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Mount Pleasant School Farm

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Mrs C M Salmon
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	Mr C B Compton
	Mr B I Compton
	Mrs J E Cobain
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Mount Pleasant CIO was created to enable the school farm to run independently of the Worgan Trust. The Study Centre at Mount Pleasant Farm provides facilities for primary and infant school children from a wide area, but mostly from the Birmingham Education Authority, to visit a working farm with a range of livestock. Visits are arranged daily throughout the school year and are conducted by the Head of Centre.

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Significant activities

Since Mount Pleasant School Farm became independent from Birmingham City Council's Outdoor Learning Service in July 2014 and up to the end of December 2024, some 19,450 children and young people have visited the Farm. The centre has definitely proved itself to be adaptable for a class of any age or ability. All the school visitors gain the experience of time spent on a working dairy farm, with all the smells and noises which cannot be conveyed in a book or on a screen. Every visit is tailored to the specific curriculum requirements and age of pupils. From farm to fork is now a very popular theme. The School Farm is managed by Nina Hatch who has been Head of Centre here and previously at Chapman's Hill, for 36 years. She is supported in the teaching by Nicky Jennings. In November 2019 Nina received a Bayer/LEAF Education Lifetime Achievement award for her contribution to Farming and Countryside Education.

Child safeguarding has become a risk assessment concern in the last few years. We provide a detailed risk assessment for activities at the farm and reassurance to teachers about this important issue. Both Nicky and Nina have completed an online safeguarding course. Coach hire prices continue to rise significantly every year which is also a worry when schools know that both their own budget and parents' finances are limited. Schools with access to minibuses are at an advantage. We are encouraging some nearby schools, particularly those for younger age children, to consider doing two half day visits which reduces their coach hire cost. Consequently, visit numbers have not returned to pre-Covid levels. As we only ever have one school group on the farm at a time the School Farm remains attractive to teachers of younger Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils. 55% of visits during this year have again been for 3 - 7 year old children. The number of Special School and other non - mainstream school groups has also risen to 13%. Many visits are still from the Birmingham area, but increasingly our proximity to the motorway network around Birmingham has encouraged schools in Solihull, Dudley, Sandwell, Worcestershire, and Warwickshire. Our presence on social media we hope is attracting younger teachers to think about using our facility. It is noticeable that nearly all booking enquiries are now made by email. The classroom continues to be a regular meeting space for the local Wythall Young Farmers Club. To support them and other Worcestershire Young Farmers, we have again provided sponsorship and a large banner for their 2024 County Show as well as the autumn ploughing match.

The introduction of two robots (children love robots) to assist in running the cattle shed has meant that schools can now view 21st century farming techniques. However, they still also have traditional firsthand experience by feeding sheep and chickens and collecting eggs. During 2025 some robot milking machines are also going to be installed.

During the summer break the sheep were temporarily moved off the farm so that fencing could be replaced around the perimeter of their grazing area. Our original 2009 fencing had reached the end of its effective life. Although Avian Flu was not such a problem in 2024 as in the last few years our chicken pens with their new blockwork housing and small mesh wiring mean that we are compliant with any future Defra Avian Flu restrictions.

The website www.mountpleasantschoolfarm.com continues to be an essential marketing tool. A presence on Google searches plus membership of Farms for Schools, the School Farm Network, and close links with LEAF Education, also give additional exposure through other databases.

Public benefit

The activities of the CIO and its' benefit to the public are detailed above.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Financial review

The trustees are monitoring the cashflows of the Charity and at the end of the year has £7,234 in cash available, which they expect to be sufficient to see the charity through the year.

Policy on reserves

The CIO is gradually building up reserves and actively looking for further funding.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity has adopted the constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was registered as such with the Charity Commission on 4 December 2014.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The recruitment and appointment of new trustees is at the discretion of the existing trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the CIO is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Regular meetings are held with the Head of Centre and the farmer during which risks to the CIO and its work are assessed and action taken where necessary. A full range of School Policies are held and reviewed annually.

14 Apr 2025

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs C H Compton
Trustee

Mount Pleasant School Farm

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Mount Pleasant School Farm for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are 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.

14 Apr 2025

Approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs C H Compton

Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Mount Pleasant School Farm

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 15 .

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 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;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 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

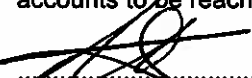
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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.



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Date: 28/9/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Total Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	17,771	42,180
Charitable activities	3	15,195	16,581
Investment income	4	120	149
Total Income		<u>33,086</u>	<u>58,910</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	<u>(43,056)</u>	<u>(65,025)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(43,056)</u>	<u>(65,025)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(9,970)</u>	<u>(6,115)</u>
Net movement in funds		(9,970)	(6,115)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>14,358</u>	<u>20,473</u>
Total funds carried forward	8	<u><u>4,388</u></u>	<u><u>14,358</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 8.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	6	404	15
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>7,234</u>	<u>18,782</u>
		7,638	18,797
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(3,250)</u>	<u>(4,439)</u>
Net assets		<u>4,388</u>	<u>14,358</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,388</u>	<u>14,358</u>
Total funds	8	<u>4,388</u>	<u>14,358</u>

14 Apr 2025
The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:



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Mrs C H Compton
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared 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) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Mount Pleasant School Farm meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	17,771	17,771	42,180
	<u>17,771</u>	<u>17,771</u>	<u>42,180</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
Education and training	15,195	15,195	16,581
	<u>15,195</u>	<u>15,195</u>	<u>16,581</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	120	120	149
	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>149</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds		
		General	Total	Total
		£	2024	2023
			£	£
Education and training	Note	38,183	38,183	58,676
Support costs		4,873	4,873	6,349
		<u>43,056</u>	<u>43,056</u>	<u>65,025</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

6 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	15
Prepayments	404	-
	<u>404</u>	<u>15</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,050	2,289
Accruals	2,200	2,150
	<u>3,250</u>	<u>4,439</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

8 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General	14,358	33,086	(43,056)	4,388
	<u>14,358</u>	<u>33,086</u>	<u>(43,056)</u>	<u>4,388</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General	20,473	58,910	(65,025)	14,358
	<u>20,473</u>	<u>58,910</u>	<u>(65,025)</u>	<u>14,358</u>

9 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Cash flow £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	18,782	(11,548)	7,234
Net debt	<u>18,782</u>	<u>(11,548)</u>	<u>7,234</u>

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	7,638	7,638
Current liabilities	<u>(3,250)</u>	<u>(3,250)</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,388</u>	<u>4,388</u>

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11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Grants	17,771	42,180
Teaching sessions	14,150	15,390
Services provision	1,045	1,191
Investment income	120	149
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Total Income	33,086	58,910
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Expenditure on:		
Staffing and teaching costs	(17,376)	(19,634)
Animal feed and husbandry	(2,607)	(2,960)
Light heat water and rates	(1,884)	(1,512)
Telephone and broadband	(588)	(553)
Office expenses	(703)	(1,624)
Website and advertising	(404)	(479)
Property maintenance	(16,316)	(34,570)
Professional fees	-	(660)
Insurance	(663)	(623)
Bank charges	(65)	(70)
Accountancy and legal fees	(2,450)	(2,340)
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Total Expenditure	(43,056)	(65,025)
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Net expenditure	(9,970)	(6,115)
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