

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02231722 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 298980

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024
FOR
ALRESFORD & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY LIMITED

Martin and Company
25 St Thomas Street
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The sole function of the Alresford and District Agricultural Society Limited is to organise and run a one-day agricultural show which is held on the first Saturday in September annually. The Society is dependent on a number of volunteers who greatly assisted in the lead up and on the day of the show. The Board of Trustees are grateful for this invaluable assistance.

The objectives of the Society are the advancement, education and appreciation of agriculture by the public and to promote other charity purposes.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Society's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The organisation and running of the one day agricultural show benefits the general public by providing a forum in which to educate and promote agriculture.

The society relies on voluntary donations, subscriptions and income to cover its operating costs. Membership and entry fees are set annually by the trustees who give consideration to concessions and those on low income to ensure accessibility to all.

Our membership and the charitable donations made to local organisations gives us an important voice in the area and underlines the work carried out by the society to educate the public and to promote agriculture.

No individual or organisation receives private benefits from the Society.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Following on from the success of the Agricultural Show in 2023 the numbers attending the show this year were down owing to the weather. The volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure the show could go ahead, despite a water logged show ground, ensuring a high quality experience on the day.

A surplus of £9,446 (2023: £68,814) was made for the year. The results were achieved by donations made to the society and the receipt of membership subscriptions during the year. Attendance at the show by members of the public was down this year due to the adverse weather conditions and a water logged show ground.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to maintain sufficient reserves to be able to stage the one day agricultural show following 3 cancelled shows always allowing for 50% insurance cover.

Costs this year increased to £284,538 (2023: £252,429) and as at 31st October 2024 the Society had reserves of £540,162 (2023 :£530,716). The Board intends to increase it's reserves in future years to ensure that this policy can be maintained.

The net movement in funds resulted in a surplus of £9,446 (2022: £68,814) as shown on page 5. The financial position of the charity is shown on the balance sheet on page 6.

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FUTURE PLANS

The society plans to continue to run a one day agricultural show in order to advance its aims of education and appreciation of agriculture by the public and to promote its charitable purposes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Alresford and District Agricultural Society was founded in 1908. The Society incorporated on 17 March 1988 as a company limited by guarantee. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

In the event of the Society being wound up members, the guarantors, are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Society is prohibited from making any form of distribution to the guarantors. The Charity is governed by its Articles of Association.

The members of the Board of Trustees are elected by the Society's members each year at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the Board is required to retire by rotation each year. The Board can delegate powers and functions to a sub-committee.

Potential new trustees are recruited from the local area and are initially interviewed by the Board of Trustees where their skills and abilities are assessed and if elected these are put to best use for the Society.

Proper induction and training is undertaken for all new members of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the overall management of the Charity. The day to day operation of the charity is delegated to the secretary who is under the control of the Trustees.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The major risks to which the Charity might be exposed have been identified and steps taken to mitigate those risks.

Such risks include the effect of extreme weather conditions on the entry fees taken on the day and the possible effects of eventualities which lead to the show being cancelled such as foot and mouth.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02231722 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

298980

Registered office

2 Oriel Court
Omega Park
Alton
Hampshire
GU34 2YT

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024**

Trustees

R A C Corbett
H P Mallory
J J Allison
C H Lillywhite (resigned 6.3.2024)
M Rook (resigned 6.3.2024)
C J Monnington (resigned 6.3.2024)
A Raimes
R P Goodall
E J Pettit-Mills
S R Cross
A B M Robinson
R C Corbett
P J Sharpe (appointed 6.3.2024)
C E Jones (appointed 6.3.2024)
M Cheyney (appointed 6.3.2024)

Company Secretary

V J Watley

Independent Examiner

Martin and Company
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



A Raimes - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ALRESFORD & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY LIMITED

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alresford & District Agricultural Society Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

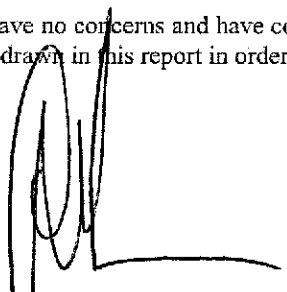
Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



