

**CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

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Detailed Income and Expenditure Account

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# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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The Council of Members (who are the trustees of the Society for the purpose of Charity Law) has pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Society's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

#### Reference and administrative information

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##### Honorary Directors Committee

J Ball Esq (Joint Chairman)  
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# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

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<b>Associate Directors</b>	T Stockdale Esq M Walton Esq
<b>Interim Show Director</b>	R A Davenport Esq
<b>Charity number</b>	1151672
<b>Principal address</b>	Clay House Farm Flittogate Lane Tabley Knutsford Cheshire WA16 0HJ
<b>Auditors</b>	Lyon Griffiths (Audit and Accounting) Limited 17 Alvaston Business Park Middlewich Road Nantwich Cheshire CW5 6PF
<b>Bankers</b>	NatWest High Street Tarporley Cheshire CW6 0DZ

### **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the Society are:

- the encouragement (by the holding of Shows or otherwise) of agricultural enterprise and the agricultural and allied industries;
- the promotion and improvement of the breeding, rearing and health of livestock;
- the improvement of agricultural produce; the encouragement of the invention or improvement of agricultural implements; and the promotion of agricultural science and research;
- to advance the education of the public in relation to the importance of food production and its relationship to the local farming community and rural economy; and
- the advancement, encouragement and safeguarding of the natural environment.

In furtherance of the objects the Council shall have the power to support local, rural-related charities as appropriate.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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The objectives of those activities for the year, and the Society's achievements against them, are discussed under the heading Achievements and Performance, set out below.

The principal activity of the Society is to hold The Royal Cheshire County Show, which takes place annually in June. The charity meets its objectives (see above) principally through holding the Show, as follows:-

- a) General appreciation of agriculture: to put before the general public a view of agriculture and countryside activities in a way that knowledge and appreciation of countryside life can be gained by all who attend.
- b) Display of merchandise and machinery: on a commercial basis to attract direct sales, and indirect sales in terms of advertising to the audience present.
- c) Display of farm products and animals: on a competitive basis thereby enhancing the value of those entries which secure a Championship or high rating by the judge.

The Show is organised into sections Agri-Business Centre, Catering, Cattle, Cheese & Food, Countryside Experience Area, Dog Show, Education, Health & Safety, Light Horse, Main Ring, Publicity, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cavies, Rural Life, Sheep, Goat Rare Breed, Shire Horse, Sponsorship, Trade Stands Traffic & Trophies. Each section is run by an organising committee who each report to the Council of the Society.

Volunteers provide a very considerable contribution to the Society in that the showground labour force over 3 weeks in June each year is provided voluntarily. The extent of voluntary help does have a valuable effect on costs and without such we would not be able to operate as a show and to support charitable causes.

The Cheshire Agricultural Society organises annually The Royal Cheshire County Show as an inclusive event to all. The Show in general offers many informal educational opportunities to the visiting public, ranging from the exhibition of livestock, food production and cookery demonstrations through to conservation of the natural environment and demonstration of rural crafts.

The Agricultural Centre, launched in 2008, not only offers a formal educational experience for the visiting public but in particular, for the many organised school visits that attend the Show.

With regard to ensuring the Show remains inclusive, school groups enjoy a greatly reduced entrance ticket whilst a reduced entrance ticket is offered to senior citizens, students and disabled visitors. In addition, carers of disabled visitors are given free entry.

Furthermore, the Society organises a free return bus service from key locations in Knutsford and Northwich to the showground on both days of the Show.

The Members of Council have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Society should undertake.

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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#### **Achievements and performance**

We started The Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO's year with the AGM on the 26th of February held at Tatton Park, Knutsford in the Tenants Hall. We elected our new President and Patroness for 2020 as below.

The 2020 President was Geoff Morris Esq

The 2020 Patroness was Mrs Mary Leake

The Society's aims and objectives are linked to The Royal Cheshire County Show, which is usually held annually in June.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 pandemic we were forced to cancel the 2020 show. The Chairmen and the Directors for the first time in the history of the Royal Cheshire County Show decided to move the event on-line becoming the Virtual Cheshire Show, though this was run as a non-profit event, with the thought process to support our Agricultural and Rural enterprise's in what was a difficult year. We had a wide range of events and exhibitions online to keep people entertained, from a full range of livestock classes to agricultural and rural trade stands, the theatre of flowers, main ring events, Agri centre, NFU, WI and many more.

