

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROFICIENCY TEST COMMITTEE
FOR AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE**

Charity Number: 285896

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity Registration No: 285896

Trustee Body: Mrs Joanna Perkins
Mrs Susan Martin
Mr Adrian Boor
Mr Peter David Pask
Mr Matthew Murfitt

Secretary: Mrs Joanna Perkins

Principal Office: Keepers Meed
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees submit their Report on the affairs of the Charity, together with the Financial Statements and Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Cambridgeshire Proficiency Test Committee is governed by its constitution dated 12 May 1982 and amended on 25 June 1996.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs Joanna Perkins
Mrs Susan Martin
Mr Adrian Boor
Mr Peter David Pask
Mr Matthew Murfitt

Administration of the Charity

The day-to-day administration of the Charity is carried out by the Secretary. The board of members meet regularly to review the performance and administration of the Charity.

Recruitment, appointment, and training of Trustees

New Trustees are recruited following a resolution by the board.

Potential candidates are identified through word of mouth and knowledge of the Charity and are considered based on their knowledge and in ensuring that they complement the Charity and current Board structure.

Newly nominated Trustees receive an induction when joining the Board. The Chairman will brief the member on their requirements, providing background information and relevant information to gain an understanding of the Charity.

Risk Assessment

The board reviews the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and ensures that systems are in place to mitigate any risks identified.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objectives

The Charity's objective is for the advancement of education by means of collaboration with the national proficiency tests council in the administration and provision of proficiency tests in practical agriculture and horticulture within the county.

Public Benefit

The board of Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when undertaking its activities. The Trustees are aware of their duties in this respect.

Achievements and performance

The Charity incoming resources have increased by 22% when compared to the 2024 year end, with expenditure increasing by 48%. This has led to a net deficit of receipts for the year amounting to £8,660 (2024: £3,929 net surplus of receipts).

Cash funds remain strong at £37,981 (2024: £46,641).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Trustee Board has examined the requirements of The Cambridgeshire Proficiency Test Committee and in the light of the main risks and has agreed that the Charity will maintain sufficient reserves to enable it to continue its objectives for the foreseeable future.

Future Developments

The Trustees will ensure that the Charity will continue to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future, ensuring that a wide range of beneficiaries will continue to benefit from its activities.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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 Financial Statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; 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 which 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 applicable law. 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.

This Report was approved by the Trustees on2025.

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Mr M Murfitt
Trustee

.....
Mrs J Perkins
Trustee

CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROFICIENCY TEST COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Cambridgeshire Proficiency Test Committee for Agriculture and Horticulture for the year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Cambridgeshire Proficiency Test Committee for Agriculture and Horticulture for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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Graham Page
Ensors Accountants LLP
Saxon House
Moseley's Farm Business Centre
Fornham All Saints
BURY ST EDMUNDS
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Date:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

		<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>2024</u>
	Note		
<u>RECEIPTS -</u>			
Candidates fees	2	41,456	36,095
Interest receivable		1,166	780
Test Fees	3	3,679	1,019
Registration fees		22,384	18,450
		£68,685	£56,344
<u>PAYMENTS -</u>			
Assessors costs	4	29,469	22,809
Management and administration	5	47,876	29,606
		£77,345	£52,415
Surplus / (Deficit) of receipts of payments		(£8,660)	£3,929
Cash at Bank - balances brought forward		£46,641	£42,712
Cash at Bank - balances carried forward			
		£37,981	£46,641

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	<u>Total 2025</u>	<u>Total 2024</u>
Cash Funds			
High Interest Account		2,731	12,545
Gold Account		12,434	12,144
Savings Account		22,816	21,952
		<u>£37,981</u>	<u>£46,641</u>
 Other Monetary Assets - Test fees due		<u>£6,233</u>	<u>£7,651</u>
 Assets retained for the Charity's own use			
Computer equipment	8	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
 Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>£5,221</u>	<u>£11,758</u>

Approved by the Trustees on2025 and sign on their behalf -

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Mr M Murfitt (Trustee)

.....
Mrs J Perkins (Trustee)

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROFICIENCY TEST COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Management and administration comprises of the costs for the running of the charity itself as an organisation.

Depreciation

Computer equipment has been recorded at historical cost within the accounts with a provision for depreciation over a 3 year life.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise of those funds of which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

2 Candidate Fees

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
P.A. Tests	41,150	36,095
A.P. Tests	306	-
	<u>41,456</u>	<u>36,095</u>

3 Test Fees

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Other Income	113	240
Chainsaw tests	3,566	779
	<u>3,679</u>	<u>1,019</u>

4 Direct Charitable Expenditure

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Assessors Costs		
Fees P. A. Tests	22,029	16,664
Travelling: P. A. Tests	5,253	5,375
Fees A. P. Tests	228	-
Travelling: A. P. Tests	84	-
Fees chainsaw tests	1,755	680
Travelling: Chainsaw tests	120	90
	<u>29,469</u>	<u>22,809</u>

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5 Management and Administration

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Postage & stationery	653	322
Accountancy fees	1,344	1,290
Secretary's fees	16,614	12,580
Secretary's travelling	397	309
Office allowance	545	378
NPTC registration	25,662	13,496
Telephone and internet	1,015	828
Computer expenses	284	305
Bank charges	60	60
Insurance	1,276	-
Sundry Expenses	26	38
	<u>47,876</u>	<u>29,606</u>

6 (Deficit)/Surplus for the year

The (deficit)/surplus for the year is stated after charging:	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Accountancy fee	<u>£1,344</u>	<u>£1,290</u>

7 Related party transactions

During the year expenses and fees of £31,758 (2024: £17,712) were paid to 3 (2024: 1) trustees in carrying out day to day activities in furtherance of the Charity's aims.

8 Assets retained for the Charity's own use

	<u>Computer Equipment</u>
Cost brought forward as at 1 April 2024	1,501
Additions	-
Cost carried forward as at 31 March 2025	<u>1,501</u>
Depreciation brought forward as at 1 April 2024	1,501
Depreciation charge	-
Depreciation carried forward as at 31 March 2025	<u>1,501</u>
Net book value as at 1 April 2024	<u>152</u>
Net book value as at 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>

9 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Accountancy	1,480	1,420
Test fees	725	2,497
Secretary fees	148	2,046
Registration fees	2,868	5,795
	<u>5,221</u>	<u>11,758</u>

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For the year ended 31 March 2025

10 Receipts and payments account

		Unrestricted Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024
<u>Receipts</u>			
Candidates Fees:	P.A. Tests	41,150	36,095
	A.P. Tests	306	-
Other income		113	240
Chainsaw Tests		3,566	779
Registration Fees		22,384	18,450
Interest received		1,166	780
		68,685	56,344
<u>Payments</u>			
Fees P.A. Tests		22,029	16,664
Travelling: P.A. Tests		5,253	5,375
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