



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

**Annual Report 2024**

Charity Number: 1163084

# Longlands CIO

## Trustees' Report and Accounts

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### Legal and Administrative Information

**Charity Registration Number** 1163084

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### Welcome from the Chair

Longlands continues to play a vital role in supporting and improving outcomes for the growing number of vulnerable young people who are either out of formal education or entirely disengaged from it. This success is driven by the strong leadership of our Chief Executive, the unwavering dedication of our frontline staff, and the invaluable contributions of a small but committed group of volunteers.

Recognising the increasing need for emotional and mental health support, we have prioritised the recruitment of staff with the expertise and training necessary to meet these challenges. This allows us to offer more comprehensive care and better serve the young people who attend Longlands.

The Trustee Board remains highly engaged, not only in setting the strategic direction of the service but also in staying involved in its day-to-day operations. This close collaboration culminates in our annual business planning event, where staff and trustees come together to review progress, celebrate achievements, and agree on key actions for the year ahead. Everyone—staff, volunteers, and trustees—takes collective responsibility for ensuring the goals outlined in the action plan are met.

Thanks to the continued support from a diverse range of financial backers, including individuals and organisations, we have been able to offer pay increases to all staff in recognition of their outstanding work and dedication to the young people. This financial stability helps maintain a cohesive and motivated team, which is crucial to the ongoing success of our program.

At Longlands, our ultimate goal is to provide every young person who attends with hope for the future and improved life chances to help them achieve their ambitions. This is made possible through the tireless efforts of our supporters and volunteers, whose hard work and enthusiasm make a lasting impact. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support.



Mark Molloy, Chair of Trustees

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### Welcome from the Chief Executive

Student numbers at Longlands have remained steady, with around 28 students attending one or two days each week.

These students participate in a broad range of practical activities, including livestock and poultry husbandry, estate maintenance, horticulture, mechanics, green woodwork, construction, cooking, and baking.

We continue to expand our partnerships, with an increase of 2-3 commissioning bodies each year, now working with between 14 and 18 agencies in an academic year. These include mainstream secondary schools, Pupil Referral Units, schools for Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD), special schools/colleges, social services, and private referrals from both Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Our staffing has increased to meet the needs of our students, with 3 full-time and 7 part-time staff members, supported by 6 dedicated volunteers each week. All staff and volunteers are deeply attuned to the complex needs of our students, not only teaching them practical skills but also providing mentorship and guidance helping them to make positive life choices.

We currently have 9 students registered on the City and Guilds Level 1 qualification in Land-Based and Animal Care and 3 students on the City & Guilds Level 1 Work-Based Horse Care qualification. Additionally, other students are registered for AQA Unit Awards, working across a variety of practical subjects within the tasks they undertake.

Despite the challenges our students face with conventional classroom learning, they thrive at Longlands. Here, they are engaged and succeeding thanks to our ongoing commitment to fostering their confidence and self-esteem equipping them with life skills for the future.



Julia Evans, Chief Executive



## **At Longlands we can and do help young people to turn their lives around.**

### **We:**

- **Re-engage young people in learning**
- **Build confidence and self esteem**
- **Offer meaningful work and qualifications**
- **Provide specialist Mental Health Support**

### **A Unique Learning Environment**

Being on a real farm is very motivating for young people disengaged from mainstream education. The natural environment, working with animals and our experienced staff give our students new experiences and opportunities that restore mental health and re-engage them with their studies.

### **A Working Partnership**

We work closely with our commissioning bodies, schools and local authorities; we have independent, National Lottery funding for our mental health support; and our post 16 work is largely funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner. As a charity, all Longlands' capital costs – including our iconic eco-round-house headquarters – come from grants and fund-raising.

### **Exceptional Staff**

Julia Evans, Longlands's founder and CEO, is widely recognised as a leader in the field. The eight other staff bring qualifications and experience in animal care and countryside skills, mechanics, teaching and mental health. Our volunteers bring even wider experience, and all help build students' social skills and confidence.

