

Lowberdale Farm

Annual Report for period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

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

Rev Timothy Morris

Andrew Brown

Liz Hitch

Dorothy Hawton

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)		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
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 £
A1 Receipts					
Laptop 07-04-2021		-	-	-	300
HPP Donation 13-03-2022		-	-	-	5,000
Donations		-	-	-	
Shepherding Course	1,750	-	-	1,750	
Easter Lambing		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,750	-	-	1,750	5,300
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	1,750	- 0	- 0	1,750	5,300
A3 Payments					
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		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,463	-	-	2,463	1,250
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	2,463	- 0	- 0	2,463	1,250
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 713	-	-	- 713	4,050
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,365	-	-	8,365	4,315
Cash funds this year end	7,652	-	-	7,652	8,365

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance 31-03-2023	7,652	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,652	-	-

	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval