

**Ryedale Agricultural Society**

**RYEDALE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Charity No. 1189568**

**Trustees Report and Accounts  
For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

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**Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements**  
**for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

**Period covered, from 01/11/2023 to 31/10/2024**

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| <b>Charity name</b>                | Ryedale Agricultural Society  |
| <b>Charity registration number</b> | 1189568   |
| <b>Trustees</b>                    | N J Hargrave<br>R Hicks<br>R Myers<br>C Leckenby<br>S Stonehouse  |
| <b>President</b>                   | D & C Thompson  |
| <b>Chairman</b>                    | R Wood  |
| <b>Show Directors</b>              | C Leckenby<br>T Scaling   |
| <b>General Secretary</b>           | K Sirr-Hovendon   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                   | K Sirr-Hovendon   |
| <b>Registered Office</b>           | The Show Office<br>2 Market Place<br>Kirkbymoorside<br>York<br>YO62 6BB                                       |
| <b>Telephone</b>                   | 07984 939701  |
| <b>Bankers</b>                     | Barclays Bank Plc<br>23 Yorkersgate<br>Malton<br>North Yorkshire<br>YO17 7AE                                  |
| <b>Independent Examiner</b>        | Hallgarth Accountants Ltd<br>Chartered Accountants<br>2 Hallgarth<br>Pickering<br>North Yorkshire<br>YO18 7AW |

## **Objectives and Activities**

To promote, advance and improve for the benefit of the public agriculture, horticulture and rural crafts and skills in all their branches by the improvement of livestock and the demonstration and showing of livestock, machinery, crafts, products, methods and processes connected with agriculture and agricultural education in particular, by the holding of an annual show.

## **Public Benefit**

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

## **Achievements and Performance – a message from the Trustees**

The year started with welcoming Rob Hicks at the 2024 AGM onto the board of trustees. This fulfilled a Charity Commission objective to include representatives who are not necessarily members of the organisation itself, and has had the benefit that Rob has brought views from his own perspective of a lifetime of experience within agriculture in the Ryedale area.

This being an annual report, it is necessary that we cover the events that occurred last spring and led to us leaving our home for several decades and returning to one of our previous sites. It is important that nobody is in any doubt about our decision to leave or the reasons it came about.

The trustees had a frank and candid meeting with Mr William Shaw on 29<sup>th</sup> April last year. Mr Shaw had been offered a considerable sum of money by Simon Boak for hire of the Ryedale showfield site in order to hold a Steam Fair, and solely because of this, Mr Shaw said that he saw no reason why Ryedale Agricultural Society could not afford a similar fee to hire the same site. The trustees attempted to explain to Mr Shaw that as a charitable organisation, our event was costed so that in an average year, we could cover our overheads, but that our objectives were not solely to make profit.

Unfortunately, we were supremely unable to get Mr Shaw to see our point of view – he was adamant that we were able to afford a similar amount of money as Mr Boak was paying. Crucially, he insisted that the payment be called a voluntary donation to The Friends of St Gregory's Minster, (of which he and his brother are trustees), despite being repeatedly told by us that our objectives as a society "to promote agriculture and rural crafts in the local area" would prevent us from donating such a large portion of our income to that cause. Significantly, he refused to agree to a written contract allowing us to hold the event on his land.

Regardless of the negotiations about the future home of the Show, the usual preparations continued for the 2024 Show at Welburn Park, and yet another very successful event was delivered, due to our experienced, professional and formidable team of staff and helpers. Indeed, it was almost completely overlooked that it was only our general secretary Keira's second ever show – so accomplished and in control was she. Likewise, having Rachel our Chairperson at the helm for a second consecutive Show proved to be of great benefit. We were fortunate to be blessed with great weather on the day, made a surplus on the year and received good feedback from those attending.

So, as you will know, at the inquest meeting following the Show, we received a mandate from the majority of those attending, to proceed with talks with the owner and agent at Duncombe Park in order that we return there after a gap of several decades. This is of course an exciting project and is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the show. We expect that the Duncombe Park site to be a much more suitable site for the future of the Show for several reasons, not least of which is that their team are experienced at hosting many events over the year, and they view hosting the Ryedale Show as being the jewel in their crown of events. The site itself has a great view of Ryedale stretching out into the distance and the great house in the near foreground, and of even more importance to ourselves, a field unlikely to cause us issues with vehicles getting stuck in the mud (it is easy to forget with time that we had a crisis meeting three days before the 2023 Show due to the wet ground conditions).