### **Successful Outcomes**

Although many of our students have been excluded or school refusers, we see 88% attendance at Longlands. All students gain meaningful City & Guilds and AQA awards, and their mental health scores improve significantly. The great majority of our leavers go back into full time mainstream education or go straight on to college or apprenticeships.

### **What people say about us**

***"We can see the positive impact that Longlands has had."***

Assistant head  
of 6<sup>th</sup> form

***"My escape from drugs and violence."***

Former student

***"Longlands is absolutely life changing."***

Child and Adolescent  
Mental health expert

***"A totally different boy."***

Student's mother



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### Meet the team

**Our frontline team bring experiences from a wide range of education, work and personal backgrounds and all are dedicated to providing the best possible care for our students.**

#### **Julia Evans – Founder and CEO**

Julia had been farming Longlands for 10 years when she set up the care farm in 2010. She is now our full time CEO. She has a foundation degree in Child and Adolescent Mental Health, and qualifications in teaching, counselling, family therapy and equine facilitated learning and psychotherapy. She is now an acknowledged expert in her field.

*"We work with some very anxious, angry and depressed youngsters: neglect, loss, trauma, domestic violence, drug and alcohol addiction, autism, ADHD and dyslexia all impact behaviour and the ability to learn. We treat all the youngsters as individuals, demonstrating care and respect. We listen, encourage, support and mentor them. We have some difficult moments but mostly we have good times, and they work, learn, build self esteem and they achieve."*



**Andrew Duford**  
**Tutor**

Andrew spent over 20 years working in hospitality, but here he teaches health and safety, employability, tractor driving and animal care, and is our safeguarding lead. He also cooks us amazing lunches – the heart of the day for all of us.

*"I'm not afraid to say when I don't know the answer. We'll work it out, which is an invaluable skill. No matter how clever you are, there's always something that you don't know."*



**Aston Perkins**  
**Tutor**

Aston was one of our very first students and is now a full time tutor teaching Land Based and Equine studies, and is our City & Guilds Assessor.

*"I'm pretty open about my background: I've been in a similar situation to them. So that means if I say something they know I actually know what I'm talking about."*



**Sue Tasker**  
**Admin**

Sue runs the office and is a qualified teacher. She teaches Equine studies and helps wherever needed. She also helps transport students to and from the farm:

*"It's part of their day, the journey in. If they want to talk, you talk, and if they have any concerns you can pass that on. And you've found that out at the beginning of the day, as opposed to at the end."*



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**Beth Miller**  
**Mental Health**

Beth is our specialist Therapeutic Practitioner. She works with the most vulnerable children and their families and supports the other staff in developing their practice.

*"Every child is different and no box fits all. A lot of these children are in schools where they are a round peg trying to fit in a square hole. But here we tailor our support to meet the individual."*



**Charlotte Webb**  
**Mental Health**

Charlotte – always known to us as 'Webby' – has spent 20 years in teaching, 10 of them in a Pupil Referral Unit. She is very supportive of young people, and amazingly creative.

*"I use the 'Drawing and Talking' process. When they start often they're not engaging, but as time goes by, more gets drawn, more gets talked about, and it becomes more creative and softer. Which is amazing."*



**Matt Logan**  
**Tutor**

Matt is an Alfa Romeo trained motor mechanic and has a teaching qualification too. He teaches motor maintenance and fabrication.

*"I seem to get them really engaged. It's partly because of what I'm teaching – they want to learn this, so I've already won half the battle. But it's going really well."*



**Laura Barnett**  
**Tutor**

Laura has a background in farm animal breeding and keeps her own horses – but she has also worked in catering. She is working especially with the ponies.

*"Being a teenager is hard, you've got so many hoops to jump through and you don't know why. So you can come here and feel safe to ask a question or show your emotions."*



**James Cooper**  
**Tutor**

James has a background in Environmental Management and woodworking and is very experienced in teaching countryside skills and working with young people.

*"I do whatever needs doing, so I'll feed the animals, muck them out, fence repairs. But the plan is to develop one of the sheds into a bit of a workshop area so that we can do green woodworking and crafts."*



**Rosie Thomas**  
**Maths & English**

Rosie is a qualified primary school teacher. She has also worked with older children who were not accessing mainstream education, and as an outdoor instructor.

