

SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

England & Wales · Charity number 213216

Details

Other names DAIRY SHORTHORN

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [00009597](#)

Registered 1963-01-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO MAINTAIN UNIMPAIRED THE PURITY AND TO ENCOURAGE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE BREED OF CATTLE KNOWN AS SHORTHORNS.

Activities: The principal activities and charitable objects are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or elsewhere, and to compile and maintain a Herd Book of recognised and pure bred Shorthorn cattle.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£126,163	£123,046	-	-
2023-12-31	£85,585	£129,166	-	-
2022-12-31	£219,730	£164,979	-	-
2021-12-31	£130,324	£96,102	-	-
2020-12-31	£116,634	£91,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ARTHUR HENRY JAMES WHITTLE		
Adam John Lawson		2023-07-05
Andrew Reilly		2020-07-27
DAVID WINNINGTON		
DENNIS HENRY CRAIG		
David George Wainwright		2019-04-04
David Madeley		2019-08-17
Florence Mannerings		2019-08-17
GWYNDAF JAMES		
Ian Leighton Harries		2025-11-05
Ian Richard George Collins		2013-08-16
JONATHAN PEARN WYATT		
JONATHAN RAYMOND FISHER		
Jonathan Mann Fisher		2025-11-05
ROBERT GEORGE KITE		2018-08-20
SEIMON VIVIAN BOWEN THOMAS		2012-10-02
Sarah Slade		2014-06-28
Shaun Edward Dixon		2022-01-01
Thomas Charles Moscrop		2020-07-27
WENDY ANN YOUNG		

Accounts

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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(Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland in October 2019.

Reference and administration information

Charity name: Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

Charity registration number: 213216

Company registration number: 9597

Directors/Trustees

P Armstrong
I R G Collins
D H Craig
Mrs E A Davies
S E Dixon
J R Fisher
G James
R G Kite
D Madeley
N Madeley - resigned 09th June 2024
Miss F Mannerings
T C Moscrop
A Reilly
A G Rothen
Mrs S H M Slade
S V B Thomas
D Wainwright
A H J Whittle
D Winnington
J P Wyatt
Mrs W A Young
A J Lawson

President
D Winnington

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**Registered office and
Operational address:**

Holme House
Dale
Ainstable
Carlisle
CA4 9RH

Company Secretary

Mr A Ryder

Independent Examiner

W.O.R. Benoy FCA

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc. Coventry

Activities and charitable objects

The principal activity and charitable objects of the Society are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere, and to compile and maintain a Herd Book of recognised and pure-bred Shorthorn cattle.

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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Achievements and performance

Income increased in 2024 compared to 2023, this was due to a £20,000 bequest received in the year and a donation from Shorthorn Sires to the Society of £31,407.

There was a reduction in the number of registrations in the year which has reduced herd book entry fee income. Expenditure reduced again this year, this was due to cost savings that were identified during the year, it is hoped that there may be further savings in 2025.

The Society's subsidiary company Shorthorn Sires Ltd continues to build on its success with profit of £21,382 (2023 profit of £31,407) in the last year.

The reduction in profit this year was due to a reduction in semen sales.

Promotion of the brand continued in many formats during 2024, from Shows, advertising in the farming press, livestock market shows & sales, continuing with the posting out of the successful semen brochure along with newsletters, photographic competition and the continued networking with industry contacts.

Financial Review

The surplus for the year amounted to £5,129. This amount has increased reserves brought forward leaving total unrestricted reserves of £358,418 at the end of the year. The Trustees consider the results to be satisfactory.

Reserves Policy

The Society aims to hold financial reserves that cover up to one year's outgoing resources. At 31 December 2024 the Society held free reserves of £357,331, representing approximately three years' outgoing resources.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The society is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The society was incorporated on 15 June 1875 and registered as a charity on 8 January 1963. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of the Council

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law under the company's Articles are known as members of the Council.

Each year some council members retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. They are elected by a ballot of those members entitled to vote.

Trustees induction and training

New Trustees are briefed by the President on their obligations as Council members and the future plans and objectives of the Society. Minutes of previous meetings are also available for new Council Members upon request.

Risk review

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems to mitigate these risk.

Every effort is made to ensure that all risks are kept to minimum. The Council consider that insurance cover and reserves are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the Society in the event of the occurrence of any unexpected incident.

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 Trustees on _____, and signed on its behalf by:

S-V-B Thomas.

S Thomas, Director/ Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of the company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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.

W O R Benoy BSc FCA
Montacs
International House
Kingsfield Court
Chester Business Park
Chester
CH4 9RF

Dated

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

2024				2023			
Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	6.1	53,879	-	53,879	3,959	-	3,959
Charitable activities	6.2	62,799	-	62,799	72,592	-	72,592
Investments	6.3	9,485	-	9,485	9,034	-	9,034
Total		126,163	-	126,163	85,585	-	85,585
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7.1	89,004	-	89,004	92,115	-	92,115
Charitable activities	7.2	34,042	-	34,042	36,944	108	37,051
Total		123,046	-	123,046	129,059	108	129,166
Net (losses)/gains on investments		2,012	-	2,012	6,995	-	6,995
Net income/movement in funds		5,129	-	5,129	-36,479	-108	-36,586
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		353,289	13,527	366,816	389,767	13,635	403,402
Total funds carried forward	12	358,418	13,527	371,945	353,289	13,527	366,816

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Intangible assets	10	5	5
Tangible assets	9	1,087	2,004
Investments	11	240,119	238,355
Total Fixed assets		<u>241,211</u>	<u>240,365</u>
Current assets:			
Stocks		-	-
Debtors	12	80,794	88,501
Charities deposits		9,894	9,412
Cash at bank and in hand		71,889	61,503
Total current assets		<u>162,577</u>	<u>159,416</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	31,843	32,965
Net current assets or liabilities		<u>130,733</u>	<u>126,451</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		371,945	366,816
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net asset or liabilities		<u>371,945</u>	<u>366,816</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	14	13,527	13,527
Unrestricted funds	14	358,418	353,289
Total charity funds		<u>371,945</u>	<u>366,816</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption for audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on
and were signed on its behalf by:

S.V.B Thomas

S Thomas, Director/Trustee

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. General information and basis of preparation

The Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements.

The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere and to compile and maintain a Herd book of recognised and pure bred Shorthorn cattle.

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), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 pound.

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.

2. Accounting policies

Fund accounting

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. Restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the restriction imposed upon them.

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 of 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 is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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2. Accounting policies (Cont'd)

Gift aid payments

Gift aid payments are recognised as distributions to owners from retained earnings with there being no legal obligation to make payments.

The accounting policy for gift aid payments also results in the company recognising a taxation charge on it's profits for the year. However, the application of the exception under paragraph 29.14A of FRS 102 provides relief in respect of the accounting for the tax charge. This results in an overall nil impact on the charge for tax in the Income Statement. This exception is only applicable as it is probable that the gift aid payment will be made by the company to the parent charity within 9 months of the reporting date.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on accrual 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.

Intangible fixed assets

The intangible fixed asset comprises the copyright of the Coates Herd Book and is stated at cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold buildings	Written off in 2020
Equipment	10% - 20% straight line

Investments

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 value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (Cont'd)

Stocks

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

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

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

Operating leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Related company and consolidation

The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of Shorthorn Sires UK Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom). The company and its subsidiary comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

3. Net Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income is stated after charging		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	917	892
Operating lease costs	290	682
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4. Independent Examiners Remuneration

5. Trustee remuneration and other benefits

No trustees' remuneration or other benefits were paid during the year.

