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**Sussex Federation  
of  
Young Farmers' Clubs  
Charity No: 305455**

**YFC Office, Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Plumpton,  
East Sussex BN7 3AE**

**Website: [www.sussexyoungfarmers.org.uk](http://www.sussexyoungfarmers.org.uk)**

**Annual Report  
for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

**Open Clubs**

**Chailey District  
Chichester  
Forest Row  
Hailsham**

**Lindfield  
Pulborough  
Ringmer and Lewes District  
Steyning**

**President  
Chair  
Vice Chairs  
Treasurer**

**Mr Nick Pile  
Mr Leighton Budinger August 2022 - Current  
Miss Blaise Hughes O'Sullivan February 2023-August 2023  
Mrs Fran Jackson – February 2023 – August 2023**

**Sussex Young Farmers would like to thank  
Plumpton College  
for their continued Support**

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## **Officers for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

**Patrons:** Mr Andrew Blackman, Lord-Lieutenant, East Sussex, Mrs Susan Pyper, Lord-Lieutenant, West Sussex

**President:** Mr Nick Pile

**Life Vice President:** Mr J. Trunkfield, Mr D Lambert OBE

### **Vice Presidents**

The Duke of Norfolk, Lord Egremont, Viscount Cowdray, Mr R Applegate, Mr & Mrs I Ballard  
Mr C Coombe-Tennant, Mr S Dallyn, Mr C Davis, Mr J Field, Mr R Heath, Mr P Hook,  
Mr D Jackson, Miss S Jackson, Mr R Lambert-Gorwyn,  
Mrs D Lown, Mr A Mariner, Mr M Major, Mrs F M Masters, Mr R J Morris, Mr & Mrs R Padfield,  
Mr C Passmore OBE, Mrs A Tyrell, Mr R Waters, Mr H Wood MBE

**Life Members:** Mr C Coombe-Tennant, Mrs D Hills

**Holding Trustees:** Mr C Coombe -Tennant, Mr J Trunkfield, Mr H Wood MBE

**Honorary Solicitor:** Mr S Baillie-Hamilton of Mayo Wynne Baxter, Lewes

**Independent Person to Examine the Accounts:** Mr Cameron Snelgrove

**Council Member:** Leighton Budinger **Deputy Council Member:** - None

**South East Area YFC Committee:** Leighton Budinger, Harry Petfield

**South of England Agricultural Society YFC Committee:** Miss S Wastie, Miss Lucy Field

### **Appointments:**

#### **Staffing Management Committee:**

The President, Mr Nick Pile,  
Safeguarding Officer, Mary Masters,  
Independent, Chris Cook

#### **Safe Guarding Officer:**

Mary Masters – August 2022 - Current

**Risk Assessment Officer:** Mr Chris Cook, Sussex Youth

**NFYFC Link Persons as from 01/01/2023 & NFYFC Steering Group Contact – Staff**

### **County Staff:**

County Administrator – Hannah Fielding April 2022 - Current

The Executive Committee consists of two representatives from each Club, one of which must be under 28 years of age unless the club only has junior members then two people associated with the club.

### **Co-opted to the Executive Committee**

**Plumpton College:** Mr J Kerswell

**Sussex Clubs for Young People:** Mr C Cook

**Courtney Group:** Jeremy Courtney

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### **Introduction to 2022/2023**

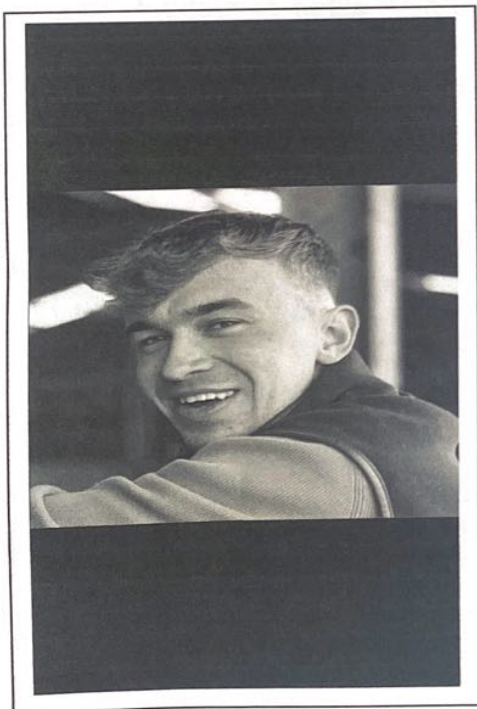
**Another Successful year for Sussex YFC. We have managed to keep good membership numbers and we are stamping a positive footprint within the South East Area.**

