



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	August	2022		31	July	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

FARMCORNWALL

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1162845

Charity's principal address

BARN B, HENDRA

TREMETHICK CROSS

PENZANCE, CORNWALL

Postcode

TR20 8UD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Stephen Colin Bone	Trustee		
2	Jennifer Anne Olds	Trustee		
3	Christopher Robert Knowles	Trustee		FarmCornwall CIC
4	Archelaus Jeffrey Thomas	Trustee		
5	Richard Thomas	Trustee		FarmCornwall CIC
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (Foundation Model) adopted 27/7/15
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- The charity works with other local & national farming help charities. Two of the charity trustees are also directors of FarmCornwall CIC
- A local forum has been established. Stakeholders in the local farming community are invited to attend forum meetings and discuss issues and provide guidance or raise concerns.
- All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits.
- The major risks identified are;
Financial – failure to secure sufficient funding to deliver the charitable objectives. A management accounting process is in place to monitor performance against budget and provide cashflow forecasts. It is the aim of the Trustees to build a financial reserve equivalent to 1 year's operating costs to ensure long term security.
Failure to meet charitable objectives – inadequate or negligent advice could severely affect those who seek the charity's help. A BIAC accredited Farm Advisor & Rural Outreach Worker has been employed on a permanent basis. Several staff members are trained in Suicide Intervention. The specialised services of other farming help and mental health charities are engaged as appropriate.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are, for the benefit of the public:-
 (1) to prevent and relieve poverty or financial hardship, and to relieve sickness and preserve health, amongst farmers, their families and workers primarily through the provision of advice and support; and
 (2) to relieve and prevent the suffering of animals, particularly, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, within Cornwall.

During the year the FarmCornwall Forum met regularly throughout the year and trustees, farmers, advisors and other stakeholders were invited to attend. Particular issues of concern were discussed and where applicable confidential discussions have taken place to offer expert advice to the Farm Advisor and Rural Outreach Worker to assist him in supporting farmers experiencing financial hardship and/or physical and mental health problems.

The charity offered support to farming families throughout Cornwall to find solutions to longstanding issues and move from a point of crisis to a clear way forward, whether that be a business restructure, family succession or a dignified exit from farming.

There has been a marked reduction in animal welfare cases however TB in cattle continues to be challenging with wider business implications for dairy and beef farmers.

The charity encourages farmer run initiatives and has successfully set up two groups; 'Cornish Ladies in Wellies' and 'Next Generation' which enable farmers and family members to meet like minded people in the community to support each other and share ideas.

The charity also worked alongside other organisations such as Farm Community Network FCN, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution RABI, Addington Fund and Farm Fit (a local charity offering mental health support) to offer wraparound support. The Farm Advisor also advocated on behalf of the local farming community in meetings and consultations with local and national organisations.

The Trustees had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit during meetings and in formulating the plans for future operations.

In conjunction with the Royal Countryside Fund, Farm Cornwall has provided training and 1:1 support to 200 farmers to enable them to navigate the shift from the EU based area payments to UK Government environmental payments. With the wide geographical area covered by the charity, this process has placed a great demand on its resources. However, it is obvious that from this process that there was a wide lack of understanding amongst the farming community which has caused immense stress. It is hoped with better understanding and support the changes can be the catalyst for farmers to review their businesses and implement environmental changes and as a consequence enable a better quality of family life. The positive effects of this has also spread the work of Farm Cornwall to a wider audience across the county, enabling us to help more farmers who otherwise would not have heard of us.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

FarmCornwall has provided training to 200 farmers as farmers shift from the EU based area payments to UK Government environmental payments.

The process has involved an initial loss of income as the shift took place and Basic Payments Scheme payments are withdrawn. This process has stretched Farm Cornwall to explain these changes to a wide geographical area of the county, than our base in West Cornwall.

However, it is obvious that from this process that the changes have caused immense stress and lack of understanding amongst the farming community.

The changes can be used to get the farmer to “slow down”, implement more environmental change and as a consequence have a better family life.

The positive effects have also been to spread the work of Farm Cornwall to the wider audience across the county, enabling us to help more farmers who otherwise would not have heard of us.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Two suicides prevented by our intervention with follow up support and joint working with other organisations.
2. Our understanding of government funding schemes and our relationship with the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) has enabled us to advocate on behalf of farmers to resolve longstanding queries and unlock much needed funds which reduces stress for the farmer and enables RPA to deal with issues more quickly.
3. Our involvement with Young Farmers clubs in Cornwall, alongside the police, Papyrus Trust, Farm Fit and Cornwall Trading Standards. To explain to all the 20 clubs across the county of the need to talk and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.
4. Training over 200 farmers and informing them of the changes to government funding schemes and the potential funding available offered by the new environmental schemes.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's policy is to raise sufficient funds that a reserve can be established to maintain a consistent level of activity during times of reduced grant funding. The charity is working towards building a reserve sufficient to cover one year's expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of funds has been from charitable trusts, donations from local estates and a grant from the Princes' Countryside Fund, (now known as Royal Countryside Fund).

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Thomas	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	

Date 28th May 2024



FarmCornwall		1162845		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/08/2022	To	31/07/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments


	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Grants	80,760	25,000		105,760	31,066
Consultancy	11,705			11,705	68,405
Travel Charges	537			537	2,318
Other Income				-	-
Interest Received	252			252	9
				-	-
				-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	93,254	25,000	-	118,254	101,798
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan Repayment		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	93,254	25,000	-	118,254	101,798
A3 Payments					
Computer & IT Costs	1,565			1,565	1,565
Events & Workshops	3,014			3,014	1,346
Insurance	12,265			12,265	11,244
Marketing	1,459			1,459	2,050
Meeting Costs	700			700	131
Office Expenses	1,295			1,295	1,192
Payroll & Pension Costs	49,825	16,785		66,610	55,210
Postage				-	44
Premises	3,016			3,016	4,739
Accounting & Administration Services	11,797			11,797	10,300
Staff Costs & Training	220			220	417
Subscriptions	646			646	376
Phone	1,589			1,589	1,710
Travel	7,140			7,140	5,794
Sub total	94,531	16,785	-	111,316	96,121
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
				-	
Fixed Assets				-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	94,531	16,785	-	111,316	96,121
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,276	8,215	-	6,938	5,677
A5 Transfers between funds				-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	47,566	34,317		81,883	76,206
Cash funds this year end	46,290	42,532	-	88,822	81,883

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	28,281		-
	Bank Savings Account	17,733	42,532	-
	Petty Cash	276	-	-
	Total cash funds	46,290	42,532	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	12,370	-	-
	PAYE	1,961	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Furniture	Unrestricted	236	-
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	1,376	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
	Creditors	Unrestricted	2,708	
	Pension Liabilities	Unrestricted	273	
	TUPE Provision	Restricted	4,401	
			-	
		-		

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Richard Thomas	29/05/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

FarmCornwall

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/23

Charity no
(if any)

1162845

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

19/05/2024

Name:

Deborah Julie Evans

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

MIAGSA

Address:

Barn House, Mill Road, Penponds, Camborne TR14 0QH

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Nothing to disclose