Reimbursed travel expenses

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6. Income

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
6.1 Donations and legacies	53,879	3,959
6.2 Charitable activities		
Member subscriptions	11,779	12,825
Herd book entry fees	19,016	26,086
Classification fees	9,560	6,491
Other fees	177	311
Coates' herd book	-	-5
Shorthorn Journal	5,109	7,080
Merchandise	250	1,192
Shows and Events	540	790
Sundry Income	1,368	2,821
Management Fees	15,000	15,000
	62,799	72,592
6.3 Investment Income		
Interest on deposits	482	395
Dividend Income	9,002	8,639
	9,485	9,034
Total Income	126,163	85,585

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7. Expenses

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	£	£	£	£
7.1 Raising funds				
Accountancy Fees	1,139	-	6,657	-
Breed secretary's fees and expenses	11,660	-	17,899	-
Management Fees - PLS	45,095	-	30,063	-
Social media fees and expenses	3,894	-	5,692	-
Rent and rates	8,050	-	8,303	-
Insurance	2,664	-	2,310	-
Telephone and postage	3,575	-	6,610	-
Printing and stationery	1,639	-	705	-
Computer and Software	2,948	-	3,062	-
Bank charges	974	-	663	-
Travelling expenses	545	-	1,173	-
Sundry expenses	272	-	262	-
Lease of equipment	290	-	682	-
Council meetings expenses	3,932	-	4,675	-
Independent examination	1,375	-	1,750	-
Legal and professional fees	34	-	717	-
Depreciation	917	-	892	-
	89,004	-	92,115	-
7.2 Charitable activities				
Shorthorn journal	7,100	-	10,180	-
Shows and events	9,160	-	13,235	-
Classifications	9,633	-	7,230	-
Merchandise	86	-	105	-
Publicity	6,118	-	5,519	-
Breed development	1,396	-	675	-
Rosettes Purchases	23	-	-	-
Misc Purchases	526	-	-	-
WSC 2022 Expenditure	-	-	-	108
	34,042	-	36,944	108
Total Expenditure	123,046	-	129,059	108

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8. Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:

	2024	2023
Administration	0	1

Staff costs were:

	£	£
Salaries and subcontract	-	6,462
Employee pension	-	195
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,657</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2024	9,781	9,781
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>9,781</u>	<u>9,781</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	7,777	7,777
Charge in the year	917	917
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>8,694</u>	<u>8,694</u>
Net Book value		
At 31 December 2023	2,004	2,004
At 31 December 2024	1,087	1,087

10. Intangible fixed assets

Copyright at cost - Coates' Herd Book	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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11. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed investments held 1 January 2024	237,355	230,571
Purchases at cost	13,194	8,318
Sales proceeds	-13,442	-8,528
Revaluation	<u>2,012</u>	<u>6,995</u>
Listed investments held 31 December 2024 (all quoted on a recognised stock exchange)	239,119	237,355
Shares in group company	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>240,119</u>	<u>238,355</u>

12. Debtors

Trade Debtors	16,404	16,898
Prepayments	13,852	3,503
Amounts owed by group company	30,538	48,101
Loan - SSUK	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>80,794</u>	<u>88,501</u>

13. Creditors

Trade Creditors	11,833	12,626
Sundry Creditors	10,454	8,568
Accruals & Deferred Income	6,183	5,291
VAT Liability	<u>3,373</u>	<u>6,479</u>
	<u>31,843</u>	<u>32,965</u>

14. Funds

Total funds of £371,945 consists of £358,418 unrestricted funds and £13,527 restricted funds.

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15. Related company and consolidation

The Society owns 100% of the issued share capital of Shorthorn Sires Limited, formerly Red Cattle Genetics (Stoneleigh) Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom) which sells Shorthorn semen. Its trading results for the year, as extracted from the unaudited accounts are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	100,516	128,102
Cost of sales	- 57,385	- 73,614
Gross profit	43,131	54,488
Administrative expenses	- 21,749	- 23,081
	21,382	31,407
Interest receivable	-	-
Profit for the Financial Year	21,382	31,407
Gift Aid donation	- 31,407	-
Retained income	- 10,025	31,407
Reserves 1 January 2024	40,628	9,221
Reserves 31 December 2024	30,603	40,628

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
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	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		£	£	£	£
		2024	2024	2023	2023
Income		126,163	-	85,585	-
Expenditure		123,046	-	129,059	108
		3,117	-	43,474	108
Net gains/(losses) on investments		2,012	-	6,995	-
Net income/movement in funds		5,129	-	36,479	108
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		353,289	13,527	389,767	13,635
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		358,418	13,527	353,289	13,527

Accounts

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Directors/Trustees

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I R G Collins
D H Craig
Mrs E A Davies
S E Dixon
J R Fisher
G James
R G Kite
D Madeley
N Madeley
Miss F Mannerings
T C Moscrop
J R Osborne - Resigned 11/06/2023
A Reilly
A G Rothen
Mrs S H M Slade
S V B Thomas
D Wainwright
A H J Whittle
D Winnington
J P Wyatt
Mrs W A Young
A J Lawson - Appointed 05/07/2023

President

D Winnington

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Registered office and
Operational address:**

Holme House
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Carlisle
CA4 9RH

Company Secretary

Mr Andrew Ryder - appointed 01/05/2023

Mrs R E Rimmer - resigned 30/04/2023

Independent Examiner

W.O.R. Benoy FCA

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc. Coventry

Activities and charitable objects

The principal activity and charitable objects of the Society are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere, and to compile and maintain a Herd Book of recognised and pure-bred Shorthorn cattle.

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.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Achievements and performance

Income and expenses were reduced in 2023 compared to 2022, this is due to two reasons. Firstly the hosting in 2022 of the Shorthorn world Conference which was held in the UK to celebrate 200 years of the Coates Herd Book.

Secondly, there was no donation paid from the subsidiary to the Charity during the year. The directors of the subsidiary will review the decision to make a donation after the year end.

From the 1st May 2023 the Society moved the management of the Society to Pedigree Livestock Services Limited, this resulted in the salaried office/administrator and the part time bookkeeper/breed manager being made redundant. The office will be closed and operations moved.

The Society's subsidiary company Shorthorn Sires Ltd continues to build on its success with a profit of £31,407 in the last year.

Promotion of the breed continued in many formats during 2023, from Shows, advertising in the farming press, livestock market shows & sales, continuing with the posting out of the successful semen brochure along with newsletters, photographic competition and the continued networking with industry contacts.

Financial Review

The loss for the year amounted to £36,586. This amount has reduced reserves brought forward leaving fund balances of £366,816 at the end of the year. The Trustees consider the results to be satisfactory.

Reserves Policy

The Society aims to hold financial reserves that cover up to one year's outgoing resources. At 31 December 2023 the Society held free reserves of £353,289.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The society is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The society was incorporated on 15 June 1875 and registered as a charity on 8 January 1963. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of the Council

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law under the company's Articles are known as members of the Council.

Each year some council members retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. They are elected by a ballot of those members entitled to vote.

Trustees induction and training

New Trustees are briefed by the President on their obligations as Council members and the future plans and objectives of the Society. Minutes of previous meetings are also available for new Council Members upon request.

Risk review

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems to mitigate these risk.

Every effort is made to ensure that all risks are kept to minimum. The Council consider that insurance cover and reserves are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the Society in the event of the occurrence of any unexpected incident.