**We have gone from 7's club to 8, which is fantastic, as we celebrate Steyning opening as a Junior club.**

**County Chairman, Leighton Budinger has supported the County and the area incredibly well throughout the year,  
With Blaise Hughes O'Sullivan as his Vice Chair.**

**Hannah Fielding remains in position as County Administrator.**

**County Chairman 22/23**



**Vice Chairman 22/23**



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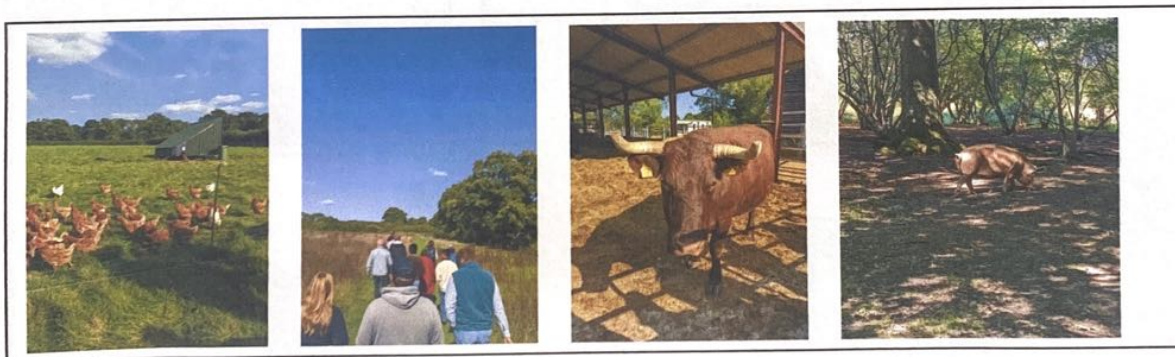




## **Sussex YFC 2022/2023 Activities**

### **Knepp Farm Estate Tour – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

A few members of Sussex YFC were lucky enough to attend a tour of Knepp Estate, with thanks to Sarah Palmer of NFYFC for arranging, and Russ Carrington, the farm manager for hosting. The morning started with a brief presentation about the rewilding project, then a tour on foot covering a small portion of the 3000 acres of the estate. Whilst it was highly interesting, and wonderful to see so many rare native species flourishing, there is no way this could be the future of British farming. (especially as their no hedge cutting policy made many of the farmers on the tour wince.) However, it wasn't supposed to be, with the lessons learned in the rewilding areas are being applied into their regenerative beef farm. Increased bird and small wildlife populations help control the flies, giving the cows a better quality of life. The pigs rooting around and causing soil damage in the rewilding area have taught them not to fear soil disturbance in the winter from cattle on wet ground, as this allows new growth to flourish. Mob grazing practices on rotation allow fields to be grazed for one day at a time, leading to fields being grazed for just 4 days a year, leading to better grass growth and therefore better-quality beef cattle. There are many lessons to be learnt from the regenerative farm, and I encourage anyone who can to take a tour. – **Ellie Bellisio – Chairman 2021 – 2022**



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## **South of England Show – June 2023**

As always the South of England show was a highlight of the year. We had some many Counties bringing entries and the stand looked fantastic. We had a wonderful old Tractor on display which attracted many on lookers, we had the tractor pull set up which children loved to get involved with, and of course the Pig Racing. Lots of our members got involved with the stock judging on a very hot day but did brilliantly as well. We were also supported by Plumpton Race Course who lent us a racing hurdle for our display.

At the show, County Chairman Leighton Budinger, was awarded the CLA Award. He was invited to the CLA tent for a presentation of trophies to members of the Farming community.



