

FRIENDS OF THE DARTMOOR HILL PONY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2024

Registered charity number: 1141045

Charity address:

Corndonford Farm
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Charity trustees:

Melanie Barrett
Charlotte Faulkner (Chairman)
Christopher Fleet
Allison Houghton
Stuart Houghton
Carolyn Owen

Chairmans report for year ending March 2024.

This has not been an easy year for us, we were at the top end of our number of ponies we can care for through out the winter, which means the feed bills and then the gelding /vets bills are large.

We have worked with Dartmoor Hill Farmers using their ancient grazing rights to common pony herds on the moor since 1995. We have worked with members of the DEFRA Equine ID team since 2003 and was one of the team who designed the first and subsequent passport derogations which means we understand what we need for the benefit of our last semi wild pony herds of England.

Complying to regulation about the identification of semi-wild Dartmoor Hill Ponies in different situations is an on going task.


These projects include:-

- Supplying support to pony keepers in order to keep within agri-environment scheme number limits.
- The Dartmoor Hill Pony Association holds the traditional annual Pony Drift Sale, supported by the Friends Charity promotion and after care for ponies and new owners.
- The Drift Sale is staffed by Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony volunteers, producing temporary id documents and applying for passports in new owners names to enable traceability of ponies once they leave Dartmoor.
- We find a domesticated future for approximately 450 ponies from Dartmoor herds each year (that's more than half of the annual foal crop). All of which must be passported.
- The charity continues to resource genetic analysis of the pony herds on Dartmoor, working with members of the Dartmoor Hill Pony Association, Aberystwyth University, Neogen, Weatherbys Scientific and the Rare Breed Survival Trust, this genetic mapping is very important to ensure a payment for the Dartmoor Hill pony to compete with other grazing animals for a place to stand on Dartmoor as valued.
- In discussion with Natural England on low grazing numbers as part of HLS agreements and what this means to DHP numbers.

It is therefore our role in the Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony to continue to work closely with DEFRA Equine ID regarding the identification and passporting of ponies sold at that agricultural sale and the impact of changes in regulation.

In these roles and projects, we work closely with other areas which common pony herds – particularly the New Forest – and other DEFRA departments such as the FSA, the VMD, AHVLA and Trading Standards.

This charity undertakes numerous projects which support members of the Dartmoor Hill Pony Association to ensure that they can continue keeping a pony herd. This includes year-round Sales, Taming ponies to be a domesticated pet, getting colts castrated so that they can become a domesticated gelding, promoting and marketing all of Dartmoor's pony herds.


Chairman Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony
30th January 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony (FDHP) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of FDHP, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the FDHP accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the FDHP as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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25 March 2025

FRIENDS OF THE DARTMOOR HILL PONY

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 March 2024

INCOME	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Microchips and passport applications	10,864.60		9,395.00	
Gift Aid	807.60		1,649.50	
Donations including pony sponsorship	53,138.19		36,145.30	
Pony rehoming donations	1,725.00		3,380.00	
Gelding repayments	-		1,137.70	
Other income (<i>incl Mel's stall</i>)	2,081.39		5,074.63	
		68,616.78		56,782.13
EXPENDITURE				
Feed, bedding etc	14,488.99		10,951.34	
Veterinary expenses	14,136.01		10,782.93	
Passports and microchips	11,655.83		8,671.34	
Contraception scheme	-		402.83	
Transport and fuel (<i>incl taxi cost</i>)	6,350.00		6,300.00	
Display team expenses/Horse Show	444.95		1,285.99	
Advertising and website maintenance	782.94		316.00	
Pony sale expenses/donation to DHPA	2,295.00		3,640.73	
Printing, postage and stationery	337.26		473.98	
Vehicle and equipment maintenance	242.01		474.60	
Insurance costs	1,375.02		-	
Rent	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Sundry expenses	122.14		2,051.65	
Professional and consultancy fees	2,776.50		4,709.10	
Enthuse and Paypal charges	236.40		115.20	
		61,243.05		56,175.69
Operating surplus/(deficit) for year		7,373.73		606.44
Less: capital expenditure during year		724.00		0.00
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		6,649.73		606.44
Opening balance at 1 April 2023		6,173.38		5,566.94
Net surplus/(deficit) for year		6,649.73		606.44
Closing balances at 31 March				
Bank current account	15,573.69		7,742.96	
Paypal account	3,127.29		1,471.42	
Closing creditors	- 5,877.87		(3,041.00)	
		12,823.11		6,173.38
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These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on (date)

and signed on their behalf by C. Faulkner (Chairman).....

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Year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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FIXED ASSETS

Tangible assets identified as being owned by the charity at the year end with approximate values

Landrover Defender	6,000
Gates and gate pins	1,500
Ifor Williams trailer	1,000
Pony tack and equipment	1,500
Ifor Williams flatbed trailer	800
Dart gun	1,981
Computer	550
Apple laptop	949

Purchased in year:

HP laptop	724
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CURRENT ASSETS

Cash funds held

Bank current account	15,574
Paypal account	3,127
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	18,701
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LIABILITIES

Creditors paid after year end

Moorgate Veterinary Group	2,205
Tom's Country Store	1,661
Tim Faulkner	2,095
Paypal refunds	- 83
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	5,878
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