services meeting local need, running & salary costs
Bristol City Council - H A & Food	Holiday activities for local children & families
BNSSG Care Board	Social prescribing research project
CLA Charitable Trust	Adult volunteering placements

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CAF Warburtons	Adult volunteering placements
Henry Smith	Delivering services that meet local need, running & salary costs
John James	Tools and materials re corporate volunteering
Lottery (Com Fund)	Salary and costs re volunteering
Quartet - BYCA	Holiday activities for local children
The Nisbet Trust	Salary costs and delivering volunteering opportunities for local people
OVO	Adult volunteering including salary and costs
Prince of Wales	Costs re volunteering placements
Shaping Places 1 OCH North Bristol	Local food security initiative
Shaping Places 2	After school cooking club for local children & families
Medlock Charitable Trust	Volunteering opportunities for children and young people
Nineveh Trust	Services for children and young people
Denman Charitable Trust	Delivering weekly walking groups for local people.
The Iron Mongers	Young Volunteers
Via MES	Activity costs
Building depreciation	Depreciation of building from restricted funds

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	684,255	64,258	748,513
Cash at Bank and in Hand	89,333	-	55,851	145,184
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(1,381)	-	-	(1,381)
Total	87,952	684,255	120,109	892,316

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	718,901	66,907	785,808
Cash at Bank and in Hand	178,387	-	8,886	187,273
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(16,388)	-	-	(16,388)
Total	161,999	718,901	75,793	956,693

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15 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

16 Analysis of prior year funds, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	<i>Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £</i>
Income and Endowments From:			
Donations and legacies	25,243	76,551	101,794
Charitable activities	23,364	-	23,364
Other trading activities	21,230	-	21,230
Total	69,837	76,551	146,388
Expenditure On:			
Raising Funds	632	-	632
Charitable activities	121,459	83,620	205,079
Other	1,003	-	1,003
Total	123,094	83,620	206,714
Net income/(expenditure)	(53,257)	(7,069)	(60,326)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(53,257)	(7,069)	(60,326)
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total funds brought forward	880,900	75,793	956,693
Total funds carried forward	827,643	68,724	896,367

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17 Movement in material funds for previous period

	At 01-Apr 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	-	32,051	(32,051)	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	3,886	-	(3,886)	-	-
Quartet Catalyst Fund	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
The Nisbet Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Medlock Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(2,591)	-	2,409
Nineveh Trust	5,000	-	(4,754)	-	246
Denman Charitable Trust	-	500	-	-	500
WECA Community Support Fund	-	14,000	(14,000)	-	-
Building - asset depreciation	66,907	-	(1,338)	-	65,569
Total restricted funds	75,793	76,551	(83,620)	-	68,724
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	161,999	69,837	(105,429)	-	126,407
Designated:					
New Volunteer's Facility	-	-	-	-	-
Asset depreciation	718,901	-	(17,665)	-	701,236
Total unrestricted funds	880,900	69,837	(123,094)	-	827,643
Total funds	956,693	146,388	(206,714)	-	896,367

Notes:

The General fund balance, £161,999 represents the free reserves available to the farm at the end of the year.

The asset depreciation fund represents the value of unrestricted fixed assets held on the balance sheet at year end. There is also a restricted asset depreciation fund.

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Company Registration Number 03040752

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Status

Lawrence Weston Community Farm is a company limited by guarantee (registration number 03040752) and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission under number 1046563.

Trustees

The directors of the charitable company ("the charity") are its trustees for the purposes of the charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The Trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Tim Fell	Chair
Joan Cox	Treasurer
Sarah Cording	Member
Irina PovjakeI	Member
Katharina Byrne	Member
Angie, Seward	Member

Key Management Personnel

Paul Jayson	Farm Manager
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Independent Examiner

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Bankers

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Directors

The Board of Directors, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Trustees are elected by members annually at the Annual General Meeting. A vacancy may be filled or an additional Trustee appointed by co-option, but a co-opted Trustee holds office only until the next Annual General Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 1st April 1995 and registered as a charity on 19th May 1995. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and the powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Charity is managed by the Trustees (Directors of the Company) who form the Management Committee. Trustees are all volunteers and are elected annually by the 'members' of the farm at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee are advised by specialist advisory groups and sub-committees made up of Trustees and invited experts.

