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Company registration number 03336839 (England and Wales)

THE REAL FARMING TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

THE REAL FARMING TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Company number	03336839	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the trust's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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).

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Trust as contained in its Articles of Association are to further such charitable purposes or objects as the Trust shall from time to time determine.

Purpose of the Trust

The Trust's purpose is to encourage farming and food production practices that are economically sound, democratic, socially just, humane to animals, and promote the long-term protection of the biosphere. In practice this means supporting projects that adopt agroecological methods of farming, seek to localise supply chains, increase employment and engagement from local communities, revive local economies, protect and enhance the biosphere and through all of these elements bring about social impact on the local communities that they serve.

Public Benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

During this financial year public benefits were delivered through the following principal projects:

The Oxford Real Farming Conference (ORFC)

ORFC 2022 was intended to be our first hybrid conference, with 1,000 people in person in Oxford and many more online. But in early December it had to be moved to an entirely online event as the omicron variant started to surge in the UK. Despite this last-minute move, it was a great success with 3,700 delegates joining us from 91 countries around the world and over 100 sessions across a two and half day period. Once again, the interpretation collective, COATI, provided simultaneous translation offering a choice of seven languages to our global speakers.

We welcomed three new partners: Schumacher College, Land in Our Names (LION) and Shared Assets. Schumacher College contributed to both the UK and global programmes, bringing together farmers in Guatemala as well spearheading fascinating talks on indigenous concepts of wellbeing and land-based spirituality. And LION and Shared Assets worked with a dedicated member of the ORFC team to programme a whole room around land justice and racial justice in food and farming. This was a huge success and will continue to be a key part of the programme for ORFC 2023.

Once again, existing partners, the Soil Association and Pasture for Life organized some very strong farm practice sessions. And the Landworkers Alliance provided a great programme, with sessions on farm practice embedded in the concept of food sovereignty and other key issues. And for the global programme, we were delighted to be joined again by La Via Campesina, who organised four sessions with farmers and agricultural workers from different continents. Other global partners who joined us again were The Agroecology Fund, The ETC Group, the African Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA). A number of organisations from Asia, South America, Australia and New Zealand also joined us, all offering a unique perspective and connection to new voices and ideas around the world. A highlight was having members of Mutaca community in the Brazilian Amazon join us to talk about their agroforestry techniques after they'd travelled three hours by boat to reach the nearest wifi connection.

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We trialled a new technical platform for 2022 called Whova which creates a central hub for all conference delegates - whether they are attending the online or the in-person conference – to log into. This allows them to engage with each other through a discussion forum, a jobs board, self-organised virtual meetings, direct messaging and personal profiles. This decision was made as it was easy to navigate but more importantly it provided a back-up plan should we need to pull the in-person conference at the last minute due to the pandemic. While it had a few issues, it more than proved its worth, allowing us to move the entire conference online in early December relatively quickly and smoothly.

In order to facilitate the growing scale of the conference, ORFC brought on more staff during the lead up to the conference and had the help of over 100 people during the event. So a core team of nine people, was joined by additional paid staff before and during the conference and nearly 70 volunteers, drawn from the UK, France, Ghana, Indonesia, Germany, Australia, USA and elsewhere!

The core team is now working towards ORFC 2023 which will be our largest yet, with an estimated 8,000 delegates joining us both online and in-person. In Oxford, we have expanded across five venues and will be using a full broadcast crew to live-stream four rooms at any one time as part of our online programme. In addition, online delegates will be able to engage with 40 global sessions with speakers from around the world. These will also be available on playback for all delegates to watch in their own time.

We will be working with the same tech team and interpretation team as for 2021 to ensure that the conference is accessible as possible to global delegates. And following on from an extensive review earlier this year to consider ways in which we could facilitate a more inclusive, radical space we will be offering a new bursary and ticketing system with highly subsidised tickets as well as an increased number of free tickets (bursaries) and financial support to pay for some travel, accommodation and other costs. In addition, all online tickets will remain free to anyone outside the Western Europe, the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

ORFC in the Field Events

The ORFC held one new event in 2021/22 aimed at delving deeper into various topics discussed at the conference each year. This two-day event was created in partnership with the venue and offered workshop style sessions for delegates to get a more hands-on experience in a more intimate setting. It was held at Wakelyns in Suffolk – the UK's oldest agroforestry site – in September 2022 and offered the opportunity to learn more about agroforestry and heritage grains with experts from both the farm and further afield.

