



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 01/09/23 Period start date To: 31/08/24 Period end date

Charity name: Cobtree Young Farmers

Charity registration number: 1073120

Company number: N/A

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	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 justification of the funding and show it can make the necessary repayments
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	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.
Other		

Achievements and performance

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.	Para 1.20	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.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income £28,537.81</p> <p>Grant Income £10,400.00</p> <p>Expenditure during 2022-2023 £32,086.13</p> <p>Grant Expenditure £344.92</p> <p>Non Grant Expenditure £31,741.21</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	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
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserve account £12,536.13
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:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Members donations, Grant funding from local trusts & Societies.

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example,	Para 1.25	None
How is the charity constituted?	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.
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	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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Relationship with any related parties		
Other		

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Cobtree Young Farmers Club
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	Chariman		
2	Philip Loveland	Trustee		
3	Sue Hall	Trustee		
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Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

Club President – John Norris
 Club Leader – Mark Essex
 Treasurer – Dena Blake
 Club Secretary – Tamara Butcher
 Safe Guarding Office – Jill Darby

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	P. Loveland	
Full name(s)	Phil Loveland	
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	12.10.2024	

2022-2023

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£87.12

£726.63

£26,936.58

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£932.03

£6,570.00

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£1,038.50

£6,749.24

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£327.60

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Report of the Independent Examiner

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Balance Sheet

	2023-2024
Current Account	£362.94
Sub/Membership Account	£656.45
Reserve Account	£12,536.13
Petty Cash	£46.52
Year end (31st August 2024)	£13,602.04

Income	2023-2024	
Membership Donations	£10,625.00	
Gift Aid	£2,863.68	
Company Scheme Donations	£1,710.53	
Other Donations	£4,055.47	
Shows Donations (Edenbridge)	£500	
Show Prize Money	£220	
Grants	£10,400	
Sale of Livestock	£5,980.34	
Sale of Meat	£710.00	
Refunds	£666.44	
Insurance Claim	-	
Interest all accounts	£70.32	
General Misc	£70.00	
Uniform		1066.03
	£37,871.78	

Expenditure (out)	2023-2024	
Insurance	£1,449.36	
National & County Levy/Membership	£2,665.77	
Electricity	£1,848.89	
Grant Spend	£344.92	
Subs refund	£80.00	
Purchase of Livestock & Rental	£914.30	
Animal feed Cake (cows)	£874.75	
Lillico (sheep & Pigs emergency cows)	£6,182.64	
Straw/Hay/Haylage	£5,472.00	
Sheep Shearing/Scanning	£145.07	
Animal Welfare/Vet/Medicine	£1,475.41	
Fallen Livestock	£48.00	
Materials	£1,843.55	
Tractor/Fuel/etc	£484.58	
Countrystyle/skips	£720.00	
Purchase of Equipment	£966.48	
Uniform		1065.68

Shows Food etc inc club show/Rosettes	£1,513.73
Toilet Hire for shows	£210.00
Transport Livestock	£564.00

Monies Paid Out (& Own cattle)	£3,217.00
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