

Registered Charity No. 1147998  
Company No. 04380814

TOTNES AND DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY  
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024



Totnes and District Show Society

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for the Year Ended 31 October 2024

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<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	Mr M H Batting Mr I G Dennis Mr R C Steer Mr R H Harvey Mrs S M Irish Mr M J D Hooper
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Mrs L E Harvey
<b>REGISTERED OFFICE:</b>	First Floor, CEF Building Broomhill Way Torquay Devon TQ2 7QN
<b>REGISTERED NUMBER:</b>	04380814 (England and Wales)
<b>CHARITY NUMBER:</b>	1147998
<b>ACCOUNTANTS:</b>	Mark Ward Chartered Certified Accountants First Floor, CEF Building Broomhill Way Torquay Devon TQ2 7QN
<b>BANKERS:</b>	Lloyds Bank 31 Fore Street Totnes Devon TQ9 5HH

Trustees' Report  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This year's Totnes Show, held on Sunday 28th July 2024, was extremely well attended and received much positive feedback. The show generated a surplus, which has enabled the show to continue to rebuild financial reserves, allowing it to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. This success allows the show to continue its tradition of supporting local good causes. A detailed breakdown of donations is provided in this report.

A huge thank you to the dedicated volunteers who generously contributed their time and effort in the week preceding the show, on the day itself, and during the post-event cleanup. Your commitment is crucial to the smooth running and success of the show.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the show manager for her tireless work throughout the year, to my fellow directors for their invaluable expertise and contributions, and to the stewards for their unwavering support. The collective effort of the committee, directors, and volunteers is truly commendable.

Looking ahead, plans for the 2025 show, scheduled for Sunday 27th July, are well underway. The committee is committed to delivering another memorable event with special features to entertain and engage our visitors. We are confident that with continued hard work and support, the Totnes Show will flourish for many years to come.

Mr N J Maslen  
Chairman

#### **GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

Totnes and District Show Society is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 25 February 2002, amended 29 May 2012. The trustees' individual liability is limited to £10 in the event of the charity winding up.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Charity number: 1147998  
Company number: 04380814  
Registered office: First Floor, CEF Building, Broomhill Way, Torquay, TQ2 7QN

#### **DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES**

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

M J D Hooper (appointed 18 January 2024)	Mrs S M Irish	R H Harvey
M D Tewson (deceased 26 August 2024)	I G Dennis	R C Steer
M J Pedrick (resigned 18 January 2024)	M H Batting	N J Maslen

Changes in directors and trustees since the year end are as follows:

Mr N J Maslen – resigned 11 December 2024

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Charity's objectives are to promote agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture and forestry in all their respective aspects for the benefit of the public in the South Hams and surrounding areas.

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise, the society may exercise the following powers:

1. To hold an annual show known as the "Totnes Show".
2. to raise funds. In doing so, the charity must not undertake any substantial permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations.
3. to buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
4. to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the charity.
5. to borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of the property belonging to the charity as security for repayment of the money borrowed or as security for a grant or the discharge of an obligation.
6. to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities and to exchange information and advice with them.
7. to establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for any of the charitable purposes included in the Objects.
8. to employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the charity.
9. To do all lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the above objects.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

The Totnes Show was held on Sunday 28 July 2024. The show was extremely well attended, and much positive feedback was received. As a result, the show was able to make a number of donations to local good causes as detailed below and has also been able to continue to rebuild financial reserves which will enable the show to continue in existence for the foreseeable future.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees examine the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that procedures are in place to mitigate these risks.

### **RESERVES**

The Charity has no specific policy as to the level of unrestricted reserves held and has no restricted or designated unrestricted funds.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The annual show is open to the general public and entrance fees are kept as low as economically possible.

### **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The committee is actively planning the 2025 show, which will be held on Sunday 27 July 2025 and the trustees are working hard to ensure that many special features will make it a memorable day.

