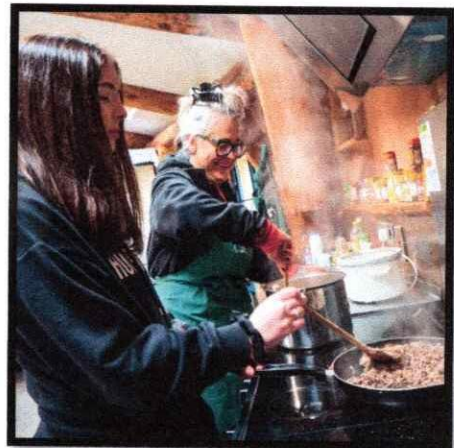
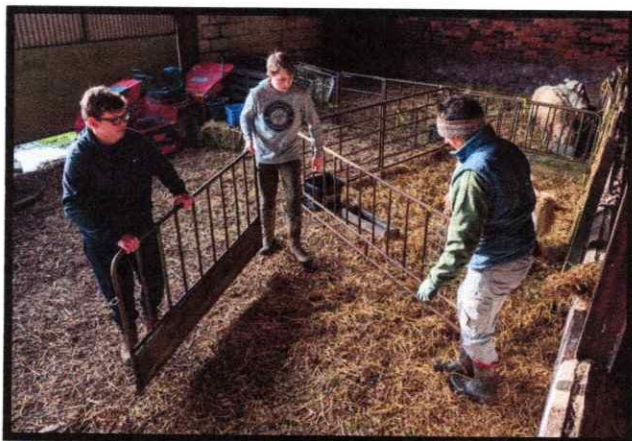


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Alternative Education and Mental Health Support for 12 – 18 year olds on a working farm Annual Report 2023



Longlands Care Farm CIO

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number	1163084
Trustees	Ben Allman (resigned 8 th December 2023) Julian Clapp Edward Joseph Evans Emma Gregory Douglas Hill (appointed 8 th December 2023) Mark Molloy (Chair) Iain Morrison Peter Thomas (appointed 15 th September 2022)
Principal Office	Longlands Farm, Whitbourne Hall Park, Whitbourne, Worcester, WR6 SSG
Independent Examiner	Cole Bishop & Co, Market Square Chambers, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4BP
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc

Welcome from the Chair

There remains growing confidence from both within the service, and all those commissioning it, of Longlands role in supporting and improving good outcomes for the ever-increasing numbers of vulnerable young people out of formal education and sometimes out of education altogether. This is only possible firstly by the leadership of our Chief Executive, supported by the total commitment of the frontline staff team and a small group of dedicated volunteers.

There is an ever-increasing focus on the emotional/mental health of the young people attending Longlands and we have sought to appoint more staff with the necessary training and experience to support us in delivering this aspect of the service.

The Trustee Board is as proactive as ever in overseeing the strategic direction of the service but also in keeping close to the day-to-day operations of the service. This all comes together at our annual business planning event when staff and trustees meet to both review and celebrate progress on last year's priorities and agree on the key actions to drive forward next year's programme of development. Everyone, staff, volunteers, and the trustees see themselves as having collective responsibility for making things happen in the action plan.

With ongoing support from a range of different financial sources, individuals, and organisations, we continue to be able to build in pay increases for all staff in recognising their high quality work and the extraordinary commitment shown to the young people. This helps to keep the team and service stable which is so critical in supporting us to make the progress we have.

Our goal for every child/young person who attends Longlands is to give them hope for their future and to improve their life chances in achieving their ambitions and dreams. We can only do this by being able to call upon a large number of supporters and volunteers whose hard work, enthusiasm and dedication makes that bigger difference. Thank you for your support.



Mark Molloy, Chair of Trustees

Welcome from the Chief Executive

Student numbers have continued to increase and remain at around 24 for this period with students attending one or two days a week. Students engage in a wide range of tasks, care of livestock and poultry, horticulture, mechanics, green woodwork, construction, cooking, and baking.

Commissioning bodies have increased to 23 including mainstream secondary schools, Pupil Referral Units, EBD and special schools, social services and private referrals within Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Staff numbers remain stable with 3 full-time and 3 part time members, supported by five volunteers each week. All staff and volunteers understand the complex needs of our students not only teaching them new skills but mentoring and supporting them in making the right choices in their lives.

Eight students are working towards the City and Guilds Level 1 Land- based and Animal care course and two students are doing the City & Guilds Level 1 Work- based Horse care qualification. Fifteen students are registered for AQA Unit Awards and work towards a wide range of practical subjects in the tasks they do.

Given that all our students struggle with conventional learning in classrooms here at Longlands they are confident, cheerful, engaged and achieving. Thanks to our continuing ethos of supporting them to succeed and develop practical life skills.



Julia Evans, Chief Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia G. Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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 August 2023.

