

MOUNT LODGE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. 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 decreased compared to the previous year (3 less members). The club has 20 members paid up Kent & National members (11 Juniors, 4 Intermediates, 5 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 first Saturday of the month 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. During the summer months/show preparations we offered more sessions during half terms and weekends.

Open Days

We hosted our annual Summer Family Day with dog show, ring displays and demonstrations, fundraising and refreshment stands. In the early summer, we hosted a 'Charity Golf Day' and an 'Afternoon Tea' event at a local venue, which runs a charity scheme to donate all golf fees and food money back to the charity running the event. The golfer's tee-ed off in the morning, and the afternoon tea started at lunch time, with farm members, supporters and staff, the golfers joined us for lunch at the event, this was a very popular event, 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 sheep, goats, 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.

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. To continue the working and social relationship between both mainstream members and disabled members.

Risk Management

While planning the program for the coming year, continued consultation with the membership is vital to ensure that we are engaging as possible to allow for increases in membership and ongoing support from members and their parents/carers.

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:

- Harry Stow (Chair)
- Sarah Wimble
- Katy Keeler
- Briony Balcombe
- Sheralyn Hammond
- Conor Russell

YFC Coordinator/Charity Commission Admin: 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: Harry Stow





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MOUNT LODGE YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

1175758

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

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					
Grants received	1,000	-	-	1,000	23,750
Donations received	9,400	-	-	9,400	3,016
Membership subscriptions	230	-	-	230	830
Fees received for club activities	6,329	-	-	6,329	9,817
Fundraising income	14,343	-	-	14,343	4,388
Farm and clothing sales	1,554	-	-	1,554	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,856	-	-	32,856	41,801
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,856	-	-	32,856	41,801
A3 Payments					
Members' activities		-	-	-	773
Fundraising expenses	4,462	-	-	4,462	97
Club event expenses		-	-	-	814
Show equipment, entries & expenses	2,158	-	-	2,158	739
Staff wages	21,416	-	-	21,416	24,068
Fencing and equipment repairs	242	-	-	242	1,739
Veterinary and livestock costs	132	-	-	132	174
Stationery & computer supplies	626	-	-	626	50
Subscriptions and fees	55	-	-	55	131
Kent Young Farmers levy & insurance	1,768	-	-	1,768	3,389
Training costs (funded)		-	-	-	2,333
Tree surgery		-	-	-	2,600
Raised bed works (funded)		-	-	-	6,882
Sub total	30,859	-	-	30,859	43,789
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Agricultural equipment	-	-	-	-	-
New kitchen and toilet block	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,859	-	-	30,859	43,789
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,997	-	-	1,997	(1,988)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,566	-	-	6,566	8,554
Cash funds this year end	8,563	-	-	8,563	6,566

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

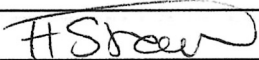
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	8,563	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,563	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Club activity fee debtors	528	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	3,366	-
	Laptop computer	Unrestricted	844	-
	Poly tunnels	Unrestricted	3,360	-
	Farm equipment	Unrestricted	2,136	-
	Stock trailer	Unrestricted	1,668	-
	Cattle gates	Unrestricted	600	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accrued accountancy fees	Unrestricted	840	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		HARRY STEVEN STOW	15/01/26



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 2025

**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 2025.

**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:

20 June 2025

Name:

Robert Agates

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

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