So, to finalise, a huge “thank you” from the Trustees to all secretaries, helpers and council members (and just to single-out one person, Mr John Kendall for his work in planning our new show site) who give hundreds of hours of their time for free to ensure that Ryedale show continues to remain one of the best one day shows in the country. Thank you everyone.

### **Financial Review**

The total show day income for the year was £169,973 (2023: £161,080) with other operating income being £14,863 (2023: £11,438). Direct show day expenditure totalled £122,968 (2023: £116,183) with overheads being £33,839 (2023: £35,462). Charitable donations were also paid to the total of £10,000 (2023: £4,700). This left the Charity with an overall surplus of £18,029 (2023: £16,173).

Fund balances at period end amounted to £169,940 (2023: £151,912).

### **Reserve Policy**

The reserves of the charity are those that are freely available to be spent in pursuing the charity's objectives. The trustees consider it necessary to hold reserves to protect against fluctuations in income and expenditure, unforeseen events such as pandemic, animal disease, or extreme weather events causing cancellation of the show.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Constitution**

The Ryedale Agricultural Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The governing documents of the charity are the CIO foundation model constitution, which is a constitution of a CIO whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

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### Organisational structure

The trustees have appointed a Show Council, made up of experienced volunteers with skills and knowledge necessary to the organisation of the Ryedale Show. New Council members are proposed by existing members and appointed by the trustees.

The Finance and General Purpose Committee (F&GP) has been created by the trustees and is structured as follows:

- Three council representatives from each of the designated areas of Pickering, Kirkbymoorside and Helmsley.
- The charity trustees.
- Section Secretaries by invitation.
- Show Directors.

The purpose of the F&GP is to act as a steering group in organising Ryedale Show on behalf of the society and the wider show council.

### Declarations

The Trustees Report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr Robert Hicks  
Trustee

Dated: 3 MARCH 2025

## **Independent Examiners' Report to The Members of the Board of Management**

We report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

### **Respective Responsibilities of the Members of the Board of Management and Examiner**

As the Charity's Members of the Board of Management, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the **Charities Act 2011** (the 2011 Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **Basis of independent examiners' report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Members of the Board of Management concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiners' statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs H Raine ACA  
Hallgarth Accountants Limited, Chartered Accountants  
2 Hallgarth,  
Pickering,  
North Yorkshire  
YO18 7AW

Dated: .....

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**Income and Expenditure Account**

**For the Year ended 31 October 2024**

|  | <b>2024</b> |                      | <b>2023</b> |                      |
|--|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
|  | £           | £                    | £           | £                    |
| <b>Unrestricted Funds</b>              |             |                      |             |                      |
| <b>Income</b>                          |             |                      |             |                      |
| <b>Show Day</b>                        |             |                      |             |                      |
| Income per Notes                       |             | 169,973              |             | 161,080              |
| Expenditure per Notes                  |             | (122,968)            |             | (116,183)            |
|  |             | <u>47,005</u>        |             | <u>44,897</u>        |
| Membership                             | 12,828      |                      | 9,405       |                      |
| Investment Income                      | 1,458       |                      | 1,373       |                      |
| Donations/ Misc. Income                | 335         |                      | 270         |                      |
| Bank Interest                          | 242         | 14,863               | 390         | 11,438               |
|  |             | <u>61,868</u>        |             | <u>56,335</u>        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                        |             |                      |             |                      |
| Secretarial Honorariums & Expenses     | 9,850       |                      | 10,674      |                      |
| Staffing Services                      | 16,250      |                      | 14,357      |                      |
| Insurance                              | 1,693       |                      | 2,964       |                      |
| Software Support                       | 2,330       |                      | 3,850       |                      |
| Accountancy Fees                       | 582         |                      | 552         |                      |
| Bank & Card Charges                    | 1,387       |                      | 969         |                      |
|  |             | <u>32,092</u>        |             | <u>33,366</u>        |
| <b>Equipment and Improvements</b>      |             |                      |             |                      |
| Depreciation                           | 1,747       | (33,839)             | 2,096       | (35,462)             |
| <b>Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year</b> |             | <u>28,029</u>        |             | <u>20,873</u>        |
| <b>Less: Donations</b>                 |             |                      |             |                      |
| Ryedale Lions                          | 1,500       |                      | 1,500       |                      |
| Pickering Rotary Club                  | 2,000       |                      | 1,700       |                      |
| Friends of St Gregory's Minster        | 6,500       | (10,000)             | 1,500       | (4,700)              |
| <b>Surplus for the Year</b>            |             | <u><u>18,029</u></u> |             | <u><u>16,173</u></u> |