The enthusiasm we received from all our Principal Partners, Sponsors and especially the Members was remarkable and made it feel all worthwhile and help with the hope of inviting everyone back to Tabley, Knutsford to the Cheshire County Show Ground for future Royal Cheshire County Shows for many years to come. We are currently planning to stage the 2021 show in June but this is subject to evolving government guidelines.

All this still helped us to reach some of our aims and objectives, to educate all that is good about Cheshire and its Agricultural and Rural Communities.

#### **Financial review**

Details of the results for the year are set out in the annexed Statement of Financial Activities. The directors propose to make no transfer for the year to the Designated Fund, which is allocated for distribution to various rural bodies to be determined by the members.

The policy of the Society is to retain sufficient resources to cover the annual cost of running the Show and thereby meet any potential liabilities in the event of having to abort the event. Income from the Society's investments has also made good occasional deficits on the Show in the Balance Sheet.

#### **Investment Policy and Performance**

The Directors Committee takes a regular overview of the investments (with the Treasurer's report) at each meeting. The directors will also take appropriate professional advice on specific matters as and when required.

The established policy for Cheshire Agricultural Society investment assets has been to retain sufficient liquidity in the current and deposit bank accounts to meet the regular running costs. As a consequence of significant falls in interest rates a decision was made previously to take a more active stance on the investments and split the medium to longer term requirements into various managed tranches as follows:-

- Directly managed funds portfolio with Rathbones
- Open ended investment portfolio with Seven Investment Management
- Discretionary managed fund portfolio with NFU Mutual
- Reduced level of cash deposits, sufficient to cover requirements for the short term liquidity.

Each of these discretionary portfolios is managed to a Balanced risk profile (i.e. between Cautious and Growth), within the Managers definitions. These are monitored regularly by the Directors for performance and liquidity.

The capital values of the investments (excluding cash) compared to the previous year end decreased by approximately 2% which given the difficult financial market conditions was considered to be satisfactory in the circumstances. Rathbones remit dividends back to the Society which amounted to £19,277 in the year. Seven Investment Management retain income within the fund for investment and this is reflected in a higher capital value return at around 3% for the year.

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The Members of Council has assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Risk factors**

The Society is engaged in a continuous review process of all risks associated with the Society's activities. The primary risks are recognised as the health and safety of the public, exhibitors, and animals on and off the showground during the preparation, the event, and the taking down of the Show. The Members consider that the systems they have in place to manage such risks as have already been ascertained appear to be adequate in normal circumstances.

#### **Plans for future periods**

The Society has a sound financial base upon which to build for the future. It will endeavour to safeguard and grow the assets as indicated and facilitate the successful development of the County Show.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Society was founded in 1838 and was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 17 April 2013. The Society is governed by its Constitution.

The overall responsibility of the Society's affairs is vested in a Council of sixty elected members. All final decisions are made by the Members of Council. Members of Council are normally elected to serve for a three year term with one third retiring each year by rotation. Any paid-up member is entitled to be nominated for election to Council provided they have consented to nomination. Retiring Members of Council are eligible by written nomination for re-election. The Members of Council are the trustees of the Society for the purposes of charity law.

The Members of Council (trustees) are familiar with the work of the Society having participated in the Royal Cheshire County Show over a number of years. New Members of Council are familiarised with the work of the Society by the existing and continuing members.

The financial and general business affairs of the Society are vested in an Honorary Directors' Committee of 12 Council members. All decisions of this committee shall be subject to approval or ratification by the Council of Members.

With the wide ranging interests of the Members of Council, it would be reasonable to expect an interaction with the individuals and organisations they represent. Transactions are carried out at arm's length and note 19 discloses any such transactions.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Members Of Council.