The two days were a great success with 70 + delegates - our maximum capacity: a broad mix of people who have remained in contact since. There were four workshops which all delegates attended run by agroforestry expert, Marina O'Connell, heritage grains grower, John Letts, Wakelyns' baker, Henrietta Inman and arborist, Paul Jackson and further talks by other practitioners. As well as being a learning opportunity, Wakelyns provided a perfect space for people to gather and share stories following a difficult 18 months of covid lockdown, and there was a sense of solidarity and renewed enthusiasm for their chosen vocations.

Our first ORFC in the Field originally scheduled for July 2020, to be held at FarmED had once again to be postponed for a year because of Covid.

We are hoping to take what is proving to be a successful and popular format further, with three events being planned for 2022/23 in different geographic locations which will continue to expand on the ORFC programme and provide the opportunity for delegates to further their knowledge, skills and connections.

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Agroecology Communications Network (ACN)

The ACN membership continues to grow and has been migrated on to Slack for better integration with people's day-to-day work, and the creation of a shared ACN calendar is now available for all members to add to, which people are using. There is movement wide enthusiasm for this network to grow and become a resource that individuals, organisations and businesses can draw on.

The first in-person ACN meeting was held in Bristol on 1st March 2022 where ideas for its development were discussed. Suggestions included a shared image library, a shared Zoom account, media and digital storytelling training etc. We are also talking to organisations about the idea of a 3-month communications traineeship, which would bring in young people on an internship and move them around the movement.

The next event is planned for September 2022 in Westminster, exploring how communications professionals can communicate better with policy makers and parliamentarians.

Ready, Health, Eat

The three-year programme funded by The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) began in March 2020 and employs one part time member of staff within RFT. The aim of the programme is to bring together a number of community food organisations to trial different ideas for improving the nutritional value of the cooked food eaten by the most vulnerable groups in their community. Between them, the partners are providing nutritionally balanced meals created specifically for people who attend various support groups and food banks as well as home deliveries to vulnerable people unable to leave their home. Beneficiaries include adults with learning difficulties, people at risk of homelessness, refugees and families on low incomes.

The programme is managed by the RFT with four delivery partner organisations (NOW in Belfast, Cyrenians in Edinburgh, OrganicLea in London and Brighton and Hove Food Partnership) and Coventry University's Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience is the social impact assessment partner. Working in partnership has enabled the organisations to share innovations and good practice.

In the first year of the project, Covid saw the partners focus on a large-scale emergency food response and RFT secured extra funding for them to do so. In 2021/22 they have been able to return their focus to the original intentions for the programme. By the end of the second year, they had trained over 100 vulnerable people in how to cook healthy food and 40 of these had found employment, mostly in catering. We have provided over half a million meals to people experiencing food insecurity. The projects have used 255 tonnes of waste food.

RFT has enabled the partners to link up with farms and source local food in some cases but we have learnt that a great many people in the UK are reliant on surplus food for their nutrition. The RHE partners are not buying very much food from local or agroecological farms because projects like these buy very little food of any kind. We have therefore focused on how to provide nutritious food in socially valuable settings using surplus food. There are many practical obstacles in doing so and RHE will have good practice models to share which are currently being evaluated and written up by CAWR. The partners are seeing sharp increases in demand for food support and we anticipate ongoing interest in good practice.

RFT has learnt about the social benefits of food projects of this kind. People presenting with food insecurity invariably face multiple other life challenges and the social benefits of participation are valued as well as the food itself.

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Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme (LEAP)

Between January 2019 and end of March 2022, LEAP has received 123 expressions of interest representing over £5.1m in funds. We invited 27 of those to make a full application. 19 were approved to move forward to Round 2, which sees them receive investment readiness support and mentoring. This mentoring is a key part of the programme, with applicants receiving between £5-10k worth of tailored advice and support from specialist mentors most commonly in the critical areas of governance, business planning, financial forecasting, and social impact planning. The total funds drawn down or in the pipeline at 31st March 2022 are £810,750 which represents around 76% of LEAP's available capital.

