

LEIGHTON BUZZARD YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 292477

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-08-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN AGRICULTURE, HOME CRAFTS, COUNTRY LIFE AND RELATED SUBJECTS AND (B) IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE OF SUCH MEMBERS TO PROVIDE, AND PROMOTE THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATIONS, BEING FACILITIES WHICH WILL IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE AND WILL ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL CAPACITIES, SELF-RELIANCE AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY SO THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

Activities: Education/TrainingSport/recreationAnimalsEnvironment/Conservation/Heritage

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LEIGHTON BUZZARD AND DISTRICT
- Bedford
- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£58,563	£64,463	-	-
2024-08-31	£43,600	£40,100	-	-
2023-08-31	£26,000	£25,000	-	-
2022-08-31	£20,520	£26,353	-	-
2021-08-31	£3,915	£4,465	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Claude Berry		2025-09-04
Jessica Anne Faulkner		2025-09-04
Madeleine Claire Knightley		2023-09-01
Oliver Alastair Pearse		2025-09-04

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Report and Financial Statements

2024/2025

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number 292477

Management Committee

Dave White
Alena Murrell
David Woods
Maddie Knightley

Committee

Alena Murrell (Chairman)
Oliver Pearse (Vice – Chair)
David Woods (Secretary)
Maddie Knightley (Treasurer)
Christina Rawding (Livestock Officer)
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Beth Mead (Social Media)
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Esme Sharp & Kirsty Roadnight (Junior General Committee Member)
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Independent Examiner

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Management Committee, who are the Trustees, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st August 2025.

History, Objectives and Activities of the Charity

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Management and Governance Arrangements

The club committee is appointed from primarily members who fall between the ages of 10 and 28 but can and does include persons outside of this age.

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The advisory committee is made from ex members and associated persons who have an understanding of how the club is run and have skills that can aid the club in its growth and day to day activities.

Assessment of Major Risks to the Charity

The management committee has concluded its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and maintains a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The majority of these risks relate to member services and the running of fund raising activities.

Risks are minimised by ensuring that proper procedures are in place for authorising payments, the control of money and the creation of risk assessments for each event.

Achievement and Performance of the Charity

Fundraising activities

The club held a series of fundraising events this year for their own benefit and on behalf of other charities, these contributed to the results of the club as follows:

- For LBYFC – Pie and Pint Night £1090.93, Christmas Dinner Dance £254.07, Breakfast Morning Fundraiser £655.07, Neon Party £911.70
- For our chosen charity The Epilepsy Society – Pie and Pint Night raffle £501.50, Christmas Dinner Dance Raffle & Auction £5386.72, Christmas Tree Collection £492.50, Neon Party £955.20, Stock Judging Meeting bake sale £102.10, cricket match BBQ £254.60, Club vs Advisory Quiz Raffle £106.01, other donations £0.10. Total raised £7798.73.

Financial Review and Reserves

The committees of Leighton Buzzard and District Young Farmer's Club wish to express their gratitude to our supporters for providing subscriptions, donations and sponsorship.

In the year 2024/25, 74 people became or continued as members of the club, a slight increase from the previous year. Since the COVID 19 pandemic we have operated with fewer members (previous to this we were at more than 100) so we have tried to keep membership fees frozen as much as possible to encourage sign ups while also covering the cost of our levies to the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs. We made the decision to maintain membership fees again at the 2025 AGM.

Net Change in Resources

We ended the year with a total loss across our accounts of £2,587.03. Included in this calculation was £312.23 of interest gained from our 2 savings accounts. Both the 23/24 and 24/25 charity donations went out of the account in our 24/25 financial year. The total loss above is corrected to

take this into account and provides a true reflection of our financial progress this year. After a very good financial year in 2023-24, we decided to make an effort to pay back some of this money to the members by covering more meetings and competitions expenses, so an overall loss was expected.

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets held by the charity should be 6 months of the resources required to carry out the activities of the club.

This policy is not necessarily required as the club has no running costs relating to buildings or vehicles, if we needed to halt fundraising activities there would be no requirement to spend a large proportion of accumulated funds.

Restricted Funds

The club has worked hard on fundraising this year on behalf of The Epilepsy Society. The monies raised are designated restricted funds and have been donated to the charity in August 2025. Other restricted funds included payments for events for which the club would then pay for all of the members involved directly to the supplier, e.g. rally dance tickets, rally yearbooks, etc.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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- D. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD
AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Leighton Buzzard & District Young Farmers Club		
On accounts for the year ended	31/08/2025	Charity no (if any)	292477
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 [The charity's gross income ~~exceeded~~ £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Please See attached report

Leighton Buzzard & District Young Farmers Club Independent Review/Audit Report for the year ending 31st August 2025.

27/09/2025

To whom it may concern,

I have reviewed the financial statements of Leighton Buzzard & District Young Farmers Club for the year ended 31st August 2025. These statements are the responsibility of the club's committee. My responsibility is to express a conclusion based on my review.

I have carried out a review of the club's books, including examination of bank statements, receipts, invoices, and other supporting documentation.

Based on my review, the financial records appear to be consistent with the information and explanations provided.

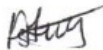
In my opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the club throughout the year, and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

A forecasting for events would be beneficial to ensure they are financially justifiable. Ensuring judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent by the committee and trustees for future custodians. Cost analysis of events would be useful.

Yours Faithfully,

Alexander Way

Signed: _____



ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Income

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Expenditure

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Taxation

The club is a charitable institution with exemption from UK taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

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Bethany Thorne

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Fundraising activities

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- For our chosen charity East Anglian Air Ambulance – BBQ at local music event £42.84, Pie and Pint Night raffle £525, Christmas Dinner Dance Raffle & Auction £1205.24, Stock Judging Meeting bake sale £90.42, 90th Anniversary Party raffle/bake sale/lucky dip £1312.85, cricket match BBQ £274.70, other donations £457.20. Total raised £3908.25

Financial Review and Reserves

The committees of Leighton Buzzard and District Young Farmer's Club wish to express their gratitude to our supporters for providing subscriptions, donations and sponsorship.

In the year 2023/24, 70 people became or continued as members of the club, a slight decrease from the previous year. Since the COVID 19 pandemic we have operated with fewer members (previous to this we were at more than 100) so we have tried to keep membership fees frozen as much as possible to encourage sign ups while also covering the cost of our levies to the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.

Net Incoming Resources

We achieved a net income across our accounts this year of £5540.59, of which £225.31 was interest gained from our 2 savings accounts. Included in this calculation is the outgoing amount for the 2022/23 chosen charity (£1331.53) in September 2023, but not the donation of the money we have raised for our 2023/24 charity (£3908.25) which will go out in the 2024/25 accounts. Even taking this into account we have had a good year financially and will therefore be able to make some investments into our members next year.

Reserves Policy

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Restricted Funds

The club has worked hard on fundraising this year on behalf of East Anglian Air Ambulance. The monies raised are designated restricted funds and are to be donated to the charity in September 2024.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
LEIGHTON BUZZARD AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS

On accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 Charity no (if any) 292477

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed: Frances Woods Date: 26th June 2025

Name: FRANCES WOODS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Section B

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2023-24 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet 2023-24		
Account	Opening	Closing
Community	£4,931.24	£9,427.77
Martin Senior	£2,447.96	£2,532.08
Business Reserve	£8,702.79	£10,843.98
Cash	£1,501.25	£320.00
Total	£17,583.24	£23,123.83
	Excess Income	£5,540.59

Income/Expenditure Summary					
Income	2022-23	2023-24	Expenditure	2022-23	2023-24
Membership	£3,765.00	£3,695.00	Competitions	£2,032.41	£2,011.41
Events	£18,892.40	£31,128.19	Events	£14,141.97	£23,392.88
Meetings	£431.00	£920.45	Meetings	£2,602.72	£2,860.75
Club clothing	£720.00	£1,750.00	Club clothing	£0.00	£1,827.54
Charity	£1,331.53	£4,008.25	Charity	£937.00	£1,831.53
Miscellaneous	£1,499.55	£1,952.00	Miscellaneous	£5,689.55	£8,214.50
		Net Income	2022-23	2023-24	
		Events	£4,750.43	£7,735.31	
		Meetings	-£2,171.72	-£1,940.30	
		Club clothing	£720.00	-£77.54	
		Charity		See separate sheet	
		Miscellaneous	-£4,190.00	-£6,262.50	

Charity Money Raised

Bank Transfer	£1,446.88	£100 of this from EAAA for "Trade-Up Challenge"
Cash	£2,561.37	Total raised for charity: £3,908.25
		Already paid £500 back for Trade-Up Challenge (£400 raised plus £100 sent from EAAA)
		Still to donate £3,508.25

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER

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ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR RISKS TO THE CHARITY

The management committee has concluded its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and maintains a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The majority of these risks relate to member services and the running of fund raising activities.

Risks are minimised by ensuring that proper procedures are in place for authorising payments, the control of money and the creation of risk assessments for each event.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CHARITY

Fundraising Events

The club held a series of fundraising events this year for their own benefit and on behalf of other charities, these contributed to the results of the club as follows:

- Yellow Wellies (Chosen charity for 2022 – 2023) - £1331.53
- Pie and Pint Night - £1,064.53
- Christmas Ball - £867.50
- County Stock Judging Event - £386.20
- Breakfast Fundraiser - £480.57
- Summer Neon Party - £2,600

All fundraising amounts above are after expenses except for charity donation to Yellow Wellies.

At present it is not expected that any of these events will be removed from the social calendar, however a few more may be added

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES

The committees of Leighton Buzzard and District Young Farmer's Club wish to express their gratitude to our supporters for providing subscriptions, donations and sponsorship.