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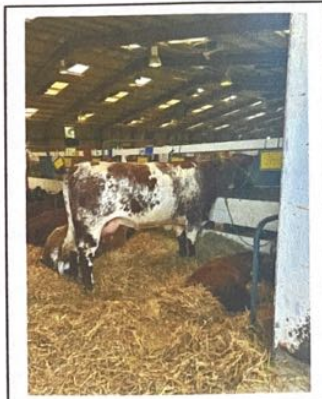
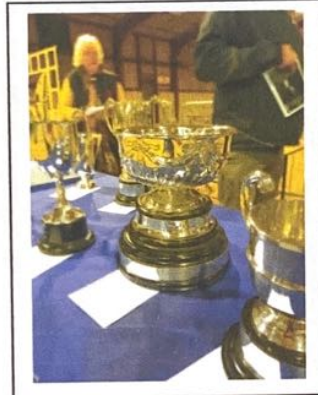






## **Prime Stock Fayre – Ardingly Show Ground, November 2022**

We had an amazing turn out at the Prime Stock Fayre this year and it was great to see so many new faces and members getting involved. It was a successful evening with lots of trophies handed out.



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## County Ball 2023

Our County Ball this year was at West Hove Golf Club in January. It was a great evening with over 100 people attending. Everyone looked fantastic! We raised a huge £500 on the raffle with some brilliant prizes donated by local business. We had a great set of sponsors from local Tractor suppliers who each sponsored a table on the night. The dancing was entertaining and we think everyone had a pretty good time!



SUSSEX YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
PRESENTS

# COUNTY BALL

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<b>JAN 27</b>	BLACK TIE DINNER, DANCING AND RAFFLE
	<b>7PM - 12AM</b>

MEMBERS - £40	WEST HOVE GOLF CLUB BADGERS WAY HOVE BN8 3NX	BOOKING ESSENTIAL!! DEADLINE FOR TICKETS JAN 12TH
NON MEMBERS - £45		

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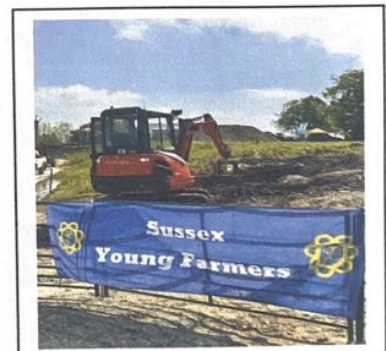






## **Plumpton College Open Day, May 2023**

It was great to be back at the Plumpton College Open Day this year in May. It was a glorious day with huge footfall across the college grounds, Plumpton put on a great show and we set up our stands down on the Farm. Clubs had the opportunity to come and promote themselves and use the chance to raise money for the £50 Challenge. We had a Digger challenge for visitors to have a go on a digger. We had a tractor filled with Balloons for people to guess how many there were. Clubs brought some amazing homemade products to sell, we had a crockery smash and splat the rat going on. It was a great day enjoyed by all and it was brilliant to see Sussex County out in force.



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## Heathfield Show – May 2023

This years Heathfield Show was such a success. We shared the Marquee with Plumpton College and South Brockwells Farm. We had another Tractor full of balloons for people to guess how many. We had lots of wonderful displays from clubs. Fantastic competition entries from Cakes, to fascinators and painted rocks. The Theme was 'A day at the Races' and our judges were so impressed with all the entries. Our infamous 'Pig Racing' stole the show with some very enthusiastic Hailsham members getting all the public involved. It was a great fund raiser and opportunity to showcase a range of artistic skills our Young Farmers have.