The Farm employs 9 regular staff (2 full-time and 7 part-time) who are responsible for coordinating the farm's day-to-day operation and the services, projects and programmes delivered by the charity. The staff team is managed by a full-time Farm Manager and comprises: Volunteer & Farming Coordinator (FT), Administrator (PT), Fundraiser (PT) Growing Wellbeing Facilitator (PT) Weekend Farm Workers x 2 (PT), Children's Engagement Workers x 2 (PT). Various sessional, freelance and temporary project staff are also employed as required.

In addition to the paid staff the Farm is supported by a large number of volunteers (both adults and children). Usually approximately 80 adults regularly volunteer at the Farm per year. All volunteers are recruited and supported in line with the Farm's volunteer policy. Volunteers are actively encouraged to participate in the farm's decision making process and help to shape our service delivery and development.

Reports and suggestions from volunteers and the staff team are captured and passed on to the Management Committee via the Farm Manager: three of our current Trustees started as 'hands on' volunteers at the farm.

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Risk review

The Trustees have assessed the major risk to which the organisation is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of effective systems and control procedures, which ensure appropriate authorisation of all transactions and projects and consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

An annual health and safety audit is undertaken with daily/weekly checks taking place in line with the organisations Health & safety Policy.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of and persons employed in, the wards of Avonmouth/Kingsweston/Henbury/Westbury-on-Trym/Southmead (hereinafter called the beneficiaries) and the neighbourhood thereof (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities and/or voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants, particularly of those who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances.

To advance the education of the said beneficiaries, and particularly young members of the public at large, in agriculture, horticulture, homecrafts, country life and related subjects and in the principles of good citizenship and self-discipline, through their leisure activities so that they develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities and grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society, and their conditions of life may be improved.

To promote among the inhabitants of the area of benefit humanity and morality by educating them in care and consideration for all animals, particularly animals in need of care and protection; and for these purposes to care for and exhibit animals in common agricultural and domestic use so that they the public, particularly the younger members thereof, will learn a greater awareness of and appreciation of such animals.

To provide education and training for persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social or economic circumstances, resident in the said area of benefit, so as to prepare them for any trade, occupation or services and thereby advance them in life or enable them to earn their own livelihood.

To relieve physically or mentally handicapped or disabled or deprived inhabitants of the said area of benefit by providing as a remedial recreational or therapeutic activity facilities, subject where appropriate to the consent of the medical advisors of all such persons.

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- To provide a supportive community managed asset with rich and diverse activities that is accessible to all
- To run accessible accredited and non accredited educational programs
- To maintain and establish links with schools, colleges, voluntary agencies and community organizations in the area of benefit
- To provide a wide range of accessible volunteering and placement opportunities
- To promote environmental awareness through educational activities and practice at the farm
- To provide a safe and supportive environment that enables and encourages community ownership, participation and development

Public Benefit statement

The Trustees regularly monitor and evaluate the Farm's activities and are of the view that they are in line with our Aims and Objectives, and that these are justifiably cited as delivering a public benefit.

Review of activities

The farm is particularly interested in:

- Combating those factors that create and perpetuate exclusion, disadvantage and multiple deprivation
- Delivering services that promote and facilitate health, wellbeing and enable people to better manage mental health issues
- Facilitating local people and groups to develop stronger communities
- Supporting local people towards employment and training
- Promoting and practicing sustainability
- Acting as an agent for positive, long lasting, social change
- Delivering services that meet the needs of children, young people and their families/carers
- Delivering services that meet the needs of older people
- Delivering services that help to address the ongoing detrimental impact of the pandemic on members of the local community.

Implementation of our updated Business Plan 2023 - 2026

We undertake a rolling review of and regularly update our Business Plan. The Management Committee of the farm uses the Business Plan to inform and guide the development of the organisation within the context of a rapidly changing funding, social and economic environment.

