

# LOWBERDALE FARM

England & Wales · Charity number 1180913

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-11-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF LOWBERDALE FARM IS TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN DERBYSHIRE AND STAFFORDSHIRE BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;(C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;(D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY,POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.

**Activities:** Lowberdale Farm uses farming activities to advance the education of young people by providing support and opportunities to help them develop their skills, capacities and capabilities.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- Derby City
- Derbyshire
- Staffordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£18,610	£12,878	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,995	£2,908	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,750	£2,463	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,300	£1,250	-	-
2021-03-31	£450	£1,768	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Robert Sales</b>	Chair	2020-11-18
Andrew Warren		2024-03-11
Dorothy Hilda Hawton		2021-04-07
Elizabeth Hitch		2020-11-18
Fiona Goodyear		2022-01-31
Henry Rusch		2022-01-31
Tamara Jenny Manjula May Oates		2021-04-07

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# Accounts

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# **Lowberdale Farm**

**Annual Report for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

## **1. Charity Details**

Lowberdale Farm – a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Registration Number – 1180913

Address of Operation: Field House Farm, Hulme End, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0HQ

Trustees:

Chair – Robert Sales

Treasurer – Henry Rusch

Andrew Brown - Resigned

Liz Hitch

Dorothy Hawton

Tamara Oates

Fiona Goodyear

Andrew Warren

## **2. Governance and Management Structure**

The existing group of trustees has been in place now for a number of years during this period has met three times in the year to ensure the Charity meet regulatory requirements, is operating effectively and meeting its goals. The Board is supported by a secretary, Andrew Warren. The day to day management of the Care Farm continues to be carried out by Mark Lowe, an experienced teacher and farmer. Mark is assisted in his role by trained volunteers.

Work has also continued by the Board to ensure policies have been updated annually and procedures are in place for running programs on the farm.

## **3. Objectives, activities and achievements during the period**

Over the Summer Term of 2024, we supported two young people to come to the farm on supported individual placement days. One was a referral from a local college, another was home schooled. We continued to provide one morning session a week for the young person who started in January, but he also attended with a friend for an additional session every other week.

We continued to run the Easter lambing and Summer shepherding programs, 12 different young people attended half day group sessions, all of whom had attended in previous years.

From September 2024 to March 2025, Lowberdale supported a regular group day on a Wednesday, for four of the young people, who had attended the farm over the

Summer. Some young people now came as part of their work experience requirements for college, others as part of their home school programs, for some it was one of the few things they did all week. They were all aged between 15 and 19 and with neurodivergent conditions such as autism or ADHD.

Young people largely supported Mark with the seasonal farming activities, whilst developing their own farming skills and experience. The young people were also supported by a volunteer. Young people's attendance was between 92% and 98% of the 24 sessions available. At the end of the program young people provided the following feedback:

***Our favourite things about the farm:***

- *making & seeing friends*
- *moving cows & lambing sheep*
- *drinking tea*
- *learning about farming – sheep & cows*
- *working outdoors*
- *working in a team*
- *the cat*
- *being given responsibility*
- *Mark's Mum & Archie*
- *cute baby animals*

***How coming to the farm has helped us:***

- *having fun*
- *less depressed*
- *get me out of the house*
- *helped with confidence*
- *making friends and seeing them weekly*
- *being encouraged and learning new things*

From January 2025, we also ran a group on a Friday for three young people all of whom had attended the farm in previous Summer and Easter programs. One of the young people had been suspended from her school in the previous Autumn, and the Mum had suggested that the school approach Lowberdale when putting together a new program for her. The young person has PDA and ASD, and so can exhibit challenging behaviour. As such, we appointed a tutor with experience of young people with neurodivergent conditions, to support the young person on these days.

By March 2025, Lowberdale was therefore supporting up to 8 young people to attend the farm every week; two full group days on a Wednesday and a Friday, a half day individual session on a Tuesday and a paired half day session every other Thursday.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, Lowberdale therefore supported 43 group days, 10 group half days, 15 paired half days, 12 individual full days and 47 individual half days on the farm.

