

**ESSEX COUNTY PROFICIENCY TESTS COMMITTEE
FOR AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE
(CHARITY NO 271390)**

**TRUSTEES REPORT
1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023**

The Essex County Proficiency Tests Committee for Agriculture and Horticulture is a Registered Charity (No 271390)

The principal address of the charity is:

EPTC
Sayers Farm
Bovinger
Ongar
Essex
CM5 0NE

Trustees

The charity's trustees during 2022-2023 were:

Mr Robert Patmore
Mr Robert Gemmill
Mr Robert Gunary
Mr Steve Warr

Trustees are appointed by the committee.

Object

The object of the County Proficiency Tests Committee shall be the advancement of education by means of collaboration with City & Guilds Land Based Services in the administration and assessment of Certificates of Competence in practical land based and related subjects within the County.

Main Activities

- The Committee shall be responsible for managing the assessment process for appropriate Certificates of Competence according to the Quality Assurance requirements of City & Guilds Land Based Services. It shall submit an annual report to interested bodies and will receive recommendations from participating bodies.
- It shall seek to promote and publicise Certificates of Competence.
- It shall arrange facilities wherever possible for assessing Certificates of Competence for any person or persons who may require them.
- It shall issue results of test activities for review by the Committee.
- It shall appoint a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer plus other officers as appropriate.
- It shall submit to City & Guilds Land Based Services such information as may from to time to time be required.

Achievements and Performance

There was a increase of 46 tests from the previous year.

Total number of tests for this period 371

The above report was formally approved and adopted by the Trustees on 8th February 2024

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Essex Proficiency Tests Committee

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

271390

Set out on pages

Pages 2 and 3

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Date:

8th October 2023

Name:

Philip Myers

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

CASH SUMMARY

2021/22	Payments	2022/23	2022/23	Receipts	2021/22
13,512.50	Examiners' Fees	17,730.00	48,133.00	Registration & Fee Income	44,292.00
2,151.45	Examiners' Travel	3,343.05	117.77	Interest on Premium Account	4.35
11,893.00	City & Guilds	14,958.00			
11,520.00	Secretarial	12,480.00			
116.50	Postage/Administration	303.92			
299.88	Office Facilities/Telephone	331.00			
343.84	Insurance	453.98			
350.00	Audit	350.00			
546.57	Miscellaneous	669.80			
40,733.74	Total Payments	50,619.75			
3,562.61	Net Receipts (-Payments)	-2,368.98			
44,296.35		48,250.77	48,250.77		44,296.35

STATEMENT OF ASSETS (BANK BALANCES)

1 September 2022

Community Account	5,245.01	Community Account
Business Premium Account	28,759.50	Business Premium Account
Net payments	-2,368.98	
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31 August 2023

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ASSET, LIABILITIES AND OTHER DISCLOSURES FOR THE YEAR 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

Related Party Transactions

During the year three trustees received remuneration and reimbursement for travel in relation to carrying out assessments:

Robert Gemmill - £4,716.00

Robert Gunary - £2,584.65

Robert Patmore - £10,830.15

Assets held by the EPTC

The EPTC has previously acquired or leased equipment consisting of a number of laptops, a printer and photocopier, and other office equipment. The current value of these items is not considered to be material.

Amounts owed to the EPTC

The Trust has assessed that at the 31 August 2023, there was £316 (£1,970 at 31 August 2022) of outstanding fees still to be paid in respect of the 22/23 year.

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