Lawrence Weston Community Plan

The farm has continued to work in partnership with Bristol City Council, Ambition Lawrence Weston, other service providers and local residents to support the implementation of the local Community Plan.

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Meeting Local Need

The farm helps to meet local need by delivering a wide range of social, environmental, educational, economic and recreational services and facilities, including:

Volunteer Placements

During the year 99 adults volunteered at the farm (84 in the previous year). The majority of our volunteers live in the local community, which is amongst the most deprived in Bristol. During the year 41 volunteer placements for young people aged between 12 and 17 years of age were also delivered (42 in the previous year).

Referred Placements for Adults

We delivered 7 placements for local adults who were referred to the farm due to them being considered in most need by Social Services, GP's and other care professionals and service providers.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Placements

12 young people completed their DofE Award placements at the farm (11 in the previous year).

Corporate Engagement Sessions

A total of 294 individuals from 7 companies participated in corporate engagement sessions at the farm during the year; an increase on the previous years when 223 people from 7 companies engaged with the farm.

Work Experience and Alternative Education Placements

13 work experience placements (22 in the previous year) were delivered for local young people undertaking accredited college / university courses mostly in Animal Care, Land Management and Ecology. In addition to which 10 young people undertook Alternative Education Placements.

Visitors

The farm attracted approximately 23,000 during the year. Our 2023 user survey indicated that 88% of visitors to the farm came from those wards with in our area of benefit where individuals experience most need.

Membership

341 individuals (327 in 2022-23) became members of the farm during the year. Membership of the farm is free.

Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT) Sessions & Training

As part of a new partnership between Lawrence Weston Community Farm, Vita Minds, Windmill Hill City Farm and St Werburghs City we delivered Wellbeing sessions for a total of 29 individuals including:

- Cooking for wellbeing
- Walking for wellbeing
- Woodland for wellbeing
- Gardening for wellbeing
- Craft for wellbeing
- Animal Care for wellbeing

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Support for Adults experiencing mental health challenges

During the year the farm delivered a range of supportive groups, activities and services that helped to meet the needs of 34 individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Informal training, learning and social activities

During the year the farm delivered a range of supportive groups, activities and services that helped to meet the needs of 32 individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Informal training, learning and social activities

We also delivered sessions enabling 43 local people to take part in informal training, learning activities and taster sessions including:

- Knit & Natter (40 weekly sessions)
- Orchard Sessions (40 weekly sessions)
- Tree planting (6 sessions)
- Bee Keeping (8 sessions)
- Gardening & Orchard Club (40 weekly sessions)
- Walking group (40 weekly sessions)

Children & Young People

Throughout the year we delivered a range of services aimed at helping to meet the needs of local children, young people and their parents and carers including:

- **Volunteering Placements for Young People** – 41 volunteer placements for young people aged between 12 and 17 years of age were delivered (42 in the previous year).
- **Farm Hands** – We delivered 200 x 3 hr sessions for local children aged between 8 and 11. These sessions, focusing on animal care and farm activities, are for children referred to the farm by local schools and care professionals as being in most need, 36 local children have benefited (48 in the previous year).
- **Farm Tots** – We delivered 42 weekly sessions for local toddlers and their parents / carers to socialize and take part in environmental and farm based activities. During the year a total of 71 (82 in 2021 – 22) toddlers and their families benefited from this service.
- **Alternative Education Placements** - We have developed a new and exciting partnership with Compass Alternative Provision who deliver care, mentoring, support and education to young people. These term time, weekly sessions, initially for 4 young people, have proved to be very successful and we hope to build on this work in the future.
- **After School Cooking Sessions** – We ran a series of 8 pilot sessions in the farm's Community Kitchen for local families and their children focusing on cooking fresh ingredients, healthy eating and having lots of fun! The sessions were attended by 12 families and their children and proved to be very successful, so much so that we are seeking to secure funding to expand this service delivery.

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- **Holiday Activities** – Following Covid 19, we are delighted to have been able to restart our delivery of holiday activities for local children and their families. Back2Basics Forest School delivered 8 holiday sessions attended by over 80 families.

The farm also worked in partnership with Community of Purpose (again a new partnership) and Back2Basics to deliver 10 sessions during the year attended by 357 children considered to be in most need.

