

Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charitable Trust No. 201135

Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust

Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Year ended 31 March 2025

Legal Status

The Charitable Trust is held and administered by the Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 6 September 2000. It is registered with the Charity Commission under reference number 201135.

Trustees

D J Anning (Chairman)
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Evelyn Partners
M&G Investments

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Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

Constitution and Objectives

The charity operates under the provisions of a Deed of Variation implemented on 6th September 2000. The objects of the charity (Trust No. 201135), which Trustees review each year, include improving the quality and health of livestock in Great Britain for the benefit of the public by further research, disseminating the useful results of research and otherwise furthering education in livestock breeding, animal husbandry and related subjects. During the year 2009/10 in order to increase the level of public benefit, the objects were extended to include grant making to support new entrants to livestock farming and others developing their livestock enterprises.

Organisation

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. The Board of Trustees who meet regularly during the year appoints trustees. Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Grant Making Policy

Grant funding applications are invited from universities, agricultural colleges, trusts and researchers into cattle breeding, animal health and associated topics. Publicity of this continues to be achieved by long-established awareness within the cattle breeding academic and veterinary sectors and through the Trust's involvement with the Agri-Food Charities Partnership, as well as publicly available information from the Charity Commission and through the Trust's website and social media. Trustees consider each application on its merits, the costs and availability of uncommitted grant funds at the time.

Educational bursaries are advertised on the Trust's website and other websites, including Mole Valley Farmers, Devon Young Farmers, Cornwall Young Farmers and the National Farmers Union, together with correspondence directly with the leading agricultural universities and colleges and local Young Farmers Clubs. Educational grants for both diploma and degree level are awarded to suitable students following recommendations by a sub-committee of Trustees.

Two capital grant awards were made during the year. Additional grant funding is allocated through a Community Fund which supports the education of school children about farming and where their food comes from. In addition, grant funding was provided to support the purchase of a community trailer in Cornwall, suitable for farm visits which can be shared in the locality.

The Vocational Training scheme, which aims to support and encourage the update of skills training for farmers of any age, has gone from strength to strength in Devon & Cornwall.

Risk Management

Trustees have satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established to manage risks. Major risks to which the charity is exposed are reviewed by the Trustees each year and systems in place to manage those risks. Areas of risk are mainly confined to those relating to letting of property, actions associated with determining to whom or what organisations grants should be made, and investments managed by reputable professional firms.

Reserves

It remains the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds to meet approved grant fund applications. Grant amounts have varied in past years between £500 - £100,000 per project. The total reserve is held at a level that Trustees believe will enable the charity to fund potentially important future research work for which they would not wish to refuse support on the grounds of insufficient funds in reserve. Also, the total reserves are used to generate the level of distributable income required to fund the current grant making policies.

Financial Review and Investment Policy

At the beginning of the financial year, the Trustees confirmed in writing with their Investment Manager Evelyn Partners, the investment objective of the charity, which is the continuance of a discretionary power in making investments of medium risk to provide a balanced growth with exposure to gilts, equities, hedge funds, property and investment trusts. Income from investments was used by the charity to further its objects. Trustees retain substantial investment in the M&G Charifund. The intention of this holding is to increase dividend income alongside continued capital growth in line with the market.

The Trustees' investment property at West Yarner is let on a 5-year full insuring and repairing lease which was renewed on 5 December 2024 at a rent of £22,500 per annum.

Grants made within the year were:

	£
Bursaries to agricultural/veterinary students in higher education	44,700
Nuffield Farming Scholarship Trust	16,000
Research Project – RVC Bovine Corkscrew Claw	15,000
Vocational Training in Devon & Cornwall	15,500
AFCP/AUC Summer School	780
Capital Grants	6,000
DFYFC Travel scholarships	1,950
NFYFC Travel scholarships (Devon & Cornwall)	7,150
Agricultural Schools Event - Cornwall	2,000
Farmwise Devon	2,000
Somerset Field to Food Event	2,000
Farmlink – Devon & Cornwall	7,000
Cornhill Farm – Community Trailer	3,000
Kingfisher Award – Cornwall 2023/2024	1,000
	<u>124,080</u>

Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare financial accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

D J Anning
Chairman

Dated: 18 December 2025

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Independent Examiners' Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the account of the Dartington Cattle Breeding Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

