

Downs Farm Trust  
Report and Accounts  
31 October 2024

Charity number  
1101181

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## **Downs Farm Trust**

### **Legal and administrative information**

#### **Trustees**

Neale Jackson  
Nicola Jackson  
George Purdie  
Craig Ellis

#### **Principal Office**

Downs Farm  
Yalding Hill  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME18 6AL

#### **Accountants**

Henry Reeves & Co Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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 2024

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

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**

Henry Reeves & Co Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants

## **Downs Farm Trust**

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

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

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

This year was not a good one at the farm. We sadly lost a number of our long term residents in quick succession, despite excellent veterinary care and round the clock nursing here at the farm. We lost 1 goat and 3 dogs but in these situations we always make the right decisions for the animals and do not allow them to suffer. One of the dogs arrived with us at just 5 weeks of age and we lost him at 15 years of age and he lived the most fantastic life on the farm so we take some comfort in that.

We welcomed some new goats to the farm who would otherwise have been sent for slaughter and they are fantastic, make people laugh every day and are living their best lives.

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 also 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 also providing a selling tool for items from the charity shop.

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: 19/08/2025

## **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 2024, 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) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- (2) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts did 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:            Andrew Drinkwater

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Andrew Drinkwater FCCA  
For and on behalf of Henry Reeves & Co Limited  
5 West Court  
Enterprise Road  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME15 6JD

Date:            26/08/2025

**Downs Farm Trust**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**(incorporating the income and expenditure account)**  
**for the year ended 31 October 2024**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Donations	14,499	13,325
Shop Sales	35,819	33,106
Equine transportation	-	-
Raffle ticket & Fund Raiser	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>50,318</b>	<b>46,431</b>
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>		
Animal feed and consumables	22,834	25,972
Veterinary and associated costs	21,352	7,218
Rates	1,708	1,720
Farrier	2,425	2,765
Repairs and Maintenance	3,010	5,396
	<b>51,329</b>	<b>43,071</b>
<b>Management and administration</b>		
Accountancy fees	810	840
Depreciation	3,200	3,200
Credit charges	515	
	<b>4,525</b>	<b>4,040</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>	<b>- 5,536</b>	<b>- 680</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<b>17,520</b>	<b>18,200</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>11,984</b>	<b>17,520</b>

**Downs Farm Trust**  
**Balance sheet as at 31 October 2024**

		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>	2	12,800	16,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		774	4,408
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	3 -	1,590	- 2,888
<b>Net current assets</b>		- 816	1,520
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>11,984</u>	<u>17,520</u>
<b>Income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		11,984	17,520
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>11,984</u>	<u>17,520</u>

N. Jackson  
Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on: 19/08/2025



**Downs Farm Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2024**

**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 2023	23,910	32,000	55,910
Additions	-		-
Disposals			-
At 31 October 2024	<u>23,910</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>55,910</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 31 October 2023	23,910	16,000	39,910
Charge for the year		3,200	3,200
On disposals			-
At 31 October 2024	<u>23,910</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>43,110</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 October 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>12,800</u>	<u>12,800</u>

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

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Accrued costs	780	780
Other Creditors	810	2,108
	<u>1,590</u>	<u>2,888</u>

**4 Trustee Remuneration and expenses**

The trustees received no form of remuneration during the year ended 31 October 2024 (2023: £Nil).

During the year, a total of £24,551 was reimbursed to one trustee for costs incurred on behalf of the charity. (2023: £6,883 to one trustee).

The expenses reimbursed related to:

Vet costs	10,607
Animal Supplies	12,933
Repairs and Renewals	1,011
	<u>24,551</u>

No other payments were made to trustees.