

ZWARTBLES SHEEP ASSOCIATION

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

29 FEBRUARY 2024

Charity No: 1062319

ZWARTBLES SHEEP ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29 February 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and administration information

Charity name:	Zwartbles Sheep Association
Charity registration number:	1062319
Operational address:	Oxnam Neuk Farm Jedburgh Roxburghshire TD8 6RE

Trustees

Mr G P Addison	
Mr A Baird	
Ms C A Bissett	
Mrs G M Blamire	Chairman
Miss F Brown	Resigned 16 th November 2023
Mr C J Cromie	
Mr B J Gibson	
Mr R J Heigh	
Mr D Jones	
Mrs A M Robinson	Resigned 16 th November 2023
Miss L Simpson	
Mrs G Smith	
Mr M R Pearse	Appointed 16 th November 2023
Mr J Case	Appointed 16 th November 2023
Mr C Rae	Appointed 16 th November 2023

Secretary

Mrs C M Cormack

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 48 Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, Worcester, WR14 4QG

Solicitors

Wright Hassall LLP, Olympus Ave, Royal Leamington Spa, CV34 6BF

Accountants and Independent examiner

Geoffrey Cox FCA, Dafferns LLP, One Eastwood, Harry Weston Road, Binley Business Park, Coventry, CV3 2UB

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Activities and charitable objects

The principal activities and charitable objects of the Association are to advance the education of the public at large by registering, monitoring and exhibiting Zwartbles sheep and investigating and encouraging efficient breeding of Zwartbles sheep with a view to improving and increasing the numbers of the breed.

- Attracting, supporting and retaining members to enable us to fulfil our objects.
- Conserving the breed through consistent application of support based on a basis of verification.
- Promoting and explaining our work to organisations, new breeders and the general public.
- Maintaining a flock book for registration of sheep in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association.

The ZSA yearbook is produced annually. This publication includes the present members' details, the breed standards and articles of interest and general information, as well as the Association Rules. The Association website also contains information about Zwartbles sheep.

Public Benefit

The trustees consider they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit, as published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and performance

The Council held two council meetings in the financial year which were held in person. The Association continues to encourage classes at major shows - The Royal Ulster Agricultural Show, The Royal Welsh, The Great Yorkshire, The Royal Highland, The Royal Bath and West and other selected Agricultural shows. The exhibition stands went to three NSA sheep events, North Sheep, South West Sheep and Welsh Sheep. The Association did not hold any open days. Sales of Zwartbles sheep were held successfully at Carlisle, Worcester and Northern Ireland.

Financial review

The net profit for the year amounted to £88 which has been added to the reserves brought forward leaving fund balances of £111,848 at the year end. The trustees consider the results to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy

The Association aims to hold financial reserves that cover one and a half year's operating expenditure. On 29 February 2024 the Association held free reserves amounting to £111,848.

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Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Association is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), and is governed by its constitution. The Association was registered as a charity on 12 May 1997 (No: 1062319).

Structure Governance and Management

Recruitment and appointment of the Council

The Zwartbles Sheep Association is run by the Council. All Council members are also trustees of the charity. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and retire by rotation after three years. Retiring trustees are eligible for re-election.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees are briefed by the Chairman / Council on their obligations as Council members and the future plans and objectives of the Society. Minutes of previous meetings are also available for new Council Members upon request.

Risk review

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of written procedures and lines of communication for authorisation of transactions. Specialist advice has been obtained to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements. Staff training has also been provided for specific matters. Every item of work will be assessed and improvements in protocol made where necessary.

Approved by the Trustees on 28 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr C J Cromie, Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ZWARTBLES SHEEP ASSOCIATION**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 29 February 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 Act.

Independent examiner's statement – matter of concern identified

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 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 applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Geoffrey Cox FCA,
For and on behalf of Dafferns LLP
Chartered Accountants,
One Eastwood,
Harry Weston Road,
Binley Business Park,
Coventry, CV3 2UB

Dated 28 September 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Unrestricted funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME FROM:		
Charitable activities		
Members subscriptions	21,125	15,998
Registrations	17,219	18,471
Merchandise sales	617	468
AGM, year book and advertising	998	2,175
Sales commission, levies and entry fees	2,827	2,884
Other Income	2,416	1,985
Investment income		
Bank interest	3,900	-
Total income	<u>49,102</u>	<u>41,981</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable activities		
Sales costs	1,225	1,730
Publicity, Advertising and Yearbook	5,349	6,080
Merchandise purchases	356	236
Exhibitions and open days	1,348	1,711
NSA Subscription	331	126
Website and computer software	2,343	2,528
Support costs (not allocated)		
Secretary's remuneration	18,540	18,540
Office running costs	2,475	2,700
Insurance	1,074	893
Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	9,118	11,224
Hire of equipment	2,043	1,532
Secretary's travelling expenses	448	496
Bank charges	24	20
Accountancy	2,640	3,340
Council travel, expenses and Council meeting costs	1,700	1,505
Depreciation	-	248
Total expenditure	<u>49,014</u>	<u>52,909</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	88	(10,928)
Fund balances at 1 March 2023	<u>111,760</u>	<u>122,688</u>
Fund balances at 29 February 2024	<u>111,848</u>	<u>111,760</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	-	-
Current assets			
Stock	7	1,034	1,270
Debtors	8	4,381	3,994
Investments - deposits		80,000	80,000
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>44,004</u>	<u>46,593</u>
		129,419	131,857
Current liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>17,571</u>	<u>20,097</u>
Net current assets		<u>111,848</u>	<u>111,760</u>
Net assets		<u>111,848</u>	<u>111,760</u>
Financed by:			
Reserves			
Unrestricted funds	10	<u>111,848</u>	<u>111,760</u>

The financial statements were approved by Board of Trustees on 28 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr C J Cromie, Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

ZWARTBLES SHEEP ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024****1. General information and basis of preparation**

The Zwartbles Sheep Association is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in England and Wales.

The operational address is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are stated on page 2.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. Accounting policies**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the restriction imposed upon them.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably

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2. Accounting policies

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

Investments

Investments represent monies on deposit on a one year fixed term.

Stocks

Stock comprises goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Operating leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

3. Independent examiners remuneration

The independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £2,900 (2023 £2,900).

4. Trustee remuneration and other benefits

No trustees' remuneration or other benefits were paid during the year or previous year.

Trustees' expenses

	2024 £	2023 £
Reimbursed travel expenses	-	-

5. Staff numbers and costs

The Association did not employ anybody during the year or the previous year.

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6. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1.3.2023	1,966	1,417	3,383
Additions	-	-	-
At 28.2.2024	<u>1,966</u>	<u>1,417</u>	<u>3,383</u>
Depreciation			
At 1.3.2023	1,966	1,417	3,383
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 28.2.2024	<u>1,966</u>	<u>1,417</u>	<u>3,383</u>
Net book value			
At 28.2.2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 29.2.2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Stock

	2024	2023
	£	£
Merchandise for resale	<u>1,034</u>	<u>1,270</u>

8. Debtors

Debtors	1,742	996
Other debtors	2,100	2,100
Prepayments	<u>539</u>	<u>898</u>
	<u>4,381</u>	<u>3,994</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	-	1,230
Accruals	2,900	2,900
Deferred income	<u>14,671</u>	<u>15,967</u>
	<u>17,571</u>	<u>20,097</u>

Deferred income relates to membership subscription income.

10. Funds

All funds are unrestricted

11. Related party transactions

There were no material related party transactions during the year.