Below is a statement from the parent of the young person who attended a weekly half day session over the last year:

*'My son had been out of formal education for over three years when he first came to Lowberdale 18 months ago. His complex needs could not be met in his generic special school and all possible schools approached, stated they too could not meet his needs. He was traumatised by his experience at school. He was hugely anxious, extremely demand avoidant, had no independence and struggled to leave his home. He could not engage with anything that looked like learning and he had lost all trust in people outside his close family. My son already had a natural affinity with animals and recognising that he needed an interest led, hands on, practical approach to learning it was fantastic to see him learning how to care for the animals and actively completing the daily farm tasks. Working alongside Mark at Lowberdale finally gave him the opportunity to succeed at something. The supportive environment and achievable, engaging and interest led tasks has seen his confidence and self esteem grow and his anxiety much reduced. Alex's experience at the farm has been invaluable in equipping him with both practical and transferable skills, a sense of real purpose whilst benefiting his health, social skills and mental wellbeing. Alex says he would like to work on a farm when he grows up.'*

## **5. Financial Review**

The reporting period covers the year to 31st March 2025. The charity began with £6739 and ended the period with £12471. Significant income has included funding for the one to one sessions, £16500, which are expected to continue into the following year along with parental donations £1840, for the group sessions. Costs have risen sharply to cover the individual tutoring £8720, and during the period we have engaged a 'fund raising' professional to enable the Charity to take on a Farm Co-ordinator role along with further tutoring as the requirement grows £1800.



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Lowberdale Farm	1180913

**CC16a**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2023		31st March 2024

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Lambing Course		-	-	-	320
Group Donations	1,840	-	-	1,840	290
Donations	270	-	-	270	485
Tutoring AB, ET, & EE	16,500	-	-	16,500	900
Shepherding Course	- 0	-	-	-	
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>18,610</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,610</b>	<b>1,995</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>18,610</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>18,610</b>	<b>1,995</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Premises	1,263	-	-	1,263	1,200
Bank charges	62	-	-	62	61
Session Costs	8,720	-	-	8,720	1,440
IT	142	-	-	142	206
Insurance	398	-	-	398	-
Prior Year costs	398	-	-	398	-
Fund raising	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Course fees	95	-	-	95	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,878</b>	<b>2,908</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,878</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>12,878</b>	<b>2,908</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>- 913</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>7,652</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>12,471</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,471</b>	<b>6,739</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		12,471	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-



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Trustees:

Chair – Robert Sales

Treasurer – Henry Rusch

Rev Timothy Morris - Resigned

Andrew Brown

Liz Hitch

Dorothy Hawton

Tamara Oates

Fiona Goodyear

Andrew Warren - Appointed 11/03/2024

## **2. Governance and Management Structure**

The existing group of trustees has been in place now for a number of years during this period has met three times in the year to ensure the Charity meet regulatory requirements, is operating effectively and meeting its goals. The Board is supported by a secretary, Andrew Warren. The day to day management of the Care Farm continues to be carried out by Mark Lowe, an experienced teacher and farmer. Mark is assisted in his role by trained volunteers.

Work has also continued by the Board to ensure policies have been updated annually and procedures are in place for running programs on the farm.

## **3. Objectives, activities and achievements during the period**

We ran a 'Easter Lambing School' over the Easter holidays, in conjunction with 'Carers Connecting SEN High Peak'. Two groups of young people attended for two half day sessions. One group consisted of three 14-17 year old lads, and the other group of three 8-10 year boys. The majority of the young people had previously attended the Summer Shepherding Program.

