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SUFFOLK SHEEP SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024



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for the year ended 30 September 2024

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COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

The Council of Management (who are also directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006) presents its report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024. The Council of Management have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102).

Reference and Administrative Information (see additional information)

Charity Name:	Suffolk Sheep Society
Charity registration number:	211348
OSCR registration number:	SC043459
Company registration number:	22684
Registered office	and operational address:
One Eastwood	Unit 19 Ballymena Business Centre
Harry Weston Road	62 Fenaghy Road
Binley Business Park	Galgorm, Ballymena,
Coventry	Co Antrim, N Ireland
CV3 2UB	BT42 1FL
President:	P Machray
President-Elect:	G Morgan

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

	<i>Area represented</i>
Chairperson: J Soulsby	Northumberland, Cumbria, Durham and Isle of Man
Vice - chairperson: A Evans	Wales excluding Monmouthshire
Members:	
I R Barbour	South of Scotland
D Lindon	South East
D Miskelly	Northern Scotland
G Morgan	Wales excluding Monmouthshire (appointed 14 March 2024)
L Needham	Yorkshire and Lincolnshire
M Pinny	Middle and Eastern Counties
M Priestley	Northern Ireland
A Reed	South West
J Stewart	Northern Ireland
M Weaver	West Midlands and Monmouthshire
Chief Executive	B L Turner
Personal Assistants	A McCullough, M Fenton, and G Farmer
Auditors:	Dafferns LLP, One Eastwood, Harry Weston Road, Binley Business Park, Coventry, CV3 2UB
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc, 48 Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, Worcs, WR14 4QG Bank of Ireland, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2
Solicitors:	Lodders Solicitors LLP, Elm Court, Arden Street, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6PA
Investment advisors:	Charles Stanley & Co., 2 Multrees Walk, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH1 3DQ

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COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT (continued)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Suffolk Sheep Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 26th May 1886 and registered as a charity on 23rd October 1962. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of Council. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of Council are elected to serve for a period of two years after which they must be re-elected. Nominations are invited from members who must be proposed and seconded. If more than one nomination is received by the due date an election takes place.

Trustee Induction and Training

All new trustees must be members of the Society and will be familiar with the Society's activities. They will have received annual copies of the Report and Accounts and all other Society publications. On becoming trustees they are provided with the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association, Charity Commission guide for trustees and detailed papers relating to major projects with which the Society is concerned.

Risk Management

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of written procedures and lines of communication for authorisation of transactions. Specialist advice has been obtained to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements. Staff training has also been provided for specific matters. Every item of work will be assessed and improvements in protocol made where necessary.

Organisational Structure

The Society is managed by a 16 member elected Council plus co-opted members, which met 8 times during the year across in-person and virtual meetings. The Chief Executive (Company Secretary) and Personal Assistant attend Council meetings but have no voting rights.

Related Parties

The Branches of the Society based in England, Wales and Scotland have registered as Charities in their own right.

Public Benefit

The trustees consider they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit, as published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

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COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT (continued)

Objects and Activities

The Society's objects and principal activities are:

- (1) To advance and promote agriculture by improving the breed of Suffolk Sheep.
- (2) To promote research and improvement of the breed of Suffolk Sheep and the publication of the results thereof.

The Society will continue to carry out the following activities:

- Maintain and publish the annual Flock Book and Year Book;
- Compile and publish annual statements, statistics and information relating to the Suffolk Sheep breed.
- Participate and/or organise shows, sales and other events throughout the UK. The main shows include the Royal Ulster Show, Royal Highland Show, Royal Welsh Show, Great Yorkshire Show, The Three Counties Show and many other smaller regional shows. Suffolk Sheep Society members had great success at each of these shows and won a number of interbreed classes, all of which raises public awareness of the breed and its popularity to commercial farmers.
- The Society either directly or through its Branches will continue to arrange several shows and sales which are open to all members and visitors are always welcome. The first of these is in Lanark, followed by Ballymena, the National show and sale at Shrewsbury and finally Carlisle
- Promoting public interest in the Suffolk Sheep breed via publications and publicity. The Suffolk Society has a breed stand at every major National Sheep Association event which contains a variety of material about the Society, the Suffolk Sheep breed, forthcoming events etc.