Subscriptions in the year 2022/2023 74 people became or continued as members of the club. This number of members is good for the club, but it means that levy payments will increase so the club may need to do additional fundraising to help with running costs of the club.

NET INCOMING RESOURCES

The Financial Year for the club is in line with our membership year, ending 31 August each year.

The general running costs of the club remained level with the previous year, but as you'll see charity income increased from 2021 – 2022 (£917 compared to £1331.53 this year), this is because the club decided to focus more on raising money for the chosen charity. In 2022 – 2023 the club made a profit of £1,287.96.

RESERVES POLICY

The Management Committee has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in fixed assets held by the charity should be 6 months of the resources required to carry out the activities of the club.

This policy is not necessarily required as the club has no running costs relating to buildings or vehicles, if we needed to halt fundraising activities there would be no requirement to spend a large proportion of accumulated funds.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The club has worked hard on fundraising this year on behalf of Yellow Wellies, the monies raised are designated restricted funds and are to be donated to the respective charities before the end of the financial period.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees (who are the Management Committee) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee is required to:

- A. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- B. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- C. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- D. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	The Management Committee of Leighton Buzzard and District Young Farmers		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2023	Charity no (if any)	292477
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

As the charity's trustees, 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

The club should keep a record of cash in hand.

Signed: *Ailsa M. Knightley* **Date:** 6 June 2024

Name: Ailsa Knightley

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

Address: 1 Dean Road
Stewkley, Leighton Buzzard
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023

	Total
Income	
Charity Income	1,331.53
Clothing Sales Income	720.00
Events Income	
Christmas Ball Ticket Sales	8,360.00
Club Breakfast Fundraiser income	686.98
Club Exchange Income	613.00
Cricket Income	205.00
Pie and Pint Night Income	1,621.53
Stock judging Income	463.26
Summer Ball Income	6,942.63
Total Events Income	£18,892.40
Interest Income	52.13
Members Meetings Income	
Gravity Trampolining	96.00
Wreath Making	170.00
Zorb Football Milton Keynes	165.00
Total Members Meetings Income	£431.00
Membership Income	3,765.00
Rally Income	
Dance Bus	400.00
Dance Tickets	440.00
Yearbook Sales	630.00
Total Rally Income	£1,470.00
Uncategorised Income	29.55
Total Income	£26,691.61
Total	£26,691.61
Expenditures	
Admin Expenses	
Quickbooks	333.60
Trophy Engraving	81.00
Total Admin Expenses	£414.60
Charity Expenses	937.00
Competitions Expenses	17.00
Tug of War Boots	1,235.00
Total Competitions Expenses	£1,252.00
Event Expenses	
Christmas Ball Expenses	7,492.50
Club Breakfast Fundraiser	116.41

Hall hire Club Breakfast	90.00
Total Club Breakfast Fundraiser	£206.41
Club Exchange Expenses	1,269.25
Cricket Expenses	155.00
Pie And Pint Night Expenses	114.93
Bar Stock	284.47
Food Stock	50.00
Venue Hire	108.00
Total Pie and Pint Night Expenses	£557.40
Stock judging Expenses	77.06
Summer Ball Expenses	1,240.00
Bar Stock	1,583.92
Decorations	205.87
Licence	21.00
Security	604.80
Toilet Hire	684.00
Total Summer Ball Expenses	£4,339.59
Total Event Expenses	£14,097.21
Kiddies Party Expenses	44.76
Levy & Insurance Expenses	3,149.41
Members Meetings Expenses	1,025.65
Bowling	303.96
County Meeting Contribution	118.99
New Members Night Expenses	63.61
Quiz Expenses	
Venue Hire	52.50
Total Quiz Expenses	£52.50
Rally Results BBQ Expenses	447.20
Rally Signup BBQ Expenses	85.81
Venue Hire	55.00
Wreath Making Expenses	450.00
Total Members Meetings Expenses	£2,602.72
Miscellaneous Expense	105.54
Rally Expenses	
Competition Materials	25.99
Dance Tickets	490.00
Float	754.42
Transport	780.00
Yearbooks	750.00
Total Rally Expenses	£2,800.41
Total Expenditures	£25,403.65
Net Operating Income	£1,287.96
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£1,287.96

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis rather than accruals as used in previous years, this is to simplify the task and bring us in line with accounting standards used by our county federation. This means any outstanding cheques that have been drawn against the charity but not banked will remain in this year's accounts.

INCOME

Income represents amounts received and receivable by the charity during the period. Gifts in kind such as borrowed land, free services and professional help have not been assigned a value so are not included.

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure relates to monies spent by the charity in the period 1/9/2017 to 31/8/2018 and not to payments made outside of these dates even if relating to this time.

TAXATION

The club is a charitable institution with exemption from UK taxation under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Club Committee.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.