

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

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

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023

**SHORTHORN SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. 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
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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**Registered office and
Operational address:**

Holme House
Dale
Ainstable
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.

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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.

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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
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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 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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**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.

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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.

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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
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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	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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6. Income

	2023	2022	2022
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
	funds	funds	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.

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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>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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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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