

Downs Farm Trust
Report and Accounts
31 October 2022

Charity number
1101181

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees

Neale Jackson
Nicola Jackson
George Purdie

Principal Office

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Accountants

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Annual Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2022

The trustees have had regard for the general guidance from the Charity Commission on public benefit when determining the charity's objectives.

The trustees must apply the income of the charity in furthering the followings objects:-

- (1) For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of unwanted, abandoned, mistreated and injured animals in need of care and attention. Providing facilities for their rescue, collection, recovery, feed and shelter as well as any ancillary needs.
- (2) To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing care, rehabilitation and training for animals and education of the public in relation to animal welfare and behaviour.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to hold reserves sufficient to meet the ongoing liabilities of the trust.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Names of trustees

Neale Jackson
Nicola Jackson
George Purdie

In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Charity's principal address

Downs Farm
Yalding Hill
Maidstone
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Professional advisers

Charcroft Baker LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Annual Report of the Trustees

Charity's activities and achievements during the period

The charity has continued its work this year caring for the many resident animals at the farm, most of whom require regular and ongoing veterinary care and medications.

We have continued to support local wildlife where we can, helping birds, rabbits, squirrels, fish etc... We Supported a mother duck to raise her family of 9 ducklings (All reached adulthood in good health and are happily living in the wild now). We also support members of the public and their animals where we are needed.

We continue to run our social media pages, informing users of our activities and providing information on various animal welfare topics to the public and selling items to raise funds.

We took on another long term resident cat who came to us with a kitten after both were abandoned. The kitten has now been fostered out to a loving family and the mother cat will live at the farm as she is not suitable for rehoming due to her behaviour.

Our regular donations continue to come in every month.

The charity shop has gone from strength to strength and is popular with local residents and is proving to be a good advertising tool for the charity as well as raising much needed funds.

The trustees continue to provide financial assistance if required and have paid out on a regular

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

Trustee: N. Jackson

Date: 15/08/2023

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Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Downs Farm Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Downs Farm Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 October 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the 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.

Signed: M.G Baker

Michael Baker BA FCA
For and on behalf of Charcroft Baker LLP
Statutory Auditors
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Date: 15/08/2023

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Statement of financial activities
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 October 2022

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Incoming resources		
Donations	7361	4,596
Shop Sales	25495	9,612
Equine transportation	0	1,638
Raffle ticket & Fund Raiser	330	200
Total incoming resources	33,186	16,046
Direct charitable expenditure		
Animal feed and consumables	22339	9,947
Veterinary and associated costs	5598	5,429
Rates	1037	529
Farrier	2670	2,140
Repairs and Maintenance	5050	1,074
	36,694	19,119
Management and administration		
Accountancy fees	780	720
Depreciation	3200	3,200
	3,980	3,920
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(7,488)	(6,993)
Fund balances brought forward	25,688	32,681
Fund balances carried forward	18,200	25,688

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Balance sheet as at 31 October 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
	2	19200	22,400
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		440	4,408
Debtors	3	-	200
		<u>440</u>	<u>4,608</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,440)	(1,320)
Net current assets		<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>3,288</u>
Net assets		<u>18,200</u>	<u>25,688</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		18,200	25,688
Total funds		<u>18,200</u>	<u>25,688</u>

N. Jackson
Trustee
Approved by the Trustees on: 15/08/2023

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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 October 2022

1 Accounting policies

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

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the receivable economic benefit, it is probable that this will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, the transfer of economic benefits is probable and can be measured reliably.

Stock

Donated goods are only recognised on their sale, as the cost of valuation outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life

Equipment	10% straight line method
Motor vehicles	10% straight line method

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 31 October 2021	23,910	32,000	55,910
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 October 2022	<u>23,910</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>55,910</u>
Depreciation			
At 31 October 2021	23,910	9,600	33,510
Charge for the year	-	3,200	3,200
On disposals	-	-	-
At 31 October 2022	<u>23,910</u>	<u>12,800</u>	<u>36,710</u>
Net book value			
At 31 October 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>19,200</u>

3 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued Income	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued costs	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,320</u>

5 Trustee Remuneration and expenses

The trustees received no form of remuneration during the year ended 31 October 2022 (2021: £Nil).