## DONATIONS

The following donations were made during the period:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Devon Air Ambulance	-	460
Totnes Community Bus (Bob the Bus)	750	750
Totnes ATC	-	350
Newton Abbot Community Transport	100	100
Lifeworks	-	500
Landworks	1,300	-
Totnes Caring	500	500
Totnes Young Farmers Club	-	250
Rotary Club of Newton Abbot	-	100
KEVICC Peace Garden	-	100
Rowcroft Hospice (in memory of Michael Tewson)	250	-
Cystic Fibrosis (in memory of Michael Tewson)	250	-
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (in memory of Michael Tewson)	250	-

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mrs L E Harvey - Secretary

Date: 9 January 2025

Independent Examiners' Report to the Board of Trustees  
on the unaudited accounts of Totnes and District Show Society

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024 set out on pages 6 to 11.

**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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

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

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have 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.

Mark Ward FCCA  
Mark Ward Chartered Certified Accountants  
First Floor, CEF Building  
Broomhill Way  
Torquay  
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Dated: 9 January 2025

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024

		Unrestricted 31.10.24 £	Unrestricted 31.10.23 £
	Notes		
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Investment income	4	5,384	1,623
Incoming resources from charitable Activities	5	158,239	132,645
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>163,623</u>	<u>134,268</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	6	128,400	113,633
Governance costs	8	5,577	5,041
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>133,977</u>	<u>118,674</u>
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year before other recognised gains</b>		29,646	15,594
Other recognised gains		-	-
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		29,646	15,594
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>215,449</u>	<u>199,855</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>245,095</u>	<u>215,449</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities.

The annexed notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.



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Balance Sheet  
31 October 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	9	15,195	15,882
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock of polo shirts and ties		643	643
Debtors	10	-	235
Cash at bank		<u>240,898</u>	<u>203,658</u>
		241,541	204,536
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(11,641)</u>	<u>(4,969)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>229,900</u>	<u>199,567</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>245,095</u>	<u>215,449</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Unrestricted fund	12	<u>245,095</u>	<u>215,449</u>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<u>245,095</u>	<u>215,449</u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr M H Batting - Trustee

Company Registration Number: 04380814

## 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:

### **Basis of preparation**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities': Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011.

### **Fund accounting**

*Restricted Funds* – The Charity has no restricted funds.

*Unrestricted Funds* – These are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specific purpose and which the charity may use for its purpose at its discretion.

### **Incoming resources**

Income represents income received from charitable activities during the period. Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis. Unless stated, no incoming resources have been included in the SOFA net of expenditure.

### **Resourced expended**

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT where applicable as the charity is not VAT registered.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

All fixed assets are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Plant and machinery	- 10% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

### **Stock**

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

### **Debtors**

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

### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes short term liquid investments with a short maturity date of three months or less from the date of opening the account.

### **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.

**Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**Financial instruments**

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

**2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITY**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

All of the charity's investment income of £5,384 (2023: £1,623) arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

**5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Adverts in catalogues	4,503	4,215
Trade Stands - show field	16,299	13,422
Craft Marquee and Lifestyle Pavilion (including tabling and electricity)	4,872	5,082
Admission	85,056	63,524
Tenders	16,413	14,883
Sponsorship	22,035	22,937
Entry Fees - Cattle	222	156
Entry Fees - Sheep	1,038	1,389
Entry Fees - Horses	2,097	1,913
Entry Fees - Poultry	-	173
Entry Fees – Dog Show	227	235
Entry Fees - H&H	267	229
Vintage Car Exhibits	340	189
Food Hall Income	2,470	2,185
Chairman's Dinner Income	-	2,113
Sale of Landworks Benches	500	-
Sale of Show Jumping Equipment	1,900	-
	<u>158,239</u>	<u>141,589</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Direct show expenditure	75,378	66,105
Sundry expenses	43	235
Depreciation	1,907	1,920
	<u>77,328</u>	<u>68,260</u>
Support costs (note 7)	51,072	45,373
	<u>128,400</u>	<u>113,633</u>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Donations	3,400	2,710
Affiliation Fees	197	175
Chairman's Dinner Expenses	-	1,599
Motor expenses	517	-
Website and computer expenses	3,111	2,990
Telephone	185	60
Printing, postage & stationery	3,101	2,914
Secretary's salary and administrative assistance	32,754	27,165
Employer's Pension Costs	983	2,977
Cash handling and card Processing Fees	6,190	4,618
Costs of attending conferences and meetings	634	165
	<u>51,072</u>	<u>45,373</u>