In addition to the above 40 children attended LWCF and Back2Basics Holiday Clubs and 50 families and their children attended holiday open day sessions.

- **Forest School Sessions delivered by Back2Basics Forest School** – This is a new area of service delivery. Back2Basics deliver Forest School sessions in the farm's Community Woodland for groups and schools many of which work with children with special educational needs and disabilities. A total of 289 children have benefited.

Partner groups included:

- Bristol Autism Team
- Ventures E-Act Academy
- Bristol Home School Hub
- Avon Wildlife Trust
- IMAYLA
- Children's Scrapstore

Local Schools -The ongoing impact of COVID19 resulted in fewer visits from local schools and nursery groups than was usual pre-pandemic. However, despite that, 225 children from 12 local schools took part in 15 tours of the farm focusing on issues such as sustainability, the environment and food production.

Community Woodland & Community Orchard - Our community orchard and woodland remained open as public green space throughout the year and attract a wide range of visitors and acted as venues for the delivery of community events, Forest School sessions and our Growing Wellbeing initiative; a project helping to meet the needs of those managing and recovering from mental illness.

Community Events & Arts Activities - Following COVID19 we have been able to resume our delivery of community and arts events. 431 local people attended our Easter Egg Hunt and 91 local residents came to the opening of our Sunflower Forrest.

Room hire, engagement with residents & other local groups – A total of 16 local groups and service providers delivered activities using our facilities on 72 occasions reaching 417 individual beneficiaries.

Groups hiring out training facility, community kitchen and community room included:

- Families in Focus (Bristol City Council, North)
- Learning Partnership West
- BCC Training (various)
- Family Centre for Deaf Children
- Forest of Avon Trust

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- Bristol Quilters
- Neighbourhood Lab
- MP Training
- BAND Play Training (various)
- Housing Delivery Service
- Bristol Scrapstore
- Safer Options Children Service
- Sirona Care & Health
- North Bristol CAMHS
- Care Support Centre
- NPL Training

Children's parties – 28 local families hired our community room for children's parties attended by 391 youngsters.

Publicity & Profile Raising

The farm has continued to raise its profile, thus enabling more people to know about, contribute to and benefit from the services it provides. This has involved expanding our website www.lwfarm.org.uk, twitter (we now have 1011 followers) & face-book (3,900 followers), web links to a range of other local and city wide service providers, e-newsletters sent to 4,956 individuals

The Positive Impact of Our Work:

The feedback gained through regular support session with our beneficiaries and the monitoring and evaluation of our service provision illustrates that:

Reducing isolation

80% of our volunteers and placements said that they feel less isolated as a result of helping at the farm

Increased skills and self confidence

85% of our volunteers and placements said that they had learnt new skills whilst helping at the farm and 84% said that their confidence had improved.

Gaining accredited qualifications

13 local young people gained qualifications as a result of their college and work experience placements at the farm during grant period.

Reduced levels of stress, anxiety and mental health problems

86% of our beneficiaries said that engaging with the farm through volunteering or placements had improved their general wellbeing and had reduced their stress and anxiety.

Access to local training and improved employability

Of those who accessed work experience placements and training at the farm, 80% said they thought doing so had improved their chances of gaining employment or progressing to further learning.

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Improved mental wellbeing

92% of those who described themselves as have mental health issues said that they were better able to manage their condition.

Gaining Employment or progressing to further learning

13 of our beneficiaries who had previously been unemployed for a period of at least six months gained employment and 5 went on to further learning.

Feeling happier and more content

92% of our volunteers and placements said that engaging with the farm had made them feel happier and more content.

Better able to make long lasting positive changes to their life

53% of our beneficiaries said that engaging with the farm had helped to feel more confident in the future and better able to make 'considered' life decisions.

We consider that the above clearly illustrates the success of the services we have delivered to local people during the year.

Quotes from service users and beneficiaries:

'I know this sounds a bit over the top, but I was in a really, really bad place before coming here. The support has been fantastic; I can't thank the farm enough.' Adult volunteer.