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 Trustees on

, and signed on its behalf by:

S. V. B. Thomas

S Thomas, Director/ Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of the company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

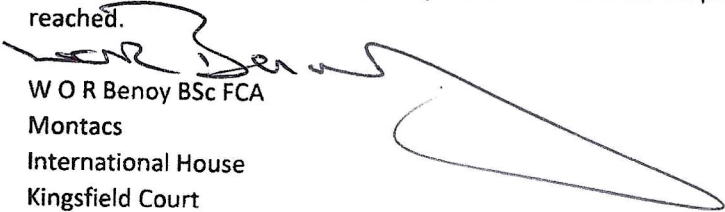
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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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Dated 16 September 2024

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**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023			2022		
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	6.1	3,959	-	3,959	70,516	-	70,516
Charitable activities	6.2	72,592	-	72,592	76,524	63,957	140,481
Investments	6.3	9,034	-	9,034	8,733	-	8,733
Total		85,585	-	85,585	155,773	63,957	219,730
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7.1	92,115	-	92,115	87,332	-	87,332
Charitable activities	7.2	36,944	108	37,051	27,326	50,322	77,648
Total		129,059	108	129,166	114,658	50,322	164,980
Net (losses)/gains on investments		6,995	-	6,995	-48,151	-	-48,151
Net income/movement in funds		-36,479	-108	-36,586	-7,036	13,635	6,599
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		389,767	13,635	403,402	396,803	-	396,803
Total funds carried forward	12	353,289	13,527	366,816	389,767	13,635	403,402

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Intangible assets	10	5	5
Tangible assets	9	2,004	2,396
Investments	11	238,355	231,571
Total Fixed assets		240,365	233,972
Current assets:			
Stocks		-	-
Debtors	12	88,501	100,086
Charities deposits		9,412	9,017
Cash at bank and in hand		61,503	95,003
Total current assets		159,416	204,106
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	32,965	34,675
Net current assets or liabilities		126,451	169,430
Total assets less current liabilities		366,816	403,402
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net asset or liabilities		366,816	403,402
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	14	13,527	13,635
Unrestricted funds	14	353,289	389,767
Total charity funds		366,816	403,402

The charitable company is entitled to exemption for audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on
and were signed on its behalf by:

S. V. B. Thomas

S Thomas, Director/Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. General information and basis of preparation

The Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements.

The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere and to compile and maintain a Herd book of recognised and pure bred Shorthorn cattle.

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), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 pound.

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.

2. Accounting policies

Fund accounting

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. Restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the restriction imposed upon them.

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 of 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 is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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2. Accounting policies (Cont'd)

Gift aid payments

Gift aid payments are recognised as distributions to owners from retained earnings with there being no legal obligation to make payments.

The accounting policy for gift aid payments also results in the company recognising a taxation charge on its profits for the year. However, the application of the exception under paragraph 29.14A of FRS 102 provides relief in respect of the accounting for the tax charge. This results in an overall nil impact on the charge for tax in the Income Statement. This exception is only applicable as it is probable that the gift aid payment will be made by the company to the parent charity within 9 months of the reporting date.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on accrual 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.

Intangible fixed assets

The intangible fixed asset comprises the copyright of the Coates Herd Book and is stated at cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold buildings	Written off in 2020
Equipment	10% - 20% straight line

Investments

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 value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (Cont'd)

Stocks

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

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

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

Operating leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions

The company operates defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable during the year are charged in the statement of financial activities in the period to which they relate.

Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Related company and consolidation

The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of Shorthorn Sires UK Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom). The company and its subsidiary comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

3. Net Income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income is stated after charging		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	892	628
Operating lease costs	682	954
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. Independent Examiners Remuneration

5. Trustee remuneration and other benefits

No trustees' remuneration or other benefits were paid during the year.

Reimbursed travel expenses	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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6. Income

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £
6.1 Donations and legacies	3,959	70,516	-
6.2 Charitable activities			
Member subscriptions	12,825	13,375	-
Herd book entry fees	26,086	22,272	-
Classification fees	6,491	5,797	-
Other fees	311	310	-
Coates' herd book	-5	100	-
Shorthorn Journal	7,080	7,799	-
Merchandise	1,192	528	-
Shows and Events	790	793	-
Sundry Income	2,821	2,252	-
Insurance claims	-	316	-
Management Fees	15,000	22,983	-
Sponsorship of WSH 2022	-	-	63,957
	<u>72,592</u>	<u>76,524</u>	<u>63,957</u>
6.3 Investment Income			
Interest on deposits	395	87	-
Dividend Income	8,639	8,646	-
	<u>9,034</u>	<u>8,733</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	<u>85,585</u>	<u>155,773</u>	<u>63,957</u>

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7. Expenses

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	£	£	£	£
7.1 Raising funds				
Salaries and national insurance	6,657	-	19,930	-
Breed secretary's fees and expenses	17,899	-	26,640	-
Management Fees - PLS	30,063	-	-	-
Social media fees and expenses	5,692	-	3,510	-
Rent and rates	8,303	-	8,060	-
Insurance	2,310	-	2,123	-
Telephone and postage	6,610	-	5,630	-
Printing and stationery	705	-	6,402	-
Computer and Software	3,062	-	3,227	-
Bank charges	663	-	789	-
Sundry expenses	262	-	468	-
Lease of equipment	682	-	954	-
Council meetings expenses	5,848	-	4,186	-
Independent examination	1,750	-	4,195	-
Legal and professional fees	717	-	590	-
Depreciation	892	-	628	-
	<u>92,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,332</u>	<u>-</u>
7.2 Charitable activities				
Shorthorn journal	10,180	-	6,940	-
Shows and events	13,235	-	12,110	-
Classifications	7,230	-	5,558	-
Merchandise	105	-	804	-
Publicity	5,519	-	1,449	-
Breed development	675	-	465	-
WSC 2022 Expenditure	-	108	-	50,322
	<u>36,944</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>27,326</u>	<u>50,322</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>129,059</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>114,658</u>	<u>50,322</u>

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8. Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:

	2023	2022
Administration	1	1

Staff costs were:

	£	£
Salaries and subcontract	6,462	19,352
Employee pension	195	578
	<u>6,657</u>	<u>19,930</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	9,281	9,281
Additions	500	500
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>9,781</u>	<u>9,781</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2023	6,885	6,885
Charge in the year	892	892
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>7,777</u>	<u>7,777</u>
Net Book value		
At 31 December 2023	2,396	2,396
At 31 December 2022	2,004	2,004

10. Intangible fixed assets

Copyright at cost - Coates' Herd Book	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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11. Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Listed investments held 1 January 2023	230,571	278,856
Purchases at cost	8,318	2,278
Sales proceeds	-8,567	-2,412
Revaluation	6,995	-48,151
Listed investments held 31 December 2022 (all quoted on a recognised stock exchange)	237,317	230,571
Shares in group company	1,000	1,000
	<u>238,317</u>	<u>231,571</u>

12. Debtors

Trade Debtors	16,898	14,358
Prepayments	3,503	2,485
Amounts owed by group company	48,101	43,243
Loan - SSUK	20,000	40,000
	<u>88,501</u>	<u>100,086</u>

13. Creditors

Trade Creditors	12,626	6,092
Sundry Creditors	8,568	14,265
Accruals & Deferred Income	5,291	8,229
VAT Liability	6,479	5,106
Taxation and social security	-	983
	<u>32,965</u>	<u>34,675</u>

14. Funds

Total funds of £364,063 consists of £350,535 unrestricted funds and £13,527 restricted funds.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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15. Related company and consolidation

The Society owns 100% of the issued share capital of Shorthorn Sires Limited, formley Red Cattle Genetics (Stoneleigh) Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom) which sells Shorthorn semen. Its trading results for the year, as extracted from the unaudited accounts are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover	128,102	129,281
Cost of sales	<u>-73,614</u>	<u>-96,824</u>
Gross profit	54,488	32,457
Administrative expenses	<u>-23,081</u>	<u>-32,531</u>
	31,407	-74
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Profit for the Financial Year	31,407	-73
Gift Aid donation	<u>-</u>	<u>70,516</u>
Retained income	31,407	-70,589
Reserves 1 January 2023	<u>9,221</u>	<u>79,810</u>
Reserves 31 December 2023	<u><u>40,628</u></u>	<u><u>9,221</u></u>

SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
Note	£ 2023	£ 2023	£ 2022	£ 2022
Income	85,585	-	155,773	63,957
Expenditure	129,059	108	114,658	50,322
	-43,474	-108	41,115	13,635
Net gains/(losses) on investments	6,995	-	-48,151	-
Net income/movement in funds	-36,479	-108	-7,036	13,635
Fund balances at 1 January 2023	389,767	13,635	396,803	-
Fund balances at 31 December 2023	353,289	13,527	389,767	13,635

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**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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(Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland in October 2019.

