

## **MOUNT LODGE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

The trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published 16 July 2014, as amended by bulletin 1.

#### **Objectives**

The objects of the charity as stated in the founding document are:

A) To advance the education of young members of the public at large in agriculture, home crafts, country life and related subjects, and B) in the interests of the social welfare of such members to provide, and promote the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupations, being facilities which will improve their conditions of life and will assist in the development of their spiritual and mental capacities, self-reliance and individual responsibility so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the community.

#### **Public Benefit Guidance**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### **Club Members**

This year signed up members has increased compared to the previous year. The club has 23 members paid up Kent & National members (9 Juniors, 7 Intermediates, 7 Seniors) The County and National membership payments are based on the closing membership numbers from the previous year rather than the Charity's membership which in collected on a real time basis.

#### **Club Meets**

The club continues to be an active club with regular members meetings most Saturdays throughout the year with the decision to have the mornings at the farm, followed by an activity or trip in the afternoon, members continue to have their own committee group to discuss ideas. The only change being the decision to close during January this year, due to the bad weather and lack of interest.

#### **Open Days**

We hosted our annual Spring Open Day, which was quieter but successful. Summer Family Day, which unfortunately was extremely wet and windy, this was a shame as we had the new addition of some ring displays and demonstrations. Our Christmas Elf Craft workshop was a busy and successful day, enjoyed by lots of our members and their families, friends and carers. For the first time this year we hosted an 'Afternoon Tea' event at a local venue, which runs a charity scheme to donate all food money back to the charity running the event, this was a very popular event, with a lovely tea, music, tombola and raffle and a good fundraiser for the club. We also had a successful dinner dance at the same venue, under the same scheme.

#### **Events**

The club attended Kent County Show as a whole club, we took 15 sheep and 5 cows, alongside craft entries. Some members attended the Heathfield Show, South of England Show and Edenbridge & Oxted Show showing the pedigree sheep on behalf of the club. Craft entries were entered in large numbers to the South of England YFC Show too. Mount Lodge YFC helped run the animal section at Biddenden Tractorfest whilst also having a stand with fundraising stalls, animals and ring time – for a mock sheep show and the basics of sheep agility. We share our stand with Team Ben Hammond, Ashford YFC & Brogdale, we all teamed up to fundraise.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have reviewed the general reserves held by the charity and feel that they are not excessive. At present the Club Fund has reserves of £500.

#### **Key Management Personnel**

The Trustees consider the Trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Administration is undertaken by the Young Farmers' coordinator which is funded by the National Lottery Funded grant.

#### **Plans for the future**

The club is here to advance the education of young members of the public at large in agriculture, home crafts, country life and related subjects. This will continue with the arrangements of monthly club meets and annual events as before, further training programs and educational visits and talks are also programed for the coming year.

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#### **Risk Management**

While planning the program for the coming year, consultation with the membership is vital to ensure that we are engaging as possible to allow for increases in membership despite the challenging times we are facing with regards to the Coronavirus pandemic.

#### **Structure**

The charity, which is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1175758, is established under CIO – FOUNDATION registered 16 November 2017.

#### **Governance and Management**

The YFC Coordinator of Mount Lodge Young Farmers' Club is responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the charity. The management of the charity is undertaken by the Trustees and committee.

*During the year the following were Trustees of the charity:*

- Chris Puxted (Chair)
- Sarah Wimble
- Katy Keeler

**YFC Coordinator: Amy Edmonds**

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The charity in general meeting shall elect the Trustees and other officers. The Trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as Trustee. Each of the Trustees shall retire with effect from the conclusion of the general meeting next after his or her appointment but shall be eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting. The appointment of a Trustee, whether by the charity in general meeting or by the other Trustees, must not cause the number of Trustees to exceed any number fixed in accordance with the constitution as the maximum number of Trustees.

#### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 2015 (FRS 102).
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.



**By order of the Trustees: Chris Puxted**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MOUNT LODGE YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

1175758

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants received	23,750	-	-	23,750	8,750
Donations received	3,016	-	-	3,016	1,723
Membership subscriptions	830	-	-	830	620
Fees received for club activities	9,817	-	-	9,817	9,194
Fundraising income	4,388	-	-	4,388	6,300
Farm sales	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>41,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,801</b>	<b>26,587</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,801</b>	<b>26,587</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Members' activities	773	-	-	773	257
Fundraising expenses	97	-	-	97	31
Club event expenses	814	-	-	814	1,684
Show equipment, entries & expenses	739	-	-	739	961
Staff wages	24,068	-	-	24,068	17,811
Fencing and equipment repairs	1,739	-	-	1,739	-
Veterinary and livestock costs	174	-	-	174	306
Printing, postage and stationery	50	-	-	50	50
Subscriptions and fees	131	-	-	131	13
Kent Young Farmers levy & insurance	3,389	-	-	3,389	90
Training costs (funded)	2,333	-	-	2,333	-
Tree surgery	2,600	-	-	2,600	-
Raised bed works (funded)	6,882	-	-	6,882	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>43,789</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,789</b>	<b>21,203</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Agricultural equipment	-	-	-	-	-
New kitchen and toilet block	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>43,789</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,789</b>	<b>21,203</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(1,988)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,988)</b>	<b>5,384</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,554</b>	<b>3,170</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,566</b>	<b>8,554</b>

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	6,566	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,566	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Club activity fee debtors	1,148	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Sheep handling system	Unrestricted	1,014	-
	Buggy	Unrestricted	500	-
	Poly tunnels	Unrestricted	3,368	-
	Laptop computer	Unrestricted	844	-
	Poly tunnels	Unrestricted	3,360	-
	Farm equipment	Unrestricted	2,136	-
	Stock trailer	Unrestricted	1,868	-
	Cattle gates	Unrestricted	600	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accrued accountancy fees	Unrestricted	720	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		C. J. R. J. J.	30/1/25





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
MOUNT LODGE YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

On accounts for the  
period ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1175758

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

Signed:

Date:

31 January 2025

Name:

Robert Agates

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

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