'The young people we bring here benefit so, so much ... therapeutic activities, one to one support, learning, social skills and increased confidence.' Teacher, Compass Alternative Provision.

'I started volunteering at the farm when I was at a crossroads employment-wise and feeling quite socially isolated. It has quickly become the anchor of my week. I have had the opportunity to meet new people from a range of backgrounds, in a friendly and supportive environment. Working with the animals is an absolute joy and I feel trusted and valued by the staff.' Volunteer

'We do more drinking tea and chatting than anything else ... it's wonderful. The farm is such a relaxing place and everyone is very friendly.' Local older person

'I enjoy being here so much. It makes me happy and gives me something to look forward to every week.' Volunteer Gardner.

'Bringing my little girl to Farm Tots has helped me get to know others with small children who are in the same situation as me. I don't feel so alone and she really enjoys it as well.' Local Single Parent.

Financial Review:

Grant Funding:

The farm secured £150,691 of grant funding during the year, £74,140 more than in the previous period, including:

Bristol City Council, Impact Fund 2	£38,460
OVO	£25,000

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Henry Smith Charity	£17,500
The Nisbet Trust	£11,000
Lottery Community Fund	£10,857
Shaping Places 1 & 2	£13,005

Community Business Enterprise

Income from social enterprise activities, including room hire, delivery of training, corporate fees and sales of produce was £43,283 this being £8,115 less than in the previous year.

Donations

The farm received donations of £2,289

Total Income / Expenditure

The total income for the year to 31st March 2024 was £194,139; £47,751 more than in the previous year and total expenditure was £198,190 which was £8,524 less the previous year. The accounts, therefore, show a deficit in the year of £4,051 after £18,293 having been charged for depreciation.

Plans for future periods:

As long as they remain relevant to the needs of the community, the Trustees are keen to ensure the farm continues to deliver its existing range of successful services and opportunities for local people.

However, following ongoing community consultation and evaluation, they have identified the following as being areas of potential growth and development:

Implementation of the revised Business Plan 2023-26 regarding the future development of the farm in line with identified local need.

Meeting the needs of mental health service users and those who are managing mental health issues

- Developing new and exciting opportunities for individuals to benefit from the therapeutic value of community farming, growing and engaging with the natural environment in a supported and social setting.

Health and wellbeing – Developing new initiatives that enable local people to improve their health and wellbeing.

Community Enterprise - Generating more income through community business activities.

Corporate Partnership Scheme – Increasing income through developing new mutually beneficial partnerships with local businesses

Community Education – Increased access to accredited and informal learning opportunities for members of the local community

Older People – New services that help to meet the needs of older local people.

Additional volunteering and placement opportunities – That help to individuals challenge multiple deprivation.

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Children & young people – Delivering and acting as a venue for more services that help to meet the needs of local children and young people. For example, Forest School sessions in our community woodland and more alternative education placements.

Engaging 'hard to reach' communities - More partnership and out-reach work with other local service providers in order to help meet the needs of members of 'harder to reach' communities.

Sustainability—Increased emphasis on practicing, illustrating and promoting sustainability.

COVID19 recovery— Delivering services that help local people to recover from the initial and ongoing detrimental impact of COVID19.

Brief statement of the Charity's policy on reserves

Trustees recognize that managing reserves is a tricky balancing act. Too much in reserves and Trustees could be accused of hoarding; too little and should a worst-case scenario occur, then Trustees would be unable to meet obligations to staff, animals and creditors. Trustees believe it is prudent to have unrestricted reserves amounting to a sum sufficient to cover salaries and running costs for between 3 -6 months in case of a significant drop in funding.

The Trustees therefore aim to maintain a free cash reserve level between £50,000 and £90,000.

Unrestricted General Fund

At year end, the farm held a total of £772,207 in its unrestricted fund. However, the largest part of this £684,255 was tied up (and designated to) fixed assets. This, therefore, is not cash available to the farm.