Reference and administration information

Charity name: Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

Charity registration number: 213216

Company registration number: 9597

Directors/Trustees

P Armstrong
I R G Collins
D H Craig
Mrs E A Davies
S E Dixon
J R Fisher
G James
R G Kite
D Madeley
N Madeley
Miss F Mannerings
R S T Morgan - Retired
T C Moscrop
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D Winnington

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Registered office and
Operational address:**

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Company Secretary

Mrs R E Rimmer

Independent Examiner

W.O.R. Benoy FCA

Bankers

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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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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
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Achievements and performance

Income and expenses were much higher in 2022 due to the hosting of the Shorthorn World Conference. It was a significant year for The Shorthorn Breed as it celebrated 200 years of the Coates Herd Book, which is the oldest herd book in the world. To celebrate this momentous achievement the UK hosted the Shorthorn World Conference and a 2 week tour of the country. The organising committee sourced a large amount of sponsorship for the event, after the event there was excess sponsorship left over which has been received by The Shorthorn Society to use as a source of funding for Youth Development going forward.

The milk prices in 2022 topped at around 50 ppl towards the end of the year and although Dairy Farmers have seen a huge increase in input costs, a good margin was achieved by most milk producers. The positivity in the market and industry reflected in the increase in registrations received by the Society in 2022.

The Society's subsidiary company Shorthorn Sires Ltd continues to build on its success, because of the demand and need for sexed semen, the directors of Shorthorn Sires made the big decision to take 3 new bulls on at once to help meet demand, so although there was no profit in Shorthorn Sires for 2022, it has ensured a good supply of sexed semen going forward, and enable strategic planning to as and when to take on new bulls in the coming year.

Society Staff in 2022 comprised of a salarised office manager/administrator, Part time bookkeeper/breed manager, Part time Field Officer and Part time publicity manager.

Promotion of the breed continued in many formats during 2022, from Shows, advertising in the farming press, livestock market & sales, continuing with the posting out of the successful semen brochure along with newsletters, photographic competition, and the continued networking with industry contacts.

As 2022 expenses for shows were up significantly due to all shows returning to normal after the COVID pandemic and extra costs above normal incurred due to holding the National show at the Great Yorkshire Show in 2022 as part of the World Conference Tour.

Social media continues to be a big factor in our promotion and communication with members with many referring to it for show results and market sales reports, very positive feedback is received about the Shorthorn Social Media from both old and young alike and other breed societies.

Financial Review

The surplus for the year amounted to £6,599. This amount has been added to reserves brought forward leaving fund balances of £403,402 at the end of the year. The Trustees consider the results to be satisfactory.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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New Trustees are briefed by the President on their obligations as Council members and the future plans and objectives of the Society. Minutes of previous meetings are also available for new Council Members upon request.

Risk review

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems to mitigate these risk.

Every effort is made to ensure that all risks are kept to minimum. The Council consider that insurance cover and reserves are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the Society in the event of the occurrence of any unexpected incident.

The uncertainty over the COVID-19 pandemic presents risks to the Society's operations and income streams. The Trustees review and monitor these on an ongoing basis.

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 Trustees on 27 September 2023, and signed on its behalf by:

A H J Whittle, Director/ Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of the company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('The 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2** the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3** the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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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Dated: 27 September 2023

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		2022		2021	
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	6.1	70,516	-	70,516	55,636
Charitable activities	6.2	76,524	63,957	140,481	66,557
Investments	6.3	8,733	-	8,733	8,131
Total		155,773	63,957	219,730	130,324
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7.1	87,332	-	87,332	74,029
Charitable activities	7.2	27,326	50,322	77,647	22,073
Total		114,658	50,322	164,979	96,102
Net (losses)/gains on investments		-48,151	-	-48,151	40,269
Net income/movement in funds		-7,036	13,635	6,599	74,491
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		396,803	-	396,803	322,312
Total funds carried forward	12	389,767	13,635	403,402	396,803

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Intangible assets	10	5	5
Tangible assets	9	2,396	1,594
Investments	11	231,571	279,856
Total Fixed assets		233,972	281,455
Current assets:			
Stocks		-	-
Debtors	12	100,086	38,855
Charities deposits		9,017	8,929
Cash at bank and in hand		95,003	120,843
Total current assets		204,106	168,627
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	34,675	53,279
Net current assets or liabilities		169,430	115,348
Total assets less current liabilities		403,402	396,803
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net asset or liabilities		403,402	396,803
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	14	13,635	-
Unrestricted funds	14	389,767	396,803
Total charity funds		403,402	396,803

The charitable company is entitled to exemption for audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 27 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A H J Whittle, Director/Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. General information and basis of preparation

The Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements.

The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere and to compile and maintain a Herd book of recognised and pure bred Shorthorn cattle.

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), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 pound.

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.

2. Accounting policies

Fund accounting

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. Restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the restriction imposed upon them.

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 of 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 is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

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2. Accounting policies (Cont'd)

Gift aid payments

Gift aid payments are recognised as distributions to owners from retained earnings with there being no legal obligation to make payments.

The accounting policy for gift aid payments also results in the company recognising a taxation charge on its profits for the year. However, the application of the exception under paragraph 29.14A of FRS 102 provides relief in respect of the accounting for the tax charge. This results in an overall nil impact on the charge for tax in the Income Statement. This exception is only applicable as it is probable that the gift aid payment will be made by the company to the parent charity within 9 months of the reporting date.

Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on accrual 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.

Intangible fixed assets

The intangible fixed asset compromises the copyright of the Coates Herd Book and is stated at cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold buildings	Written off in 2020
Equipment	10% - 20% straight line

Investments

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 value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (Cont'd)

Stocks

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

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

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

Operating leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions

The company operates defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable during the year are charged in the statement of financial activities in the period to which they relate.

Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Related company and consolidation

The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of Shorthorn Sires UK Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom). The company and its subsidiary comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

3. Net Income

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income is stated after charging		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	628	530
Operating lease costs	954	993

4. Independent Examiners Remuneration

The Independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £2,150 and other services of £2,045.

5. Trustee remuneration and other benefits

No trustees' remuneration or other benefits were paid during the year.