**8. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Accountants' fees	2,016	1,920
Professional fees	3,561	3,121
	<u>5,577</u>	<u>5,041</u>

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Equipment
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 November 2023	41,768
Additions	<u>1,220</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>42,988</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 November 2023	25,886
Charge for year	<u>1,907</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>27,793</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 October 2024	<u>15,195</u>
At 31 October 2023	<u>15,882</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	235
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>235</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	391	385
Accrued expenses	11,250	4,584
	<u>11,641</u>	<u>4,969</u>

**12. RESERVES**

	Unrestricted Fund £
At 1 November 2023	215,449
Surplus for the year	<u>29,646</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u><u>245,095</u></u>

**13. TAXATION**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Adverts in catalogues	4,503	4,215
Trade Stands - show field	16,299	13,422
Craft Marquee and Lifestyle Pavilion	4,872	5,082
Admission - Main Gate	85,056	63,524
Tenders	16,413	14,883
Sponsorship	22,035	22,937
Entry Fees - Cattle	222	156
Entry Fees - Sheep	1,038	1,389
Entry Fees - Horses	2,097	1,913
Entry Fees - Poultry	-	173
Entry Fees – Dog Show	227	235
Entry Fees - H&H	267	229
Vintage Car Exhibits	340	189
Food Hall Income	2,470	2,185
Chairman's Dinner Income	-	2,113
Sale of Landworks Benches	500	-
Sale of Show Jumping Equipment	1,900	-
Gross Bank interest	5,384	1,623
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>163,623</b>	<b>134,268</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>		
Prize Money	6,530	6,607
Poultry Rosettes	-	61
Dog Show rosettes	44	121
Rosettes	1,215	774
Transport for lamb shearing	533	480
Water Rates	199	131
Insurance	870	768
Show office electricity	1,254	1,923
Equipment Hire	3,957	3,215
Hire of Show Fields, Car Parks and Shed	7,500	2,500
Skip Hire	792	792
Signs	169	193
Toilet and washbasin hire	3,816	3,816
Judges Travelling Expenses	-	300
Judges/Officials Refreshments	1,635	1,868
Advertising	2,404	2,073
Equipment repairs and renewals	162	625
Main Ring and Special Features	6,550	5,735
Security and Policing	-	836
Engraving	-	-
Medical Expenses	2,900	2,850
Sundry expenses	43	235
Marquee Hire	21,432	21,005
Hire of PA System	7,650	5,160
Carried forward	69,655	62,068

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Statement of Financial Activities (cont/d...)  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2024

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £
Brought forward	69,655	62,068
Music Stage expenses	1,810	1,485
Barrier Hire	2,616	2,571
Traffic order expenses	240	216
Bad debts	1,100	-
Depreciation of plant and machinery	1,907	1,920
	<u>77,328</u>	<u>68,260</u>
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
Donations	3,400	2,710
Affiliation Fees	197	175
Chairman's Dinner Expenses	-	1,599
Website and computer expenses	3,111	2,990
Telephone	185	60
Printing, postage & stationery	3,101	2,914
Secretary's salary	32,754	27,165
Employer's Pensions	983	2,977
Motor expenses	517	-
Costs of attending conferences and meetings	634	165
Accountancy	2,016	1,920
External gate assistance, cash handling and card processing fees	6,190	4,618
Professional fees	3,561	3,121
	<u>56,649</u>	<u>50,414</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u><b>133,977</b></u>	<u><b>118,674</b></u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	29,646	15,594
Total unrestricted funds brought forward 1 November 2023	215,449	199,855
<b>Total unrestricted funds carried forward 31 October 2024</b>	<u><b>245,095</b></u>	<u><b>215,449</b></u>