

CHARITY COMMISSION TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Section A

Charity Name: **NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION**

Reg. No: **264796**

Address: **11 Mawdsley Close, Formby, Liverpool L37 8DJ**

Trustee names:

Jenny Crane
Ian Dickinson
Janice Fitchett
Margaret Hall
Jayne McAuliffe
Mark Moncaster
Sandra Moncaster
Kim Neal

Section B

Governing document: **Constitution**

How Charity is constituted: **Association**

Trustee selection methods: **Appointed by Branches**

Section C

A Summary of the objects:

- a) **To preserve & improve the standard of horses & ponies in general & of the British Native Breeds in particular & the breeding thereof.**
- b) **To prevent cruelty to horses & ponies particularly through education & training.**
- c) **To participate in research into matters relative to equine health & other equine problems & to publish or otherwise disseminate the results of such research,**
- d) **To promote & support educational & recreational facilities for children & adults to ride & learn about horses & ponies.**
- e) **To promote public education in & knowledge of the arts & sciences connected with horses & ponies including the problems surrounding the rearing & production of stock under varying conditions & the care & management of horses & ponies whether for riding, exhibition or sale.**
- f) **To compile & maintain a register of members together with all other necessary records concerned with the objects of the Association with the right to formulate special regulations connected therewith.**
- g) **To organize & conduct lectures, conferences, discussion & training courses.**
- h) **To organize, hold & support show classes, exhibitions & competitions of horses & ponies.**
- i) **To compile, publish & distribute Yearbooks, journals, newsletters & other publications relating to the affairs of the Association.**

B Summary of the main activities:

- a) **One & two day horse shows throughout the region.**
- b) **Training clinics throughout the region.**
- c) **Guest educational speakers at the AGM.**
- d) **Probationary scheme for new panel judges.**

Section D

Summary of main achievements during 2023:

- a) **Adoption of the BHS (British Horse Society) Welfare Policy. Updated & revised in 2022 by The Showing Council to specifically include Showing as an equine discipline. All subsequent updates followed where applicable.**
- b) **Continue to monitor equine welfare at showing/training activities.**
- c) **Continual assessment or updating of our Child & Vulnerable Adult Policies.**
- d) **Continue to adhere to GDPR policies.**
- e) **Compulsory Self Disclosure statements for all new and existing NCPA panel judges or logging of valid Disclosure & Barring Service certificate as listed by judge.**
- f) **Building towards having a responsible person to report any perceived issues in relation to safeguarding procedures at all/any NCPA events.**
- g) **Awarding of Training bursary following main training event at beginning of year & free &/or subsidised training sessions offered to some branch members during the year.**

NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

**NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS	(Note 1)	130	153
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		4,435	4,729
Debtors and Prepayments	(Note 2)	5,906	4,928
Bank Account		84,339	64,767
		<u>94,680</u>	<u>74,424</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals	(Note 3)	<u>9,912</u>	<u>4,689</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		84,768	69,735
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>84,898</u>	<u>69,888</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund			
Opening Balance		69,888	60,960
Surplus for the Year		15,010	8,928
Closing Balance		<u>84,898</u>	<u>69,888</u>

NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
INCOME		
Subscriptions	13,959	14,886
Register of Ponies	4,090	4,026
Affiliation Fees	1,013	1,090
Show Income	39,502	26,727
Training Days	1,217	1,221
Gift Aid Tax Relief	1,999	1,589
Bank Interest	739	98
Sundries	708	-
	<u>63,227</u>	<u>49,637</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Entry Master Cost	504	504
Show Expenses	24,339	20,151
Training Days	1,070	927
Meeting Costs	706	699
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Postages	4,454	4,221
Website and Online Costs	576	576
Affiliation Expenses	129	22
Secretary's Honorarium	8,400	8,400
Secretary Expenses	965	710
Accountancy Charges	440	425
Insurances	4,220	3,608
Showing Council	297	204
Accounting Fees	800	200
Sundries	1,294	35
Depreciation	23	27
	<u>48,217</u>	<u>40,709</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>15,010</u>	<u>8,928</u>

NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. FIXED ASSETS

Equipment

COST

At 1st January 2023	8,268
Additions less Sales	-
At 31st December 2023	<u>8,268</u>

DEPRECIATION

At 1st January 2023	8,115
Charge for the Year	23
At 31st December 2023	<u>8,138</u>

WRITTEN DOWN VALUE

At 31st December 2023	<u>130</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>153</u>

2. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

2023

2022

Insurance	4,260	4,220
Expenses in Advance	585	708
Lancs Show Deficit	1,060	-
	<u>5,905</u>	<u>4,928</u>

3. CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES

Yorks Show Surplus	3,374	3,564
Leics & Rutland Show Surplus	4,345	-
Accrued Charges	2,193	1,125
	<u>9,912</u>	<u>4,689</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Date : 23 February 2024
Our Ref :
To : The Trustees of the Northern Counties Pony Association

I report on the accounts to the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out as attached:

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Commission (under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act)
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was conducted in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

Upon examination I am happy to report that the accounting records are kept in accordance with section 41 of the Act and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

I am satisfied that the trustees have met the requirements to ensure proper accounting records are kept.



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