Reimbursed travel expenses		
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6. Income

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
6.1 Donations and legacies	70,516	-	55,636
6.2 Charitable activities			
Member subscriptions	13,375	-	13,797
Herd book entry fees	22,272	-	21,940
Classification fees	5,797	-	5,044
Other fees	310	-	325
Coates' herd book	100	-	40
Shorthorn Journal	7,799	-	6,960
Merchandise	528	-	259
Shows and Events	793	-	575
Sundry Income	2252	-	117
Insurance claims	316	-	-
Management Fees	22,983	-	17,500
Sponsorship of WSH 2022	-	63,957	-
	<u>76,524</u>	<u>63,957</u>	<u>66,557</u>
6.3 Investment Income			
Interest on deposits	87	-	151
Dividend Income	8,646	-	7,980
	<u>8,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,131</u>
Total Income	<u>155,773</u>	<u>63,957</u>	<u>130,324</u>

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7. Expenses

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2021 Unrestricted funds £
7.1 Raising funds			
Salaries and national insurance	19,930	-	19,186
Breed secretary's fees and expenses	26,640	-	25,620
Social media fees and expenses	3,510	-	3,974
Rent and rates	8,060	-	5,653
Insurance	2,123	-	2,118
Telephone and postage	5,630	-	2,848
Printing and stationery	6,402	-	523
Repairs and maintenance	3,227	-	5,213
Bank charges	789	-	1,015
Sundry expenses	468	-	294
Lease of equipment	954	-	993
Council meetings expenses	4,186	-	343
Independent examination	4,195	-	3,800
Legal and professional fees	590	-	1,919
Depreciation	628	-	530
	<u>87,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,029</u>
7.2 Charitable activities			
Shorthorn journal	6,940	-	6,531
Shows and events	12,110	-	2,427
Classifications	5,558	-	5,139
Merchandise	804	-	440
Publicity	1,449	-	6,435
Breed development	465	-	1,101
WSC 2022 Expenditure	-	50,322	-
	<u>27,326</u>	<u>50,322</u>	<u>22,073</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>114,658</u>	<u>50,322</u>	<u>96,102</u>

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8. Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:

	2022	2021
Administration	1	1
Staff costs were:	£	£
Salaries and subcontract	19,352	18,630
Employee pension	578	556
	<u>19,930</u>	<u>19,186</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	7,851	7,851
Additions	1,430	1,430
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>9,281</u>	<u>9,281</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	6,257	6,257
Charge in the year	627	627
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>6,885</u>	<u>6,885</u>
Net Book value		
At 31 December 2022	2,396	2,396
At 31 December 2021	1,594	1,594

10. Intangible fixed assets

Copyright at cost - Coates' Herd Book	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

11. Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Listed investments held 1 January 2022	278,856	238,587
Purchases at cost	2,278	-
Sales proceeds	-2,412	-
Revaluation	-48,151	40,269
Listed investments held 31 December 2020 (all quoted on a recognised stock exchange)	230,571	278,856
Shares in group company	1,000	1,000
	<u>231,571</u>	<u>279,856</u>

12. Debtors

Trade Debtors	14,358	20,777
Prepayments	2,485	4,036
Amounts owed by group company	43,243	14,042
Loan - SSUK	40,000	-
	<u>100,086</u>	<u>38,855</u>

13. Creditors

Trade Creditors	6,092	4,953
Sundry Creditors	14,265	-
Accruals & Deferred Income	8,229	44,562
VAT Liability	5,106	3,182
Taxation and social security	983	582
	<u>34,675</u>	<u>53,279</u>

14. Funds

Total funds of £403,402 consists of £389,767 unrestricted funds and £13,635 restricted funds.

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15. Related company and consolidation

The Society owns 100% of the issued share capital of Shorthorn Sires Limited, formley Red Cattle Genetics (Stoneleigh) Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom) which sells Shorthorn semen. Its trading results for the year, as extracted from the unadited accounts are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	129,281	144,668
Cost of sales	-96,824	-48,476
Gross profit	32,457	96,192
Administrative expenses	-32,531	-25,676
	-74	70,516
Interest receivable	1	-
Profit for the Financial Year	-73	70,516
Gift Aid donation	70,516	54,027
Retained income	-70,589	16,489
Reserves 1 January 2022	79,810	63,321
Reserves 31 December 2022	9,221	79,810

Accounts

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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(Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2021

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and administration information

Charity name:	Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
Charity registration number:	213216
Company registration number:	9597
Registered office and Operational address:	Society Pavilion Avenue M Stoneleigh Park Kenilworth Warwickshire CV8 2RG

Directors / Trustees

P Armstrong	
I R G Collins	
D H Craig	
Mrs E A E Davies	
S E Dixon	Appointed 4 November 2021
J R Fisher	
G James	
R G Kite	
D Madeley	
N Madeley	
Miss F Mannerings	
R S T Morgan	
T C Moscrop	
J R Osborne	
A Reilly	
J E Robinson	Resigned 5 July 2021
A G Rothen	
S Royle	
Mrs S H M Slade	
S V B Thomas	
D Wainwright	
A H J Whittle	
D Winnington	
J P Wyatt	
Mrs W A Young	

President

D H Craig

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Company Secretary

Mrs R E Rimmer

Independent examiner

Richard Miller MA (Oxon) FCA, Dafferns LLP, Chartered Accountants, One Eastwood, Harry Weston Road, Binley Business Park, Coventry, CV3 2UB.

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc. Coventry

Activities and charitable objects

The principal activity and charitable objects of the Society are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere, and to compile and maintain a Herd Book of recognised and pure-bred Shorthorn cattle.

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.

Achievements and performance

The Dairy Industry in 2021 experienced the driving forces of rising input costs with both processors and farmers alike feeling the strain as the cost of fuel, energy, fertiliser, labour, transport all increased throughout 2021. This pressure looks set to continue into 2022. Whilst these circumstances have pushed milk prices up there has not been enough to incentivise expansion. Milk prices are just covering the costs increases, however, if milk prices continue to rise and costs can be covered, and yields begin to increase positively, producers will begin to invest again.

The advantage of the native Dairy Shorthorn is that many Dairy Shorthorn herds are run on a low input system, so we are not seeing the exodus from the industry within our breed like other high input breeds which incur the higher costs. Rising costs stabilised the increase in registrations in 2021 that we saw in 2020 and due to Brexit and leaving Europe the Society are unable to accept Irish registrations which did have a detrimental effect on registrations in 2021. New UK members continue to steadily join the Society, helping in the replacement of the Irish members that have been lost through Brexit.

Record sales of sexed semen through The Society's subsidiary company Shorthorn Sires Ltd will inevitably have an outcome of more female pedigree animals on the ground, that we hope will be registered with the Society in the coming 12 to 18 months. TB continues to be an issue for many dairy farmers. Investment value increased during 2021 following the lower valuation in 2021, the Society are hoping to be in the position to put many borrowed from investments back into further investments in 2021.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Achievements and performance

Society expenses have increased in 2021, this is due to partly to returning to shows that had not been held in 2020 due to COVID, there was an increase in staff wages and an increase in marketing which included promotional Semen brochures that were then posted out to members and potential semen purchasers. Society Staff in 2021 comprised of a salaried office manager/administrator, Part time bookkeeper/breed manager, Part time Field Officer and Part time publicity manager.

Promotion of the breed continued in many formats during 2021, from Shows, advertising in the farming press, livestock market shows & sales, continuing with the posting out of the successful semen brochure along with newsletters, photographic competition and the continued networking with industry contacts.

Building of the Genomic database continues, along with the development of the international committee, once the database has enough data this will assist the breed in its development.

As 2021 progressed we saw the return of Shows and young members being able to take part in calf shows and young handlers' classes, and it was good the All-Breed All Britain Calf show for the young members to take part in at the end of 2021, the continued development of the youth will be focussed on going into 2022 as the country continues to open up following COVID.

Social media continues to be a big factor in our promotion and communication with members with many referring to it for show results and market sales reports, very positive feedback is received about the Shorthorn Social Media from both old and young alike.

Financial review

The net income for the year amounted to £74,491. This amount has been added to reserves brought forward leaving fund balances of £396,803 at the end of the year. The trustees consider the results to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy

The Society aims to hold financial reserves that cover up to one year's outgoing resources. At 31 December 2021 the Society held free reserves amounting to £396,803.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The Society was incorporated on 15 June 1875 and registered as a charity on 8 January 1963. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Recruitment and appointment of the Council

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Council.

Each year some council members retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. They are elected by a ballot of those members entitled to vote.

Trustee induction and training

New Trustees are briefed by the President on their obligations as Council members and the future plans and objectives of the Society. Minutes of previous meetings are also available for new Council Members upon request.

Risk review

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems to mitigate these risks.