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## Notes to the Accounts as at 31 October 2024

|                                  | 2024         |                | 2023         |                |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                  | £            | £              | £            | £              |
| <b>Income:</b>                   |              |                |              |                |
| Gate Receipts                    |              | 93,931         |              | 91,003         |
| Entry Fees                       |              | 17,402         |              | 13,087         |
| Sponsorship                      |              | 5,460          |              | 5,225          |
| Trade Stands                     |              | 38,740         |              | 39,218         |
| Catering                         |              | 14,440         |              | 12,547         |
|                                  |              | <u>169,973</u> |              | <u>161,080</u> |
| <b>Expenditure:</b>              |              |                |              |                |
| Prize Money, Rosettes & Trophies |              | 23,106         |              | 21,091         |
| Hire Charges:                    |              |                |              |                |
| Marquees and Equipment           | 45,440       |                | 39,417       |                |
| Public Address                   | 2,460        |                | 1,891        |                |
| Entertainment                    | 3,150        |                | -            |                |
| Course Building                  | 1,050        |                | 850          |                |
| Toilets                          | <u>7,921</u> | 60,021         | <u>7,921</u> | 50,079         |
| Medical/ Ambulance               |              | 2,225          |              | 2,175          |
| Catering                         |              | 6,696          |              | 6,952          |
| Judges Expenses                  |              | 2,484          |              | 1,267          |
| Site Maintenance & Security      |              | 7,899          |              | 19,523         |
| Room Hire                        |              | 6,400          |              | 2,942          |
| Water Rates                      |              | 191            |              | 148            |
| Advertising                      |              | 4,111          |              | 1,031          |
| Subscriptions                    |              | 3,507          |              | 1,403          |
| PPS & Telephone                  |              | 3,031          |              | 5,824          |
| Sundry Overheads                 |              | 80             |              | 640            |
| Traffic Management               |              | <u>3,216</u>   |              | <u>3,108</u>   |
|                                  |              | <u>122,968</u> |              | <u>116,183</u> |



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## Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2024

|  | 2024<br>£      | 2023<br>£      |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                        |                |                |
| <b>Equipment</b>                           |                |                |
| Balance brought forward                    | 9,877          | 10,479         |
| Additions                                  | 868            | 1,494          |
| Disposals                                  | -              | -              |
| Depreciation for the year                  | (1,747)        | (2,096)        |
| Balance carried forward                    | 8,998          | 9,877          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                      |                |                |
| Barclays Bank Plc                          |                |                |
| Business Premium Account                   | 96,590         | 16,348         |
| Current Account                            | 19,276         | 62,983         |
| Capital Fund - at Cost                     | 2,850          | 2,850          |
| (Value at 30.06.2024 - £78,203.18)         |                |                |
| J M Finn & Co - At Cost                    | 45,000         | 45,000         |
| (Value at 31.10.24 - £117,636)             |                |                |
| Ryedale Agricultural Society               |                |                |
| Cash in Hand                               | 500            | 338            |
| PayPal                                     | 56             | 56             |
| Debtors                                    | 0              | 17,877         |
|  | 173,270        | 155,329        |
| <b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>           |                |                |
| Sundry Creditors                           | (3,330)        | (3,417)        |
|  | <u>169,940</u> | <u>151,912</u> |
| <b>Represented by:</b>                     |                |                |
| <b>Society Fund Account - Unrestricted</b> |                |                |
| Balance brought forward                    | 151,912        | 135,739        |
| Surplus for the year                       | 18,029         | 16,173         |
| Balance carried forward                    | <u>169,940</u> | <u>151,912</u> |