The feedback from the parents was again positive, as shown in the example below:

*'The lambing course provides fabulous opportunities for children with SEN to interact in a social setting they would never normally access. This provides them with great opportunities to learn new social skills and grow in self confidence. These courses have been a wonderful way for our son to socialise outside of the home/school environment.'*

The 'Summer Shepherding School' ran again on four Fridays over the 2023 Summer holidays, this time Lowberdale took its own referrals. Two groups of young people attended, one group in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning group consisted of 3-4 young people aged from 8-10 and the afternoon group consisted of 4-5 young people aged 14-17.

Some parental feedback is detailed below:

*'My son really enjoyed the few weeks he spent at Lowberdale Farm in the summer. For a neurodivergent child, they can struggle to socialise in holiday activities, especially when they do not understand the rules and etiquettes of sports or the confidence of the arts. Mark provides something unique, it gives like minded children an opportunity to socialise in a very special environment. I believe animals are very calming (although maybe not when you're sorting 20 sheep into pens), our son gave us a full account after each session of the daily activities, he loved having a job and getting stuck in and being part of a team. I can't thank the team at Lowberdale Farm for their patience and time in running these courses, it definitely was a highlight of my son's summer holidays and he would definitely come and help again.'*

One young person from the older group, continued to attend the farm on Saturday mornings on a supported work experience placement. He is a young man with high levels of social anxiety and poor school attendance (40%), but a real enthusiasm for farming. He still continues to come to the farm with enthusiasm and has grown in confidence and farming understanding over this period.

In January 2024, a young man with ASD started attending the farm for a tutoring session with Mark, one morning a week, funded through his personal budget, allocated by the LEA. By March, this had increased to two sessions per week.

In March 2024, we agreed our first service level agreement with a school for the provision of a supported work experience placement with a young man who had attended the farm in the previous Summer. It would commence in April 2024.

In the future, we look to continue with the Summer and Easter programs, and offer group and individual programs to schools/colleges and home school families.

The charity has received parental donations as well as an income, (as some children have attached funding), from these tutoring sessions. This has demonstrated to the Trustees that there is an ongoing demand for the services that the Charity provides and that we should explore the benefits of one to one tutoring more fully.

During the year discussions have been held with a number of organisations such as High Peak SEN, the Countryside Trust and Fill funding, to explore ways in which the Charity can assist young people in the area and funding options to be able to add additional resources so that regular term time sessions can be provided.

## **5. Financial Review**

The reporting period covers the year to 31st March 2024. The charity began with £7652 and ended the period with £6739. Income included funding and donations of £1190 from home schooling sessions, while costs were contained at £2908. Focus is now very much on how best to generate income to support the Charity and the provision of our charitable objectives.



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Lowberdale Farm	1180913

**CC16a**

**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2023		31st March 2024

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Lambing Course	320	-	-	320	-
Home Schooling Donations	290	-	-	290	-
Ashbourne Methodist Donation	485	-	-	485	-
Tutoring AB	900	-	-	900	-
Shepherding Course	- 0	-	-	-	1,750
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>1,750</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>1,750</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Premises	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Bank charges	61	-	-	61	61
Session Costs	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
IT	206	-	-	206	51
Insurance	- 0	-	-	-	523
Prior Year costs	- 0	-	-	-	628
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>2,463</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>2,463</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 913</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 913</b>	<b>- 713</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>8,365</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,739</b>	<b>7,652</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		6,739	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-



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Treasurer – Henry Rusch

Rev Timothy Morris

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Tamara Oates

Fiona Goodyear

## **2. Governance and Management Structure**

The existing group of trustees has remained stable over this period and have continued to meet circa six times a year to ensure the Charity meet regulatory requirements, is operating effectively and meeting its goals. The Board is supported by a secretary, Andrew Warren. The day to day management of the Care Farm continues to be carried out by Mark Lowe, an experienced teacher and farmer. Mark is assisted in his role by trained volunteers.

Work has also continued by the Board to ensure policies have been updated annually and procedures are in place for running programs on the farm.

