THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1130259

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06718297
Registered	2009-06-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS, PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG THE FARMING COMMUNITY IN THE AREA DEFINED BY THE CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK.

Activities: The Farming Life Centre is dedicated to improving the quality of life of Peak District farmers and rural communities. It promotes health and well-being through its projects, services and resources and celebrates hill-farming past, present and future.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE AREA DEFINED BY THE CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK.
- Derbyshire
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£127,399	£112,879	-	-
2024-03-31	£80,637	£86,319	-	-
2023-03-31	£102,952	£83,782	-	-
2022-03-31	£70,280	£49,975	-	-
2021-03-31	£44,174	£37,516	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicholas Searston	Chair	2022-08-18
Ceridwen Anne Morgan		2020-05-26
Christopher Gilbert Morris		2020-05-26
Kate Ann Wainwright Moss		2026-01-06
Lorna Critchlow		2023-11-22
Mark Lowe		2023-04-03
William George Case		2020-05-26

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FOR
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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DERBY COMMUNITY ACCOUNTANCY SERVICE
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The board of trustees

Nicolas Searston – Chair
Fiona Hadfield - Treasurer
Christopher Morris
William Case
Ceridwen Morgan
Mark Lowe
Lorna Critchlow

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management of the Farming Life Centre

The Farming Life Centre (hereinafter referred to as FLC), was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 8th October 2008.

Directors meet on a quarterly basis where they receive full financial reports from the Treasurer, a full project report from the Charity Manager and where they consider all other strategic issues relating to the Charity.

FLC Volunteers are recruited via our friends and contacts, statutory partners and via our social media accounts. We have worked with the Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service and other stakeholders to promote our request for volunteers. Our hard copy publicity materials, new media and press releases include volunteer recruitment.

Our charity is open to everyone living in rural communities including farmers- we accept self-referrals as well as referrals from social care and health professionals - therefore anyone who lives in rural communities can seek support from the charity. Moreover, FLC is involved with rural enterprises/businesses and health so there is scope to support hard to reach individuals in a holistic way.

Our activities are charitable and projects aim to benefit those most in need. We aim to tackle wider determinants of health and impact on our rural/farming communities who are affected by distance decay. The FLC Board understands its obligations to manage resources wisely. Throughout the year, regular reviews of contingency and emergency funds have been carried out to ensure the charity is fully compliant. Given the challenges, the Board actively seeks to manage risk to ensure continuation of the charity to reach increasing numbers of beneficiaries.

Risk Management

Major risks to which FLC might be exposed have been identified by the Board based on information provided by the Charity Manager and Treasurer. Where significant risks are identified, a strategy for mitigating those risks will be developed and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Objectives and Activities of the Farming Life Centre and Public Benefit

The objects of The Farming Life Centre, as stated in its governing document;

'The relief of sickness, promotion of health and relief of financial hardship among the farming community in the area defined by the current boundaries of the Peak District National Park'

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit and to the obligations placed upon us by Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. We can confirm that we have complied with the duties placed upon us by this Act.

In accordance with these objects FLC has the following aims:

- To encourage and support the economic well-being of farmers, rural families and communities
- To develop new initiatives and maintain existing programmes which help to improve the health and well-being of farming and rural families and reduce health inequalities in this population
- To promote a particular culture/way of life - in all our work we promote and celebrate Peak District hill farming past, present and future.

FLC engages in the Following activities to meet these aims:

- Sharing relevant information through our website and social media channels
- Training and networking opportunities on a range of topics relating to developing personal and professional skills.
- Providing individual tailored support to help farm businesses thrive, develop and become more financially viable
- Provide Farm Business information and support, identifying grants and schemes
- Running projects to support communities at risk of rural and social isolation through our Rural Social Groups
- Offering a 'Rural Health and Well-being Outreach Service' with 1-1 support for clients, signposting and befriending
- Developing joint projects and collaborative working with other organisations
- Representing FLC at strategic level and by being involved in various forums relating to themes such as older people, health and the environment.

FLC Beneficiaries will be able to:

- Feel supported and listened to
- Develop their skills, including business and creative
- Improve their confidence and self esteem through active participation
- Develop, maintain or improve their participation in community life by being part of our social network
- Become connected - and/or maintain their connections both with people and the environment
- Maintain better health - improve beneficiary well-being through involvement with our social network and learning skills that promote resilience and enhance mental well-being

FLC has continued to; develop strong links with the National Farmers Union, Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy, Methodist Ministry, National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, Farming Community Network, local government agencies, Peak District National Park Authority,

Community Foundations, Macmillan, Natural England, The Royal Countryside Fund, and other rural/ health /social support community associates.

The FLC has policies which are based on clear objectives and organisational values and are available for scrutiny on request.

Achievements and performance

During the year, FLC has made achievements in the following areas of work.

Projects and other notable pieces of work

Peak Farmers Group:
Using funding from the Peak District National Park Authority – Farming in Protected Landscapes the FLC set up a collaborative group run by farmers for farmers because nobody is better placed to understand the challenges of farming than farmers themselves. The group is free to join and all of the events are free and open to all farmers within the National Park and surrounding area. Events have provided access to knowledge, methods and techniques supporting farm businesses to make informed decisions to prepare for the changes ahead and find out about what's new and could benefit their farm. Events have included; farm walks, field trips, discussion, idea sharing, networking and social events. There are over 300 members of this group which continues to grow. Average attendance at meetings and events has been 45 individuals.

Farm for The Future – Royal Countryside Fund and Defra
The Farming Life Centre have been a delivery partner for this programme. It offered a package of business and environmental skills to support Farmers, helping them to prepare for agricultural policy changes over the coming years.

The programme consisted of a welcome meeting, two workshops and 1:1 support. After the programme ended, all who signed up have access to a raft of resources, workshops and opportunities to network delivered by the Royal Countryside Fund's Farm Resilience Network (FRN.) Defra, as part of their Future Farm Resilience Fund, funded the programme.

Rural Social Groups:
Our rural social groups continue to grow. They are lively meetings of retired and semi retired farmers and family members who meet for tea and a chat with meals out and occasional speakers. The social groups 2024/25 were based in:

Ashford-in-the-Water, which met monthly at the War Memorial Institute
Hartington a monthly meeting at the Village Hall
Boylestone, just south of Ashbourne based at the Methodist Church and they met monthly on a Thursday.

Walking for Health — Monthly Farmers walks
Led by trained walk leaders the short "easy" walks starting from different locations each month and followed good paths with plenty of points of farming interest. Walks took place on a Thursday afternoon starting at 1.30pm. The walks generally aim to do a circular route, which

takes about one hour at a steady, easy pace. The walks have been well attended with an average attendance of 20.

FLC Kids Club:
During the six weeks summer holidays and the October half term the charity continues to offer a number of sessions in two areas: Hartington and Edale. Bringing children aged 5 -11 together to celebrate farming and all things rural. We created a space where children had opportunities to; make new friends, develop their support network while being involved in a range of experiences. Activities included:

- Plant/tree identification
- Mindfulness activities on the farm
- Team building
- Animal husbandry skills
- Interact/learn about local wildlife
- Learn about the environment/sustainable farming
- Local crafts
- Listening to people talk about their jobs in agriculture

Tots on Farm:
This is a joyful and hands-on initiative that brings young children and their families onto working farms across the Peak District. Designed to nurture early connections with nature, food, and farming life, the sessions include interactive farm walks, animal encounters, seasonal crafts, and storytelling in the outdoors. The programme supports early years development while fostering a sense of belonging and curiosity in rural settings. It also offers a welcoming space for parents and carers to connect, share experiences, and enjoy the wellbeing benefits of time spent on the farm.

Children & Young People – Working with Lady Manners and Hope Valley College students:
Farming Life Centre has continued to strengthen its work with young people through an engaging schools partnership project with **Hope Valley College** and **Lady Manners School**. The initiative offers students hands-on experiences in farming, food production, and rural life, helping them explore career pathways in agriculture and the environment. Activities have included farm visits, conservation tasks, mental health and resilience workshops, and sessions on rural crime awareness. By connecting young people with local farmers and rural professionals, the project fosters a deeper understanding of countryside issues and supports the next generation of rural advocates.

Peak Women in Agriculture:
This initiative was funded by Derbyshire County Council's Locality Funding which has delivered a vibrant programme of activities designed to support and celebrate women in farming and rural industries across the Peak District. Highlights include seasonal gatherings on local farms, practical workshops on topics such as preparing for lambing, farm diversification, and wellbeing sessions focused on mental health and resilience. The group also hosted peer mentoring events, storytelling evenings, and a summer farm walk with guest speakers. These activities have helped build confidence, foster community, and amplify the voices of women in agriculture.

Volunteering and Befriending:

The Farming Life Centre launched a new **Volunteering and Befriending Project**, funded through the **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)**, to help tackle rural isolation and build stronger community connections. The project trains and supports volunteers to offer regular companionship and practical help to individuals across the Peak District who may be experiencing loneliness, health challenges, or limited mobility. Alongside one-to-one befriending, volunteers also take part in farm-based activities, wellbeing walks, and community events, creating a supportive network that promotes inclusion, wellbeing, and resilience in rural life.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable Company as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue on that basis.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and any subsequent revisions of that act. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out at the start of this report.

Accountants

During the year Derby Community Accountancy Service were appointed as Independent Examiners for The Farming Life Centre.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the with FRS 102.