Our aims and objectives

Objectives

The objective of the charity is to provide an alternative environment where young people are inspired to engage in learning and social development, through land-based and animal care activities. These students may be disaffected or excluded from mainstream education; are experiencing difficult and challenging times in their lives; have barriers to learning or authority; or are struggling with mental and emotional well-being, anxiety, stress, or anger.

Charitable aims

Our ultimate charitable purpose is to remove barriers to the achievement of students. We aim to fulfil this by:

- Empowering students to determine what happens in their lives.
- Re-engaging young people in learning through vocational training and meaningful work

Public benefit

The achievement of these long term aims drives our objectives and activity programme. We review our aims, objectives, and activities every year. To ensure that our work continues to deliver the most benefit towards our charitable aims, we:

- Consider the outputs of our activities.
- Assess the benefit of those activities on students.
- Develop future objectives.

Achievements and performance

Now that the Roundhouse is fully operational, we have greatly enhanced and expanded, both in the number of students attending daily and the range of activities that they undertake. During the year, we also built a yurt which will enable us to have confidential discussions with our students in a more private and appropriate setting.

Our staff are a committed, skilful, and experienced team and achieve very good results with teenagers who are in need of support, encouragement, and mentoring. We work on a ratio of 2:1, with capacity for 1:1 support when needed.

Attendance and retention of our student's is excellent and most students who attend for more than a term attain a City & Guilds Level 1 Land-based or AQA Unit Award qualification. All gain confidence, self esteem, and skills.

We receive referrals on a weekly basis and are operating at capacity with 35-40 day sessions per week.

Through National Lottery funding we have been able to continue to employ a Therapeutic Practitioner to specifically support the mental health of our students and work with their families.

Future plans

Offer more student placements and develop new services through:

Capital funding

- Extend the range of provision offered through investment in:
 - Horticultural facilities
 - Construction workshop facilities
 - Mechanic workshop facilities

Core funding

- Employ part-time sessional worker for mental health support work through Art, Cooking.
- Support more students who have no, or limited, access to public funding, particularly post 16.

Supporters

We thank all our supporters and sponsors - large and small - who helped Longlands achieve a successful year. Supporters during the financial year included:

- West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The Herefordshire Community Foundation
- Eveson Trust
- Peter Stormonth Charitable Trust
- Goldman Sachs
- Individuals via JustGiving and crowdfunding
- The dozen volunteers who give their time with day-to-day duties, publicity, and events.
- And others who helped by donating money, services, or their time

Financial Review

The balance sheet has strengthened in the year to 31 August 2023 in no small part due to the continued support from significant donations and grants. As at the end of the previous year, debtors were high due to early invoicing of the first autumn term and this is offset with a deferred income adjustment within creditors. Cash was high at the year end because of timing of several grants and reflects the increase in funds. We are also carrying a restricted fund for the mental health support worker spend which has been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

In the year to 31 August 2023, the charity generated a net income of £43,092 (2022: £33,734). This can be explained by a further increase in student numbers, giving an income figure of £142,263 in 2023 compared to £104,656 in 2022. In terms of funding operations, the charity continues to be greatly dependent on grants from sources such as the PCC which alone contributed £30,000 in the year to 31 August 2023. Without this funding, the charity's core operations would be near to breakeven.

Annual running costs before depreciation have increased with 2023 seeing total expenditure pre-depreciation of £168,725 (2022: £134,706). This is largely the result of an increased wage bill reflecting the high levels of inflation in the wider economy, and heavier usage of additional tutors for the provision of motor vehicle lessons, Maths and English tutoring and other tutoring services.

The Trustees continue to operate a reserves policy which seeks to retain six months' of running costs in cash and liquid resources. Significant deviations above or below this target need to be addressed promptly. At the reporting date, the reserves ratio was within the acceptable range.

There are no current concerns about the charities ability to continue as a going concern, but the charity needs to continue to secure external funding to maintain and develop its services.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its founding constitution dated 20 March 2015, as amended most recently on 1 August 2016. The constitution provides that the Trustees manage the affairs of the charity.

The charity must always have a minimum of three Trustees, and a maximum of 12. Other than the original Trustees, Trustees are appointed for a three-year term and are eligible for re-appointment.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees 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.

The law applicable to charities 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 incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees 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 financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.



Mr M Molloy
Chair and Trustee



Mr D W Hill
Treasurer and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Longlands Care Farm CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Longlands Care Farm CIO, 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 Longlands Care Farm CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Longlands Care Farm CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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 no concerns and 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.


