

Charity no. 1191859

Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm

Financial Statements

31st March 2025

FARQUHAR PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

Chartered Certified Accountants, 151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2RA

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Year ended 31st March 2025

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Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Reference and Administrative details

Registered charity name	Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm
Charity registration no.	1191859
Registered office	Butcombe Farm, Butcombe, Bristol BS40 7UW

Trustees and Officers

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

M J Fey	Chair
M P Lewis	
L A Solomon	
J A Ford	
N Phillips	

Independent Examiner	R. Bourke ACCA of Farquhar Partnership Limited 151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2RA
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Structure, Governance and Management

Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm is a registered charity, number 1191859 and is governed by a trust deed. The charity is an unincorporated organisation, established in 2020.

Objectives and Activities

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 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.
2. to relieve the needs of people with special educational needs or other similar learning difficulties to enable them to live as independently as possible by providing resources, training, mentoring, working experience and employment support.
3. to advance the education and training of the public in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by facilitating access to educational and vocational training opportunities which will develop their individual capabilities and competencies.

How our activities deliver public benefit

Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm has provided a unique environment where over a 100 young people and adults with learning disabilities or additional needs have been able to learn and develop, new skills, knowledge and experience needed for successful employment or independent living.

Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm sits in forty acres of fields and woodland, commanding splendid views across the valley to the Mendip Hills and over Blagdon Reservoir. We have found that it doesn't take long for the beneficiaries of our charity to slowly feel the benefits and ease of the countryside. They feel the joy of the work and the pleasure of rest with the bonus of being part of something good and worthwhile and seeing their efforts bear fruit. Even if there is no intention of pursuing any kind of vocational path in the multitude of areas on offer at the farm, improved health and wellbeing is a natural by product that is available in abundance in the farm. It is an intensely positive environment, and this positivity is infectious and inspiring and takes people away from the trials and tribulations of the modern world. It also gives rise of opportunities for individuals to meet others and to feel part of a community.

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Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)
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Who used and benefited from our services?

Uncle Paul's Chilli farm is an inclusive charity that is committed to equality of opportunity and as such supports and encourages under-represented groups and values diversity.

Our beneficiaries have a wide range of barriers and complex needs. Such barriers and needs may include mental ill health conditions, low self-esteem, anxiety, trauma, underdeveloped social skills, social disadvantage, autism, special education needs and/or disability, or individuals who are recovering from illness or fatigue and a range of other complex health needs.

Some may have not been in education or employment for many years, whilst others may have been educated in small group provision or successfully gained employment, but have not been able to sustain employment. To ensure all individuals have the best opportunity to reach their aspirations we work in collaboration with education partners and community organisations to support individuals in developing self-belief and confidence in themselves by knowing and valuing their strengths. We are committed to personalising their time with us to ensure they have the best opportunity to achieve their aspirations and if appropriate progress into education, employment or independent living.

Charity Investments

The charity has made many investments to meet its aims. In 2021 the charity established a UPCF Community Interest Company (CIC) that operates the Red Chilli Kitchen and Copper Kettle Café.

UPCF has worked with the Food Works in North Somerset to develop a kitchen at Langford Nursery where we make a selection of unique sauces, jams and relishes, made with the chillies and other produce from the farm. All the products are made in small batches, made by hand from our dedicated team. The charity is passionate about reducing the food travel miles and carbon footprint for our produce and we work with nature on the seasonal calendar, making the very most of the harvests when we can. The Copper Kettle Café is in Weston-super-Mare, gives young people and adults the opportunity for work placements, traineeships, and apprenticeships. We aim to give our beneficiaries the opportunity to experience the 'seed to table' process and increase their awareness of sustainability.

All profits from UPCF CIC are reinvested into the charity.

The charity has also developed and invested heavily in:

- The equine area with the construction of a new stable block.
- Polytunnels to grow produce and to act as shelter for the farm's animals
- Eight new beehives with experts who can deliver a general introduction to beekeeping.

These investments have been particularly successful in re-engaging and boosting the confidence, emotional well-being, and life-chances of beneficiaries accessing the farm. The Charity's activities and input extends far beyond the boundaries of the farm, offering help and support to the local community.