*"I have a lot of experience in working with children that have different barriers to learning. And when they feel ready, I have the resources and skills to help them bridge the gaps in their knowledge and understanding."*

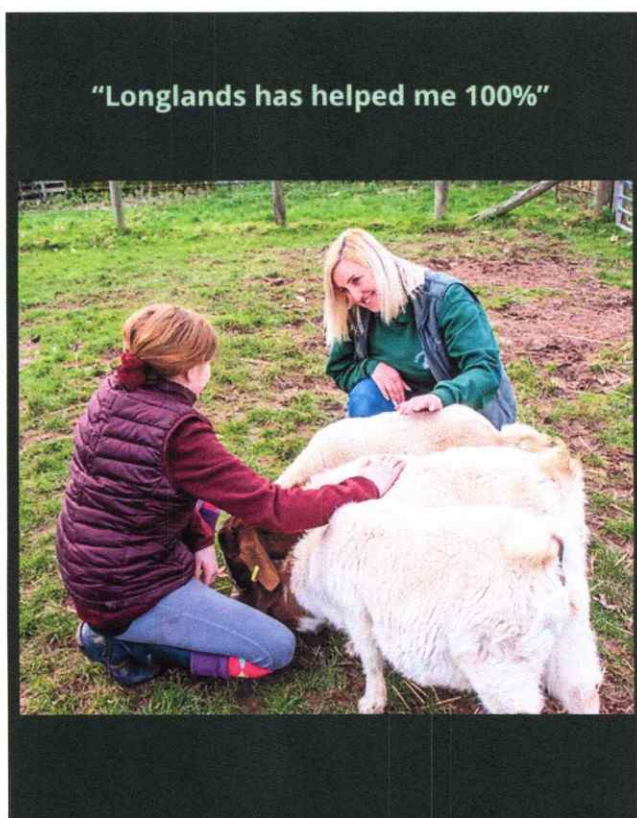


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### Mental Health & Wellbeing

Our Specialist Therapeutic Practitioners work one-to-one with students as needed, offering bespoke care to meet individual needs. They explore, for example, anxiety, personal development, relationships, internet safety and emotional wellbeing, and include Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Mindfulness activities and games, and Therapeutic Drawing and Talking. They liaise closely with schools and families, offering them practical and emotional help, and can act as advocates for students when needed.



### Our programme

We engage new students in activities, particularly with animals from the pet guinea pigs to the ponies, cattle and sheep on the farm. The calming rural environment and company of the animals are proven to have a therapeutic benefit.

Developing a rapport with new students and building trusting relationships, often one-to-one, is our priority. We believe in small, achievable steps and work towards building a student's confidence and self-belief and helping them to re-engage with life and education. We ensure that young people receive a holistic approach tailored to the individual's needs.

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### Education

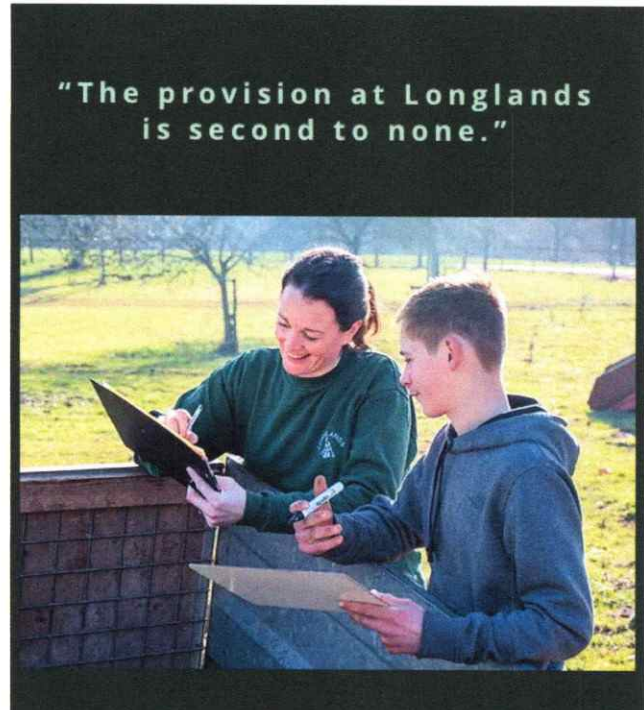
We work with a number of commissioning schools, including mainstream secondary schools, special schools and Pupil Referral Units; plus, social workers, home educators, foster carers, care homes, virtual schools and private individuals. More than half of our students have Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCP) in place.