Every effort is made to ensure that all risks are kept to a minimum. The Council consider that insurance cover and reserves are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the Society in the event of the occurrence of any unexpected incident.

The uncertainty over the COVID-19 pandemic presents risks to the Society's operations and income streams. The Society's Trustees review and monitor these on an ongoing basis.

Trustees will be conducting meetings and discussions via online conferencing to reduce the need to meet face to face. Registration and membership income have been reviewed and should remain stable in the short term. Ongoing marketing, sales and promotion of the breed will focus on online and social media platforms in order to replace some of the exposure the breed would normally have had from attendance at shows and events. Trustees monitor Government guidelines to ensure members can sell their animals in a COVID secure manner. Online conferencing is being used for the AGM and is being considered by Trustees to deliver educational and management information to members in lieu of organised workshops and farm visits.

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 Trustees on 10 June 2022, and signed on its behalf by:

A H J Whittle, Director / Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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.

Richard Miller MA (Oxon) FCA,
For and on behalf of Dafferns LLP
Chartered Accountants,
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Harry Weston Road,
Binley Business Park
Coventry, CV3 2UB

Dated 10 June 2022

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

INCOME FROM:	Unrestricted funds	
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations	500	-
Gift aid	1,109	-
Charitable activities		
Members subscriptions	13,797	14,196
Herd book entry fees	21,940	30,005
Classification fees	5,044	5,676
Other fees	325	285
Coates' herd book	40	75
Shorthorn journal	6,960	5,875
Merchandise	259	440
Shows and events	575	100
World conference 2019	-	-
Sundry income	117	62
Management fees	17,500	15,324
Profit on sale of fixed assets	-	9,399
Investment income		
Interest on deposits	151	25
Dividend income	7,980	8,237
Gift aid donation from trading subsidiary	54,027	26,935
Total income	<u>130,324</u>	<u>116,634</u>

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(INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted funds	
	2021	2020
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Shorthorn journal	6,531	6,388
Shows and events	2,427	568
World conference 2019	-	-
Classifications	5,139	6,088
Merchandise	440	462
Publicity	6,435	3,688
Breed development	1,101	1,091
Support costs (not allocated)		
Salaries and national insurance	19,186	18,437
Breed secretary's fees and expenses	25,620	21,873
Social media fees and expenses	3,974	2,861
Rent and rates	5,590	10,960
Light and heat	63	183
Insurance	2,118	2,007
Telephone and postage	2,848	3,421
Printing and stationery	523	955
Staff travelling and entertaining	-	73
Repairs and maintenance	5,213	3,573
Bank charges	1,015	358
Sundry expenses	294	259
Lease of equipment	993	1,002
Council meetings expenses	343	450
Independent examination	3,800	2,960
Legal and professional fees	1,919	2,322
Bad debts	-	490
Depreciation	530	1,413
Total expenditure	<u>96,102</u>	<u>91,882</u>

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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021	2020
		£	£
Income		130,324	116,634
Expenditure		<u>96,102</u>	<u>91,882</u>
		34,222	24,752
Net gains / (losses) on investments		<u>40,269</u>	<u>(3,577)</u>
Net income / movement in funds		74,491	21,175
 Fund balances at 1 January 2021		 <u>322,312</u>	 <u>301,137</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		<u>396,803</u>	<u>322,312</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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(REGISTERED NUMBER: 00009597)**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	7	5	5
Tangible assets	8	1,594	2,124
Investments	9	<u>279,856</u>	<u>239,587</u>
		281,455	241,716
Current assets			
Stock		-	-
Debtors	10	38,855	34,750
Charities deposit		8,929	8,864
Bank balances and cash		<u>120,843</u>	<u>72,379</u>
		168,627	115,993
Current liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>53,279</u>	<u>35,397</u>
Net current assets		<u>115,348</u>	<u>80,596</u>
Net assets		<u>396,803</u>	<u>322,312</u>
Financed by:			
Reserves			
Unrestricted funds	12	<u>396,803</u>	<u>322,312</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 10 June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A H J Whittle, Director / Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information and basis of preparation

The Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. 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 encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere and to compile and maintain a Herdbook of recognised and purebred Shorthorn cattle.

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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 pound.

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.

2. Accounting policies

Fund accounting

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.

Restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the restriction imposed upon them.

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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2. Accounting policies

Gift aid payments

Gift aid payments are recognised as distributions to owners from retained earnings with there being no legal obligation to make payments.

The accounting policy for gift aid payments also results in the company recognising a taxation charge on its profits for the year. However, the application of the exception under paragraph 29.14A of FRS 102 provides relief in respect of the accounting for the tax charge. This results in an overall nil impact on the charge for tax in the Income Statement. This exception is only applicable as it is probable that the gift aid payment will be made by the company to the parent charity within 9 months of the reporting date.

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.

Intangible fixed assets

The intangible fixed asset comprises the copyright of the Coates Herd Book and is stated at cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold buildings	Written off in 2020
Equipment	10% - 20% straight line

Investments

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. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

The investment in the subsidiary is measured at cost less impairment.

Stocks

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

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.

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2. Accounting policies

Operating leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions

The company operates defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable during the year are charged in the statement of financial activities in the period to which they relate.

Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Related company and consolidation

The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of Shorthorn Sires UK Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom). The company and its subsidiary comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

3. Net income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	530	1,413
Operating lease costs	<u>993</u>	<u>942</u>
And after crediting:		
Profit on sale of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>9,399</u>

4. Independent examiners remuneration

The independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £1,800 and accountancy and other services of £2,000.

5. Trustee remuneration and other benefits

No trustees' remuneration or other benefits were paid during the year.

Trustees' expenses

Reimbursed travel expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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6. Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:

Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Staff costs were:		
Salaries and subcontract	18,630	17,900
Employers pension	<u>556</u>	<u>537</u>
	<u>19,186</u>	<u>18,437</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

7. Intangible fixed assets

Copyright at cost – Coates' Herd Book	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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8. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2021	7,851	7,851
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>7,851</u>	<u>7,851</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2021	5,727	5,727
Charge for the year	530	530
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<u>6,257</u>	<u>6,257</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,594</u>	<u>1,594</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,124</u>	<u>2,124</u>

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9. Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Listed investments held 1 January 2020	238,587	242,164
Purchases at cost	-	-
Sales proceeds	-	-
Revaluation	<u>40,269</u>	<u>(3,577)</u>
Listed investments held 31 December 2020 (all quoted on a recognised stock exchange)	278,856	238,587
Shares in group company	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>279,856</u>	<u>239,587</u>

Shares in subsidiaries

Name: Shorthorn Sires UK Limited

Company number: 02937523 (England and Wales)

Nature of business: Selling of Shorthorn semen

Class of shares: Ordinary - Holding: 100%

Aggregate capital and reserves

Profit / (loss) for the year

79,810	63,321
<u>70,516</u>	<u>54,027</u>

10. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	20,777	15,161
Amount owed by group company	14,042	15,692
Prepayments	<u>4,036</u>	<u>3,897</u>
	<u>38,855</u>	<u>34,750</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	4,953	7,569
Deferred income	40,030	18,280
Taxation and social security	582	252
Value added tax	3,182	5,522
Other creditors	-	121
Accruals	<u>4,532</u>	<u>3,653</u>
	<u>53,279</u>	<u>35,397</u>

12. Funds

All funds are unrestricted

13. Other financial commitments

Total amount of financial commitments and contingencies is £5,982

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14. Related company and consolidation

The Society owns 100% of the issued share capital of Shorthorn Sires Limited, formerly Red Cattle Genetics (Stoneleigh) Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom) which sells Shorthorn semen. Its trading results for the year, as extracted from the unaudited accounts are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Turnover	144,668	131,723
Cost of sales	<u>48,476</u>	<u>56,986</u>
Gross profit	96,192	74,737
Administrative expenses	<u>25,676</u>	<u>20,710</u>
	70,516	54,027
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	70,516	54,027
Gift aid donation	<u>54,027</u>	<u>26,935</u>
Retained income	16,489	27,092
Prior year adjustment	-	-
Reserves 1 January 2021	<u>63,321</u>	<u>36,229</u>
Reserves 31 December 2021	<u><u>79,810</u></u>	<u><u>63,321</u></u>

15. Related party transactions

There were no material related party transactions during the year.