Independent examiner

Mark Newey ACMA of Derby Community Accountancy will continue in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

Nicholas Searston
Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 06 October 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. Newey

24/9/25

Mark Newey ACMA
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Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	3	7,449	-	7,449	2,737
Charitable activities	4	20,000	96,786	116,786	77,097
Sundry income		2,321	72	2,393	803
Investment income	5	771	-	771	-
Total incoming resources		30,541	96,858	127,399	80,637
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		-	112,879	112,879	86,319
Total expenditure	6	-	112,879	112,879	86,319
Net income (expenditure) before transfers		30,541	(16,021)	14,520	(5,682)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		30,541	(16,021)	14,520	(5,682)
Fund balances at 1 Apr 2024		29,046	64,352	93,398	99,080
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		59,587	48,331	107,918	93,398

The company had no new or discontinued activities during the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	10	-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		108,622		93,568	
		108,622		93,568	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(704)		(170)	
Net current assets			107,918		93,398
Total assets less current liabilities			107,918		93,398
Net assets			107,918		93,398
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted	12		48,331		64,352
Unrestricted – general reserves	12		59,587		29,046
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			107,918		93,398

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:-

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

Nicholas Searston
Director

Date 06 October 2025

Company Registration Number: 06718297

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information
The Farming Life Centre is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company's registered office is at the Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, DE45 1AH. At the end of the year there were 7 Trustees, each of whom, under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, had undertaken to contribute the sum not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up of the company.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2016. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from fixed asset investments which are carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations and fundraising	7,449	-	7,449	2,737
	7,449	-	7,449	2,737

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£
Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project	-	-	-	8,649
Peak District National Park	-	17,173	17,173	14,304
Royal Countryside Fund	20,000	52,842	72,842	53,470
Rural Social Groups	-	-	-	674
Derbyshire Dales Public Health GGO	-	12,840	12,840	-
Derbyshire County Council Localities	-	2,047	2,047	-
Derbyshire Dales UKSPF	-	11,884	11,884	-
	20,000	96,786	116,786	77,097

5. Investment income

	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£
Bank interest receivable (unrestricted)	771	-

6. Analysis of expenditure

	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2025 £	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2024 £
Employment costs	**69,576**	52,092
Project Costs	**13,419**	11,878
Travel Expenses	**4,262**	3,114
Training	**150**	283
Advertising/ Promotional	**1,511**	305
Bank charges	**-**	-
Computer Costs	**2,394**	807
Insurances	**750**	650
Rent	**2,460**	2,280
Office Expenses	**1,622**	2,416
Other Professional Expenses	**14,330**	11,532
Accountancy	**800**	790
Sundry	**1,605**	172
	112,879	86,319

Expenditure on charitable activities was £112,879 (2024: £86,319) of which £86,149 was restricted (2024: £86,149).

7. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	**800**	750

8. Directors and key management personnel

During the year trustees did not receive remuneration.

The key management personnel of the charity consist of the trustees.

9. Employees

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	Year to 31 Mar 2025 No	Year to 31 Mar 2024 No
Direct Charitable Staff	5	2
Governance	-	-
	5	2

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Wages and salaries	68,339	51,266
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	1,237	826
	69,576	52,092

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum. No trustees were reimbursed for expenditure.

10. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	-
	-	-

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	412	-
Pension costs	292	170
	704	170

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2024	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	At 31Mar 2025 £
Unrestricted- General Reserves	**29,046**	**30,541**	-	-	**59,587**
Total unrestricted funds	**29,046**	**30,541**	-	-	**59,587**
SWP Peakland Lives Projects	8,957	-	(8,957)	-	-
Rural Social Groups Funding	7,834	-	(4,401)	-	3,433
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	3,017	-	(3,017)	-	-
South West Peaks	7,955	-	(3,917)	-	4,038
Peak District National Park Authority	11,557	15,983	(26,490)	-	1,050
Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO	1,096	12,912	(12,033)	-	1,975
Royal Countryside Fund – FFTF	4,762	-	(4,762)	-	-
Derbyshire Dales Localities	368	2,047	(2,415)	-	-
Royal Countryside Fund	18,806	52,842	(33,813)	-	37,835
Derbyshire Dales UKSP	-	11,884	(11,884)	-	-
Peak District National Park (Shows)	-	1,190	1,190	-	-
Total restricted funds	**64,652**	**96,858**	**(112,879)**	-	**48,331**
Total funds	**93,398**	**127,399**	**(112,879)**	-	**107,918**

South West Peak (SWP) Peak Land Lives – A research and oral history project which aims to tell the story of the agricultural heritage of the South West Peak from 1945 to present. The project and published book are designed to give recognition to the agricultural history and communities, to provide them with a sense of pride and help draw together the farming community.

DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme – was spent on Salaries, Activities, Rent, Office Admin and Professional fees.

South West Peaks - Coordinator to be used for this and organise/run events and workshops on Farms depending on the issues/needs in that area.

Peak District National Park Authority - This funding has been used to run the Peak Farmers Group - ten meetings in the year bringing farmers together and looking at how they can develop their farming business. A range of consultants attended the meetings both on farm and a various venues giving talks on a range of topics. The group is driven by a steering group of working farmers alongside FLC staff.

Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO - Funding to deliver kids club sessions in a rural community. Sessions included, farm walks, looking at soil, wildlife, den building and landscape painting with a local artist.

Royal Countryside Fund – FFTF Cohort 1 of this programme with 70 farmers recruited. We delivered a business and environmental workshop as well as events to give farmers opportunities to find out more about topical issues. These workshops included; succession planning, farm carbon and farm planning, all delivered by well respected consultants, FLC also organised 1-1 sessions for participants in the programme

Derbyshire Dales Localities - This funding was used to part fund the role of Rural Resilience and Business Development Coordinator, supporting farmers through sign posting to other organisation, sharing information and organising farm walks and talks.

Prince's Countryside Fund General Fund - Mainly used for staff costs and office rental.

Royal Countryside Fund – used for salary to further the Farming for Future project.

Derbyshire Dales UKSP– The project trains and supports volunteers to offer regular companionship and practical help to individuals across the Peak District who may be experiencing loneliness, health challenges, or limited mobility.

Peak District National Park (Shows)- With funding through the Farming in Protected Landscapes initiative, Farming Life attended multiple agricultural shows across the Peak District, significantly boosting its outreach and impact. Across these events, the charity engaged with members of the community, distributed leaflets, and facilitated a significant number of conversations around mental health, livestock safety, and rural crime. The shows also helped connect new families to initiatives like Tots on Farms and Farm Club. These statistics reflect the growing recognition of how the Farming Life Centre is supporting rural wellbeing and resilience.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Unrestricted funds	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Reserves	-	**59,587**	**59,587**
Restricted funds			
Rural Social Groups Funding	-	**3,433**	**3,433**
South West Peaks	-	**4,038**	**4,038**
Peak District National Park Authority	-	**1,050**	**1,050**
Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO	-	**1,975**	**1,975**
Royal Countryside Fund	-	**37,835**	**37,835**
	-	**48,331**	**48,331**
Total funds	-	**107,918**	**107,918**

14. Related party transactions

The charity had no related party transactions that required disclosure.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The board of trustees

Nicolas Searston – Chair
Fiona Hadfield - Treasurer
Christopher Morris
William Case
Ceridwen Morgan
Wendy Smith (Resigned 22nd November 2023)
Judith Dilks (Resigned 22nd November 2023)
Mark Lowe (Appointed 3rd April 2023)
Lorna Critchlow (Appointed 22nd November 2023)

Registered office

Agricultural Business Centre
Agricultural Way
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Independent Examiner

Mark Newey ACMA
Community Accountant
Derby Community Accountancy Service
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Bankers

Natwest
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Farming Life Centre

The Farming Life Centre (hereinafter referred to as FLC), was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 8th October 2008.

Directors meet on a quarterly basis where they receive full financial reports from the Treasurer, a full project report from the Charity Manager and where they consider all other strategic issues relating to the Charity.

FLC Volunteers are recruited via our friends and contacts, statutory partners and via our social media accounts. We have worked with the Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service and other stakeholders to promote our request for volunteers. Our hard copy publicity materials, new media and press releases include volunteer recruitment.

Our charity is open to everyone living in rural communities including farmers- we accept self-referrals as well as referrals from social care and health professionals - therefore anyone who lives in rural communities can seek support from the charity. Moreover, FLC is involved with rural enterprises/businesses and health so there is scope to support hard to reach individuals in a holistic way.

Our activities are charitable and projects aim to benefit those most in need. We aim to tackle wider determinants of health and impact on our rural/farming communities who are affected by distance decay. The FLC Board understands its obligations to manage resources wisely. Throughout the year, regular reviews of contingency and emergency funds have been carried out to ensure the charity is fully compliant. Given the challenges, the Board actively seeks to manage risk to ensure continuation of the charity to reach increasing numbers of beneficiaries.

Risk Management

Major risks to which FLC might be exposed have been identified by the Board based on information provided by the Charity Manager and Treasurer. Where significant risks are identified, a strategy for mitigating those risks will be developed and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Objectives and Activities of the Farming Life Centre and Public Benefit

The objects of The Farming Life Centre, as stated in its governing document;

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'The relief of sickness, promotion of health and relief of financial hardship among the farming community in the area defined by the current boundaries of the Peak District National Park'

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit and to the obligations placed upon us by Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. We can confirm that we have complied with the duties placed upon us by this Act.

In accordance with these objects FLC has the following aims:

- To encourage and support the economic well-being of farmers, rural families and communities
- To develop new initiatives and maintain existing programmes which help to improve the health and well-being of farming and rural families and reduce health inequalities in this population
- To promote a particular culture/way of life - in all our work we promote and celebrate Peak District hill farming past, present and future.