We focus our services on students who:

- Struggle with mental and emotional well-being, anxiety, stress or anger
- Are experiencing difficult or challenging times in their lives
- Have barriers to learning
- Have issues with authority
- Are not coping in school for whatever reason, are excluded or at risk of exclusion

We offer Level 1 City & Guilds qualification in Land Based Studies and Work Based Horse Care. Students work towards a wide range of units including:

- Animal care: feeding, handling, movement, reproductive and health care
- Operating and maintaining the farm's ATV and tractor
- Mechanics
- Horse care and riding
- Horticulture
- Construction, building maintenance and fencing



Younger students and those not enrolled for C&G are entered for AQA awards in animal care, horticulture, cooking, construction or mechanics.

We also offer

- One-to-one tuition in English and Maths
- Art Sessions
- Cooking skills in our new well-equipped kitchen



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### A pupil's story – AJ

#### ***"Coming here I was able to get out of my shell."***

I've been coming to Longlands about a year through a referral from an education health team.

When I was young I was diagnosed with severe anxiety, and I've also got Asperger's. I try to deal with it, but a lot of the time I can't really control myself, and I end up hurting myself as a way to get rid of all that energy. It's sort of like a release. Usually when I have panic attacks I can get angry and a bit violent, but I wouldn't want to hurt anyone, so I always take it out on myself.

#### ***"I missed the whole of High School, really."***

I missed practically the whole of high school really. It wasn't like as if I didn't want to be there: I physically and mentally couldn't cope in the environment. Academically I'm fine, I'm good at maths.



Longlands has helped boost my confidence in myself. Before, I would be like a turtle. You know how a turtle hides behind its shell? I would always hide with my hood up and tied really tight and be really quiet. Coming here I was able to get out of my shell.



I started here the same week Matt did. And my maths is better than his is! You have to be accurate down to thousandths. It started off with doing gates for the cattle shed, and then we've started on cattle grids to go in the entrance. And in the roundhouse, build the stainless-steel counter tops, I've helped with them. They've turned out really good. And the sink unit. I've learnt a lot of new skills which I wouldn't have if I hadn't come here.

#### ***"I've learnt a lot of new skills which I wouldn't have if I hadn't come here."***

Longlands has helped me 100%. I say this all the time. If I hadn't have come here, it's very likely I wouldn't be able to have started at college. Come and try Longlands. I've never experienced anything else like it. You've just got to try it.

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### A pupil's story - Alice

***"Longlands has given me freedom just to be myself."***

I came because I have quite a few mental health problems. I took attempts on my life, and I was self-harming. I was sent to an inpatient unit for my mental health. I was there for about four months, because they were worried I was going to hurt myself or something. I got out, and went back to school, but then everything was worse again. So, I dropped out and now I'm here, and obviously doing OK for myself.

Longlands is a break away from school. There's lots of different things you can do. I like all the animals – I'm a very animal person. I like the guinea pigs – they're really cute. Can't wait for the babies to come – they're having babies, in May!

I would definitely recommend Longlands, for anyone who is struggling in the school system. Coming here one or two days a week would be a break from the normal routine of school. School is a pressurised environment. I could never be myself! I had to be this certain person. And it was just exhausting.

***"School is a pressurised environment. I had to be this certain person. It was just exhausting."***

Longlands has given me freedom just to be myself. They've helped me a lot with my mental health. Just being outdoors is amazing therapy. Just the environment, really. I love just sitting in the dog kennels, giving the dogs cuddles. Animals really do help.



I have a job now at a pub. I don't think I'd have been able to do that this time last year. I'd have been off every week. I've been there about a month now and worked every shift. And I'm going back to college in September and see how it goes from there.