## **3. Objectives, activities and achievements during the period**

We ran a 'Summer Shepherding School' over with Summer holidays, in conjunction with 'Carers Connecting SEN High Peak'. Young people attended for a half a day a week, over the 6 week period. We ran one group in the morning (9.30am till 12.00pm) and another group in the afternoon (2pm till 4.30pm). Young people attended in groups of 4 and were ranging in age from 12 to 16 year olds. Due to demand we also ran 2 sessions for a younger group of young people (8-10 year olds).

The program was advertised by 'Carers Connecting SEN High Peak', who collated appropriate referrals. The young people typically had challenges relating to social anxiety and low confidence resulting from ASD/ADHD type conditions.

During these sessions young people covered the following objectives:

1. Basic sheep herding and handling
2. Sheep and lamb health checks
3. Health treatments – worming, foot trimming, foot bathing etc.
4. Monitoring of growth, condition and weight
5. Use of handling, shedding and weighing systems
6. Selection of sheep for breeding and slaughter

The feedback from the parents was very positive, an example as shown in the example below:

*'Hi, my daughter has totally loved this activity and by that I mean she's gutted to be coming home! The staff at the farm are lovely and great with the children. The 2 1/2 hours a week isn't long enough according to my daughter lol. We would definitely book this again even if there was a price increase to attendees.*

*My daughter was very socially awkward the first time but the staff really supported her and helped her make new friends xx'*

Due to the success of the Summer program it was decided to run a similar program in conjunction with 'Carers Connecting SEN High Peak' over the lambing period in April 2023 and again in the Summer of 2023.

## **5. Financial Review**

The reporting period covers the year to 31st March 2023. The charity began with £8365 and ended the period with £7652. Income included donations of £1750 from running shepherding courses for disadvantaged children, while costs were contained at £2463, including £628 relating to the prior year. Focus is now very much on how best to generate income to support the Charity and the provision of our charitable objectives.



Charity Name		No (if any)		<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2022	To	Period end date 31st March 2023	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Laptop 07-04-2021		-	-	-	300
HPP Donation 13-03-2022		-	-	-	5,000
Donations		-	-	-	
Shepherding Course	1,750	-	-	1,750	
Easter Lambing		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>5,300</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>5,300</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Premises	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Bank Chargers	61	-	-	61	15
Leaflets 15-06-2021		-	-	-	35
IT	51	-	-	51	
Insurance	523	-	-	523	
Prior Year Costs	628	-	-	628	
Easter Sessions		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>1,250</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>1,250</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 713</b>	<b>4,050</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>4,315</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>8,365</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance 31-03-2023	7,652	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

**LOWBERDALE FARM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180913

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# Lowberdale Farm

**Annual Report for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

## 1. Charity Details

Lowberdale Farm – a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Registration Number – 1180913

Address of Operation: Field House Farm, Hulme End, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 0HQ

Trustees:

Chair – Robert Sales

Treasurer – Paul Haslam retired, Henry Rusch appointed 31st January 2022

Rev Timothy Morris

Andrew Brown

Liz Hitch

Dorothy Hawton

Tamara Oates

Fiona Goodyear from 31st January 2022

## 2. Governance and Management Structure

We have however continued to strengthen our Board of Trustees by adding a new Trustee. Very sadly our Treasurer, Paul Haslam had to resign due to ill health and has been replaced by Henry Rusch. Henry has a background in accountancy, business management and farming, so has proved a valuable addition to the board.

Work has also continued by the Board to ensure policies have been updated annually and procedures are in place for running more programs on the farm, over the coming Summer period.

The Trustees, all volunteers, continue to meet circa six times a year to ensure the Charity meet regulatory requirements, is operating effectively and meeting its goals. The Board is supported by a secretary, Andrew Warren. The day to day management of the Care Farm continues to be carried out by Mark Lowe, an experienced teacher and farmer. Mark is assisted in his role by trained volunteers.