The Society premises have been offered for use by other charitable organisations operating in the Ballymena area. These mainly include other agricultural charities that hold fund raising evenings.

Financial Review

Principal Funding Sources

Subscriptions, registration and birth notification fees comprised the main sources of income.

Investment Policy

On advice received from our investment management company Council approved a change to our investments in the financial year 2023/24 and an adjustment in risk category. The reserves were split into two categories, we hold one account that is low risk in which the investment can be accessed at short notice should we need to, although there is no foreseeable circumstance that we would be required to do so. The higher proportion of our reserves we committed for a longer term and moved this into Medium / High risk level to maximise the return on the reserves that we hold.

Reserves policy

It is the Society's policy to maintain sufficient reserves to provide for at least twelve months unrestricted expenditure. The Trustees wish to maintain a level of investments to produce an income stream to help sustain its operations in the medium term. Investments at 30 September 2024 totalled £709,223. The Society has no restricted funds. The value of reserves, that are free reserves are £834,814 (2023: £742,825).

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COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT (continued)

Responsibilities of the Council of Management

Company law requires the Council of Management to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources including income and expenditure for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Council of Management should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis

The Council of Management are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The Council of Management is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, and other irregularities.

Members of the Council of Management

Members of the Council of Management, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out on Page 1.

In accordance with company law and as the company's directors we certify that:

- so far as we are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware and;
- as the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.
- The Trustees (who are also directors of Suffolk Sheep Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Council of Management on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Soulsby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J Soulsby
Chairperson

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF SUFFOLK SHEEP SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Suffolk Sheep Society (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "*The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Council of Management's report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Council of Management's report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Geoffrey Cox BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Dafferns LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
One Eastwood
Harry Weston
Road
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Coventry CV3 2UB

Dated: 10 December 2024

Dafferns LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
INCOME FROM:			
Voluntary income			
Members subscriptions		87,461	86,276
Gift aid		11,000	11,240
Charitable activities	2	224,524	194,968
Investments			
Investment income	3	12,598	13,324
Interest receivable		1,788	191
Total income		<u>337,371</u>	<u>305,999</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Voluntary income	4	44,189	57,555
Charitable activities	4	195,372	250,434
Head Office costs	5	51,844	56,311
Total expenditure		<u>291,405</u>	<u>364,300</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		45,966	(58,301)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES:			
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	46,023	14,249
Net movement in funds		91,989	(44,052)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Funds brought forward at beginning of period		742,825	786,877
Balances carried forward at end of period		<u><u>834,814</u></u>	<u><u>742,825</u></u>

All the charity's activities are continuing activities - there were no acquisitions in the year.

All the charity's funds are unrestricted in the above two financial years.

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Company registration number: 22684

**BALANCE SHEET
30 September 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	4,087	5,989
Investments	8	709,223	554,580
		<u>713,310</u>	<u>560,569</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	1,362	3,031
Debtors	10	54,180	39,012
Cash at bank and in hand		93,362	166,427
		<u>148,904</u>	<u>208,470</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	27,400	26,214
		<u>121,504</u>	<u>182,256</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>834,814</u>	<u>742,825</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>834,814</u>	<u>742,825</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>834,814</u>	<u>742,825</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			
General reserves	12	834,814	742,825
		<u>834,814</u>	<u>742,825</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>834,814</u>	<u>742,825</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Approved by the Council of Management on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by



J Soulsby
Chairperson



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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of preparation

Suffolk Sheep Society is an incorporated charity registered in England & Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to advance and promote agriculture by improving the breed of Suffolk Sheep and to promote research and improvement of the breed of Suffolk Sheep and the publication of the results.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The charity has applied the exemption to not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The financial statements are for the charity only. Its subsidiary has not been consolidated into the accounts.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes investment management costs and certain legal fees;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes grants made in accordance with the terms of the trust deed; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs etc. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Investments

Quoted investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less depreciation. All expenditure on acquisition, enhancement, production and installation are capitalised as fixed assets. They are stated in the balance sheet at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of tangible assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Office equipment	25% of cost per annum
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Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Pension costs