#### **Mr A P Ford**

Joint Chairman

Dated: 17 February 2021

#### **Mr J Ball**

Joint Chairman

Dated: 17 February 2021

# **CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020***

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The Members of Council are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Members of Council to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Society for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Members of Council are required to:

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

The Members of Council are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO (the 'Society') for the year ended 31 October 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 October 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Members of Council have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Society's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The Members of Council are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of Members of Council**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees' are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Members of Council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Members of Council are responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Members of Council either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# **CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO**

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#### **Other matter**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Lyon Griffiths (Audit and Accounting) Limited**

17 February 2021

**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

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Lyon Griffiths (Audit and Accounting) Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Society by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	3	32,684	7,222
Charitable activities	4	24,675	837,311
Other trading activities	5	70,628	86,694
Investments	6	35,492	75,834
<b>Total income</b>		<b>163,479</b>	<b>1,007,061</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Raising funds	7	13,600	30,843
Charitable activities	8	385,965	1,096,457
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>399,565</b>	<b>1,127,300</b>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</b>		<b>(236,086)</b>	<b>(120,239)</b>
Net (losses)/gains on investments	13	(38,490)	85,130
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(274,576)</b>	<b>(35,109)</b>
Fund balances at 1 November 2019		2,305,841	2,340,950
<b>Fund balances at 31 October 2020</b>		<b>2,031,265</b>	<b>2,305,841</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14	286,115		287,238	
Investments	15	1,787,355		1,990,958	
		<u>2,073,470</u>		<u>2,278,196</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	16	34,401		12,912	
Cash at bank and in hand		22,607		52,300	
		<u>57,008</u>		<u>65,212</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(99,213)		(37,567)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(42,205)</u>		<u>27,645</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,031,265</u>		<u>2,305,841</u>	
<b>Income funds</b>					
Designated funds		-		-	
General unrestricted funds		2,031,265		2,305,841	
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,031,265</u>		<u>2,305,841</u>	
		<u>2,031,265</u>		<u>2,305,841</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Members Of Council on 17 February 2021

Mr A P Ford  
Trustee

Mr J Ball  
Trustee

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operations	20		(210,865)		(198,349)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(19,433)		(11,030)	
Purchase of investments		(68,303)		(68,118)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		233,416		223,419	
Investment income		35,492		75,834	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			181,172		220,105
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(29,693)		21,756
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			52,300		30,544
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			22,607		52,300

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Cheshire Agricultural Society CIO is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal place of business is Clay House Farm, Flittogate Lane, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0HJ.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Society's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 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 2019)". The Society is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Society. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain fixed assets at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Members of Council have a reasonable expectation that the Society has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Members of Council continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Members of Council in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Society is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

The costs of charitable activities include direct and support costs attributed to The Royal Cheshire County Show.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Society and include the audit fees and costs linked to the management of the Society.

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Showground Improvements	Over the period of the lease
Showground Equipment	10% reducing balance
Office Equipment	25% straight line
Office Improvements	Over the period of the lease
Trophies	Nil

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

##### 1.7 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

##### 1.8 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

##### 1.9 Investments

Investments are included at market value. The market value of listed investments is taken as the stock exchange value at the balance sheet date. Any unrealised gains or losses on investments are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### 1.10 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Society's accounting policies, the Members of Council 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 estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.



# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,528	7,222
Government grants	31,156	-
	<u>32,684</u>	<u>7,222</u>
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>		
Coronavirus Small Business Grant	10,000	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	21,156	-
	<u>31,156</u>	<u>-</u>

### 4 Charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	<u>24,675</u>	<u>837,311</u>

### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Farming and HS2 income	46,831	41,671
Letting and licensing arrangements	23,797	45,023
	<u>70,628</u>	<u>86,694</u>

# CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### 6 Investment income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income from listed investments - Rathbones	19,277	25,635
Income from listed investments - Other	7,868	9,027
Profit on sale of shares	5,851	37,123
Interest receivable	2,496	4,049
	<u>35,492</u>	<u>75,834</u>

### 7 Raising funds

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trading costs:		
Costs of hiring the showground and farming expenditure	(3,591)	12,990
Investment management fees	17,191	17,853
	<u>13,600</u>	<u>30,843</u>

Costs of hiring the showground and farming expenditure (above) includes a credit of £7,977 being an amount waived by the landlord relating to showground hire costs included in the previous year.

