

FRIENDS OF THE DARTMOOR HILL PONY – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2025

Our main news for this year must be the improvements made to our barn HQ. We owe the owners a massive thank you to for the restoration of the barn floor drainage which is amazing to support our efforts towards the future of the ponies on Dartmoor. These restoration works to the barn, originally built in 1996, mean that we can:

- Manage water ingress from land run-off, the reduction of brown water leaving the barn, so protecting the health of nearby streams/rivers/watercourses.
- Improve the standard of basic facilities for volunteers working in the barn.
- Improve animal welfare for ponies in the barn.
- Encourage volunteering and improve volunteer working comfort, which in turn helps us help the ponies.
- Educate volunteers and followers in the land management of Dartmoor commons and benefit of the ponies.
- Improve the opportunity for the volunteering public to understand and appreciate the importance of drifting and pounding unmarked ponies.
- Support well-being projects for children and adults, whether physically or mentally, through interaction with the ponies and other people involved in the projects to secure and enhance the lives of ponies on and off the commons of Dartmoor.

The work to ensure the genetic mapping of the breeding stock on the commons continues, we have an amazing team to thank this year for their part in this work specifically, our main aim this coming year will be to get the DNA of those animals mapped.

Website changes are thanks to Jo Druett and also to Alan Davies who has been editing our website for a long time.

This has been a hard year for us to help with preparation for the pony sales as, due to a change in policy taken up by Rendells, the ponies had to have a microchip implanted and silhouette completed prior to the sale. The vet came with us to ID each pony going to the sale and provide correct paperwork which was five days work in all and a few evenings alongside.

At The Grange, the breeders' sale was an improvement on last year and as ever, Kivells must be thanked for supporting this event. We enjoyed an interesting talk at the start of sale about taming ponies.

An outbreak of strangles from one pony herd made for a very tense time post sale, but all seems to be ok in the end.

Pony homing from HQ was 35 ponies. We castrated 42 ponies since April.

The big plan now is to get the herd records to be digital and a follow through once homed onto a Dartmoor Hill Pony record held at Pet ID for ponies who have left the moor.

Conservation grazing ponies are proving their value and we hope will be recognized with in the LUMG plans for evidence gathering on grazing numbers. This is because, although DHPs are now on an even footing for payments with cattle and other recognized rare breeds, their future is not secure if payment only happens when incentivised by heavily reduced stocking numbers.

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 March 2025

INCOME	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Microchips and passport applications	1,204.40		10,864.60	
Gift Aid	1,383.52		807.60	
Donations including pony sponsorship	20,485.53		53,138.19	
Pony rehoming donations	4,080.00		1,725.00	
Other income (incl Mel's stall)	4,268.30		2,081.39	
Loans received	8,000.00		-	
		39,421.75		68,616.78
EXPENDITURE				
Feed, bedding etc	11,684.69		14,488.99	
Veterinary expenses	8,861.01		14,136.01	
Passports and microchips	9,161.53		11,655.83	
Transport and fuel	1,610.00		6,350.00	
Display team expenses/Horse Show	875.00		444.95	
Advertising and website maintenance	367.50		782.94	
Pony sale expenses/DHPA costs paid	-		2,295.00	
Printing, postage and stationery	261.39		337.26	
Vehicle and equipment maintenance	-		242.01	
Insurance costs	2,738.18		1,375.02	
Rent	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Sundry expenses	504.95		122.14	
Professional and consultancy fees	540.00		2,776.50	
Enthuse and Paypal charges	575.94		236.40	
		43,180.19		61,243.05
Operating surplus/(deficit) for year	-	3,758.44		7,373.73
Less: capital expenditure during year		6,000.00		724.00
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-	9,758.44		6,649.73
Opening balance at 1 April 2023		12,823.11		6,173.38
Net surplus/(deficit) for year	-	9,758.44		6,649.73
Closing balances at 31 March				
Bank current account	9,573.65		15,573.69	
Paypal account	834.89		3,127.29	
Closing creditors	- 7,343.87		- 5,877.87	
		3,064.67		12,823.11

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on (date) 27th January 2026

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Year ended 31 March 2025

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").

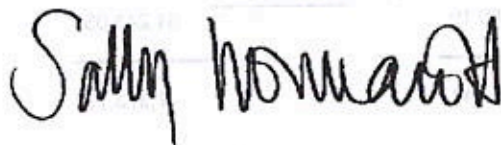
I report in respect of my examination of the FDHP accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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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