

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
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 2024:

- a) **Adoption of the BHS (British Horse Society) Welfare Policy. Updated & revised in 2024 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) **Invite approved BHS & Showing Council Welfare Officers to many of our events**
- d) **Continual assessment or updating of our Child & Vulnerable Adult Policies.**
- e) **Continue to adhere to GDPR policies.**
- f) **Compulsory Self Disclosure statements for all new and existing NCPA panel judges or logging of valid Disclosure & Barring Service certificate as listed by judge.**
- g) **Building towards having a responsible person to report any perceived issues in relation to safeguarding procedures at all/any NCPA events.**
- h) **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 2024

**NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS	(Note 1)	110	130
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		4,578	4,435
Debtors and Prepayments	(Note 2)	6,211	5,906
Bank Account		91,576	84,339
		<u>102,365</u>	<u>94,680</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals	(Note 3)	<u>7,625</u>	<u>9,912</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		94,740	84,768
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>94,850</u>	<u>84,898</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Accumulated Fund			
Opening Balance		84,898	69,888
Surplus for the Year		9,952	15,010
Closing Balance		<u>94,850</u>	<u>84,898</u>

NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
INCOME		
Subscriptions	16,670	13,959
Register of Ponies	2,495	4,090
Affiliation Fees	867	1,013
Show Income	35,976	39,502
Training Days	1,440	1,217
Gift Aid Tax Relief	2,831	1,999
Bank Interest	1,157	739
Sundries	735	708
	<u>62,171</u>	<u>63,227</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Entry Master Cost	900	504
Show Expenses	25,917	24,339
Training Days	1,025	1,070
Meeting Costs	1,405	706
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Postages	5,612	4,454
Website and Online Costs	690	576
Affiliation Expenses	167	129
Secretary's Honorarium	9,700	8,400
Secretary Expenses	721	965
Accountancy Charges	450	440
Insurances	4,260	4,220
Showing Council	306	297
Accounting Fees	800	800
Sundries	246	1,294
Depreciation	20	23
	<u>52,219</u>	<u>48,217</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>9,952</u>	<u>15,010</u>

NORTHERN COUNTIES PONY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment
<u>COST</u>	
At 1st January 2024	8,268
Additions less Sales	
At 31st December 2024	<u>8,268</u>
 <u>DEPRECIATION</u>	
At 1st January 2024	8,138
Charge for the Year	20
At 31st December 2024	<u>8,158</u>
 <u>WRITTEN DOWN VALUE</u>	
At 31st December 2024	<u>110</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>130</u>

2. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024	2023
Insurance	4,330	4,260
Expenses in Advance	381	585
Lancs Branch Deficit	1,500	1,060
	<u>6,211</u>	<u>5,905</u>

3. CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES

Yorks Show Surplus	3,374	3,374
Leics & Rutland Show Surplus	3,001	4,345
Accrued Charges	1,250	2,193
	<u>7,625</u>	<u>9,912</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Date : 13 February 2025

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 2024 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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