This place has really helped me with my confidence: to be able to talk to people, and explain how I'm feeling, which will help me in the future, and help me get better. Longlands has really helped me with working out who I am.

#### ***Update 2024***

*Since leaving Longlands I've been at 6th form college. I'm doing Art, Health & Social Care, and Criminology. I've got a lot of friends and yeah, it's very good. It's alright. I've got my A levels coming up soon, so that's quite stressful. And I'm applying for university now. Edinburgh, hopefully. Or Brighton. Cardiff. Bath. To study fine art. I very much like doing all kind of medias, everything from painting to print making. And then hopefully after that degree, go on and do art therapy. I would be an art therapist.*

*Looking back, Longlands definitely gave me confidence. I didn't have any confidence like that, this time two years ago. I feel like being at Longlands just made me realise that I can be myself and I can do what I want to do.*

*I've got an interview at Cardiff next week. When I'm nervous, I talk a lot, so I feel like that should come off positively. Confident? Yeah, definitely.*



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### A teacher's story

***"Words cannot explain how much Julia and the team at Longlands Farm have impacted one young person's life."***



Richard Rainbird-Hitchens, head of year 11 at Aspire Academy (one of our commissioning schools), told us this story about one of his recent students:

"Back at the tail end of the Autumn this student was demonstrating outrageous behaviour and at risk of being permanently excluded from school. He is well known to the police and was being exploited by gangs for drugs usage. Everything we tried did not work and we found he was on a downward cycle of being excluded from school. We reached a critical point where we needed to act fast and try something different, or else we were at risk of watching a young man fail in so many areas.

***"I didn't think this placement would work."***

"I have to say I was apprehensive about him being around animals and didn't think this placement would work but was willing to try anything.

"To my surprise he returned from day one at Longlands saying he had experienced one of his best days ever! I was amazed at what he was saying. This led to me doing a site visit and seeing his willingness,

motivation and drive, first-hand. (I add, seeing a lad of 15 yrs of age using a Stanley Knife, unsupervised, in a controlled way with no threat, from an Alternative Provision Free School, is very rarely heard of.) I would never have imagined this happening.

***"A transformed young man"***

"We are now at nearly 12 weeks into this term, and he is a transformed young man. He attends the farm two days a week and because he is getting so much from it we are looking to increase this to a third day.

Words cannot explain how much Julia and the team at Longlands Farm have impacted one person's life, in such a short period of time. We now have five students accessing the farm on a weekly basis, and they all have a story to tell of the successes they are making."

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### A parent's story

#### **"A totally different boy"**

So, Harry was diagnosed with ADHD when he was about eight. We put him in the normal high school because he'd been doing so well. But then they changed all of his meds, and his behaviour changed. It turned out that it had masked the fact he's autistic as well as ADHD. Everything went completely chaotic.



He got an EHCP, but the school weren't understanding at all, and it just deteriorated, his whole demeanour, his attitude towards himself, school, everything. He was refusing to learn. He was constantly being taken out of classes. He was punching and kicking the walls, you know, just really distressed.

We came to visit Longlands and as soon as he walked in, he was just: 'You've got cows! And I love that tractor, look, the old tractor.' And he just suddenly kind of opened up and started talking and by the time we left, he was like, 'Oh yes, we love this place. It can be really good.'

Once he settled, doing one day a week, he just ran with it. The horses were great for him because animals don't have any preconceptions, do they? They just take you as you are. I think that kind of made him confident.

Then they take him indoors and try to do a bit of paperwork, and work on his well-being. That took a lot longer to come through, but they got there in the

end. Beth said it was quite challenging, that he could be quite shut down when it comes to talking about his feelings. But by the end, it was like: 'Oh, I've been talking to Beth about this today.'

#### ***He loved it. He was there every week without fail. Even if he was ill.***

He was there about 18 months, worked really hard, made lots of new friends and he started to respect elders again. And it was getting to the point where the school were saying he doesn't need it for therapy anymore because he's a totally different boy. We didn't want him to stop, but it's done what we wanted it to do. He was very sad to leave.

