



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
	1	August	2023		31	July	2024
From				To			

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	1/8/23 – 5/12/23	
5	Richard Thomas	Trustee		FarmCornwall CIC
6	Wendy Joan Nicholas	Trustee	5/12/23 – 31/7/24	
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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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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.

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)

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.

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.

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

108 individual farming families were supported during the year - 283 visits carried out.

Reason for visit;

Farm Business advice	34%
Mental Health	17%
Debt	13%
Grant Advice	10%
Environmental	
Stewardship	8%
Family issues	6%
Crisis/Hardship	4%
Succession	4%
Housing	2%
Physical Health	2%

In addition;

260 farms participated in the Farm For the Future Programme delivered by FarmCornwall on behalf of Royal Countryside Fund. Of these, 148 requested 1:1 follow up visits.

4 editions of the FarmCornwall newsletter were produced and mailed to 390 individuals & farm businesses. 187 were downloaded from the website.

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 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

1st April 2025




FarmCornwall		1162845		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/08/23	To	31/07/24	

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	139,052	3,222		142,274	105,760
Consultancy	8,000			8,000	11,705
Travel Charges	-			-	537
Other Income				-	-
Interest Received	826			826	252
				-	-
				-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	147,878	3,222	-	151,100	118,254
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan Repayment		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	147,878	3,222	-	151,100	118,254
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	3			3	-
Computer & IT Costs	757			757	1,565
Events & Workshops	3,834	704		4,538	3,014
Insurance	3,410			3,410	12,265
Marketing	1,044			1,044	1,459
Meeting Costs	38			38	700
Office Expenses	473			473	1,295
Payroll & Pension Costs	50,679	22,695		73,374	66,610
Premises	3,262			3,262	3,016
Accounting & Administration Services	9,098			9,098	11,797
Staff Costs & Training	132			132	220
Subscriptions	846			846	646
Phone	1,833			1,833	1,589
Travel	6,814			6,814	7,140
Sub total	82,222	23,399	-	105,620	111,316
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
				-	-
Fixed Assets	1,760	3,000		4,760	-
Sub total	1,760	3,000	-	4,760	-
Total payments	83,982	26,399	-	110,381	111,316
Net of receipts/(payments)	63,896	- 23,177	-	40,719	6,938
A5 Transfers between funds				-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,290	42,532		88,822	81,883
Cash funds this year end	110,186	19,355	-	129,541	88,822

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	28,364		-
	Bank Savings Account	81,736	19,355	
	Petty Cash	86	-	-
	Total cash funds	110,186	19,355	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	60	-	-
	Prepayments	2,732	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Furniture	Unrestricted	236	-
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	6,137	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Creditors	Unrestricted	200	
	Pension Liabilities	Unrestricted	227	
	TUPE Provision	Restricted	4,401	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		RICHARD THOMAS	31/3/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
FarmCornwall

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/24

Charity no
(if any)

1162845

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2024.

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

D J Evans

Date:

24/03/2025

Name:

Deborah Julie Evans

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

MIAGSA

Address:

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

Section B

Disclosure

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