

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2022

Charity Name: The Far Forest and District Horticulture Society

Working Name: The Far Forest Society

Registered Charity Number:205210

Charity's Principal Address: Far Forest Pavilion, Tenbury Road (A456), Callow Hill, Rock, Kidderminster, DY14 9DA

Trustee Names: Ray Attwood

David Bell

Dennis Dudley

Muriel Bell

John Guy

Michele Lace

Structure, governance and management.

Type of governing document constitution adopted 7th March 1962 amended 9th March 2020

How the charity is constituted: Association of members

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the AGM.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its

governing document: The provision of space and facilities for sport and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving conditions of life for local inhabitants of Far Forest and surrounding areas.

The provision and maintenance of the pavilion for the use of the inhabitants of Far Forest and surrounding areas without distinction of gender, political, religious, or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures and classes and other forms of leisure occupation with the object of improving conditions of life for local inhabitants.

The promotion of agriculture and horticulture by organising an annual countryside show to encourage local interest and stimulate friendly competition in horticulture and other associated activities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public

benefit in relation these objects: The Society uses its site to play host to a local football club which has teams from 5 years old through to 16-year-olds with a membership of over 100 players, a tennis club with junior and adult members.

The Pavilion is available for rent for functions and the use of local organisations such as the Women's Institute. An annual

two-day show is held in August of each year which is attended by around 10,000 visitors. Eight car boot sales are held at the site each year.

Fine weather during our car boot season between April and August led to well attended sales and good income for the Society.

Temperatures in the thirties on our show weekend led to some reduction in visitor numbers compared to the previous year but it was still a successful show which was well supported by volunteer helpers.

We were able to use our new show office which was purchased and installed earlier in the year. A second-hand lodge was purchased and because of the efforts of committee members and volunteers was converted into an excellent show office. Rock Sports Football Club contributed to the cost of purchase and will use the building to provide refreshments during the football season.

The Society hosted a jubilee party which was very well attended by local residents.

Risk Management Statement

The society has the following policies in place to protect our volunteers and visitors along with the necessary public liability and premises insurances.

- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- GDPR and Data protection/privacy statements
- Equality and Diversity

Our trustees/committee are elected in March each year at our AGM and attend most monthly meetings and are aware of the risks involved in the running of our society and take any necessary steps to reduce any risks identified.

Financial Review: We hold cash at bank of approximately £60,000. It is our policy to hold at least £12,000 in reserve to cover one year's running costs in the event of poor weather for the annual show which is the main fund-raising event. A dual authorisation system with our bank is in place to prevent fraudulent payments and theft and all necessary security measures taken when handling cash. Financial reports are given at each of the monthly meetings and accounts are independently examined at the end of our financial year in December.

Details of any funds materially in deficit: Not applicable.

Further Financial Review Details: The charity's main source of funds is the annual show. Further income comes from car boot sales, rent from football and tennis clubs and lettings of the pavilion. Early this year as last year despite lack of income due to COVID we have been lucky to receive government support grants which has enabled the society to keep going.

The majority of income is applied to maintenance and improvement of facilities at the site. In recent years this has included the rebuilding of the viewing gallery, extending electricity coverage to the lower field, installation of solar panels, re-painting of the exterior of the pavilion, the purchase of a storage container and improved drainage for the football pitches.

Future Plans: we continue to explore solutions to the problem of the leaking roof of the pavilion, extending car parking space and repainting the pavilion.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

John Michael Guy

Chair

20th February 2023

Far Forest Society

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Members Subscriptions	205	-	180	-
Income from events - gross				
Show day	29,466	-	38,137	-
Car boot sales	11,976	-	4,287	-
Annual Dinner	-	-	-	-
Investment income				
Rent and wayleaves	2,207	-	2100	-
Bank interest received	146	-	5	-
Other incoming resources				
Hire of pavilion and equipment	7,212	-	3,028	-
Donations	6,572	-	541	-
Covid grants	-	-	16,097	-
Grant re pavillion	700	-	750	-
	<u>58,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,125</u>	<u>-</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Expenses re events				
Show day	24,220		12,743	-
Car boot sales	2,666		1,015	-
Annual Dinner	-		-	-
Jubilee Show	466		-	-
Installation re log cabin	2,460		-	-
Management and administration				
Insurance	2,769		2,761	-
Rates, water and electricity	3,534		2,416	-
Maintenance and cleaning	18,311		7,758	-
Sundry expenses	3,424		2,669	-
Depreciation - Tractor and Mower	365		485	-
	<u>58,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,847</u>	<u>-</u>
Net incoming resources	269	-	35,278	-
Total funds brought forward	219,644	7,807	184,366	7,807
Total funds carried forward	<u>219,913</u>	<u>7,807</u>	<u>219,644</u>	<u>7,807</u>

Far Forest Society
Independent Examiners' Certificate on the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

This report on the accounts of Far Forest Society for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 and 2 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with **s.145 of the Charities Act 2011** ('the Act').

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENTS

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



21 February 2023

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