Now he's in his last year at school, but in a more suitable school, and going one day a week with his dad to work at another farm. Hopefully he's going to be doing an apprenticeship with them in September and go to college, Hartpury, alongside that.

#### ***Longlands just gave him the freedom to be him.***

Longlands just gave him the freedom to be him. I'm really, really grateful. Really, really grateful. It was amazing.



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## Trustees' Report and Accounts

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 2024.

## 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

The Roundhouse has had another success year of being fully operational, and we have further enhanced and expanded, both in the number of students attending daily and the range of activities that they undertake. The yurt, which was built last year, has enabled 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 students 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.

During the year, we have won a significant grant through National Lottery funding and as a result we will be able to employ two Therapeutic Practitioners for the next five years to specifically support the mental health of our students and work with their families.

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### 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
  - Replacement 'Mule' transport

#### 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.

#### Lottery funding

We are very pleased to announce that we have received confirmation of a grant from the National Lottery which will help to support our mental health and wellbeing service for the next five years and which will commence at the start of the 2024/2025 academic year.

### 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 Co-operative Society
- The Herefordshire Community Foundation
- Rathbone Investment Management
- Bromyard Lions
- 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





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### Financial Review

The balance sheet continues to be strong in no small part due to the continued support from significant donations and grants. Debtors have fallen back to a more normalised year end position with a successful increased focus on overdue debt collection. At the end of the previous year, debtors were high due to early invoicing of the first autumn term.

We have now fully utilised the restricted fund carried over from last year for the mental health support worker spend which had been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

In the year to 31 August 2024, the charity generated a net deficit of £54,695 (2022/23: surplus £43,092). In 2022/23 the charity saw an unusually high level of large donations which fell back to more usual levels in the current year under review. Additionally, in 2023/24 the charity invested in a number of new staff which will enable us to enter 2024/25 better able to focus on increasing our student numbers in the knowledge that we can continue to strive for the best outcomes for our young people.

During 2023/24, steady student numbers consolidated the income derived from running our sessions after the significant increase that we had experienced in the previous year and was £131,034 compared to £136,475 in 2022/23. In terms of funding operations, the charity continues to be greatly dependent on grants from sources such as the Police & Crime Commissioners Office which alone contributed £30,000 in each of the years to 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2024.

Annual running costs before depreciation have increased with 2023/24 seeing total expenditure pre-depreciation of £238,602 (2022/23: £168,506). Nearly all of this increase is the result of an increased wage bill reflecting the high levels of inflation in the wider economy, heavier usage of additional tutors for the provision of motor vehicle lessons, Maths and English tutoring and other tutoring services and further investment in new staff ahead of the new financial year

For 2024/25, the charity is budgeting for a breakeven position before depreciation with increased income from student sessions of just under £30,000. Early indications are that this is a realistic and achievable budget, and we are confident that we will meet our budgeted financial ambitions in the coming year.

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 charity's 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.

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## Trustees' Report and Accounts

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law 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 the group at the year end and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity and the group for the year.


In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

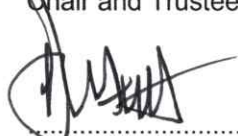
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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 Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr M Molloy  
Chair and Trustee

  
.....  
Mr D W Hill  
Treasurer and Trustee



# Longlands CIO

## Report of the Independent Examiner

### Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 19 to 26.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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 Dec 2024

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

Year ended 31 August 2024				
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	49,013	12,083	61,096
Charitable activities	4	148,242	-	148,242
Total Income		197,255	12,083	209,338
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	5	(216)	-	(216)
Charitable activities	6	(233,213)	(30,604)	(263,817)
Total Expenditure		(233,429)	(30,604)	(264,033)
<b>Net income</b>		(36,174)	(18,521)	(54,695)
Net movement in funds		(36,174)	(18,521)	(54,695)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		278,554	18,521	297,075
Total funds carried forward	15	242,380	-	242,380

Year ended 31 August 2023				
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
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
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	5	(216)	-	(216)
Charitable activities	6	(174,354)	(22,582)	(196,936)
Total Expenditure		(174,570)	(22,582)	(197,152)
<b>Net income</b>		40,965	2,127	43,092
Net movement in funds		40,965	2,127	43,092
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		237,589	16,394	253,983
Total funds carried forward	15	278,554	18,521	297,075

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

The funds breakdown for 2024 and 2023 is shown in note 15.




