

HAWKSHEAD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

HAWKSHEAD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

ADDRESS	Field Head Farm Outgate Ambleside LA22 0PY
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Founded in 1875; governed by its rules Registered Charity 227716
TRUSTEES	Mandy Mitten Shaun Taylforth Rebecca Wolf
BANKERS	Barclays Bank Plc 9 Highgate Kendal Cumbria LA9 4DA
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	S Oram FCCA Melville & Co., Chartered Accountants Unit 17-18, Trinity Enterprise Centre Furness Business Park Ironworks Road Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2PN

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

OBJECTS

The Society is established for the purpose of encouraging improvements in livestock by the distribution of premiums, for arranging such other competitions and exhibitions that the Committee may from time to time resolve, and generally for encouraging agricultural improvements of every description.

The Society arranges an annual show for the exhibition of stock and for other exhibitions and competitions, including home produce, handicrafts and horticulture, and awards premiums and other prizes in respect of such exhibitions and competitions. The annual show is held two weeks before the first Tuesday in September at Hawkshead.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

This year's show was a resounding success, due to both excellent weather and the organisational skills of the committee. In addition to record gate entries, sponsorship and trade stand revenue increased substantially, with the creation of a new food hall and craft marquee further boosting income.

To celebrate the Society's 150th year, an after-show Hoedown dance and raffle was organised. The surplus on the night was donated to the Hawkshead Recreation Ground after the year end, to contribute towards new play equipment.

The Society successfully applied for a National Lottery Grant to purchase heavy-duty track mats, in addition to making substantial improvements to the show field's drainage during the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year increased by 93% to £77,588 which includes a £20,000 grant, compared with £40,264 in the previous year. Show expenditure increased by 99% to £63,162, which includes the purchase of track mats costing £19,989.

The Society made an overall surplus on its activities of £14,426 compared to £8,467 last year, resulting in funds carried forward of £47,862.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In planning and carrying out the charity's activities the Trustees are always aware that such activities must be for the public benefit. As such the Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the 'public benefit' motive.

TRUSTEES

The trustees in office during the year are as follows:

Mandy Mitten	
Rebecca Wolf	
Andrew Wilson	- resigned 29 October 2024
Shaun Taylforth	- appointed 29 October 2024

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

President	Mr J Mallett
Vice-President	Mr E Taylforth
Chairman	Mr S Taylforth
Vice-Chairman	Mr A Brown
Treasurer	Mrs M Mitten
Secretary	Miss R Wolf

Committee: Mr E Barrow, Mr G Belcher, Mr C Briggs, Mr A Brown, Mr J Brown, Mrs J Brown, Mrs L Brown, Mrs H Clough, Mrs N Collyer, Mr R Collyer, Mr G Dixon, Mrs K Harvey, Mr D Hodgson, Mr P Irvine, Mr B Lamb, Miss A Loring, Mr D Mallett, Mr J Mallett, Mrs A Mckinley, Mrs S Miles, Mrs M Mitten, Miss H Monkman, Mrs J Muir, Mr P Spedding, Mr E Taylforth, Mr S Taylforth, Mr I Thompson, Mr A Wilson, Miss B Wolf, Miss Ellie Wolf, Miss Emma Wolf, Mr S Wood, Mrs S Woodburn

RESERVES

It is the Society's policy to retain sufficient reserves to:

- ensure the continuity of the charity, should the Hawkshead Agricultural Show be cancelled at short notice due to poor weather or unforeseen circumstances.
- fulfil the Society's objectives of encouraging young people and the advancement of agriculture generally.
- improve the show through continuous investment.

The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually by the Committee.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; *and*
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 17/11/2025 2025 by:

Mandy Mitten

Mandy Mitten (Nov 17, 2025 22:35:59 GMT)

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Mandy Mitten - Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HAWKSHEAD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Oram

S Oram (Nov 18, 2025 08:33:49 GMT)

S Oram FCCA

18/11/2025

Date

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Unrestricted General Purposes Fund

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming Resources			
Donations		290	450
Operating activities to further the Society's objectives	2	46,758	39,715
Operating activities to generate funds	3	10,164	25
Grant income received		20,000	-
<i>Investment income:</i>			
Bank interest		376	74
Total Incoming Resources		<u>77,588</u>	<u>40,264</u>
Resources Expended			
Charitable payments - Charitable activities	4	38,191	27,634
- Management and Administration	5	4,982	4,163
Track mats purchased		19,989	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>63,162</u>	<u>31,797</u>
Net Movements in Funds		14,426	8,467
Balances 1 October 2024		33,436	24,969
Balances 30 September 2025		<u>47,862</u>	<u>33,436</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 17/11/2025 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mandy Mitten

Mandy Mitten (Nov 17, 2025 22:35:59 GMT)

Mandy Mitten -- Treasurer

The notes on pages 7-8 form part of these accounts

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Assets retained for the Charity's own use – General Purpose Fund

	Current value £
Track Mats	20,000
Trophies	8,000
Show Jumps	3,000
Sheep runs	1,300
Sundry items	1,000
	<u>33,300</u>

MONETARY ASSETS

General Purpose Fund

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Bank and Cash balances:</i>		
Current account	3,211	2,899
Deposit account	44,187	30,031
Cash	464	506
	<u>47,862</u>	<u>33,436</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

There are no non-monetary assets.

Liabilities

Independent Examination (unbilled) - £384

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Accounting Policy

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis accompanied by a statement of assets and liabilities.

	2025 £	2024 £
2. Operating activities to further the Society's objectives		
Entry fees	2,526	2,001
Trade stands	7,809	5,374
Advertising	60	50
Gate and catalogue receipts	25,180	23,625
Sponsors	7,268	5,199
Bar takings	3,810	3,466
T shirt sales	105	
	<u>46,758</u>	<u>39,715</u>
3. Operating activities to generate funds		
Prize money	35	25
Mat hire	900	-
Hoedown income - raffle, ticket and bar sales	9,229	-
	<u>10,164</u>	<u>25</u>
4. Charitable activities		
Hoedown expenses	7,079	-
Prizes	5,503	4,186
Tickets and printing	1,713	2,213
Event hire	7,855	5,225
Mats - sheep and track	-	2,887
Show field costs	5,707	2,394
Main ring attraction	2,915	830
Radio and PA hire	2,034	1,500
Catering	2,149	2,162
Bar	1,145	1,260
Equipment purchased	140	700
New trophies purchased	181	786
Signs and flags	80	2,048
Gate keeping costs	500	400
Advertising	-	318
Photography	210	125
First Aid attendance	560	600
Merchandised purchased	420	-
	<u>38,191</u>	<u>27,634</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
5. Management and administrative expenses		
Insurance	1,182	898
Compensation	-	1,500
Gifts	399	232
Administration expenses	357	272
Independent Examiner's Fees	384	439
Website and IT costs	429	181
Commission payments and scanners	355	611
Travel expenses - judges	284	30
Volunteers clothing	842	-
Honorarium payments	750	-
	<u>4,982</u>	<u>4,163</u>