FLC engages in the Following activities to meet these aims:

- Sharing relevant information through our website and social media channels
- Training and networking opportunities on a range of topics relating to developing personal and professional skills.
- Providing individual tailored support to help farm businesses thrive, develop and become more financially viable
- Provide Farm Business information and support, identifying grants and schemes
- Running projects to support communities at risk of rural and social isolation through our Rural Social Groups
- Developing joint projects and collaborative working with other organisations
- Representing FLC at strategic level and by being involved in various forums relating to themes such as older people, health and the environment.

FLC Beneficiaries will be able to:

- Feel supported and listened to
- Develop their skills, including business and creative
- Improve their confidence and self esteem through active participation
- Develop, maintain or improve their participation in community life by being part of our social network
- Become connected - and/or maintain their connections both with people and the environment
- Maintain better health - improve beneficiary well-being through involvement with our social network and learning skills that promote resilience and enhance mental well-being

FLC has continued to; develop strong links with the National Farmers Union, Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy, National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, Farming Community Network, local government agencies, Peak District National Park Authority, Macmillan, Natural England, The Royal Countryside Fund, and other rural/ health /social support community associates.

The FLC has policies which are based on clear objectives and organisational values and are available for scrutiny on request.

Achievements and performance

During the year, FLC has made achievements in the following areas of work.

Projects and other notable pieces of work

Peak Farmers Group:
Using funding from the Peak District National Park Authority – Farming in Protected Landscapes the FLC set up a collaborative group run by farmers for farmers. The group is free to join and all of the events are free and open to all farmers within the National Park and surrounding area. Events have provided access to knowledge, methods and techniques supporting farm businesses to make informed decisions to prepare for the changes ahead and find out about what's new and could benefit their farm. Events have included; farm walks, field trips, discussion, idea sharing, networking and social events. There are over 300 members of this group which continues to grow. Average attendance at meetings and events has been 45 individuals.

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project - Macmillan Cancer Support
The Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project - funded until January 2024.

The service is designed to support people living in rural communities across the Peak District who are;

- Rurally /socially isolated
- Have little or no/family friend support networks available to them
- Are or have been directly affected by cancer and /or other life limiting health conditions
- Are or have been a recent carer for or close to someone with cancer or another life limiting condition where they need some support or signposting assistance.

Farm for The Future – Royal Countryside Fund and Defra
The Farming Life Centre have been a delivery partner for this programme. It offered a package of business and environmental skills to support Farmers, helping them to prepare for agricultural policy changes over the coming years.

The programme consisted of a welcome meeting, two workshops and 1:1 support. After the programme ended, all who signed up have access to a raft of resources, workshops and opportunities to network delivered by the Royal Countryside Fund's Farm Resilience Network (FRN.) Defra, as part of their Future Farm Resilience Fund, funded the programme.

Rural Social Groups:
Our rural social groups continue to grow. They are lively meetings of retired and semi retired farmers and family members who meet regularly.
The social groups 2023/24 were based in:

Ashford-in-the-Water, which met monthly at the War Memorial Institute
Hartington a monthly meeting at the Village Hall
Boylestone a monthly meeting at the local Village Hall

Walking for Health — Monthly Farmers walks
Led by trained walk leaders the short "easy" walks starting from different locations each month and followed good paths with plenty of points of farming interest. Walks took place on a Thursday afternoon starting at 1.30pm. The walks generally aim to do a circular route, which takes about one hour at a steady, easy pace. The walks have been well attended with an average attendance of 20.

FLC Kids Club:
During the six weeks summer holidays and the October half term we developed and delivered a number of sessions in two areas: Hartington and Edale. Using 'Growing Golden Opportunities' funding we brought together children aged 5 -11 to celebrate farming and all things rural. We created a space where children had opportunities to; make new friends, develop their support network while being involved in a range of experiences.
Activities included:

- Plant/tree identification
- Mindfulness activities on the farm
- Team building
- Animal husbandry skills
- Interact/learn about local wildlife
- Learn about the environment/sustainable farming
- Local crafts
- Listening to people talk about their jobs in agriculture

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable Company as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including

income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue on that basis.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and any subsequent revisions of that act. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out at the start of this report.

Accountants

During the year Derby Community Accountancy Service were appointed as Independent Examiners for The Farming Life Centre.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the with FRS 102.

Independent examiner

Mark Newey ACMA of Derby Community Accountancy will continue in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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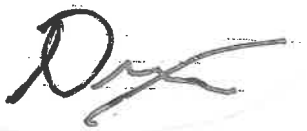
Signed on behalf of the trustees



Nicolas Searston
Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 06-12-2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. Newey 7/11/2024

Mark Newey ACMA **Date**
Derby Community Accountancy Service
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations	3	2,737	-	2,737	6,094
Charitable activities	4	-	77,097	77,097	95,143
Sundry income		803		803	1,715
Investment income	5	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		3,540	77,097	80,637	102,952
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		170	86,149	86,319	83,782
Total expenditure	6	170	86,149	86,319	83,782
Net income (expenditure) before transfers		3,370	(9,052)	(5,682)	19,170
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,370	(9,052)	(5,682)	19,170
Fund balances at 1 Apr 2023		25,676	73,404	99,080	79,910
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		29,046	64,352	93,398	99,080

The company had no new or discontinued activities during the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
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	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	10	-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		93,568		99,688	
		93,568		99,688	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(170)		(608)	
Net current assets			93,398		99,080
Total assets less current liabilities			93,398		99,080
Net assets			93,398		99,080
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted	12		64,352		73,404
Unrestricted – general reserves	12		29,046		25,676
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			93,398		99,080

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:-

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

Nicolas Searston
Director

Date 13-12-2024

Company Registration Number: 06718297

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information
The Farming Life Centre is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company's registered office is at the Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, DE45 1AH. At the end of the year there were 7 Trustees, each of whom, under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, had undertaken to contribute the sum not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up of the company.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2016. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from fixed asset investments which are carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and fundraising	2,737	-	2,737	6,094
	2,737	-	2,737	6,094

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£
Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project	-	8,649	8,649	11,609
Prince's Countryside Fund	-	9,664	9,664	57,643
Peak District National Park	-	14,304	14,304	17,043
Better Derbyshire Dales	-	-	-	980
Derbyshire Dales CVS	-	-	-	7,868
Royal Countryside Fund	-	18,806	18,806	-
Prince's Countryside Fund	-	25,000	25,000	-
Rural Social Groups	-	674	674	-
	-	77,097	77,097	95,143

5. Investment income

	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023
	£	£
Bank interest receivable (unrestricted)	-	-

6. Analysis of expenditure (unrestricted)

	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2024 £	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2023 £
Employment costs	**52,092**	29,592
Project Costs	**11,878**	31,977
Travel Expenses	**3,114**	3,285
Training	**283**	340
Advertising/ Promotional	**305**	-
Bank charges	**-**	-
Computer Costs	**807**	2,608
Insurances	**650**	553
Rent	**2,280**	2,100
Office Expenses	**2,416**	3,995
Other Professional Expenses	**11,532**	7,798
Accountancy	**790**	850
Sundry	**172**	684
	86,319	83,782

Expenditure on charitable activities was £86,149 (2023: £83,782) of which £86,149 was restricted (2023: £74,611).

7. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	**790**	750

8. Directors and key management personnel

During the year trustees did not receive remuneration.

The key management personnel of the charity consist of the trustees.

9. Employees

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	Year to 31 Mar 2024 No	Year to 31 Mar 2023 No
Direct Charitable Staff	3	2
Governance	-	-
	3	2

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £	Year to 31 Mar 2023 £
Wages and salaries	51,266	29,003
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	826	589
	52,092	29,592

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum. No trustees were reimbursed for expenditure.

10. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	-
	-	-

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	-	608
Pension costs	170	-
	170	608

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	At 31Mar 2024 £
Unrestricted- General Reserves	**25,676**	**3,540**	**(170)**	**-**	**29,046**
Total unrestricted funds	**25,676**	**3,540**	**(170)**	**-**	**29,046**
SWP Peakland Lives Projects	9,357	-	(400)	-	8,957
Macmillan Rural Health	-	8,649	(8,649)	-	-
Rural Social Groups Funding	10,081	674	(2,921)	-	7,834
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	13,675	-	(10,658)	-	3,017
South West Peaks	7,955	-	-	-	7,955
Peak District National Park Authority	10,485	14,304	(13,232)	-	11,557
Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO	1,750	-	(654)	-	1,096
Princes Countryside Fund – FFTF	13,845	9,664	(18,747)	-	4,762
Derbyshire Dales Localities	368	-	-	-	368
Prince's Countryside Fund General Fund	5,888	25,000	(30,888)	-	-
Royal Countryside Fund	-	18,806	-	-	18,806
Total restricted funds	**73,404**	**77,097**	**(86,149)**	**-**	**64,352**
Total funds	**99,080**	**80,637**	**(86,319)**	**-**	**93,398**

South West Peak (SWP) Peak Land Lives – A research and oral history project which aims to tell the story of the agricultural heritage of the South West Peak from 1945 to present. The project and published book are designed to give recognition to the agricultural history and communities, to provide them with a sense of pride and help draw together the farming community.

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project – The project provides consistent, simple practical help and support to people affected by cancer (or other life limiting health conditions) through all stages of the cancer pathway from diagnosis, through treatment, to end of life. If appropriate the service will continue to support those left behind after a bereavement. The project will target the farming and rural communities of the Peak District (PDNP Boundary). The service includes the provision of information, signposting and one to one emotional and social support.

Rural Social Groups Funding –FLC used this money to run the rural social groups.

DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme – was spent on Salaries, Activities, Rent, Office Admin and Professional fees.

South West Peaks - Coordinator to be used for this and organise/run events and workshops on Farms depending on the issues/needs in that area.

