



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Sandy's Farm

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1198058

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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 31/03/2025.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

Signed:

E Brown

Date:

18/07/2025

Name:

Eleanor Brown

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

Address:

75 Queen Anne Road, West Mersea, CO5 8BA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 Period start date To 01/03/2025 Period end date

Charity name: **SANDYS FARM**

Charity registration number: **1198058**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of St. Osyth and surrounding areas the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities, particularly for individuals who are disadvantaged by youth, age, infirmity, disability, financial hardship, or social isolation. This includes the operation of a community care farm to improve wellbeing and quality of life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We provide inclusive educational and vocational experiences in animal care, horticulture, crafts, and environmental activities. Our aim is to increase confidence, independence, and social engagement, especially for young people and adults with special educational needs (SEN), disabilities, or those facing other life challenges.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.
	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Sandy's Farm is powered by over 20 dedicated volunteers. In addition to giving their time, they have supported us with donated materials, food, and other essentials. Their efforts keep the farm

		running 7 days a week without any paid staff.
Other		
	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year, Sandy's Farm has provided hands-on opportunities for over 100 young people with special educational needs, disabilities, or social disadvantages through placements, volunteering, and alternative education. The launch of ASDAN qualification delivery on-site allowed students to achieve meaningful progress toward vocational and life skills.</p> <p>We completed and opened a new education cabin with donated materials and volunteer labour, enabling sheltered, year-round learning. Our weekly Young Farmers Club, goat-walking sessions, and Mini Pony Club welcomed dozens of participants from across the community, many of whom struggle with mainstream settings.</p> <p>The mobile petting farm visited schools, care homes, and community events, promoting inclusion and rural education while reaching individuals unable to visit the farm. Media exposure following a visit by MP Nigel Farage and coverage by GB News helped raise nearly £20,000 and sparked new referrals from Essex County Council.</p> <p>Volunteers recovering from addiction, social isolation, or unemployment reported improved wellbeing and a renewed sense of purpose through their involvement. Our work continues to bridge gaps in education, therapy, and social connection for vulnerable groups in Essex.</p>
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Sandy's Farm set out to create an inclusive, supportive environment where individuals of all ages and abilities could engage in animal care, horticulture, and outdoor learning. We achieved this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering over 100 structured

		<p>placements for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), fulfilling our objective to provide practical education and personal development opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launching ASDAN qualification pathways to support vocational skill-building in line with our mission to develop employability and independence. • Constructing and opening a new education cabin, enhancing our ability to deliver year-round services, and directly contributing to our goal of creating accessible learning spaces. • Expanding community engagement through weekly clubs and mobile outreach sessions, aligning with our aim to promote social inclusion and reduce isolation. • Sustaining operations entirely through volunteer support and donations, demonstrating strong alignment with our founding vision of community-powered impact. <p>All these achievements have directly contributed to improving the quality of life, confidence, and skills of our beneficiaries, while fostering a greater sense of community and purpose.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fundraising activities at Sandy's Farm this year focused on generating core income to sustain free and low-cost access for vulnerable young people and adults. Despite limited capacity and no paid staff, we successfully:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised nearly £20,000 following national media exposure, including support from MP Nigel Farage and GB News. • Received in-kind donations of timber, fencing, animal feed, and construction materials, helping complete essential infrastructure like our new education cabin. • Launched a GoFundMe campaign, actively promoted across social media, which

		<p>helped attract small-scale recurring donations from supporters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended community events and fetes with our mobile animal unit to raise awareness and collect contributions, expanding both visibility and income streams. • Submitted multiple grant applications (including National Lottery and Tendring District Council funds) in line with our goal to secure long-term financial sustainability. <p>While we remain heavily dependent on volunteer support and one-off donations, this year's fundraising performance has laid a foundation for greater future resilience and growth.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Sandy's Farm does not currently hold any financial investments. All available funds are used directly for operational purposes and charitable activities. As such, there was no investment activity during the period, and no investment objectives were set or reviewed.
Other		
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the reporting period, Sandy's Farm continued to operate with no financial reserves. The charity remained reliant on volunteer labour, in-kind donations, and direct trustee support to cover core costs. Although cash flow has been tight, the farm remained operational throughout the year thanks to significant community support and the personal contributions of trustees. Income from mobile farm visits, educational placements, and fundraising has increased, helping to reduce the deficit, though the charity remains financially vulnerable without core grant funding.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Sandy's Farm does not currently hold financial reserves due to limited unrestricted income and high ongoing operational costs. As a volunteer-run organisation, any funds received are used immediately to support frontline delivery of services. However, the trustees recognise the importance of building a reserves policy and aim to establish a small operating reserve in