The farm held £83,995 in its general fund which is in line with the Trustee's target range of between £50,000 and £90,000. However, the Trustee's expect this level of reserve to fall over the next financial year given the current risks facing the farm relating to securing grant funding and rising costs.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to

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presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to both ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Date 9/10/24

Tim Fell - Director

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

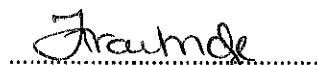
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

It should be noted that Bristol Community Accountants provide bookkeeping services to Lawrence Weston Farm. I confirm that my duties are segregated, and I am not involved in the day-to-day bookkeeping matters of the farm.

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT
BCA CIC, The Park, Daventry Road
Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1DQ



Date... 14/10/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Donations and legacies	2	26,424	138,877	165,301	101,794
Charitable activities	3	8,336	-	8,336	23,364
Other trading activities	4	19,763	739	20,502	21,230
Total		54,523	139,616	194,139	146,388
Expenditure On:					
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	632
Charitable activities	6	108,819	88,231	197,050	205,079
Other	7	1,140	-	1,140	1,003
Total		109,959	88,231	198,190	206,714
Net income/(expenditure)		(55,436)	51,385	(4,051)	(60,326)
Net movement in funds		(55,436)	51,385	(4,051)	(60,326)
Total funds brought forward		827,643	68,724	896,367	956,693
Total Funds Carried Forward	13	772,207	120,109	892,316	896,367

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements

As required by paragraph 4.67 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	748,513	766,805
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		145,184	131,672
Livestock		2,075	2,000
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>147,259</u>	<u>133,672</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,456)	(4,110)
<i>Net current assets or liabilities</i>		<u>143,803</u>	<u>129,562</u>
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>		<u>892,316</u>	<u>896,367</u>
The Funds of the Charity	13		
Restricted funds		120,109	68,724
Unrestricted funds		772,207	827,643
		<u>892,316</u>	<u>896,367</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 9/10/24 and are signed on their behalf by:



Tim Fell - Director



Joan Cox - Director

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charitable company is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and has therefore taken the advantage of the disclosure exemption available to it in relation to presentation of a cash flow statement.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

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Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities.

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Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pensions costs

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

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Income and Endowments From:

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	11,814	138,877	150,691	76,551
Donations	2,289	-	2,289	17,976
Corporate volunteering	12,321	-	12,321	6,940
Membership fees	-	-	-	327
	<u>26,424</u>	<u>138,877</u>	<u>165,301</u>	<u>101,794</u>

Donations and legacies - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	-	76,551	76,551
Donations	17,976	-	17,976
Corporate volunteering	6,940	-	6,940
Membership fees	327	-	327
	<u>25,243</u>	<u>76,551</u>	<u>101,794</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Farm sessions / placements	8,336	-	8,336	4,799
Training	-	-	-	18,565
	<u>8,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,336</u>	<u>23,364</u>

Charitable Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Farm sessions / placements	4,799	-	4,799
Training	18,565	-	18,565
	<u>23,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,364</u>

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4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Room hire	12,435	239	12,674	13,112
Sales	7,163	500	7,663	7,982
Other	165	-	165	136
	<u>19,763</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>20,502</u>	<u>21,230</u>

Other Trading Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Room hire	13,112	-	13,112
Sales	7,982	-	7,982
Other	136	-	136
	<u>21,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,230</u>

Expenditure on:

5 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Café stock purchases	-	-	-	632
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>632</u>

Raising Funds - prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Café stock purchases	632	-	632
	<u>632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>632</u>

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6 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Wages and outsourced labour	40,622	82,736	123,358	129,266
Depreciation	16,982	1,311	18,293	19,003
Activities and workshops	-	615	615	64
Site improvements & upkeep	7,327	327	7,654	22,725
Insurance	2,878	-	2,878	2,782
Farm animal costs	14,743	2,627	17,370	10,071
Utilities and rates	15,103	-	15,103	10,391
Bookkeeping & payroll fees	4,121	-	4,121	4,039
Miscellaneous	1,134	-	1,134	40
Office costs	1,551	-	1,551	1,079
Fees & memberships	590	37	627	622
Tools and equipment	190	-	190	396
Staff training	169	-	169	24
Postage and stationery	201	-	201	1,010
Materials	2,268	578	2,846	2,597
Publicity	56	-	56	60
Volunteer costs & expenses	640	-	640	-
Staff travel	8	-	8	135
Staff refreshments & subsistence	9	-	9	476
Gardening	-	-	-	93
Bank charges	227	-	227	206
	<u>108,819</u>	<u>88,231</u>	<u>197,050</u>	<u>205,079</u>