Peak District National Park Authority - this funding has been used to run the Peak Farmers Group - ten meetings in the year bringing farmers together and looking at how they can develop their farming business. A range of consultants attended the meetings both on farm and a various venues giving talks on a range of topics. The group is driven by a steering group of working farmers alongside FLC staff.

Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO - funding to deliver kids club sessions in a rural community. Sessions included, farm walks, looking at soil, wildlife, den building and landscape painting with a local artist.

Princes Countryside Fund – FFTF Cohort 1 of this programme with 70 farmers recruited. We delivered a business and environmental workshop as well as events to give farmers opportunities to find out more about topical issues. These workshops included; succession planning, farm carbon and farm planning, all delivered by well respected consultants, FLC also organised 1-1 sessions for participants in the programme.

Derbyshire Dales Localities - This funding was used to part fund the role of Rural Resilience and Business Development Coordinator, supporting farmers through sign posting to other organisation, sharing information and organising farm walks and talks.

Prince's Countryside Fund General Fund - mainly used for staff costs and office rental.

Royal Countryside Fund – used for salary to further develop the Farm for the Future project.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Unrestricted funds	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Reserves	-	29,046	29,046
Restricted funds			
SWP Peakland Lives Projects	-	8,957	8,957
Rural Social Groups Funding	-	7,834	7,834
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	-	3,017	3,017
South West Peaks	-	7,955	7,955
Peak District National Park Authority	-	11,557	11,557
Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO	-	1,096	1,096
Princes Countryside Fund – FFTF	-	4,762	4,762
Derbyshire Dales Localities	-	368	368
Royal Countryside Fund	-	18,806	18,806
	-	64,352	64,352
Total funds	-	93,398	93,398

14. Related party transactions

The charity had no related party transactions that required disclosure.

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THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The board of trustees

Christopher Morris – Chair
William Case - Treasurer
Ceridwen Morgan
Juliet Short (Resigned 11th November 2022)
Rev. Alan Griggs (\Resigned 18th July 2022)
Wendy Smith
Judith Dilks
Fiona Hadfield
Mark Lowe (Appointed 3rd April 2023)
Nicolas Searston (Appointed 18th July 2022)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management of the Farming Life Centre

The Farming Life Centre (hereinafter referred to as FLC), was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 8th October 2008.

Directors meet on a quarterly basis where they receive full financial reports from the Treasurer, a full project report from the Charity Manager and where they consider all other strategic issues relating to the Charity.

FLC Volunteers are recruited via our friends and contacts, statutory partners and via our social media accounts. We have worked with the Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service and other stakeholders to promote our request for volunteers. Our hard copy publicity materials, new media and press releases include volunteer recruitment.

Our charity is open to those living within the farming community within the boundaries of the Peak District National Park. We accept self referrals as well as those from other agencies. Moreover, FLC is involved with rural enterprises/businesses and health so there is scope to support hard to reach individuals in a holistic way.

Our activities are charitable and projects aim to benefit those most in need. We aim to tackle wider determinants of health and impact on our rural/farming communities who are affected by distance decay. The FLC Board understands its obligations to manage resources wisely. Throughout the year, regular reviews of contingency and emergency funds have been carried out to ensure the charity is fully compliant. Given the challenges, the Board actively seeks to manage risk to ensure continuation of the charity to reach increasing numbers of beneficiaries.

Risk Management

Major risks to which FLC might be exposed have been identified by the Board based on information provided by the Charity Manager and Treasurer. Where significant risks are identified, a strategy for mitigating those risks will be developed and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Objectives and Activities of the Farming Life Centre and Public Benefit

The objects of The Farming Life Centre, as stated in its governing document;

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'The relief of sickness, promotion of health and relief of financial hardship among the farming community in the area defined by the current boundaries of the Peak District National Park'

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit and to the obligations placed upon us by Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. We can confirm that we have complied with the duties placed upon us by this Act.

In accordance with these objects FLC has the following aims:

- To encourage and support the economic well-being of farmers, rural families and communities
- To develop new initiatives and maintain existing programmes which help to improve the health and well-being of farming and rural families and reduce health inequalities in this population
- To promote a particular culture/way of life - in all our work we promote and celebrate Peak District hill farming past, present and future.

FLC engages in the following activities to meet these aims:

- Sharing relevant information through our website and social media channels
- Training and networking opportunities on a range of topics relating to developing personal and professional skills.
- Providing individual tailored support to help farm businesses thrive, develop and become more financially viable.
- Provide farm businesses with information and support, identifying grants and schemes
- Running projects to support communities at risk of rural and social isolation through our Rural Social Groups
- Offering a 'Rural Health and Well-being Outreach Service' with 1-1 support for clients, signposting and befriending.
- Developing joint projects and collaborative working with other organisations
- Representing FLC at strategic level and by being involved in various forums relating to themes such as older people, health and the environment.

FLC Beneficiaries will be able to:

- Feel supported and listened to
- Develop their skills, including business and creative
- Improve their confidence and self esteem through active participation
- Develop, maintain or improve their participation in community life by being part of our social network
- Become connected - and/or maintain their connections both with people and the environment

- Maintain better health - improve beneficiary well-being through involvement with our social network and learning skills that promote resilience and enhance mental well-being

FLC has continued to; develop strong links with the National Farmers Union, Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy, Methodist Ministry, National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, Farming Community Network, local government agencies, Peak District National Park Authority, Community Foundations, Macmillan, Natural England, The Prince's Countryside Fund, and other rural/ health /social support community associates.

The FLC has policies which are based on clear objectives and organisational values and are available for scrutiny on request.

Achievements and performance

During the year, FLC has made achievements in the following areas of work.

Projects and other notable pieces of work

Peak Farmers Group:
Using funding from the Peak District National Park Authority – Farming in Protected Landscapes the FLC set up a collaborative group run by farmers for farmers because nobody is better placed to understand the challenges of farming than farmers themselves. The group is free to join and all of the events are free and open to all farmers within the National Park and surrounding area. Events have provided access to knowledge, methods and techniques supporting farm businesses to make informed decisions to prepare for the changes ahead and find out about what's new and could benefit their farm. Events have included; farm walks, field trips, discussion, idea sharing, networking and social events. There are over 300 members of this group which continues to grow. Average attendance at meetings and events has been 45 individuals.

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project - Macmillan Cancer Support
The Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project has now been funded until 2024 - funded by Macmillan and hosted by the FLC.

The service is designed to support people living in rural communities across the Peak District who are;

- Rurally /socially isolated
- Have little or no/family friend support networks available to them
- Are or have been directly affected by cancer and /or other life limiting health conditions
- Are or have been a recent carer for or close to someone with cancer or another life limiting condition where they need some support or signposting assistance.

Farm for The Future – Prince's Countryside Fund and Defra

The Farming Life Centre were a delivery partner for this exciting new programme, which ran between August 2022 and March 2023. It offered a package of business and environmental skills to support Farmers, helping them to prepare for agricultural policy changes over the coming years.

The programme consisted of a welcome meeting, two workshops and 1:1 support. After the programme ended, all who signed up have access to a raft of resources, workshops and opportunities to network delivered by the Prince's Countryside Fund's Farm Resilience Network (FRN.) Defra, as part of their Future Farm Resilience Fund, funded the programme.

Rural Social Groups:
Our rural social groups continue to grow. They are lively meetings of retired and semi retired farmers and family members who meet for tea and a chat with meals out and occasional speakers.
The social groups 2022/23 were based in:

Ashford-in-the-Water, which met monthly at the War Memorial Institute
Hartington a monthly meeting at the Village Hall
Boylestone, just south of Ashbourne based at the Methodist Church and they met monthly on a Thursday.

The group had some funding from the **Better Derbyshire Dales Fund** which helped to develop this group after a venue move and a loss of some of its members. As a result of this, new friendships have grown, and some members even meet at other times during the month. The group has increased in size, and it is now being run by eager volunteers. The group is more self-reliant but will need to look at how it can be funded in the future.

Walking for Health — Monthly Farmers walks
Led by trained walk leaders the short "easy" walks starting from different locations each month and followed good paths with plenty of points of farming interest. Walks took place on a Thursday afternoon starting at 1.30pm. The walks generally aim to do a circular route, which takes about one hour at a steady, easy pace. The walks have been well attended with an average attendance of 20.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable Company as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

• prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue on that basis.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and any subsequent revisions of that act. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out at the start of this report.

Accountants

During the year Derby Community Accountancy Service were appointed as Independent Examiners for The Farming Life Centre.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the with FRS 102.

