

Downs Farm Trust  
Report and Accounts  
31 October 2023

Charity number  
1101181

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## **Downs Farm Trust**

### **Legal and administrative information**

#### **Trustees**

Neale Jackson  
Nicola Jackson  
George Purdie  
Craig Ellis (Appointed 25 April 2024)

#### **Principal Office**

Downs Farm  
Yalding Hill  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME18 6AL

#### **Accountants**

Charcroft Baker LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
5 West Court  
Enterprise Road  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME15 6JD

#### **Charity number**

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## **Downs Farm Trust**

### **Annual Report of the Trustees**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023

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  
Craig Ellis (Appointed 25 April 2024)

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  
Kent  
ME18 6AL

#### **Professional advisers**

Charcroft Baker LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

## **Downs Farm Trust**

### **Annual Report of the Trustees**

#### **Charity's activities and achievements during the period**

As ever as a charity we have continued to work caring for many animals' resident at the farm and providing support and help to members of the public as and when required.

We sadly lost 2 long term goat residents this year after a battle with their health.

We welcomed some new goats to the farm who were living in a bad situation and needed a better standard of care. We also welcomed two new dogs as permanent residents again both of whom needed a better standard of care due to health issues which we can provide here at the farm.

We have continued our fundraising via the charity shop, which continues to raise regular much needed funds and provides a good promotional tool for the charity and a place for customers to talk about their animals and we can provide help if we can.

Our regular donations continue to come in every month.

Our social media pages are still up and running; informing users of our activities, what's happening at the farm and providing a selling tool for items from the charity shops.

Our trustees continue to provide financial support to the charity as and when required. They pay out on a regular basis to buy supplies for the shop and provide maintenance and also help with feed/supplies bills for the animals.

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

Trustee: N. Jackson

Date: 27/08/2024

## **Downs Farm Trust**

### **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 2023, 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

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Michael Baker BA FCA  
For and on behalf of Charcroft Baker LLP  
Statutory Auditors  
5 West Court  
Enterprise Road  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME15 6JD

Date: 27/08/2024

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**Downs Farm Trust**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**(incorporating the income and expenditure account)**  
**for the year ended 31 October 2023**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Donations	13,325	7,361
Shop Sales	33,106	25,495
Equine transportation	-	-
Raffle ticket & Fund Raiser	-	330
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>46,431</u>	<u>33,186</u>
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>		
Animal feed and consumables	25,972	22,339
Veterinary and associated costs	7,218	5,598
Rates	1,720	1,037
Farrier	2,765	2,670
Repairs and Maintenance	5,396	5,050
	<u>43,071</u>	<u>36,694</u>
<b>Management and administration</b>		
Accountancy fees	840	780
Depreciation	3,200	3,200
	<u>4,040</u>	<u>3,980</u>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>	<u>- 680</u>	<u>- 7,488</u>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	18,200	25,688
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<u>17,520</u>	<u>18,200</u>

**Downs Farm Trust**  
**Balance sheet as at 31 October 2023**

		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>	2	16,000	19,200
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	4,408	440	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	3 - 2,888	- 1,440	
<b>Net current assets</b>		1,520	- 1,000
<b>Net assets</b>		17,520	18,200
<b>Income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		17,520	18,200
<b>Total funds</b>		17,520	18,200

N. Jackson  
Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on: 27/08/2024



**Downs Farm Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2023**

**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**

	<b>Equipment</b> £	<b>Motor vehicles</b> £	<b>Total</b> £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 31 October 2022	23,910	32,000	55,910
Additions	-		-
Disposals			-
At 31 October 2023	<u>23,910</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>55,910</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 31 October 2022	23,910	12,800	36,710
Charge for the year		3,200	3,200
On disposals			-
At 31 October 2023	<u>23,910</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>39,910</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 October 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>

**3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b> £	<b>2022</b> £
Accrued costs	780	1,440
Other Creditors	2,108	-
	<u>2,888</u>	<u>1,440</u>

**4 Trustee Remuneration and expenses**

The trustees received no form of remuneration during the year ended 31 October 2023 (2022: £Nil).