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<i>Charitable Activities - prior year</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2023 £</i>
<i>Wages and outsourced labour</i>	46,984	82,282	129,266
<i>Depreciation</i>	17,665	1,338	19,003
<i>Activities and workshops</i>	64	-	64
<i>Site improvements & upkeep</i>	22,725	-	22,725
<i>Insurance</i>	2,782	-	2,782
<i>Farm animal costs</i>	10,071	-	10,071
<i>Utilities and rates</i>	10,391	-	10,391
<i>Bookkeeping & payroll fees</i>	4,039	-	4,039
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	40	-	40
<i>Office costs</i>	1,079	-	1,079
<i>Fees & memberships</i>	622	-	622
<i>Tools and equipment</i>	396	-	396
<i>Staff training</i>	24	-	24
<i>Postage and stationery</i>	1,010	-	1,010
<i>Materials</i>	2,597	-	2,597
<i>Publicity</i>	60	-	60
<i>Volunteer costs & expenses</i>	-	-	-
<i>Staff travel</i>	135	-	135
<i>Staff refreshments & subsistence</i>	476	-	476
<i>Gardening</i>	93	-	93
<i>Bank charges</i>	206	-	206
	<u>121,459</u>	<u>83,620</u>	<u>205,079</u>

7 Other

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Independent examiner's fees	549	-	549	483
Accounts production	591	-	591	520
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,003</u>

<i>Other - prior year</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2023 £</i>
<i>Independent examiner's fees</i>	483	-	483
<i>Accounts production</i>	520	-	520
	<u>1,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,003</u>

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8 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	18,292	19,003
Independent Examination	549	483

9 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	114,721	121,807
Social security costs	7,471	9,623
Pension costs	1,957	2,268
Employer's allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
	119,149	128,698

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 9 staff (2023: 9 staff)

Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel during the year were £42,016 (2023: £41,309)

Trustee expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

10 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	861,197	47,903	43,079	952,179
At 31 March 2024	<u>861,197</u>	<u>47,903</u>	<u>43,079</u>	<u>952,179</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	131,359	31,680	22,335	185,374
Charge for the year	14,596	1,622	2,074	18,292
At 31 March 2024	<u>145,955</u>	<u>33,302</u>	<u>24,409</u>	<u>203,666</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>715,242</u>	<u>14,601</u>	<u>18,670</u>	<u>748,513</u>
At 1 April 2023	<u>729,838</u>	<u>16,223</u>	<u>20,744</u>	<u>766,805</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
PAYE/NIC	1,753	3,107
Trade Creditors	563	-
Accruals	1,140	1,003
	<u>3,456</u>	<u>4,110</u>

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13 Movement in funds

	At 01-Apr 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	-	38,460	(33,014)	-	5,446
Bristol City Council - H A & Food	-	1,193	(1,193)	-	-
BNSSG Care Board	-	1,529	(1,529)	-	-
CLA Charitable Trust	-	4,000	(2,666)	-	1,334
CAF Warburtons	-	400	(400)	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	17,500	(2,212)	-	15,288
John James	-	4,110	(2,955)	-	1,155
Lottery (Com Fund)	-	10,857	(3,793)	-	7,064
Quartet - BYCA	-	691	(691)	-	-
The Nisbet Trust	-	11,000	(9,000)	-	2,000
OVO	-	25,000	(18,197)	-	6,803
Prince of Wales	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Shaping Places 1 OCH North Bristol	-	3,600	(928)	-	2,672
Shaping Places 2	-	9,405	-	-	9,405
Medlock Charitable Trust	2,409	-	(2,409)	-	-
Nineveh Trust	246	5,000	(3,333)	-	1,913
Denman Charitable Trust	500	-	(500)	-	-
The Iron Mongers	-	3,871	(1,600)	-	2,271
Via MES	-	500	-	-	500
Building - asset depreciation	65,569	-	(1,311)	-	64,258
Total restricted funds	68,724	139,616	(88,231)	-	120,109
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	126,407	40,103	(82,515)	-	83,995
Designated:					
Asset depreciation	701,236	-	(16,981)	-	684,255
Windmill Hill City Fund	-	14,420	(10,463)	-	3,957
Total unrestricted funds	827,643	54,523	(109,959)	-	772,207
Total funds	896,367	194,139	(198,190)	-	892,316