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(Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2020

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and administration information

Charity name:	Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
Charity registration number:	213216
Company registration number:	9597
Registered office and Operational address:	Society Pavilion Avenue M Stoneleigh Park Kenilworth Warwickshire CV8 2RG

Directors / Trustees

P Armstrong	appointed 27.7.20
I R G Collins	
D H Craig	
Mrs E A E Davies	
J R Fisher	
G James	
R G Kite	
D Madeley	
G A Madeley	resigned 27.7.20
N Madeley	
Miss F Mannerings	
R S T Morgan	
T C Moscrop	appointed 27.7.20
J R Osborne	appointed 27.7.20
W H Rawlins	resigned 27.7.20
A Reilly	appointed 27.7.20
J E Robinson	
A G Rothen	
S Royle	
Mrs S H M Slade	
S V B Thomas	
D Wainwright	
A H J Whittle	
D Winnington	
J P Wyatt	
Mrs W A Young	

President

S V B Thomas

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
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Company Secretary

Mrs R E Rimmer

Independent examiner

Richard Miller MA (Oxon) FCA, Dafferns LLP, Chartered Accountants, One Eastwood, Harry Weston Road, Binley Business Park, Coventry, CV3 2UB.

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc. Coventry

Activities and charitable objects

The principal activity and charitable objects of the Society are to encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere, and to compile and maintain a Herd Book of recognised and pure-bred Shorthorn cattle.

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.

Achievements and performance

Future focus on the dairy industry is very much based on sustainability. The current Basic Payment farm subsidy scheme is being phased out, to be replaced by the Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS). In future to receive subsidy farmers will need to have agreements in place meeting environmental targets.

There will be pressure on intensive Dairy enterprises, and it's likely that grazing based systems will benefit from these new environmental agreements, therefore the Dairy Shorthorn as a native breed is well placed for grazing based systems and has experienced a resurgence in popularity in 2020. Subsequently the Society has benefited with an increase in membership and an increase in registrations in the last 12 months. The Society continuously looks for opportunities to increase registrations, again this year the subsidiary company Shorthorn Sires UK Ltd has had another increase in Shorthorn Semen sales which will in turn bring more registrations. TB continues to blight many Dairy farmers throughout the country, and Brexit regulations will have a detrimental effect on Irish registrations.

Society expenses have been reduced dramatically compared to the previous year, this is due to a number of factors but mainly the COVID pandemic and the subsequent lockdown that resulted in all the agricultural shows normally attended being cancelled, re-negotiation of running costs are also kept under review. Society Staff currently comprises of an Office Administrator, Part time Bookkeeper/Breed Secretary, Part time Field Officer, and Part time Publicity Officer. There were odd one-off costs in this financial year due to office move and relinquishing the old office. Investments have remained stable, with no growth in 2020 due to COVID and Brexit causing uncertainties in the financial markets.

Promotion of the Breed continued, even though shows were cancelled. The Society produced a new semen brochure and newsletter to send to members and previous semen customers, these received a very positive response. Advertising in national farming press and the publication of a number of editorials has been used. Social Media has had a very important role to play during lockdown in 2020, constantly promoting the breed and supporting campaigns like Februdairy and 24 Hours in Farming, encouraging member participation.

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Achievements and performance

Livestock marketing was able to continue and there were several successful Society supported Shorthorn sales during the year.

In 2020 a shorthorn member breeder for the first time in any dairy breed or any country, had a dam and daughter duo classified at EX-97 a huge achievement for the breed.

2020 also saw the launch of the All Britain Photographic competition which was a huge success and a good base to build from and encouraged member participation in voting for the champions in each category.

The Breed Secretary and Field officer have had a number of virtual meetings to build up links that will help progress the Society.

Genomic testing is constantly being reviewed and the Society continue to work with the relevant organisations to build the required database. Recently getting involved with a Genomic international committee with other Shorthorn Societies from around the world. Genomics will help to optimize profitability and yields of herds by making strategic breeding decisions, we hope to see more progress as the data increases.

Youth Development is one of the main priorities of the Society, to encourage younger members onto Shorthorn Committees it has been refreshing to have younger members involved in the last 12 months. During 2020 the normal Calf Shows and Young Handlers competitions we unable to go ahead due to the pandemic. After lockdown in the virtual show "The Spotlight Online Show" a young member took winners spot for the coloured breed calf class.

The Society will continue to support and bring on the next generation of Dairy Farmers by holding and getting involved in calf shows and young handler events. Social Media remains good way to communicate to younger members, continuing to build our Instagram presence to help attract young breeders who will then also help to promote the breed.

Financial review

The net income for the year amounted to £21,175. This amount has been added to reserves brought forward leaving fund balances of £322,312 at the end of the year. The trustees consider the results to be satisfactory.

Reserves policy

The Society aims to hold financial reserves that cover up to one year's outgoing resources. At 31 December 2020 the Society held free reserves amounting to £322,312.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The Society was incorporated on 15 June 1875 and registered as a charity on 8 January 1963. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of the Council

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Council.

Each year some council members retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. They are elected by a ballot of those members entitled to vote.

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Trustee induction and training

New Trustees are briefed by the President on their obligations as Council members and the future plans and objectives of the Society. Minutes of previous meetings are also available for new Council Members upon request.

Risk review

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems to mitigate these risks.

Every effort is made to ensure that all risks are kept to a minimum. The Council consider that insurance cover and reserves are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the Society in the event of the occurrence of any unexpected incident.

The uncertainty over the COVID-19 pandemic presents risks to the Society's operations and income streams. The Society's Trustees review and monitor these on an ongoing basis.

Trustees will be conducting meetings and discussions via online conferencing to reduce the need to meet face to face. Registration and membership income have been reviewed and should remain stable in the short term. Ongoing marketing, sales and promotion of the breed will focus on online and social media platforms in order to replace some of the exposure the breed would normally have had from attendance at shows and events. Trustees monitor Government guidelines to ensure members can sell their animals in a COVID secure manner. Online conferencing is being used for the AGM and is being considered by Trustees to deliver educational and management information to members in lieu of organised workshops and farm visits.

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 Trustees on 25 March 2021, and signed on its behalf by:

A H J Whittle, Director / Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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.