LEAP approved its first investments in September 2019 to the Apricot Centre and Glasgow Locavore. Since then, we have supported mushroom growers, care farms, food waste cafés, box schemes, micro-dairies and everything in between, including investments into Edfords Care Farm, Sole of Discretion, Goonown Growers, Gwendraeth Organics, Earthlight Herbs, Soul Farm, Tyddyn Teg, Magic Hat Café, Regather, Hempen, Southern Roots Organics, Stroud Micro Dairy, Middle Ground Growers, Goodery and GroCycle. This has enabled them to invest in their businesses in a multitude of ways – from new polytunnels, packing sheds, delivery vehicles, tools and machinery to websites, IT and new members of staff.

LEAP finishes at the end of 2022, but plans to continue are being developed.

Social impact toolkit development

During the year we worked with eight LEAP investees to help them explore their social impact. We worked with them to dig into what their social impact mission is and how and in what ways they hope to deliver it over the term of their loan. We used different quantitative and qualitative tools (surveys, focus groups and one to one conversations) to assess their impact on customers, volunteers and staff. A number of themes emerged from this work including what the “community” is that is engaged with these enterprises and how they relate to the place and community in which they are situated. Our work also raised questions around to what extent community food businesses should be responsible for addressing issues relating to social inequity. Whilst the social mission of the enterprises we have worked with is strong, their ability to fund social impact work from within their business is extremely limited given the tight margins that they operate under. This raises a bigger question around who pays for this work.

We produced a report summarising our work in 2021 and the questions that it raised which we aim to publish in the summer of 2022. We hope to raise funds in the coming year to explore these questions and also undertake further development of the toolkit both in terms of exploring these issues within the indicators and developing the toolkit more as an online self-assessment tool. During 2021 we held a number of webinars with different networks (CSA Network, Open Food Network, Better Food Traders) with our research partners, Coventry University Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience at which we introduced and explained the toolkit and how it works. We had good feedback from these events to the concept and structure of the toolkit. The main thing that was raised as a concern was the lack of resources that individual enterprises have to monitor their social impact in this way. The need for external funding and/or support to do this is seen as a key limiting factor in terms of take up of the toolkit in the absence of any clear and direct revenue generating benefit that this work has for financially strapped enterprises.

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The College for Real Farming and Food Culture

The College moved from strategic development into its 'pilot phase' in 2021/22. To support this phase, a College strategy and provisional work programme was developed and a College Manager recruited on 1st October 2021.

To test the viability, legitimacy and relevance of the College strategy, a Dialogue was developed with agricultural and progressive educational partners and stakeholders. These included the Royal Agricultural University (RAU), Schumacher College, FarmED, Black Mountains College, CAWR, and FWAG SW. This Dialogue interrogated the College Aims, Values and Objectives at a 42 Acres retreat between 5-7th October 2021.

The outcomes of that Dialogue have been fed back into the RFT and College strategies, and led to key partnerships being established with RAU and Schumacher College. Following the Dialogue, RFT and College staff met with RAU to discuss what the College could offer in terms of curriculum, research and other needs for students.

During the autumn and winter of 2021/22, the College Manager and other RFT staff and Trustee organised a Dialogue on Nature Financialisation (this topic was chosen following panel discussions held at ORFC 2021 and 2022) which was held at Schumacher College on 1-3 April 2022. The outcomes of that Dialogue are being developed and will form the basis for further Dialogues and sessions at ORFC 2023. The College Manager is developing a model for the College through lessons learned during 2021/22 and beyond, and feedback from across the Real Farming movement and elsewhere. These reflections will feed into funding applications and further work to maintain the College and cement its place within RFT activities.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology for Sustainable Food and Farming (APPG)

Despite the ongoing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, the year started well for the APPG and we held a mini-inquiry on 'Agroecology as a Nature-Based Solution (NbS)' with a view to bringing the results of the inquiry to the attention of Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, the President-in-Waiting for COP26 - due to be held in Glasgow in November 2021. Agriculture and food systems were being largely ignored (only included under 'Nature' on the final Saturday). Agroecology, recognised by the FAO (its 10 Elements of Agroecology Framework was developed between 2015 and 2019), and now included in the UK Agriculture Act deserved recognition.