S.P. McLaughlin FCA CTA

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Date:

24th March 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024**

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		25,207	16,526
Charitable activities	4		
Show income		252,912	295,668
Investment income	3	15,865	9,049
Total		293,984	321,243
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Show expenses		284,538	252,429
NET INCOME		9,446	68,814
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		530,716	461,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		540,162	530,716

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31ST OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	8,940	8,278
Cash at bank and in hand		576,906	571,102
		585,846	579,380
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(45,684)	(48,664)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		540,162	530,716
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		540,162	530,716
NET ASSETS		540,162	530,716
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		540,162	530,716
TOTAL FUNDS		540,162	530,716

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st October 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

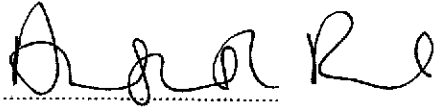
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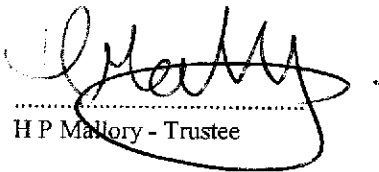
BALANCE SHEET - continued
31ST OCTOBER 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ~~5th March 2025~~ and were signed on its behalf by:



A Raines - Trustee



H P Mallory - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2024**

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Alresford & District Agricultural Society Limited is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historic cost convention, as modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Society's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Buildings - 10% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds 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 restricted purposes.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	15,865	9,049

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	Show	Total
	income	activities
	£	£
Sponsorship	45,483	37,308
Advertisements	3,990	3,590
Entry fees	7,058	6,984
Gate and car park	124,570	172,859
Trade stands	49,654	46,777
Programmes	2,620	4,863
Sundry income	692	24
Catering income	13,672	18,862
Lunches sold	5,173	4,401
	252,912	295,668

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct	Support	
	Costs (see	costs (see	
	note 6)	note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
Show expenses	230,338	54,200	284,538

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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Electricity and water	17,701	14,787
Insurance	5,951	7,435
Toilets	12,126	11,130
Advertising	2,012	1,973
Sundries	2,073	1,074
Showground rent / compensation	50	2,617
Attractions	7,235	9,717
Miscellaneous show set up cost	24,676	15,513
Health and safety compliance	4,010	2,784
Medical services	3,450	3,130
Security	2,416	1,339
Judges expenses	2,095	1,678
Prizes	4,386	4,267
Catering expenses	11,408	7,410
Road signs	1,951	1,777
Society signs	1,283	1,118
Tentage and cattle shedding	38,645	36,552
Rosettes and trophies	1,714	2,425
Jumps	1,380	1,050
Public address	8,589	8,585
Grandstand hire	4,964	4,800
Showground maintenance	12,042	13,295
Bank/card charges	3,475	2,426
Wifi	12,400	12,091
Donations	40,000	40,000
Website hosting	524	535
Badges and vehicle hangers	1,527	1,291
IT Costs	2,255	-
	230,338	210,799

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £
Show expenses	54,200

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7. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

The Independent examiner's fee for the year ended 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2024 was £nil.

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	2024 Show expenses £	2023 Total activities £
Office rent	1,575	1,730
Secretarial	45,934	34,032
Postage and telephone	2,543	1,741
Printing and stationery	4,148	4,127
	<u>54,200</u>	<u>41,630</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st October 2024 nor for the year ended 31st October 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st October 2024 nor for the year ended 31st October 2023.

9. STAFF COSTS

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor 31 October 2023.

Staff numbers were nil for the year ended 31 October 2024 and 31 October 2023.

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	16,526
Charitable activities	
Show income	295,668
Investment income	9,049
Total	<u>321,243</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
Charitable activities	
Show expenses	252,429
NET INCOME	68,814
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	461,902
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	530,716

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings £
COST	
At 1st November 2023 and 31st October 2024	9,177
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st November 2023 and 31st October 2024	9,177
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st October 2024	-
At 31st October 2023	-

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	200	-
Prepayments	8,740	8,278
	8,940	8,278

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,984	3,914
Accruals and deferred income	42,700	44,750
	<u>45,684</u>	<u>48,664</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st October 2024.