Richard Miller MA (Oxon) FCA,
For and on behalf of Dafferns LLP
Chartered Accountants,
One Eastwood,
Harry Weston Road,
Binley Business Park
Coventry, CV3 2UB

18 May 2021

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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INCOME FROM:	Unrestricted funds	
	2020	2019
	£	as restated £
Donations and legacies		
Donations	-	-
Gift aid	-	2,432
Charitable activities		
Members subscriptions	14,196	13,862
Herd book entry fees	30,005	26,665
Classification fees	5,676	7,738
Other fees	285	192
Coates' herd book	75	53
Shorthorn journal	5,875	6,002
Merchandise	440	880
Shows and events	100	3,609
World conference 2019	-	3,185
Sundry income	62	862
Management fees	15,324	15,648
Profit on sale of fixed assets	9,399	-
Investment income		
Interest on deposits	25	50
Dividend income	8,237	8,280
Gift aid donation from trading subsidiary	26,935	16,833
Total income	<u>116,634</u>	<u>106,291</u>

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RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted funds	
	2020	2019
	£	as restated £
Charitable activities		
Shorthorn journal	6,388	7,789
Shows and events	568	9,287
World conference 2019	-	4,499
Classifications	6,088	7,264
Merchandise	462	381
Publicity	3,688	5,961
Breed development	1,091	1,065
Support costs (not allocated)		
Salaries and national insurance	18,437	16,467
Breed secretary's fees and expenses	21,873	23,157
Social media fees and expenses	2,861	2,444
Rent and rates	10,960	8,225
Light and heat	183	1,261
Insurance	2,007	1,879
Telephone and postage	3,421	4,414
Printing and stationery	955	1,299
Staff travelling and entertaining	73	615
Repairs and maintenance	3,573	4,979
Bank charges	358	925
Sundry expenses	259	293
Lease of equipment	1,002	1,291
Council meetings expenses	450	1,495
Independent examination	2,960	3,000
Legal and professional fees	2,322	358
Bad debts	490	200
Depreciation	1,413	2,927
Total expenditure	<u>91,882</u>	<u>111,475</u>

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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	2019 as restated £
Income		116,634	106,291
Expenditure		<u>91,882</u>	<u>111,475</u>
		24,752	(5,184)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		<u>(3,577)</u>	<u>48,817</u>
Net income / movement in funds		21,175	43,633
Prior year adjustment	5	-	(16,833)
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		<u>301,137</u>	<u>274,337</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		<u>322,312</u>	<u>301,137</u>

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(REGISTERED NUMBER: 00009597)**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019 as restated
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	8	5	5
Tangible assets	9	2,124	883
Investments	10	<u>239,587</u>	<u>243,164</u>
		241,716	244,052
Current assets			
Stock		-	274
Debtors	11	34,750	26,719
Charities deposit		8,864	8,841
Bank balances and cash		<u>72,379</u>	<u>45,065</u>
		115,993	80,899
Current liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>35,397</u>	<u>23,814</u>
Net current assets		<u>80,596</u>	<u>57,085</u>
Net assets		<u>322,312</u>	<u>301,137</u>
Financed by:			
Reserves			
Unrestricted funds	13	<u>322,312</u>	<u>301,137</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies' subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 25 March 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A H J Whittle, Director / Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information and basis of preparation

The Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. 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 encourage, promote and improve the breeding of Shorthorn cattle in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or elsewhere and to compile and maintain a Herdbook of recognised and purebred Shorthorn cattle.

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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 pound.

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.

2. Accounting policies

Fund accounting

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.

Restricted funds can only be used in accordance with the restriction imposed upon them.

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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2. Accounting policies

Gift aid payments

Gift aid payments are recognised as distributions to owners from retained earnings with there being no legal obligation to make payments.

This is a change in accounting policy applicable from periods commencing 1 January 2020 and has been retrospectively applied with comparative figures being restated. Further details can be found in Note 5.

The change in accounting policy for gift aid payments also results in the company recognising a taxation charge on its profits for the year. However, the application of the exception under paragraph 29.14A of FRS 102 provides relief in respect of the accounting for the tax charge. This results in an overall nil impact on the charge for tax in the Income Statement. This exception is only applicable as it is probable that the gift aid payment will be made by the company to the parent charity within 9 months of the reporting date.

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.

Intangible fixed assets

The intangible fixed asset comprises the copyright of the Coates Herd Book and is stated at cost.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold buildings	Written off in 2020
Equipment	10% - 20% straight line

Investments

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. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

The investment in the subsidiary is measured at cost less impairment.

Stocks

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

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.

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2. Accounting policies

Operating leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Pensions

The company operates defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions payable during the year are charged in the statement of financial activities in the period to which they relate.

Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Related company and consolidation

The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of Shorthorn Sires UK Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom). The company and its subsidiary comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

3. Net income

	2020	2019
	£	as restated £
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,413	2,927
Operating lease costs	<u>942</u>	<u>3,955</u>
And after crediting:		
Profit on sale of fixed assets	<u>9,399</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Independent examiners remuneration

The independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £1,750 and accountancy and other services of £1,210.

5. Prior year adjustment

As a result of the new clarifications and changes from the Financial Reporting Council's 2017 FRS 102 Triennial Review, gift aid payments are now recognised as distributions to owners from retained earnings. The charity previously recognised gift aid payments as income in the Income Statement in the year that the profits arose.

Being a change in company accounting policy these updates were applied to company from periods commencing 1 January 2020 with full retrospective application as required by FRS 102. Therefore, the prior year comparative figures have been restated to reflect this change.

There is a prior year adjustment of £16,833 reflecting the change in accounting for the gift aid payment for the year ended 31 December 2018. This decreases the opening retained earnings for the year ended 31 December 2019 by this amount.

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6. Trustee remuneration and other benefits

No trustees' remuneration or other benefits were paid during the year.

Trustees' expenses

Reimbursed travel expenses	—	—
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7. Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:

Administration	1	1
Staff costs were:		
Salaries and subcontract	17,900	16,025
Employers pension	537	442
	<u>18,437</u>	<u>16,467</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

8. Intangible fixed assets

Copyright at cost – Coates' Herd Book	5	5
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9. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2020	13,372	13,372
Additions	2,654	2,654
Disposals	(8,175)	(8,175)
At 31 December 2020	<u>7,851</u>	<u>7,851</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2020	12,489	12,489
Charge for the year	1,413	1,413
Disposals	(8,175)	(8,175)
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,727</u>	<u>5,727</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,124</u>	<u>883</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>883</u>	<u>883</u>

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10. Investments

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Listed investments held 1 January 2020	242,164	212,913
Purchases at cost	-	6,542
Sales proceeds	-	(26,108)
Revaluation	<u>(3,577)</u>	<u>48,817</u>
Listed investments held 31 December 2020 (all quoted on a recognised stock exchange)	238,587	242,164
Shares in group company	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u><u>239,587</u></u>	<u><u>243,164</u></u>

Shares in subsidiaries

Name: Shorthorn Sires UK Limited

Company number: 02937523 (England and Wales)

Nature of business: Selling of Shorthorn semen

Class of shares: Ordinary - Holding: 100%

Aggregate capital and reserves

Profit / (loss) for the year

9,294	9,294
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11. Debtors

	2020	2019 as restated
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,161	15,069
Amount owed by group company	15,692	9,354
Prepayments	<u>3,897</u>	<u>2,296</u>
	<u><u>34,750</u></u>	<u><u>26,719</u></u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade creditors	7,569	7,168
Deferred income	18,280	8,280
Taxation and social security	252	132
Value added tax	5,522	3,776
Other creditors	121	93
Accruals	<u>3,653</u>	<u>4,365</u>
	<u><u>35,397</u></u>	<u><u>23,814</u></u>

13. Funds

All funds are unrestricted

14. Other financial commitments

Total amount of financial commitments and contingencies is £6,887.

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15. Related company and consolidation

The Society owns 100% of the issued share capital of Shorthorn Sires Limited, formerly Red Cattle Genetics (Stoneleigh) Limited (incorporated in the United Kingdom) which sells Shorthorn semen. Its trading results for the year, as extracted from the unaudited accounts are as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	as restated £
Turnover	131,723	105,690
Cost of sales	<u>56,986</u>	<u>60,473</u>
Gross profit	74,737	45,217
Administrative expenses	<u>20,710</u>	<u>18,282</u>
	54,027	26,935
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	54,027	26,935
Gift aid donation	<u>26,935</u>	<u>16,833</u>
Retained income	27,092	10,102
Prior year adjustment	-	16,833
Reserves 1 January 2020	<u>36,229</u>	<u>9,294</u>
Reserves 31 December 2020	<u>63,321</u>	<u>36,229</u>

16. Related party transactions

There were no material related party transactions during the year.