Our inquiry was widely supported, taking plenty of both written and online/in-person evidence. A report was also prepared to be delivered to Alok Sharma's office and distributed to parliamentarians. Unfortunately, due to continued pressures on parliamentarians, we couldn't finalise the report in time (it needed to be signed-off by all co-chairs). However, we are still hopeful we can utilise the responses and data collected for this inquiry.

As a result of delays, including summer recess, we then needed to hold our AGM, and this was organised for November 2021 (to account for Party Conferences). At our AGM, we appointed several new officers – this included 2 new (cross-party) co-chairs and a range of additional vice-chairs.

At the AGM we agreed a list of core policy areas for the APPG to focus on and began a series of briefing sessions – including a refresher on 'Agroecology – the latest in policy and practice' and a session on agroforestry. Both had external speakers, including policy experts from our supporter network and farmer practitioners.

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Financial Review

The Trust's main sources of income derive from grants, donations and income from charitable activities, mainly in the form of tickets, sponsorship and exhibition stands for the Oxford Real Farming Conference. Major (over £10,000) grants and donations received during 2021/22 included: £99,989 from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, £20,000 from the Golden Bottle Trust and £56,460 from the Ashden Trust for core costs, including the APPG, ACN and the College; £20,000 from SHED, £15,000 from a foundation known to us which has requested confidentiality, £10,000 from Be The Earth Foundation, and £10,000 from the Sheepdrove Trust for ORFC 2022; £39,000 from the Halleria Trust for LEAP on-grants and programme management costs; £12,000 from a supporter to help with the delivery of College dialogues; and £268,606 from The National Lottery Community Fund for the Ready, Healthy, Eat Programme. Total income was £685,000, compared with £733,795 in 2020/21, with £403,262 (2021: £495,624) in the form of restricted funds.

The Trust has two main sources of expenditure: the grants it makes, and costs associated with its charitable activities. Total expenditure was £386,897, compared with £541,424 in 2020/21, resulting in a net surplus for the year of £136,787 (2021: £192,371).

At 31st March 2022 the charity had total net assets of £560,826 (2021: £424,039), of which £285,510 (2021: £269,145) was held as restricted funds and £275,316 (2021: £154,894) as unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the organisation's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to which it may be exposed. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed should ideally be between three- and six-months' worth of expenditure on unrestricted charitable activities. The total unrestricted funds at 31 March 2022 were £275,316, compared with £154,894 at 31st March 2021. Total expenditure on unrestricted charitable activities to 31 March 2022 was £161,316. Our current reserves therefore represent over 12-months' worth of expenditure. This has increased during the year due to core cost funding received from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, and we expect this to reduce over the next 12-18 months. Reserves are needed to safeguard the work of the Real Farming Trust, and the Board of Trustees is confident that at this level they would be able to continue the main core services in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserves policy will be reviewed by the Trustees every year, or as necessary when there are significant changes to the organisation's activities.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Strategic Plan and Future Priorities

The vision of the RFT is simple: “**good food for everyone, forever**”. We set out how we will work towards our vision in our 2021-2024 Strategic Plan which was approved by the Board of Trustees in September 2021. That plan introduces our new Theory of Change, and sets out our main strategic priorities, including:

- Creating radical, diverse and inclusive gatherings for the real food and farming movement. Through the **Oxford Real Farming Conference**, we will work to strengthen and expand networks from within and beyond the food movement, learn from each other and exchange knowledge in order to support and enable a just agroecological transition.
- Bringing people together to explore and understand the transformative potential of agroecology and food sovereignty. Through the **College for Real Farming and Food Culture**, we will explore and develop the ideas that are needed to underpin Real Farming – in agricultural practice, economics, political organisation, science, moral philosophy and metaphysics (i.e., what should we be trying to do and why?). We will be an advocate for change and will provide a space for people to collaborate and share ideas.
- Funding and supporting real food and farming businesses that are economically sound, socially just and protect the biosphere. We will grow and develop the **Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme**, and other initiatives that help with access to finance and land.
- Integrating food citizenship throughout all of our areas of work. We will use the next period in our development to proactively seek out and engage with different groups of food citizens from those we have worked with in the past, develop new programmes of work in support of this and embed **Food Citizenship** across all of our activities and programmes.
- Promoting the importance and value of adopting agroecological approaches to food and farming in UK policy. We do this as the Secretariat of the **APPG on Agroecology for Sustainable Food and Farming**, and by engaging with our partners on policy campaigns.
- Encouraging and supporting social enterprises and community food businesses, policy makers and campaigners to take social impact seriously. We will do this through educating and encouraging others to use the metrics and processes of the **Social Impact Toolkit** developed in partnership with CAWR. We will continue to build and refine the Social Impact Toolkit based on user feedback and engagement both within and outside of RFT programmes. We will also build relationships and work in partnership with other organisations both within and outside the food sector who are also developing impact measurements. This work is as much about showing what impact community food businesses are not having as about what impact they are having. Only by understanding and honestly reflecting on what we are and are not doing can the sector truly provide good food for everyone, forever.
- Amplifying the voices of the agroecology movement. We will continue to develop and grow the **Agroecology Communications Network**, connecting people working in communications across the food and farming movement and exploring how we can better support each other, sharing news and campaigns and bringing people together to work towards shared goals, to have a bigger collective impact.
- **Developing organisational capacity within RFT**: We will invest time and resources into the RFT, ensuring that the governance, organisation structure, people and processes are fit for purpose and able to deliver this strategic plan.

Progress against our strategic plan is reviewed quarterly at Trustee meetings, and specific goals and objectives for the year ahead are made each year in our annual Spring Strategic Planning retreat, which all staff members attend.

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Governance and Management

The Real Farming Trust is a Company Limited by Guarantee and a registered charity and is governed by its Articles of Association which set out the powers and objects of the organisation. The non-executive directors of the company are also the trustees of the charity. Trustees have control of the organisation, its funds and assets, and are responsible for overall strategic and operational management. Board meetings are held quarterly. The trustees have delegated the day-to-day management of the organisation to the Senior Management Team (SMT) and decisions on social investments to the LEAP Investment Committee.

Trustees are recruited from the wide network of people and organisations who support the aims and activities of the Trust. The Trust is a member of Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action, which provides guidance and any necessary training for Trustees.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N H Read (Appointed 30 September 2021)

S Mariam

J G Hartzell

C H Tudge

M R Franklin (Resigned 11 December 2021)

Members of the Trust guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Trust in the event of a winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31st March 2022 was three. Members of the Board of Directors have no beneficial interest in the Trust.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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J G Hartzell

Trustee

Date: 14th September 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE REAL FARMING TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Real Farming Trust (the trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the trust 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 the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 29 September 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	161,704	403,012	564,716	110,344	495,624	605,968
Charitable activities	4	102,289	250	102,539	119,624	-	119,624
Investments	5	17,745	-	17,745	8,203	-	8,203
Total income		281,738	403,262	685,000	238,171	495,624	733,795
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	161,316	386,897	548,213	142,014	399,410	541,424
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		120,422	16,365	136,787	96,157	96,214	192,371
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		154,894	269,145	424,039	58,737	172,931	231,668
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		275,316	285,510	560,826	154,894	269,145	424,039

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	404,592		334,323	
Cash at bank and in hand		577,775		430,553	
		<u>982,367</u>		<u>764,876</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(73,476)		(45,636)	
Net current assets			908,891		719,240
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(348,065)		(295,201)
Net assets			<u>560,826</u>		<u>424,039</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	15		285,510		269,145
Unrestricted funds			275,316		154,894
			<u>560,826</u>		<u>424,039</u>

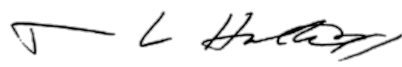
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on14th September 2022



J G Hartzell
Trustee

Company registration number 03336839

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	18		150,164		180,212
Investing activities					
Proceeds from social investment loans received		-		(170,162)	
Repayment of social investment loans received		(73,551)		-	
Investment income received		17,745		8,203	
Net cash used in investing activities			(55,806)		(161,959)
Financing activities					
Proceeds of new social investment loans made		-		152,176	
Repayment of social investment loans made		52,864		-	
Net cash generated from financing activities			52,864		152,176
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			147,222		170,429
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			430,553		260,124
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			577,775		430,553