Notes:

The General fund balance, £83,995 represents the free reserves available to the farm at the end of the year.

The asset depreciation fund represents the value of unrestricted fixed assets held on the balance sheet at year end. There is also a restricted asset depreciation fund.

Purpose of restricted funds

Bristol City Council – Impact Fund	Delivery of services meeting local need, running & salary costs
Bristol City Council - H A & Food	Holiday activities for local children & families
BNSSG Care Board	Social prescribing research project
CLA Charitable Trust	Adult volunteering placements

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Purpose of restricted funds continued

CAF Warburtons	Adult volunteering placements
Henry Smith	Delivering services that meet local need, running & salary costs
John James	Tools and materials re corporate volunteering
Lottery (Com Fund)	Salary and costs re volunteering
Quartet - BYCA	Holiday activities for local children
The Nisbet Trust	Salary costs and delivering volunteering opportunities for local people
OVO	Adult volunteering including salary and costs
Prince of Wales	Costs re volunteering placements
Shaping Places 1 OCH North Bristol	Local food security initiative
Shaping Places 2	After school cooking club for local children & families
Medlock Charitable Trust	Volunteering opportunities for children and young people
Nineveh Trust	Services for children and young people
Denman Charitable Trust	Delivering weekly walking groups for local people.
The Iron Mongers	Young Volunteers
Via MES	Activity costs
Building depreciation	Depreciation of building from restricted funds

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	684,255	64,258	748,513
Cash at Bank and in Hand	89,333	-	55,851	145,184
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(1,381)	-	-	(1,381)
Total	87,952	684,255	120,109	892,316

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	718,901	66,907	785,808
Cash at Bank and in Hand	178,387	-	8,886	187,273
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(16,388)	-	-	(16,388)
Total	161,999	718,901	75,793	956,693

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15 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

16 Analysis of prior year funds, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	<i>Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £</i>
Income and Endowments From:			
Donations and legacies	25,243	76,551	101,794
Charitable activities	23,364	-	23,364
Other trading activities	21,230	-	21,230
Total	69,837	76,551	146,388
Expenditure On:			
Raising Funds	632	-	632
Charitable activities	121,459	83,620	205,079
Other	1,003	-	1,003
Total	123,094	83,620	206,714
Net income/(expenditure)	(53,257)	(7,069)	(60,326)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(53,257)	(7,069)	(60,326)
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total funds brought forward	880,900	75,793	956,693
Total funds carried forward	827,643	68,724	896,367

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17 Movement in material funds for previous period

	At 01-Apr 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund	-	32,051	(32,051)	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	3,886	-	(3,886)	-	-
Quartet Catalyst Fund	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
The Nisbet Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Medlock Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(2,591)	-	2,409
Nineveh Trust	5,000	-	(4,754)	-	246
Denman Charitable Trust	-	500	-	-	500
WECA Community Support Fund	-	14,000	(14,000)	-	-
Building - asset depreciation	66,907	-	(1,338)	-	65,569
Total restricted funds	75,793	76,551	(83,620)	-	68,724
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	161,999	69,837	(105,429)	-	126,407
Designated:					
New Volunteer's Facility	-	-	-	-	-
Asset depreciation	718,901	-	(17,665)	-	701,236
Total unrestricted funds	880,900	69,837	(123,094)	-	827,643
Total funds	956,693	146,388	(206,714)	-	896,367

Notes:

The General fund balance, £161,999 represents the free reserves available to the farm at the end of the year.

The asset depreciation fund represents the value of unrestricted fixed assets held on the balance sheet at year end. There is also a restricted asset depreciation fund.