The society operates a money purchase pension scheme on behalf of certain employees. All costs are charged as an expense as they become payable under the rules of the scheme.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Foreign Currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. All revaluation differences and realised foreign exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Flock book registration	134,778	126,109
Surplus from Society sales and promotion levy	38,677	29,911
Year book income	10,219	5,399
Flock book sales	3,404	2,155
Testing	22,578	29,681
Other	14,868	1,713
	<u>224,524</u>	<u>194,968</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from UK listed investments and unit trusts	<u>12,598</u>	<u>13,324</u>

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4. EXPENDITURE	2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary income		
Support costs		
Salaries and wages costs	37,221	47,078
Office administration costs	6,033	9,469
Depreciation	935	1,008
	<u>44,189</u>	<u>57,555</u>
Direct charitable activities		
Breed promotion expenses	48,051	48,825
Flock book expenses	1,749	2,480
Cost of year book	11,470	13,950
Testing	20,780	36,742
Other	23,605	50,439
Support costs		
Salaries and wages costs	75,570	80,161
Office administration costs	12,250	16,122
Depreciation	1,897	1,715
	<u>195,372</u>	<u>250,434</u>

Support costs are allocated based on the proportion of income generated.

5. HEAD OFFICE COSTS	2024 £	2023 £
Legal fees and professional fees	2,514	3,471
Audit	4,851	2,800
Accountancy fees	14,178	13,503
Stockbrokers fees	5,467	5,287
Head office running costs	19,953	22,009
Council meetings and AGM	4,881	9,241
	<u>51,844</u>	<u>57,776</u>

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6. STAFF COSTS AND COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	98,618	109,331
Social security costs	3,375	5,720
Pension costs	3,990	4,543
Other staff costs	6,808	7,645
	<u>112,791</u>	<u>127,239</u>

The average monthly number of employees and full time equivalents (FTE) was:

	2024 Number	2024 FTE	2023 Number	2023 FTE
Administration	5	4	4	4

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

No member of the Council of Management received any remuneration and the total value of reimbursed expenses were £4,881 reimbursed to 12 members of the council.

Costs incurred in the management and administrations of the charity include:

	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	2,900	2,800

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £	Database £	Challenge cups and trophies £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 October 2023	32,427	14,037	10	46,474
Additions	930	-	-	930
	<u>33,357</u>	<u>14,037</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>47,404</u>
At 30 September 2024				
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2023	26,448	14,037	-	40,085
Charge for year	2,832	-	-	2,832
	<u>29,280</u>	<u>14,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,317</u>
At 30 September 2024				
Net book value				
At 30 September 2024	<u>4,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4,087</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>5,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5,989</u>

The net book value at 30 September 2024 represents tangible fixed assets used wholly for administrative purposes.

8. INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investment £	Total £
Valuation			
At 1 October 2023	554,080	500	554,580
Additions	246,688	-	246,688
Disposal proceeds	(138,068)	-	(138,068)
Net realised and unrealised gains / (losses)	46,023	-	46,023
	<u>708,723</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>709,223</u>
At 30 September 2024			

The unlisted investment represents a 100% holding in 1886 Heritage Suffolk Lamb Limited, a company incorporated on 16 January 2023. At the year end the company had not commenced trading.

Listed investments at market value comprise:	2024 £	2023 £
British Government securities	292,607	131,132
Ordinary stocks and shares	416,116	422,948
	<u>708,723</u>	<u>554,080</u>

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8. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Included in investments above are listed investments with a market value of £302,946 (2023: £286,074) which are held outside the UK.

Investments in individual entities held at 30 September 2024 which are over 5% of portfolio by value are:

	Market value £
Finsbury Growth & Income Trust	44,255

9. STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Promotional items	1,362	3,031

10. DEBTORS

Trade debtors	14,401	18,167
Other debtors	22,000	11,000
Prepayments	1,749	2,579
Amounts owed to group undertakings	16,030	7,266
	<u>54,180</u>	<u>39,012</u>

11. CREDITORS - due within one year

Trade creditors	7,185	9,506
Accruals	8,118	3,901
Other taxes and social security	11,537	12,256
Other creditors	560	551
	<u>27,400</u>	<u>26,214</u>

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12. FUND RECONCILIATION: UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

**General
reserves
£**

At 1 October 2023

742,825

Net movement in funds

91,989

At 30 September 2024

834,814

13. MEMBERS

At 30 September 2024 the Society had 1,025 members.

14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The council of management control the charity.