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### 8 Charitable activities

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Royal Cheshire County Show</b>		
Depreciation and impairment	20,555	17,121
Rent	42,019	42,001
Sundry expenses	2,781	1,490
Computer maintenance	13,242	12,196
Repairs and renewals	1,801	4,518
Prizes	(594)	69,936
Commission on sale of tickets	522	10,760
Promotional material	11,027	26,034
Advertising	26,795	53,625
Showground expenditure	47,058	479,091
Judges and stewards	(110)	12,433
Postage and telephone	7,322	12,501
Catering expenses	-	22,966
Travelling expenses	153	517
Marquee hire	58,559	145,999
Donations payable	1,139	11,271
Stewards supper expenditure	3,417	10,994
Subscriptions	1,205	1,179
Affiliation fees	1,290	2,242
Credit card charges	1,123	5,830
Bank charges	2,853	3,871
	<u>242,157</u>	<u>946,575</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	112,031	122,229
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	31,777	25,653
	<u>385,965</u>	<u>1,094,457</u>
<b>John Platt Scholarship</b>		
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	-	2,000
	<u>385,965</u>	<u>1,096,457</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>385,965</u>	<u>1,096,457</u>

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### 9 Grants payable

#### John Platt Scholarship

The Society is a member of the John Platt Scholarship along with Reaseheath College which awards two candidates each year a maximum of £2,000. The scholarship is to enable a young person to travel in order to further advance a career in agriculture. The Society contributes 50% of the scholarships awarded.

This year there were no scholarships awarded (2019 - two scholarships were awarded).

### 10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	Support costs	Governance costs	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	43,715	4,857	48,572	53,953	5,995	59,948
Office accommodation costs	21,336	-	21,336	21,296	-	21,296
Office secretarial and administration	46,980	5,220	52,200	46,980	5,220	52,200
Audit fees	-	3,100	3,100	-	3,100	3,100
Accountancy	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,965	3,965
Legal and professional	-	13,643	13,643	-	3,980	3,980
Office stationery	-	1,143	1,143	-	2,004	2,004
Postage and telephone	-	814	814	-	1,389	1,389
	<u>112,031</u>	<u>31,777</u>	<u>143,808</u>	<u>122,229</u>	<u>25,653</u>	<u>147,882</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>112,031</u>	<u>31,777</u>	<u>143,808</u>	<u>122,229</u>	<u>25,653</u>	<u>147,882</u>

### 11 Members Of Council

None of the Members of Council (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Society during the year for their role as a trustee.

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### 12 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Office and management	3	3

#### Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	45,433	55,851
Social security costs	887	1,268
Other pension costs	2,252	2,829
	<u>48,572</u>	<u>59,948</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

### 13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>(38,490)</u>	<u>85,130</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Showground Improvements £	Showground Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Office Improvements £	Trophies £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 November 2019	649,793	279,184	46,615	43,784	25,380	1,044,756
Additions	1,600	500	17,333	-	-	19,433
At 31 October 2020	651,393	279,684	63,948	43,784	25,380	1,064,189
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 November 2019	479,905	188,165	45,665	43,784	-	757,519
Depreciation charged in the year	6,859	9,171	4,525	-	-	20,555
At 31 October 2020	486,764	197,336	50,190	43,784	-	778,074
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
At 31 October 2020	164,629	82,348	13,758	-	25,380	286,115
At 31 October 2019	169,889	91,019	950	-	25,380	287,238

### 15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 November 2019	1,769,298	221,660	1,990,958
Additions	68,303	122,375	190,678
Valuation changes	(38,490)	-	(38,490)
Disposals	(72,783)	(283,008)	(355,791)
At 31 October 2020	1,726,328	61,027	1,787,355
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 October 2020	1,726,328	61,027	1,787,355
At 31 October 2019	1,769,298	221,660	1,990,958

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### 15 Fixed asset investments

(Continued)

	2020 £	2019 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Directly invested funds portfolio (1)	707,652	739,660
Open ended investment company (2)	716,359	703,852
Shares in NWF Group PLC	71,520	59,719
NFU Mutual UK Growth Investments	230,797	266,067
	<u>1,726,328</u>	<u>1,769,298</u>

(1) The portfolio of directly invested funds (Rathbones) is an income fund. The income from the portfolio for the year was £19,277 (2019 - £25,635). Management charges of £6,454 (2019 - £6,524) were deducted from the funds held. The portfolio also held an amount in cash of £56,025 (2019 - £57,377) at the year end.