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Date: 23 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income			
Investment income	2	249,771	217,771
Total Income		249,771	217,771
Expenditure			
Raising funds	3	30,114	29,783
Charitable activities	3	172,520	149,756
Total Expenditure		202,634	179,539
Net income		47,137	38,232
Gains on investments	6	133,221	115,111
Net movement in funds		180,358	153,343
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total funds brought forward		5,173,135	5,019,792
Total funds carried forward		5,353,493	5,173,135

All funds are unrestricted.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	7		<u>5,307,704</u>		<u>5,092,845</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	8	3,074		424	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>51,348</u>		<u>91,006</u>	
		54,422		91,430	
Liabilities					
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(8,633)</u>		<u>(11,140)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>45,789</u>		<u>80,290</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>5,353,493</u></u>		<u><u>5,173,135</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds			<u>5,353,493</u>		<u>5,173,135</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>5,353,493</u></u>		<u><u>5,173,135</u></u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 18 December 2025

D J Anning

R J Sibley

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements 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) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The functional and presentational currency of these financial statements is sterling.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Investments

Quoted investments are valued by the managers at market value.

Investment property is carried at fair value, a valuation made by the trustees following an independent valuation in the year ended 31 March 2019. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and includes any irrecoverable VAT.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio and raising investment income.

Grants are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient. Conditional grants are recognised as expenditure when the conditions are fulfilled.

Charitable activities and governance costs comprise costs for processing grants and applications, including support to actual and potential applicants and of running of the charity itself as an organisation.

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Notes and Accounting Policies

Year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. The company holds the following financial instruments, all of which are considered to be basic:

- Short term debtors and creditors
- Cash at bank and in hand

2 Investment Income

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Rent receivable		20,755	20,000
Dividends and interest from investments	4	229,013	197,768
Sundry income		3	3
Total continuing operations		249,771	217,771

3 Expenditure

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Raising funds			
Investment management and professional fees		30,114	29,783
Charitable activities			
Grants payable in furtherance of the charity's objectives (see Trustees' Report for further details)		124,080	99,000
Charitable activities and governance costs	5	48,440	50,756
		172,520	149,756
Total expenditure		202,634	179,539

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4 Dividends and interest from investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Equities and unit trusts	217,197	197,575
Equalisation proceeds	11,816	196
	<u>229,013</u>	<u>197,771</u>

5 Charitable activities and governance costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Trust managerial fees	26,100	23,610
Travelling expenses	1,088	1,248
Insurances	2,317	2,281
Office expenses	1,457	1,008
Property costs	1,299	8,040
Independent examiners fees	2,650	2,890
Professional fees	11,960	8,851
Sundries	1,569	2,828
	<u>48,440</u>	<u>50,756</u>

6 Gains on investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Unrealised gain on listed investments	47,647	60,129
Realised gain on disposal of listed investments	85,574	54,982
	<u>133,221</u>	<u>115,111</u>

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7 Investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Investment property	400,000	400,000
Quoted investments at market value	4,877,652	4,662,107
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	30,052	30,738
	<u>5,307,704</u>	<u>5,092,845</u>

Quoted investments

	2025 £
Market value at 1 April 2024	4,662,107
Acquisitions at cost	299,944
Proceeds from disposals	(217,620)
Realised gains	47,647
Unrealised gains	85,574
	<u>4,877,652</u>
Market value at 31 March 2025	

The cost of these investments at 31 March 2025 was £4,409,235 (2024 £4,279,604).

Investment property

	2025 £	2024 £
Freehold property:		
Yarner, Dartington	329,000	329,000
Land	71,000	71,000
	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>

8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	<u>3,074</u>	<u>424</u>

9 Cash at bank

	2025 £	2024 £
Lloyds bank	<u>51,348</u>	<u>91,006</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and receipts in advance	<u>8,633</u>	<u>11,140</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2025

11 Staff costs

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

12 Summary of Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration is paid to the trustees.

During the year, travel expenses totalling £1,088 (2024 £1,248) were paid to four (2024: four) trustees, as permitted by the Trust Deed. The cost of the trustees' indemnity insurance to the charity for the year was £1,086 (2024: £1,144).

13 Related party transactions

Other than those shown in note 12 above, no related party transactions took place during the year (2024: none).