Independent examiner

Mark Newey ACMA of Derby Community Accountancy will continue in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

Christopher Morris
Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 22/11/2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M Newey

2/11/2023

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Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations	3	6,094	-	6,094	9,230
Charitable activities	4	-	95,143	95,143	58,803
Sundry income		1,715		1,715	2,247
Investment income	5	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		7,809	95,143	102,952	70,280
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		9,171	74,611	83,782	49,975
Total expenditure	6	9,171	74,611	83,782	49,975
Net income (expenditure) before transfers		(1,362)	20,532	19,170	20,305
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,362)	20,532	19,170	20,305
Fund balances at 1 Apr 2022		27,038	52,872	79,910	59,605
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		25,676	73,404	99,080	79,910

The company had no new or discontinued activities during the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	10	-		3,268	
Cash at bank and in hand		99,688		76,831	
		99,688		80,099	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(608)		(189)	
Net current assets			99,080		79,910
Total assets less current liabilities			99,080		79,910
Net assets			99,080		79,910
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted	12		73,404		52,872
Unrestricted – general reserves	12		25,676		27,038
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			99,080		79,910

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:-

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

Christopher Morris
Director

Date 22/11/2023

Company Registration Number: 06718297

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information
The Farming Life Centre is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company's registered office is at the Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, DE45 1AH. At the end of the year there were 7 Trustees, each of whom, under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, had undertaken to contribute the sum not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up of the company.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it apples from 1 January 2016. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from fixed asset investments which are carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and fundraising	6,094	-	6,094	9,230
	6,094	-	6,094	9,230

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022
	£	£	£	£
Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project	-	11,609	11,609	7,614
Prince's Countryside Fund	-	57,643	57,643	5,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	2,400
Derbyshire Dales Fund	-	-	-	8,011
Better Derbyshire Dales Fund	-	-	-	1,600
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	-	-	-	26,223
South West Peaks	-	-	-	7,955
Peak District National Park	-	17,043	17,043	-
Better Derbyshire Dales	-	980	980	-
Derbyshire Dales CVS	-	7,868	7,868	-
	-	95,143	95,143	58,803

5. Investment income

	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2023	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022
	£	£
Bank interest receivable (unrestricted)	-	-

6. Analysis of expenditure (unrestricted)

	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2023 £	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2022 £
Employment costs	**29,592**	20,508
Project Costs	**31,977**	5,488
Project Management Expenses	**-**	1,006
Travel Expenses	**3,285**	28
Training	**340**	-
Advertising/ Promotional	**-**	-
Bank charges	**-**	9
Computer Costs	**2,608**	7
Insurances	**553**	704
Rent	**2,100**	2,506
Office Expenses	**3,995**	2,244
Other Professional Expenses	**7,798**	14,025
Accountancy	**850**	860
Sundry	**684**	2,590
	83,782	49,975

Expenditure on charitable activities was £83,782 (2022: £49,975) of which £74,611 was restricted (2022: £38,101).

7. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	**750**	700

8. Directors and key management personnel

During the year trustees did not receive remuneration.

The key management personnel of the charity consist of the trustees.

9. Employees

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	Year to 31 Mar 2023 No	Year to 31 Mar 2022 No
Direct Charitable Staff	2	1
Governance	-	-
	2	1

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	Year to 31 Mar 2023 £	Year to 31 Mar 2022 £
Wages and salaries	29,003	20,092
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	589	416
	29,592	20,508

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum. No trustees were reimbursed for expenditure.

10. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	-	3,268
	-	3,268

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	608	-
HMRC	-	189
	608	189

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2022	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	At 31Mar 2023 £
Unrestricted- General Reserves	**27,038**	**7,809**	**(9,171)**	**-**	**25,676**
Total unrestricted funds	**27,038**	**7,809**	**(9,171)**	**-**	**25,676**
SWP Peakland Lives Projects	9,357	-	-	-	9,357
National Lottery Community Fund	2,095	-	(2,095)	-	-
Macmillan Rural Health	-	11,609	(11,609)	-	-
Rural Social Groups Funding	12,281	-	(2,200)	-	10,081
Derbyshire Dales CVS Social Connected	1,433	-	(1,433)	-	-
Derbyshire Dales Fund	5,180	-	(5,180)	-	-
Better Derbyshire Dales	896	980	(1,876)	-	-
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	13,675	-	-	-	13,675
South West Peaks	7,955	-	-	-	7,955
Peak District National Park Authority	-	17,043	(6,558)	-	10,485
Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO	-	2,000	(250)	-	1,750
Princes Countryside Fund – FFTF	-	27,643	(13,798)	-	13,845
Derbyshire Dales Localities	-	5,868	(5,500)	-	368
Prince's Countryside Fund General Fund	-	30,000	(24,112)	-	5,888
Total restricted funds	**52,872**	**95,143**	**(74,611)**	**-**	**73,404**
Total funds	**79,910**	**102,952**	**(83,782)**	**-**	**99,080**

South West Peak (SWP) Peak Land Lives – A research and oral history project which aims to tell the story of the agricultural heritage of the South West Peak from 1945 to present. The project and published book are designed to give recognition to the agricultural history and communities, to provide them with a sense of pride and help draw together the farming community.

The National Lottery Community Fund was spent on activity costs

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project – The project provides consistent, simple practical help and support to people affected by cancer (or other life limiting health conditions) through all stages of the cancer pathway from diagnosis, through treatment, to end of life. If appropriate the service will continue to support those left behind after a bereavement. The project will target the farming and rural communities of the Peak District (PDNP Boundary). The service includes the provision of information, signposting and one to one emotional and social support.

Rural Social Groups Funding –FLC used this money to run the rural social groups.

Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service Social Connected – is to be spent on equipment and volunteer expenses.

Derbyshire Dales Funds - were spent on Salaries, Activities and Office Admin.

Better Derbyshire Dale Funds – were spent on Insurance.

DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme – was spent on Salaries, Activities, Rent, Office Admin and Professional fees.

South West Peaks - Coordinator to be used for this and organise/run events and workshops on Farms depending on the issues/needs in that area.

Peak District National Park Authority - this funding has been used to run the Peak Farmers Group - ten meetings in the year bringing farmers together and looking at how they can develop their farming business. A range of consultants attended the meetings both on farm and a various venues giving talks on a range of topics. The group is driven by a steering group of working farmers alongside FLC staff.

Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO - funding to deliver kids club sessions in a rural community. Sessions included, farm walks, looking at soil, wildlife, den building and landscape painting with a local artist.

Princes Countryside Fund – FFTF Cohort 1 of this programme with 70 farmers recruited. We delivered a business and environmental workshop as well as events to give farmers opportunities to find out more about topical issues. These workshops included; succession planning, farm carbon and farm planning, all delivered by well respected consultants, FLC also organised 1-1 sessions for participants in the programme

Derbyshire Dales Localities - This funding was used to part fund the role of Rural Resilience and Business Development Coordinator, supporting farmers through sign posting to other organisation, sharing information and organising farm walks and talks.

Prince's Countryside Fund General Fund - mainly used for staff costs and office rental.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Unrestricted funds	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted Reserves	-	25,676	25,676
Restricted funds			
SWP Peakland Lives Prpjects	-	9,357	9,357
Rural Social Groups Funding	-	10,081	10,081
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	-	13,675	13,675
South West Peaks	-	7,955	7,955
Peak District National Park Authority	-	10,485	10,485
Derbyshire Dales CVS GGO	-	1,750	1,750
Princes Countryside Fund – FFTF	-	13,845	13,845
Derbyshire Dales Localities	-	368	368
Prince's Countryside Fund General Fund	-	5,888	5,888
	-	73,404	73,404
Total funds	-	99,080	99,080

14. Related party transactions

The charity had no related party transactions that required disclosure.

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Structure, Governance and Management of the Farming Life Centre

The Farming Life Centre (hereinafter referred to as FLC), was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 8th October 2008.

Directors meet on a quarterly basis where they receive full financial reports from the Treasurer, a full project report from the Charity Manager and where they consider all other strategic issues relating to the Charity.

FLC Volunteers are recruited via our friends and contacts, statutory partners and via our social media accounts. We have worked with the Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service and other stakeholders to promote our request for volunteers. Our hard copy publicity materials, new media and press releases include volunteer recruitment.

Our charity is open to everyone living in rural communities in the Peak District including farmers- we accept self-referrals as well as referrals from social care and health professionals- therefore anyone who lives in rural communities can seek support from the centre. Moreover, FLC is involved with rural enterprises/businesses and health so there is scope to support hard to reach individuals in a holistic way.

Our activities are charitable and projects aim to benefit those most in need. We aim to tackle wider determinants of health and impact on our rural/farming communities who are affected by distance decay. The FLC Board understands its obligations to manage resources wisely.

Throughout the year, regular reviews of contingency and emergency funds have been carried out to ensure we are fully compliant. Given the challenges the Board actively seeks to manage risk to ensure continuation of the charity to reach increasing numbers of beneficiaries.

Risk Management

Major risks to which FLC might be exposed have been identified by the Board based on information provided by the Charity Manager and Treasurer. Where significant risks are identified, a strategy for mitigating those risks will be developed and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Objectives and Activities of the Farming Life Centre and Public Benefit

The objects of The Farming Life Centre, as stated in its governing document;

'The relief of sickness, promotion of health and relief of financial hardship among the farming community in the area defined by the current boundaries of the Peak District National Park'

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit and to the obligations placed upon us by Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. We can confirm that we have complied with the duties placed upon us by this Act.

In accordance with these objects FLC has the following aims:

- To encourage and support the economic well-being of farmers, rural families and communities
- To develop new initiatives and maintain existing programmes which help to improve the health and well-being of farming and rural families and reduce health inequalities in this population
- To promote a particular culture/way of life - in all our work we promote and celebrate Peak District hill-farming past, present and future.

FLC engages in the Following activities to meet these aims:

- Sharing relevant information through our website and social media channels
- Training and networking opportunities on a range of topics relating to developing personal and professional skills.
- Providing individual tailored support to help farm businesses thrive, develop and become more financially viable.
- Provide Farm Business sign-posting and support, identifying grants and schemes available.
- Running projects to support communities at risk of rural and social isolation through our Rural Social Groups
- Offering a 'Rural Health and Well-being Outreach Service' with 1-1 support for clients, signposting and befriending.
- Developing joint projects and collaborative working with other organisations.
- Representing FLC at strategic level by attending Derbyshire Dales Place Alliance and the Health and Well-being Partnership, by acting as a Board Member on the 'Peak LEADER' Board and 'South West Peak Land Partnership' Board and by being involved in various forums relating to themes such as older people, health and the environment.