(2) The investment with the open ended investment company (Seven Investment Management) is an accumulation fund for which any income received is automatically reinvested into the fund. The management fees and service charges are applied directly to the fund. The fees included in the accounts of £9,957 (2019 - £10,405) are based on an approximate calculation of the Society's proportion of the total charges applied to the fund. The portfolio also held an amount in cash of £2 (2019 - £2) at the year end.

### 16 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	4,515	58
Prepayments and accrued income	29,886	12,854
	<u>34,401</u>	<u>12,912</u>

### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Deferred income	76,744	1,787
Trade creditors	10,057	6,815
Other creditors	107	1,553
Accruals	12,305	27,412
	<u>99,213</u>	<u>37,567</u>

Deferred income at 31 October 2020 of £76,744 has arisen due to the cancellation of The Royal Cheshire Show in 2020 where customers were given the option to carry the amount forward to the 2021 show.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

### 18 Operating lease commitments

#### Lessee

Amounts recognised in profit or loss as an expense during the period in respect of operating lease arrangements are as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Minimum lease payments under operating leases	48,445	64,377
	<u>48,445</u>	<u>64,377</u>

At the reporting end date the Society had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Between two and five years	53,602	13,976
Leases expiring after more than five years	1,245,250	1,296,250
	<u>1,298,852</u>	<u>1,310,226</u>

#### Lessor

At the reporting end date the Society had contracted with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	3,750	3,750

The Society holds a lease for the premises and showground land. Under the agreement there is an annual fixed rent (subject to rent reviews), and a variable rental element calculated as 20% of the annual income received by the Society from hiring the showground when not in use by the Society.

This variable rent amounted to a credit of £7,977 (2019 - cost of £7,977) and is included in the minimum lease payments during the year. The cost in the previous year of £7,977 has been waived by the landlord in the current year and is included as a credit in 2020.

The variable rent is not included in the outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments.



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### 19 Related party transactions

#### Transactions with related parties

During the year the Society has not operated with an executive director. An amount of £52,200 (2019 - £52,200) was paid to Mr R A Davenport (Interim Show Director) for carrying out certain related duties.

During the year the following trustees carried out work leading up to the Royal Cheshire County Show with regard to the set up of the event:

RJ & J Moore (S Blakeman Esq) - £nil (2019 - £8,428)

J Gate Esq - £nil (2019 - £1,715)

A Kay Esq - £nil (2019 - £919)

R Ford Esq - £nil (2019 - £1,309)

R.T. Contracting Services (R Thomason Esq) - £210 (2019 - £550)

A P Ford & Partners (A P Ford Esq) - £210 (2019 - £17,050)

A Sproston Esq - £nil (2019 - £201)

Mrs C Newton - £nil (2019 - £1,543)

Mr S Wharfe £nil (2019 - £110)

Amounts were paid to trustees for showground maintenance relating to other events which were recharged to the event holders. The amount comprised:

A P Ford & Partners (A P Ford Esq) - £790 (2019 - £778)

Amounts were paid to trustees for providing legal and professional fees to the Society. The amount comprised:

KMT Farming & Consultancy (K Thomas) - £8,887 (2019 - £2,960)

There were no outstanding balances with related parties at 31 October 2020 (2019 - £nil).

20	Cash generated from operations	2020 £	2019 £
	Deficit for the year	(274,576)	(35,109)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in profit or loss	(35,492)	(75,834)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	38,490	(85,130)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	20,556	17,121
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(21,489)	9,796
	(Decrease) in creditors	(13,311)	(30,758)
	Increase in deferred income	74,957	1,565
	<b>Cash absorbed by operations</b>	<b>(210,865)</b>	<b>(198,349)</b>
21	<b>Analysis of changes in net funds</b>		
	The Society had no debt during the year.		