.....
Cole Bishop & Co

Date: 10 June 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	73,272	24,709	97,981
Charitable activities	4	142,263	-	142,263
Total Income		215,535	24,709	240,244
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	(216)	-	(216)
Charitable activities	6	(174,354)	(22,582)	(196,936)
Total Expenditure		(174,570)	(22,582)	(197,152)
Net income		40,965	2,127	43,092
Net movement in funds		40,965	2,127	43,092
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		237,589	16,394	253,983
Total funds carried forward	15	278,554	18,521	297,075

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	66,238	21,667	87,905
Charitable activities	4	104,656	-	104,656
Total Income		170,894	21,667	192,561
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	(216)	-	(216)
Charitable activities	6	(139,314)	(19,297)	(158,611)
Total Expenditure		(139,530)	(19,297)	(158,827)
Net income		31,364	2,370	33,734
Net movement in funds		31,364	2,370	33,734
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		206,225	14,024	220,249
Total funds carried forward	15	237,589	16,394	253,983

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 and 2022 is shown in note 15.

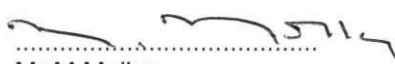
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	166,832	160,204
Current assets			
Debtors	12	29,348	25,178
Cash at bank and in hand		139,567	94,294
		168,915	119,472
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(38,672)	(25,693)
Net current assets		130,243	93,779
Net assets		297,075	253,983
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		18,521	16,394
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		278,554	237,589
Total funds	15	297,075	253,983

The financial statements on pages 9 to 17 were approved by the trustees, authorised for issue on

10 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


 Mr M Molloy
 Chair and Trustee


 Mr D W Hill
 Treasurer and Trustee

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

1 Charity status

The charity operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

2 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Longlands Care Farm CIO 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.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued...)

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Buildings	10yr straight line
Plant and machinery	4yr straight line
Motor vehicles	4yr straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued...)

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' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds			
	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Regular giving and capital donations	73,272	24,709	97,981	87,905
	73,272	24,709	97,981	87,905

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from student sessions	132,624	132,624	101,556
Student transportation	3,850	3,850	2,950
Other income	5,789	5,789	150
	142,263	142,263	104,656

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued...)

5 Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total	Total
Note	£	2023 £	2022 £
Other direct costs of generating voluntary income	216	216	216

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Restricted funds	Total
Note	£	£	2023 £
Student session costs	145,927	22,582	168,509
Depreciation, amortisation, and other similar costs	28,427	-	28,427
	174,354	22,582	196,936

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	28,427	23,905

8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year, other than as disclosed in the related party note (note 17).

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

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

The fee paid to the independent examiner for 2023 was £nil (2022: £nil).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued...)

10 Taxation

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

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Machinery and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2022	179,851	30,677	210,528
Additions	6,900	28,155	35,055
At 31 August 2023	186,751	58,832	245,583
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2022	30,463	19,861	50,324
Charge for the year	16,616	11,811	28,427
At 31 August 2023	47,079	31,672	78,751
Net book value			
At 31 August 2023	139,672	27,160	166,832
At 31 August 2022	149,388	10,816	160,204

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	27,348	25,178
Prepayments	2,000	-
	29,348	25,178

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	21,751	4,659
Other taxation and social security	4,863	3,326
Other creditors	494	390
Accruals and deferred income	11,564	17,318
	38,672	25,693

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued...)

14 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £2,296 (2022: £1,785).

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	237,589	215,535	(174,570)	278,554
Restricted funds	16,394	24,709	(22,582)	18,521
Total funds	253,983	240,244	(197,152)	297,075

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	206,225	170,894	(139,530)	237,589
Restricted funds	14,024	21,667	(19,297)	16,394
Total funds	220,249	192,561	(158,827)	253,983

A restricted fund was created in 2020-21 to ring-fence grant money received from the lottery Community Fund, the use of which is restricted to that of providing a mental health trained support worker and the associated costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023 (continued...)

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds
	General £	Designated £	
Tangible fixed assets	166,832	-	-
Current assets	150,394	-	18,521
Current liabilities	(38,672)	-	-
Total net assets	278,554	-	18,521

17 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

E & P Evans

Longlands CIO is based at and operates from Longlands Farm which is owned by a partnership called E & P Evans, the partners being members of the Evans family. J G Evans is employed as the Chief Executive Officer (but is not a Trustee) and her son, E J Evans, is one of seven Trustees, which creates a number of related party transactions. A statement of potential conflict is made by E J Evans at each meeting of the Board of Trustees, and he cannot vote on conflicted matters. As J G Evans is not a trustee, her attendance at meetings does not carry any voting rights.

J G Evans is employed as Chief Executive Officer and received a salary of £20,000 (2022: £20,000) in the year. Her salary is agreed by the Board of Trustees, and she has voluntarily decided to accept a lower salary. All amounts due were paid in full within the financial year.

Longlands CIO pays rent for using certain buildings on the farm. The annual charge for 2023 was £5,500 (2021: £5,500) which was fully paid at the end of the financial year.

At the balance sheet date, the amount due to/from E & P Evans was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).