



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31st August 2021 Period start date To 31st August 2022
Period end date

Charity name: Cobtree Young Farmers

Charity registration number: 1073120

Objectives and Activities

SORP reference

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Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

To advance the education of members of the Young Farmers' Club in agriculture, home crafts, country life and related subjects and to advance the social welfare of the members by providing the facilities for recreation and fulfilling leisure time occupations. To enhance members' lives and assist in the development of their spiritual and mental wellbeing, self reliance and individual responsibility so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the community.

The Club owns and rears livestock on its own farm unit. This involves the members in animal care and welfare and gives an understanding of farming and food production. Members are wholeheartedly involved in preparing and showing their animals in the public arena of agricultural shows which teaches the members dedication, organisation, communication and teamwork. This has the added value of educating and inspiring the general public about the Young Farmers and of where their food comes from. The members also have a busy programme of competition, crafts, sport and social as part of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance and are clear that the Club meets high standards of benefit to members and the public.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

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Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The club does not currently use social investment as a means of funding, but it may be considered in the future for a particular project if the club can demonstrate the investment including program related

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justification of the running and show it can make the necessary repayments.

All of the clubs officers are volunteers, most of whom give up at least 6 hours of their time every Saturday, plus administration work in the evening and feeding of the clubs livestock during the week. The club also has an advisory committee which is made up of around 8 volunteers, who also give up many hours to help run the club. Parents of members and friends also contribute a number of hours around specific events and necessary maintenance projects.

Contribution made by volunteers

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Achievements and Performance

SORP reference

The benefit to members is immeasurable and proven in their development as young people. They grow in self confidence and self awareness and are able to share their knowledge in the public arena. The benefit to the wider public is tangible where the members perform at shows and events. Members come to the Club from various backgrounds, mostly from local towns and the growth of their knowledge of country matters is huge.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

Para 1.21 Income

£37,030.87

Grant Income

£12,331.77

Non Grant Income

£24,699.10

Expenditure 2020-2021

£40,300.27

Grant Expenditure

£15,795.61

Non Grant Expenditure

£24,504.66

Para 1.22 Generally all money received is invested in the running of the club, its activities and agreed projects. However, the club aims to keep a small reserve to enable the club to continue for at least 6 months through any period of uncertainty

Para 1.22 Reserve a/c £15,885.97

Amount of reserves held

Para 1.22 N/A

Reasons for holding zero reserves

Para 1.22 N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit

Para 1.24 N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

Para 1.23 The trustees have no concerns at this time, the club has regular income and is well managed by a team of leaders with a wide base of experience.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Members donations, Grant funding from local trusts & Societies.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts: None

Type of governing document: Para 1.25 None

How is the charity constituted? (trust deed, royal charter)

Para 1.25 Being part of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, we are under the Kent Federation of YFC's constitution, as an unincorporated association. The club has its own constitution based upon the specific open club constitution provided by NFYFC

Para 1.25 The trustees are appointed at the annual AGM, after discussions held by the clubs advisory committee. New appointees are discussed through the advisory and in consultation with the club leader and current trustees.

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Cobtree Young Farmers

Other name the charity uses N/A

Registered charity number: 1073120

Charity's principal address: D. Blake (Treasurer)
20 Albert Street
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 2RN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity			
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Colin Leggat	Chairman		
2 Philip Loveland	Trustee		
3 Sue Hall	Trustee		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity: N/A

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets: N/A

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)	
Club President – John Norris	
Club Leader – Mark Essex	
Club Treasurer – Dena Blake	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.		Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
		Signature(s)	
		Full name(s)	
		Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	
		Date	