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### Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11	144,498	-	144,498	166,832
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	2,663	-	2,663	29,348
Cash at bank and in hand		112,046	-	112,046	139,567
		114,709	-	114,709	168,915
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(16,827)	-	(16,827)	(38,672)
<b>Net current assets</b>		97,882	-	97,882	130,243
<b>Net assets</b>		242,380	-	242,380	297,075
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>					
Restricted funds		-	-	-	18,521
Unrestricted funds		242,380	-	242,380	278,554
<b>Total funds</b>	15	242,380	-	242,380	297,075

The financial statements on pages 19 to 26 were approved by the trustees, authorised for issue on 10<sup>th</sup> December 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 2024

#### 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.

##### **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:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
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.

#### **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.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Regular giving and capital donations	49,013	12,083	61,096	97,981
	<u>49,013</u>	<u>12,083</u>	<u>61,096</u>	<u>97,981</u>

Income from donations and legacies for the year ended 31 August 2023 included restricted income of £24,709

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from student sessions	127,939	-	127,939	132,624
Student transportation	3,095	-	3,095	3,850
Other income	17,208	-	17,208	5,789
	<u>148,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,242</u>	<u>142,263</u>

Income from charitable activities for the year ended 31 August 2023 included restricted income of £Nil

#### 5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Costs of generating donations and legacies</b>				
Other direct costs of generating voluntary income	216	-	216	216
	<u>216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>

Expenditure on raising funds for the year ended 31 August 2023 included restricted funds of £Nil

#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Student session costs	207,998	30,604	238,602	168,509
Depreciation, amortisation, and other similar costs	25,215	-	25,215	28,427
	<u>233,213</u>	<u>30,604</u>	<u>263,817</u>	<u>196,936</u>

Expenditure on student session costs for the year ended 31 August 2023 included restricted funds of £22,582



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

#### 7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>Net incoming resources for the year include:</b>		
Depreciation of fixed assets	<b>25,215</b>	28,427
	<b>25,215</b>	<b>28,427</b>

#### 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 2024 was £nil (2023: £nil).

#### 10 Taxation

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

#### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Machinery and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 September 2023	186,751	58,832	245,583
Additions	(214)	3,095	2,880
At 31 August 2024	<b>186,537</b>	<b>61,927</b>	<b>248,464</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 September 2023	47,079	31,672	78,751
Charge for the year	<b>16,430</b>	<b>8,785</b>	<b>25,215</b>
At 31 August 2024	<b>63,509</b>	<b>40,457</b>	<b>103,966</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 August 2024	<b>123,028</b>	<b>21,470</b>	<b>144,498</b>
At 31 August 2023	139,672	27,160	166,832

#### 12 Debtors

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	2,663	27,348
Prepayments	-	2,000
	<u>2,663</u>	<u>29,348</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	2,137	21,751
Other taxation and social security	1,324	4,863
Other creditors	606	494
Accruals and deferred income	12,760	11,564
	<u>16,827</u>	<u>38,672</u>

#### 14 Pension and other schemes

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 £12,801 (2023: £2,296).

#### 15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	278,554	197,255	(233,429)	242,380
Restricted funds	18,521	12,083	(30,604)	-
Total funds	<u>297,075</u>	<u>209,338</u>	<u>(264,033)</u>	<u>242,380</u>

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

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 2024 (continued)

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets	11	166,832	-	166,832
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	12	29,348	-	29,348
Cash at bank and in hand		121,046	18,521	139,567
		150,394	18,521	168,915
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(38,672)		(38,672)
<b>Net current assets</b>		111,722	18,521	130,243
<b>Net assets</b>		278,554	18,521	297,075

#### 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 £23,875 plus a £10,000 pension contribution (2023: £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 2024 was £5,500 (2023: £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).