Financial Review

The financial situation is monitored regularly and at the year end by the trustees. The charity's free reserves are represented by the unrestricted funds which totalled £310,249 at the year end.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Martin Fey

Signed digitally

M J Fey, on behalf of the charity's trustees

19th January, 2026

Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
Year ended 31st March 2025
Charity no. 1191859

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Richard Bourke

R. Bourke ACCA
of Farquhar Partnership Limited,
151 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2RA

19th January, 2026

Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31st March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
	Notes				
Incoming Resources					
Donations and legacies	3	28,988	-	28,988	27,157
Charitable activities	3	224,134	-	224,134	166,489
Other trading activities	3	971	-	971	1,390
		<u>254,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,093</u>	<u>195,036</u>
Resources expended					
Raising funds	4	1,086	-	1,086	553
Charitable activities	4	169,034	-	169,034	152,910
Other	4	12,951	-	12,951	14,279
		<u>183,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,071</u>	<u>167,742</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		71,022	-	71,022	27,294
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>71,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,022</u>	<u>27,294</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>239,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,227</u>	<u>211,933</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>310,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,249</u>	<u>239,227</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and as a result a statement of recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	64,304	66,294
Current assets			
Stock	6	-	-
Debtors	7	163,650	125,900
Cash at bank and in hand	8	83,046	47,694
		246,696	173,594
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(751)	(661)
Net current assets		245,945	172,933
Total assets less current liabilities		310,249	239,227
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted income funds		310,249	239,227
Total funds		310,249	239,227

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 19th January, 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Martin Fey

Signed digitally
M J Fey

Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st March 2025

1. Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2. Accounting policies

INCOME

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

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2. **Accounting policies, continued**

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Basic financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

Value added tax

Resources expended include attributable VAT which can not be recovered.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and are recognised at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed at note 5. to these accounts.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
Year Ended 31st March 2025

3. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	27,620	-	27,620	27,157
Gift aid	1,367	-	1,367	-
	<u>28,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,988</u>	<u>27,157</u>
Charitable activities				
Grants to cover operating costs	172,867	-	172,867	133,379
Services provided	51,267	-	51,267	33,110
	<u>224,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,134</u>	<u>166,489</u>
Other trading activities				
Bank interest & cashback received	971	-	971	1,390
	<u>971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>1,390</u>

4. Analysis of expenditure

Raising funds				
Advertising and website	1,086	-	1,086	553
	<u>1,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,086</u>	<u>553</u>
Charitable activities				
Market Garden	-	-	-	-
Chilli production	1,091	-	1,091	619
Kitchen/Farm consumables	9,635	-	9,635	7,825
Equestrian services	5,749	-	5,749	11,445
Farm/Animal expenses	5,617	-	5,617	6,285
Rent payable	25,800	-	25,800	14,000
Property maintenance	16,993	-	16,993	7,620
Staff costs	93,005	-	93,005	85,209
Professional fees	2,206	-	2,206	6,682
Depreciation	8,937	-	8,937	13,225
	<u>169,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,034</u>	<u>152,910</u>
Other				
Independent Examiner's fees	-	-	-	300
Travel expenses	8,524	-	8,524	9,191
Insurances	3,000	-	3,000	2,656
I.T. expenses	439	-	439	1,388
Sundry expenses	989	-	989	745
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
	<u>12,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,951</u>	<u>14,279</u>

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5. Tangible fixed assets	Plant & Machinery	Poly tunnels & sheds	Bee keeping Equipment	Farm Animals	Stables	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>COST</u>						
1st April 2023	6,472	32,408	4,916	1,800	61,612	107,208
Additions	6,947	-	-	-	-	6,947
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
31st March 2024	<u>13,419</u>	<u>32,408</u>	<u>4,916</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>61,612</u>	<u>114,155</u>
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>	<i>25% straight line</i>	<i>25% straight line</i>	<i>25% straight line</i>	<i>10% straight line</i>	<i>5% straight line</i>	
1st April 2023	911	29,975	3,687	180	6,161	40,914
Charge	2,015	2,433	1,229	180	3,080	8,937
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
31st March 2024	<u>2,926</u>	<u>32,408</u>	<u>4,916</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>9,241</u>	<u>49,851</u>
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>						
31st March 2024	<u>10,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>52,371</u>	<u>64,304</u>
31st March 2023	<u>5,561</u>	<u>2,433</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>55,451</u>	<u>66,294</u>
6. Stock					2025	2024
Café stocks					<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
7. Debtors and prepayments						
Loans to related parties (note 10)					163,650	124,850
PAYE overpayment					-	1,050
					<u>163,650</u>	<u>125,900</u>
8. Cash at bank and in hand						
Metro Bank Community account					<u>83,046</u>	<u>47,694</u>
9. Creditors and accruals						
Loans from related parties (note 10)					-	-
Taxation and social security					22	-
Other creditors					129	61
Accruals and deferred income					600	600
					<u>751</u>	<u>661</u>

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10. Transactions with related parties

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount (£)	Balance at period end (£)
UPCF CIC (company registration no. 13562785)	M. P. Lewis, M. J. Fey and J. A. Ford are directors of the company	Funding made available to the company. The loan is interest free, unsecured and has no formal repayment terms.	38,800	158,050
UPCF CIC (company registration no. 13562785)	M. P. Lewis, M. J. Fey and J. A. Ford are directors of the company	Rent paid to the Café landlord on behalf of the CIC. The loan is interest free, unsecured and has no formal repayment terms.	-	5,600