FLC Beneficiaries will be able to:

- Feel supported and listened to
- Develop their skills, including business and creative
- Improve their confidence and self esteem through active participation
- Develop, maintain or improve their participation in community life by being part of our social network
- Become connected - and/or maintain their connections both with people and the environment
- Maintain better health - improve beneficiary well-being through involvement with our social network and learning skills that promote resilience and enhance mental well-being

FLC has continued to; develop strong links with the National Farmers Union, work on joint projects with Rural Action Derbyshire, Rural Chaplaincy, Methodist Ministry, National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, Farming Community Network, local government agencies, Peak District National Park Authority, Community Foundations, Macmillan, Natural England, Princes Countryside Fund, and other rural/ health /social support community associates.

The FLC has policies which are based on clear objectives and organisational values and are available for scrutiny on request.

Achievements and performance

During the year, FLC has made achievements in the following areas of work.

Projects and other notable pieces of work

Social Connectedness Project:

This project is funded by Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Services (DDCVS). Farmers are invited to join a small team from FLC and the Rural Chaplaincy for breakfast at various locations across the Peak District, including on farm.

Farm Your Future:

We secured funding from the Princes Countryside Fund and the Derbyshire County Council Locality Fund to be able to facilitate practical business support including:

- Basic bookkeeping information
- Grant application trouble shooting
- Guidance on livestock record keeping
- Support when preparing for audits
- Targeted workshops and forums
- Signposting to support agencies

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project - Macmillan Cancer Support

The Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project is a 4-year project (2018-2022) funded by Macmillan and hosted by the FLC.

The service is designed to support people living in rural communities across the Peak District who are;

- Rurally /socially isolated
- Have little or no/family friend support networks available to them
- Are or have been directly affected by cancer and /or other life limiting health conditions
- Are or have been a recent carer for or close to someone with cancer or another life limiting condition where they need some support or signposting assistance.

An Outreach Coordinator reports to a multi-agency Steering Group. The Steering Group meets quarterly and provides strategic and operational support and oversight to the Coordinator.

Farm for The Future – Prince's Countryside Fund and Defra

The Farming Life Centre were a delivery partner for this exciting new programme, which ran between August 2021 and March 2022. It offered a package of business and environmental skills to support Farmers, helping them to prepare for agricultural policy changes over the coming years.

The programme consisted of a welcome meeting, two workshops and 1:1 support. After the programme ended, all who signed up have access to a raft of resources, workshops and opportunities to network delivered by the Prince's Countryside Fund's Farm Resilience Network (FRN.) Defra, as part of their Future Farm Resilience Fund, funded the programme.

The programme was a whole farm and whole family approach and delivered in 11 regions across England.

Police and Crime Commissioners Vulnerability Fund – Live Well and Stay Safe

Through the project, we were able to:

- Develop a good working relationship with the police and in particular the Rural Crime Team – through meetings via zoom an in person
- Provide some reassurance to people living in rural areas that their concerns are being taken seriously and to encourage people to come forward with their views/concerns. This was through online forums.
- Share key messages with rural communities in the fight against rural crime – through production of a leaflet, social media messages, website and regular forums

Rural Social Groups:

Our rural social groups continue to grow. They are lively meetings of retired and semi retired farmers and family members who meet for tea and a chat with meals out and occasional speakers. The social groups 2020/21 were based in:

Ashford-in-the-Water, which met weekly at the War Memorial Institute
Hartington a monthly meeting at the Village Hall
Boylestone just south of Ashbourne based at the Methodist Church met monthly on a Thursday.

Five Ways to Wellbeing

We used this grant to offer Chair Based Pilates for the over 65s.
Aims:

- To reach out and support local people in the community who are isolated, lonely or want to reconnect with local networks
- To improve the quality of life of rural residents who are lonely or isolated
- To improve people's mental health and wellbeing
- To improve/maintain physical wellbeing

Objectives:

- To provide a regular physical activity for the over 65s
- To improve physical fitness
- To improve confidence and self-esteem
- To increase the social/support network for individual members
- To enable people to be connected/maintain connections with the community

The project brings members of the community together encouraging people to begin to reconnect. Some members of the community will not have not been out of their homes for a number of months. It is important to help them develop their physical strength in order for them to be able to keep mobile and well.

South West Peak Landscape Partnership (SWPL)

By working together in the South West Peak, we will shape a better future for our communities, landscape, wildlife and heritage where trust and understanding thrive. With support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund the SWPL is working to deliver a number of projects to benefit people, communities, natural and cultural heritage in the South Western part of the Peak District National Park.

Peak Land Lives (Book Project) - What we are doing:

- Telling personal stories of farmers throughout the South West Peak
- Examining the challenges faced by farmers and their families
- Preserving the legacy of farmers in a full-colour book and an archive of oral histories
- Discussing the importance of farming in the living landscape of the South West Peak
- Interpreting farming and its meaning to those outside the farming community

'The Land That Made Us' was published in September 2019. The book is being sold in a numbers of bookshops, Tourist information Centres, online as well as at agricultural events and livestock market gatherings.

Walking for Health — Monthly Farmers walks

Led by trained walk leaders the short "easy" walks started from different locations each month and followed good paths with plenty of points of farming interest. Walks took place on a Thursday afternoon starting at 1.30pm. The walks generally aim to do a circular route, which takes about one hour at a steady, easy pace. The walks have been well attended with an average attendance of 20.

Rural Reconnections:

National Lottery Local Connections Fund helped FLC to re-connect with all its beneficiaries and help to reduce loneliness. The funding was used to bring all of the members of the social groups and walking group together for a celebratory meal.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable Company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue on that basis.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and any subsequent revisions of that act. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out at the start of this report.

Accountants

During the year Derby Community Accountancy Service were appointed as Independent Examiners for The Farming Life Centre.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the with FRS 102.

Independent examiner

Mark Newey ACMA of Derby Community Accountancy will continue in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Registered office:
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Signed on behalf of the trustees

Christopher Morris
Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 18th July 2022

THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. Newey

24/8/2022

Mark Newey ACMA
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Date

THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations	3	9,230	-	9,230	951
Charitable activities	4	-	58,803	58,803	43,123
Sundry income		2,247		2,247	100
Investment income	5	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		11,477	58,803	70,280	44,174
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		11,874	38,101	49,975	37,516
Total expenditure	6	11,874	38,101	49,975	37,516
Net income (expenditure)		(397)	20,702	20,305	6,658
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds					6,658
Fund balances at 1 Apr 2021		27,435	32,170	59,605	52,947
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		27,038	52,872	79,910	59,605

The company had no new or discontinued activities during the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE
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BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	10	3,268		711	
Cash at bank and in hand		76,831		60,311	
		80,099		61,022	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(189)		(1,417)	
Net current assets			79,910		59,605
Total assets less current liabilities			79,910		59,605
Net assets			79,910		59,605
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted	12		52,872		32,170
Unrestricted – general reserves	12		27,038		27,435
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			79,910		59,605

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:-

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

Christopher Morris
Director

Date 18th July 2022

Company Registration Number: 06718297

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information
The Farming Life Centre is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company's registered office is at the Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, DE45 1AH. At the end of the year there were 7 Trustees, each of whom, under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, had undertaken to contribute the sum not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up of the company.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it apples from 1 January 2016. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from fixed asset investments which are carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and fundraising	9,230	-	9,230	951
	9,230	-	9,230	951

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021
	£	£	£	£
Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project	-	7,614	7,614	10,317
Rural Social Groups Funding	-	-	-	2,330
The Co-Op	-	-	-	1,243
Open Gate Trust	-	-	-	1,600
Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service	-	-	-	3,660
Prince's Countryside Fund	-	5,000	5,000	8,750
Derbyshire Police and Crime Commission	-	-	-	1,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	2,400	2,400	1,820
Chatsworth settlement	-	-	-	5,000
South West Peak Book Sales	-	-	-	7,403
Derbyshire Dale Fund	-	8,011	8,011	-
Better Derbyshire Dale Fund	-	1,600	1,600	-
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	-	26,223	26,223	-
South West Peaks	-	7,955	7,955	-
	-	58,803	58,803	43,123

5. Investment income

	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2022 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021 £
Bank interest receivable (unrestricted)	-	-

6. Analysis of expenditure (unrestricted)

	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2022 £	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2021 £
Employment costs	**20,508**	27,172
Project Costs	**5,488**	1,445
Project Management Expenses	**1,006**	1,839
Travel Expenses	**28**	72
Training	**-**	-
Advertising/ Promotional	**-**	-
Bank charges	**9**	27
Computer Costs	**7**	288
Insurances	**704**	720
Rent	**2,506**	2,333
Office Expenses	**2,244**	411
Other Professional Expenses	**14,025**	2,316
Accountancy	**860**	840
Sundry	**2,590**	53
	49,975	37,516

Expenditure on charitable activities was £49,975 (2021: £37,516) of which £38,101 was restricted (2021: £22,200).

7. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	**700**	650

8. Directors and key management personnel

During the year trustees did not receive remuneration.

The key management personnel of the charity consist of the trustees.

9. Employees

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	Year to 31 Mar 2022 No	Year to 31 Mar 2021 No
Direct Charitable Staff	1	1
Governance	-	-
	1	1

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	Year to 31 Mar 2022 £	Year to 31 Mar 2021 £
Wages and salaries	20,092	26,572
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	416	600
	20,508	27,172

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum. No trustees were reimbursed for expenditure.

10. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	3,268	711
	3,268	711

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	1,228
HMRC	189	189
	189	1,417

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2021	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31Mar 2022
		£	£	£	£
Unrestricted- General Reserves	27,435	11,476	(11,873)	-	27,038
Total unrestricted funds	27,435	11,476	(11,873)	-	27,038
SWP Peakland Lives Projects	11,369	-	(2,012)	-	9,357
National Lottery Community Fund	845	2,400	(1,150)	-	2,095
Macmillan Rural Health	-	7,614	(7,614)	-	-
Rural Social Groups Funding	12,281	-	-	-	12,281
Prince's Countryside Fund	3,485	5,000	(8,485)	-	-
Derbyshire Dales CVS Social Connected	2,670		(1,237)	-	1,433
Derbyshire Dales CVS 5 Ways to Wellbeing	520	-	(520)	-	-
Police and Crime Commission	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Derbyshire Dale Fund	-	8,011	(2,831)	-	5,180
Better Derbyshire Dale	-	1,600	(704)	-	896
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	-	26,223	(12,548)	-	13,675
South West Peaks	-	7,955	-	-	7,955
Total restricted funds	32,170	58,803	(38,101)	-	52,872
Total funds	59,605	70,279	(49,974)	-	79,910

South West Peak (SWP) Peak Land Lives – A research and oral history project which aims to tell the story of the agricultural heritage of the South West Peak from 1945 to present. The project and published book are designed to give recognition to the agricultural history and communities, to provide them with a sense of pride and help draw together the farming community.

South West Peak (SWP) Uplands Academy- part funded by SWP, a business focused programme with participants following a varied plan helping to raise the awareness of the importance of good business planning in upland farming and developing an innovative farming business model.

The National Lottery Community Fund was spent on activity costs

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project – The project provides consistent, simple practical help and support to people affected by cancer (or other life limiting health conditions) through all stages of the cancer pathway from diagnosis, through treatment, to end of life. If appropriate the service will continue to support those left behind after a bereavement. The project will target the farming and rural communities of the Peak District (PDNP Boundary). The service includes the provision of information, signposting and one to one emotional and social support.

Rural Social Groups Funding –FLC used this money to run the rural social groups.

Prince's Countryside Fund – was spent on project management and salaries

Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service Social Connected – is to be spent on equipment and volunteer expenses.

Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service 5 Ways to Wellbeing – was spent on exercise classes

The Police and Crime Commission and the Derbyshire Dales Council Social Connected - money were to be spent in 2021/22.

Derbyshire Dale Funds - were spent on Salaries, Activities and Office Admin.

Better Derbyshire Dale Funds – were spent on Insurance.

DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme – was spent on Salaries, Activities, Rent, Office Admin and Professional fees.

South West Peaks - Coordinator to be used for this and organise/run events and workshops on Farms depending on the issues/needs in that area.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£
Unrestricted Reserves	-	27,038	27,038
Restricted funds			
SWP Peakland Lives Prpjects	-	9,357	9,357
Rural Social Groups Funding	-	12,281	12,281
Derbyshire Dales CVS Social Connected	-	1,433	1,433
National Lottery Community Fund	-	2,095	2,095
Derbyshire Dale Fund	-	5,180	5,180
Better Derbyshire Dale	-	896	896
DEFRA/PCF Resilience Programme	-	13,675	13,675
South West Peaks	-	7,955	7,955
	-	52,872	52,872
Total funds	-	79,910	79,910

14. Related party transactions

The charity had no related party transactions that required disclosure.

THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1130259

Accounts

THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Company Registration Number 06718297
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THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The board of trustees

Christopher Morris – Chair (Appointed 26th May 2020)
William Case (Treasurer, appointed 26th May 2020)
Ceridwen Morgan (Acting Chair, appointed 26th May 2020)
Juliet Short (Appointed 26th May 2020)
Rev. Alan Griggs (Appointed 26th May 2020)
Wendy Smith (Appointed 26th June 2020)
Judith Dilks
Fiona Hadfield (Appointed 21th June 2021)
Pennie Barker (Resigned 22nd July 2020)
Jane Gibbs (Resigned 22nd May 2020)

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THE FARMING LIFE CENTRE
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Structure, Governance and Management of the Farming Life Centre

The Farming Life Centre (hereinafter referred to as FLC), was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 8th October 2008.

Directors meet on a quarterly basis where they receive full financial reports from the Treasurer, a full project report from the Charity Manager and where they consider all other strategic issues relating to the Charity.

FLC Volunteers are recruited via our friends and contacts, statutory partners and via our social media accounts. We have worked with the Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service and other stakeholders to promote our request for volunteers, especially the need for new Trustees. Our hard copy publicity materials, new media and press releases include volunteer recruitment.

Our charity is open to everyone living in rural communities including farmers- we accept self-referrals as well as referrals from social care and health professionals- therefore anyone who lives in rural communities can seek support from the centre. Moreover, FLC is involved with rural enterprises/businesses and health so there is scope to support hard to reach individuals in a holistic way.

Our activities are charitable and projects aim to benefit those most in need. We aim to tackle wider determinants of health and impact on our rural/farming communities who are affected by distance decay. The FLC Board understands its obligations to manage resources wisely. Throughout the year, regular reviews of contingency and emergency funds have been carried out to ensure fully compliant. Given the challenges the Board actively seeks to manage risk to ensure continuation of the charity to reach increasing numbers of beneficiaries.

Risk Management

Major risks to which FLC might be exposed have been identified by the Board based on information provided by the Charity Manager and Treasurer. Where significant risks are identified, a strategy for mitigating those risks will be developed and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Objectives and Activities of the Farming Life Centre and Public Benefit

The objects of The Farming Life Centre, as stated in its governing document;

'The relief of sickness, promotion of health and relief of financial hardship among the farming community in the area defined by the current boundaries of the Peak District National Park'

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit and to the obligations placed upon us by Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. We can confirm that we have complied with the duties placed upon us by this Act.

In accordance with these objects FLC has the following aims:

- To encourage and support the economic well-being of farmers, rural families and communities
- To develop new initiatives and maintain existing programmes which help to improve the health and well-being of farming and rural families and reduce health inequalities in this population
- To promote a particular culture/way of life - in all our work we promote and celebrate Peak District hill-farming past, present and future.

FLC engages in the Following activities to meet these aims:

- Sharing relevant information through our website and social media channels
- Training and networking opportunities on a range of topics relating to developing personal and professional skills.
- Providing individual tailored support to help farm businesses thrive, develop and become more financially viable.
- Provide Farm Business sign-posting and support, identifying grants and schemes available.
- Running projects to support communities at risk of rural and social isolation through our Rural Social Groups
- Offering a 'Rural Health and Well-being Outreach Service' with 1-1 support for clients, signposting and befriending.
- Developing joint projects and collaborative working with other organisations.
- Representing FLC at strategic level by attending Derbyshire Dales Place Alliance and the Health and Well-being Partnership, by acting as a Board Member on the 'Peak LEADER' Board and 'South West Peak Land Partnership' Board and by being involved in various forums relating to themes such as older people, health and the environment.

FLC Beneficiaries will be able to:

- Feel supported and listened to
- Develop their skills, including business and creative
- Improve their confidence and self esteem through active participation
- Develop, maintain or improve their participation in community life by being part of our social network
- Become connected - and/or maintain their connections both with people and the environment
- Maintain better health - improve beneficiary well-being through involvement with our social network and learning skills that promote resilience and enhance mental well-being

FLC has continued to; develop strong links with the National Farmers Union, work on joint projects with Rural Action Derbyshire, Rural Chaplaincy, Methodist Ministry, National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, Farming Community Network, local government agencies, Peak District National Park Authority, Community Foundations, Macmillan, Natural England, Princes Countryside Fund, and other rural/ health /social support community associates.

FLC Values checklist Transparency about our Organisational Values is critical. The FLC Board has developed a checklist in order to show beneficiaries, stakeholders and the world at large what our Organisational Values are. These key words outline how our organisation aims to deliver its services and meet expectations at all levels.

Integrity	Teamwork	Partnership	Honesty
Communication	Respect	Safety	Attitude
Customer Service	Trustworthy	Diversity	Individuality
Creativity	Growth	Achievement	Competence
Accountability	Community	Community	Quality
Commitment to Success	Ethical	Legal	Professionalism
Fairness	Responsibility	Consistency	Empowerment
Fun	Risk-taking	Efficiency	Balance
Loyalty	Optimism	Reliable	Inspiring

Achievements and performance

During the year, FLC has made achievements in the following areas of work.

Projects and other notable pieces of work

Social Connectedness Project:

With funding from the Derbyshire Dales a small team made up of Farming Life Centre and the Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy representatives and volunteers visit different 'on farm' locations and provide breakfast and the opportunity to chat with their peers. This project was put on hold due to Covid-19 and will restart in July 2021.

Farm Your Future:

We secured funding from the Princes Countryside Fund and the Derbyshire County Council Locality Fund to be able to facilitate practical business support including:

- Basic bookkeeping information
- Grant application trouble shooting
- Guidance on livestock record keeping
- Support when preparing for audits
- Targeted workshops and forums
- Signposting to support agencies

Rural Reconnections:

National Lottery Local Connections Fund helped FLC to re-connect with all its beneficiaries and help to reduce loneliness. Garden vouchers and a personal letter was sent.

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project - Macmillan Cancer Support

The Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project is a 4-year project (2018-2022) funded by Macmillan and hosted by the FLC.

The service is designed to support people living in rural communities across the Peak District who are;

- Rurally /socially isolated
- Have little or no/family friend support networks available to them
- Are or have been directly affected by cancer and /or other life limiting health conditions
- Are or have been a recent carer for or close to someone with cancer or another life limiting condition where they need some support or signposting assistance.

The project is led by an Outreach Coordinator who reports to a multi-agency Steering Group. The Steering Group meets quarterly and provides strategic and operational support and oversight to the Coordinator.