		future years to ensure continuity of services and to manage unforeseen costs. This will be reviewed as the charity's financial position stabilises.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity operates on a volunteer-only basis with limited unrestricted income. All funds received are immediately used to support the delivery of essential services. Due to financial constraints and reliance on donations, Sandy's Farm has not been able to build up a reserve. Trustees have personally supported shortfalls when needed. Establishing a reserve remains a future objective once core funding is secured.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Sandy's Farm is experiencing growing interest and engagement from the community, local authorities, and schools. This has led to increased referrals and demand for our services. While the charity currently operates without core funding, the trustees are confident in the long-term sustainability of the project. We have submitted multiple grant applications and are in discussions regarding service agreements with Essex County Council. With continued community support and increasing visibility, the trustees are optimistic about securing the funding required to sustain and expand operations in the year ahead.
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Community donations, mobile petting farm visits, educational placements, in-kind support, and online fundraising. Grant applications are underway to secure long-term funding.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	FOUNDATION
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		
Charity name	SANDYS FARM	
Other name the charity uses		
Registered charity number	1198058	
Charity's principal address	5 SEA GLEBE WAY JAYWICK ESSEX CO152EL	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	GARY CLARKE			
2	SANDRA MILLER			
3	ANGELA MORRIS			

4	ANNIE SANDS			
5	SUSAN NEWELL			
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Director name			
GARY CLARKE			
Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year		
Description of the assets held in this capacity			
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects			
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	DIRECTOR	
Date		

Statement of Activity

Sandys Farm

April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
Donation	69,069.75
Refunds	20.39
Sales	16,123.50
Sales of Product Income	340.00
Uncategorised Income	58.09
Total for Income	£85,611.73
Cost of Sales	
Gross Profit	£85,611.73
Expenses	
Advertising	122.50
Animal Equipment	2,177.64
Animal Feed	6,682.28
Bank Charges	102.31
Craft	330.69
Farrier	2,358.00
Fencing	2,712.75
Fuel	7,924.94
Gas	804.85
Insurance	2,030.08
Purchases	2,470.00
Rent	1,500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,596.57
Service Charges	45.00
Services	409.20
Small Equipment	2,559.59
Stationery	1,032.45
Subscriptions and membership	425.60
Sundries	5,721.62
Telephone	299.73
Uncategorised Expense	5.00
Vehicle rent	1,979.88
Vehicles Repair & Maintenance	6,333.51
Vet & Medical	1,064.85
Website/Email/Internet	684.22
Total for Expenses	£51,373.26
Net Operating Income	£34,238.47
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Net Other Income	0
Net Income	£34,238.47

Statement of Financial Position

Sandys Farm

As of March 31, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Called up share capital not paid	
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Horses / animals	1,150.00
Total for Tangible assets	£1,150.00
Non-current Assets	
Total for Fixed Asset	£1,150.00
Cash at bank and in hand	
Lloyds (1260)	1,222.36
Lloyds (7760)	
Nationwide	
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	£1,222.36
Debtors	
Current Assets	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£1,222.36
Prepayments and accrued income	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Credit Cards	
Current Liabilities	
Total for Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£1,222.36
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£2,372.36
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	
Provision for liabilities and charges	
Accruals and deferred income	
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£2,372.36
Capital and Reserves	
Called up share capital	
Retained Earnings	-31,866.11
Net Income	34,238.47
Total for Capital and Reserves	£2,372.36

Signed by:

GARY CLARKE

Signing request

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