## 2. Activities and Objectives

With the ongoing presence of the Covid virus throughout the last 12 months, and fluctuating periods of lockdown to greater or lesser extents, the last 12 months has been challenging for Lowberdale, in terms of the work we've been able to do with young people on the farm. It has been difficult to establish new relationships with schools, due to them dealing with the pressures of Covid under limited resources. One of our existing partners has chosen to discontinue referring young people onto work experience type placements due to their own reduced resources, particularly with regard to their access to suitable volunteers.

The number of young people coming to the farm has therefore been low. When young people did attend the farm, government guidance was followed such as social distancing, hand washing and the wearing of face masks indoors.

Lowberdale farm has worked mainly with one young person during the past 12 months. He has attended up to 3 days per week almost throughout most of the year.

During this time, he assisted in caring for the cows and sheep, by carrying out feeding, watering, and bedding type activities as well simple health type treatments such as worming. He has also assisted with farm maintenance such as fencing, dry stone walling and plumbing. He has therefore developed a good range of agricultural skills. He has also grown in confidence when working alongside a small range of adults, and engages with them in conversation. This is good progress considering his previous levels of anxiety around adults and other young people, which would often result in him withdrawing and not attending school / his football team etc.

#### **4. Achievements during the period**

One young person who has attended the farm 2-3 days a week, through this period has developed sufficient farm experience and confidence to become a self employed farm worker across various farms. He continues to help on the farm on a self employed basis and continues to benefit from being part of the farm community.

We have established a relationship with a local organisation called 'Carers Connecting SEN High-Peak' and with them, plan to run a 'Summer Shepherding School' over with Summer holidays. We will offer 8 places across two afternoons per week, over a six week period, using their network to gain referrals. During these sessions young people we will cover the following objectives:

1. Basic sheep herding and handling
2. Sheep and lamb health checks
3. Health treatments – worming, foot trimming, foot bathing etc.
4. Monitoring of growth, condition and weight
5. Use of handling, shedding and weighing systems
6. Selection of sheep for breeding and slaughter

#### **5. Financial Review**

The reporting period covers the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The charity began with £4314 and ended the period with £8365. Income included donations of £5000 from the Methodist High Peak Partnership while costs were contained at £1250. With the Pandemic restrictions now lifted the focus is now very much on how best provide the charitable services we offer.



Charity Name		No (if any)		<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2021	To	Period end date 31st March 2022	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Laptop 07-04-2021	300	-	-	300	-
HPP Donation 13-03-2022	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Donations	- 0	-	-	-	400
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Premises	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,200
Bank Chargers	15	-	-	15	-
Leaflets 15-06-2021	35	-	-	35	-
IT	- 0	-	-	-	50
Insurance	- 0	-	-	-	518
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,768</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,768</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>- 1,368</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,315</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>- 1,368</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balance 31-03-2022	8,365	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>8,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
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farm, government guidance was followed such as social distancing, hand washing and the wearing of face masks indoors.

During the time each young person has come to the farm, they have participated in livestock handling, treatment and support for the welfare of animals including feeding and watering, maintaining accommodation, farm maintenance such as fencing and land based management. These activities have built skills, capacities and employability alongside a development in the young person's self-esteem and self-value. Each young person is recognised as part of the team for the day, they are expected to join in the work as well as to eat together and share in the conversation and the community.

#### 4. Achievements during the period

One young person who attended the farm during this period, was struggling to adjust to moving into the area and new school, as well as moving between parents, as such he was displaying unsettled behaviour at school. After attending the farm for two terms, his behaviour improved and it was determined that he no longer required the support of the farm.

One young person who has attended the farm 2-3 days a week, through this period he has developed sufficient farm experience and confidence to look towards becoming a self employed farm worker across various farms, from this July.

#### 5. Financial Review

The reporting period covers the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The charity began with £5,632 and ended the period with £4,314. Income included donations of £450 while costs were contained at £1,768. Focus is now very much on how best to generate income to support the Charity once the pandemic is over.