Rural Social Groups:

Our rural social groups continue to grow. They are lively meetings of retired and semi retired farmers and family members who meet for tea and a chat with meals out and occasional speakers. The social groups 2020/21 were based in:

Ashford-in-the-Water, which met weekly at the War Memorial Institute
Hartington a monthly meeting at the Village Hall
Boylestone just south of Ashbourne based at primitive Methodist Church met monthly on a Thursday.
Due to Covid restrictions our meetings have been online via zoom.

Five Ways to Wellbeing

We used this grant to offer Chair Based Pilates for the over 65's.
Aims:

- To reach out and support local people in the community who are isolated, lonely or want to reconnect with local networks
- To improve the quality of life of rural residents who are lonely or isolated
- To improve people's mental health and wellbeing
- To improve/maintain physical wellbeing

Objectives:

- To provide a regular physical activity for the over 65s

- To improve physical fitness
- To improve confidence and self-esteem
- To increase the social/support network for individual members
- To enable people to be connected/maintain connections with the community

The project brings members of the community together encouraging people to begin to reconnect. Some members of the community will not have not been out of their homes for a number of months. It is important to help them develop their physical strength in order for them to be able to keep mobile and well.

South West Peak Landscape Partnership (SWPL)

By working together in the South West Peak, we will shape a better future for our communities, landscape, wildlife and heritage where trust and understanding thrive. With support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund the SWPL is working to deliver a number of projects to benefit people, communities, natural and cultural heritage in the South Western part of the Peak District National Park.

Peak Land Lives (Book Project) - What we are doing:

• Telling personal stories of farmers throughout the South West Peak
• Examining the challenges faced by farmers and their families
• Preserving the legacy of farmers in a full-colour book and an archive of oral histories
• Discussing the importance of farming in the living landscape of the South West Peak
• Interpreting farming and its meaning to those outside the farming community

'The Land That Made Us' was published in September 2019. The book is being sold in a numbers of bookshops, Tourist information Centres, online as well as at agricultural events and livestock market gatherings.

Walking for Health — Monthly Farmers walks

Led by trained walk leaders the short "easy" walks starting from different locations each month and followed good paths with plenty of points of farming interest. Walks took place on a Thursday afternoon starting at 1.30pm. The walks generally aim to do a circular route, which takes about one hour at a steady, easy pace. The walks have been well attended with an average attendance of 20.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable Company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue on that basis.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and any subsequent revisions of that act. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out at the start of this report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

As advised by the Charity Commission The Farming Life Centre's reserves policy seeks to provide sufficient monies to enable the organisation to properly finance its own termination. The Board has agreed to provide (wherever possible) an amount which equates to three months overheads. At 31 March 2021 the charity had unrestricted reserves of £27,435 which is over three months overheads.

Independent examiner

Mark Newey ACMA of Derby Community Accountancy will continue in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Registered office:
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Signed on behalf of the trustees

Christopher Morris
Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 09/07/2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. Newey

16/7/21

Mark Newey ACMA
Derby Community Accountancy Service
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Date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations	3	**951**	-	**951**	880
Charitable activities	4	**12,403**	**30,720**	**43,123**	42,615
Sundry income		**100**		**100**	-
Investment income	5	-	-	-	16
Total incoming resources		**13,454**	**30,720**	**44,174**	43,511
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		**15,316**	**22,200**	**37,516**	66,517
Total expenditure	6	**15,316**	**22,200**	**37,516**	66,517
Net income (expenditure)		**(1,862)**	**8,520**	**6,658**	(23,006)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(1,862)**	**8,520**	**6,658**	(23,006)
Fund balances at 1 Apr 2020		**29,297**	**23,650**	**52,947**	75,953
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		**27,435**	**32,170**	**59,605**	52,947

The company had no new or discontinued activities during the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	10	711		6,347	
Cash at bank and in hand		60,311		55,074	
		61,022		61,421	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,417)		(8,474)	
Net current assets			59,605		52,947
Total assets less current liabilities			59,605		52,947
Net assets			59,605		52,947
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted	12		32,170		23,650
Unrestricted – general reserves	12		27,435		29,297
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			59,605		52,947

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:-

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

Christopher Morris
Director

Date 09 AUGUST 2021

Company Registration Number: 06718297

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Company information
The Farming Life Centre is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The company's registered office is at the Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, DE45 1AH. At the end of the year there were 7 Trustees, each of whom, under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, had undertaken to contribute the sum not exceeding £1 in the event of a winding up of the company.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it apples from 1 January 2016. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from fixed asset investments which are carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discounts offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and fundraising	951	-	951	880
	951	-	951	880

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2020
	£	£	£	£
Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project	-	10,317	10,317	22,756
Rural Social Groups Funding	-	2,330	2,330	4,805
Peakland Lives Project Management	-	-	-	11,811
Natural England	-	-	-	3,243
The Co-Op	-	1,243	1,243	-
Open Gate Trust	-	1,600	1,600	-
Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service	-	3,660	3,660	-
Prince's Countryside Fund	-	8,750	8,750	-
Derbyshire Police and Crime Commission	-	1,000	1,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	1,820	1,820	-
Chatsworth settlement	5,000	-	5,000	-
South West Peak Book Sales	7,403	-	7,403	-
	12,403	30,720	43,123	42,615

5. Investment income

	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2021 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2020 £
Bank interest receivable (unrestricted)	-	16

6. Analysis of expenditure (unrestricted)

	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2021 £	Total Funds Year to 31 March 2020 £
Employment costs	27,172	28,084
Project Costs	1,445	18,116
Project Management Expenses	1,839	5,091
Travel Expenses	72	1,991
Training	-	85
Advertising/ Promotional	-	1,673
Bank charges	27	72
Computer Costs	288	311
Insurances	720	641
Rent	2,333	7,800
Office Expenses	411	403
Other Professional Expenses	2,316	1,600
Accountancy	840	650
Sundry	53	-
	37,516	66,517

Expenditure on charitable activities was £37,516 (2020: £66,517) of which £22,200 was restricted (2020: £45,403).

7. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	650	650

8. Directors and key management personnel

During the year trustees did not receive remuneration.

The key management personnel of the charity consist of the trustees.

9. Employees

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	Year to 31 Mar 2021 No	Year to 31 Mar 2020 No
Direct Charitable Staff	1	1
Governance	-	-
	1	1

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	Year to 31 Mar 2021 £	Year to 31 Mar 2019 £
Wages and salaries	26,572	27,444
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	600	640
	27,172	28,084

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum. No trustees were reimbursed for expenditure.

10. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	711	6,347
	711	6,347

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade Creditors	1,228	707
Grants in Advance		
Chatsworth Settlement	-	5,000
Matlock Bath Rural Social Group grant	-	2,330
HMRC	189	437
	1,417	8,474

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2020	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	At 31Mar 2021 £
Unrestricted- General Reserves	29,297	13,454	(15,316)	-	27,435
Total unrestricted funds	29,297	13,454	(15,316)	-	27,345
SWP Peakland Lives Projects	11,369	-	-	-	11,369
National Lottery Community Fund	-	1,820	(975)	-	845
Macmillan Rural Health	-	10,317	(10,317)	-	-
The Co-Op	-	1,243	(1,243)	-	-
Open Gate Trust	-	1,600	(1,600)		
Rural Social Groups Funding	12,281	2,330	(2,330)	-	12,281
Prince's Countryside Fund	-	8,750	(5,265)	-	3,485
Derbyshire Dales CVS Social Connected	-	2,670	-	-	2,670
Derbyshire Dales CVS 5 Ways to Wellbeing	-	990	(470)		520
Police and Crime Commission	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Total restricted funds	23,650	30,720	(22,200)	-	32,170
Total funds	52,947	44,174	(37,516)	-	59,605

South West Peak (SWP) Peak Land Lives – A research and oral history project which aims to tell the story of the agricultural heritage of the South West Peak from 1945 to present. The project and published book are designed to give recognition to the agricultural history and communities, to provide them with a sense of pride and help draw together the farming community.

South West Peak (SWP) Uplands Academy- part funded by SWP, a business focused programme with participants following a varied plan helping to raise the awareness of the importance of good business planning in upland farming and developing an innovative farming business model.

The National Lottery Community Fund was spent on activity costs

Macmillan Rural Health Outreach Project – The project provides consistent, simple practical help and support to people affected by cancer (or other life limiting health conditions) through all stages of the cancer pathway from diagnosis, through treatment, to end of life. If appropriate the service will continue to support those left behind after a bereavement. The project will target the farming and rural communities of the Peak District (PDNP Boundary). The service includes the provision of information, signposting and one to one emotional and social support.

The Co-Op money was spent on salaries

Open Gate Trust money was spent on salaries

Rural Social Groups Funding –FLC used this money to run the rural social groups.

Prince's Countryside Fund – was spent on project management and salaries

Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service Social Connected – *is to be spent on equipment and volunteer expenses.*

Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service 5 Ways to Wellbeing – was spent on exercise classes

The Police and Crime Commission and the Derbyshire Dales Council Social Connected money were to be spent in 2021/22.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted Reserves	-	27,435	27,435
Restricted funds			
SWP Peakland Lives Prpjects	-	11,369	11,369
Rural Social Groups Funding	-	12,281	12,281
Princes Countryside Funds	-	3,485	3,485
Derbyshire Dales CVS Social Connected	-	2,670	2,670
Derbyshire Dales CVS Ways to Wellbeing	-	520	520
Police and Crime Commission	-	1,000	1,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	845	845
	-	32,170	32,170
Total funds	-	59,605	59,605

14. Related party transactions

The charity had no related party transactions that required disclosure.