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Real Farming Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 27 Old Gloucester Street, London, WC1N 3AX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the trust.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the trust's balance sheet when the trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	161,704	403,012	564,716	110,344	495,624	605,968

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4 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Conference & exhibition fees	85,819	96,635
Conference sponsorship	14,500	22,989
Other income	2,220	-
	<u>102,539</u>	<u>119,624</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	102,289	119,624
Restricted funds	250	-
	<u>102,539</u>	<u>119,624</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Interest receivable	<u>17,745</u>	<u>8,203</u>

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6 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	192,761	99,091
Project delivery	77,185	149,170
Travel & accommodation	14,944	1,482
Conference catering	2,844	-
	<u>287,734</u>	<u>249,743</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	232,915	276,023
Share of support costs (see note 8)	20,138	8,290
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	7,426	7,368
	<u>548,213</u>	<u>541,424</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	161,316	142,014
Restricted funds	386,897	399,410
	<u>548,213</u>	<u>541,424</u>

7 Grants payable

	2022 £	2021 £
The Now Project	48,913	70,921
Brighton & Hove Food Partnership	54,086	70,563
Cyrenians	48,823	64,359
Organic Lea	53,170	44,820
Locavore	-	9,000
Soul Farm Produce	-	8,805
Tyddyn Teg	10,800	-
Magdalene Herbs	-	1,300
Pasture-fed Livestock Association	-	1,125
Sole of Discretion	5,940	-
Goonown Growers	4,860	-
Fungi Futures CIC	1,500	-
LESS CIC	1,500	-
Other	3,323	5,130
	<u>232,915</u>	<u>276,023</u>

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8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Office expenses & administration	12,326	-	12,326	6,926	-	6,926
Rent or lease of buildings	5,514	-	5,514	-	-	-
Insurance	1,350	-	1,350	-	-	-
Marketing	328	-	328	1,102	-	1,102
Supplies	480	-	480	125	-	125
Subscriptions	140	-	140	137	-	137
Legal and professional	-	626	626	-	1,242	1,242
Bank charges	-	241	241	-	486	486
Interest payable	-	5,059	5,059	-	4,915	4,915
Independent examiner	-	1,500	1,500	-	725	725
	<u>20,138</u>	<u>7,426</u>	<u>27,564</u>	<u>8,290</u>	<u>7,368</u>	<u>15,658</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>20,138</u>	<u>7,426</u>	<u>27,564</u>	<u>8,290</u>	<u>7,368</u>	<u>15,658</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the Independent Examiners of £1500 for preparation of the financial statements and the Independent Examination. (2021- £725 was for the Independent Examination only. Preparation of the financial statements was noted separately under Legal & professional).

9 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	138,257	92,467
Social security costs	41,712	3,646
Other pension costs	12,792	2,978
	<u>192,761</u>	<u>99,091</u>

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10 Employees

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Key Management Personnel is comprised of the Executive Director roles. The total remuneration for Key Management Personnel (including employer's IE and pension contributions) was £67,277.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	318	3,600
Other debtors	404,274	330,723
	<u>404,592</u>	<u>334,323</u>

12 Loans and overdrafts

	2022 £	2021 £
Social Investment Loans	<u>348,065</u>	<u>295,201</u>
Payable after one year	<u>348,065</u>	<u>295,201</u>

The loan is unsecured and bears interest at 2% per annum which is paid quarterly. Capital is repayable based on the schedule of loan repayments agreed with the recipient of each social loan, all are due by monthly instalments and scheduled to be repaid in full by 31 December 2027.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	9,321	4,830
Other creditors	62,655	39,856
Accruals and deferred income	1,500	950
	<u>73,476</u>	<u>45,636</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Social investment loans	12	<u>348,065</u>	<u>295,201</u>

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15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology	5,432	10,000	(12,608)	2,824	20,600	(12,675)	10,749
Innovation and Infrastructure (Power to Change)	1,508	-	(1,508)	-	-	-	-
Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme	35,092	21,735	(37,307)	19,520	39,000	(45,518)	13,002
LEAP Mentoring (England)	31,487	15,286	(10,749)	35,299	-	(19,663)	15,636
LEAP Mentoring (rest of UK)	15,485	-	(7,556)	7,929	-	(4,366)	3,563
Social Impact Toolkit	113	-	(113)	-	-	-	-
FEA Other	771	-	(771)	-	-	-	-
Collaborative Learning about Innovative Land Strategies	5,381	4,752	(3,948)	6,185	4,806	(2,256)	8,735
Ready, Healthy, Eat	75,056	328,541	(207,340)	196,982	268,856	(248,091)	217,747
Coronavirus Community Support	-	68,852	(68,852)	-	-	-	-
Wildlife on Farms Dialogue	406	-	-	406	-	(406)	-
Oxford Real Farming Conference	1,075	46,458	(47,533)	-	58,000	(49,865)	8,135
Routes to Market for Pasture for Life Certified Products	1,125	-	(1,125)	-	-	-	-
College (Martin Stanley)	-	-	-	-	12,000	(4,057)	7,943
	<u>172,931</u>	<u>495,624</u>	<u>(399,410)</u>	<u>269,145</u>	<u>403,262</u>	<u>(386,897)</u>	<u>285,510</u>

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15 Restricted funds

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All Party Parliamentary Group on Agroecology: The charity is the Secretariat for the APPGA which promotes the importance and value of adopting agroecological approaches to food and farming in UK policy.

Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme (LEAP): The charity manages the Loans for Enlightened Agriculture Programme providing loans, grants and mentoring to food and farming enterprises. The programme is funded by interest received and fees charged. Additional operational funds were provided by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation for the LEAP Programme Team which is responsible for identifying, assessing and managing applications, carrying out due diligence and making the loan and grant agreements. It will also be responsible for monitoring and reporting (financials and impacts), promoting LEAP and its impact and providing advice and support to the investees. Grants for successful applicants to LEAP are provided by the Halleria Trust.

LEAP mentoring (England): The Power to Change Foundation provided a grant to provide support and advice to LEAP investees located in England in areas such as business planning, financial forecasting, governance, and social impact measurement.

LEAP mentoring (rest of UK): The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation provided a grant to provide support and advice to LEAP investees located outside of England in areas such as business planning, financial forecasting, governance, and social impact measurement.

Collaborative Learning about Innovative Land Strategies (EU Erasmus+): This is an EU Erasmus+ funded programme and involves seven partner organisations from five EU countries: France, the Netherlands, Romania, Belgium and the UK. The programme is managed by (and payments are received via) Terre de Liens.

Ready, Healthy, Eat: This is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and managed by the Real Farming Trust, brings together a number of community food organisations to trial different ideas for improving the nutritional value of the cooked food eaten by the most vulnerable groups in their community. The programme aimed for this food to be made by trainees who were themselves at risk of food poverty, providing them with work experience and training and a mentoring scheme to help them into further training or employment.

ORFC: Grants towards the operational costs of the ORFC Global were received from the Sheepdrove Trust, Necessity, Full Circle Foundation, A Team Foundation and Be The Earth Foundation.

College Dialogue (42 Acres): Funding was received from Be the Earth Foundation to hold a College for Real Farming dialogue at 42 Acres in Somerset. This was postponed due to Coronavirus, and was eventually held in the Autumn of 2021.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:						
Current assets/ (liabilities)	623,381	285,510	908,891	719,240	-	719,240
Long term liabilities	(348,065)	-	(348,065)	(295,201)	-	(295,201)
	<u>275,316</u>	<u>285,510</u>	<u>560,826</u>	<u>424,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>424,039</u>

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17 Related party transactions

Mr H Greenfield, the spouse of one of the trustees, received remuneration of £1,240 for company secretarial services. Mrs R West, the spouse of one of the trustees, received consultancy and project management fees of £9,450.

18 Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus for the year	136,787	192,371
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(17,745)	(8,203)
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	3,282	6,900
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	27,840	(10,856)
Cash generated from operations	150,164	180,212

19 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	430,553	147,222	577,775
	<u>430,553</u>	<u>147,222</u>	<u>577,775</u>
Loans falling due after more than one year	(295,201)	(52,864)	(348,065)
	<u>135,352</u>	<u>94,358</u>	<u>229,710</u>