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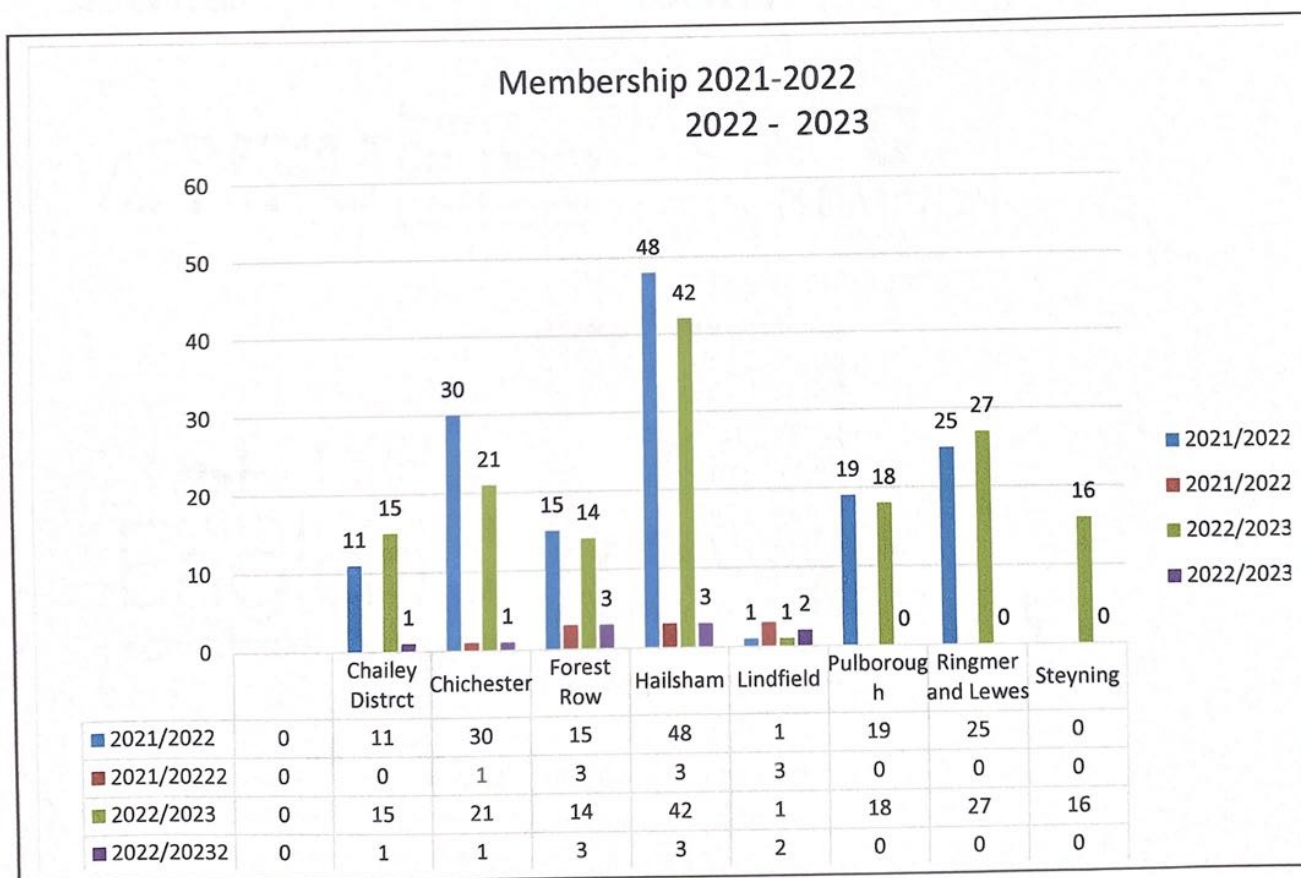






## Membership 2022/2023

We are still getting used to the online system but most members have adapted well to the change. You will see from the chart below that membership has stayed steady, with clubs dropping a few members, however this may be due to non-completion of online forms, rather than actually dropping members. We have had a new club this year which is great and we congratulate Steyning on having a really successful first year.



**Total Membership 2021 – 2022 – 149 Full Members 7 clubs open**

**Total Membership 2022 – 2023 – 154 Full Members, 8 clubs open**

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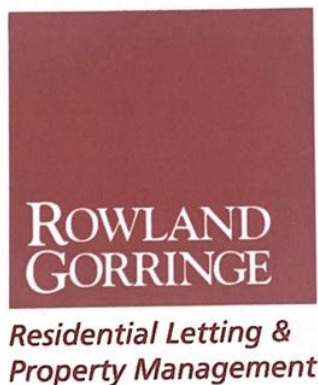




## Thank you to all our Sponsors

We are also extremely grateful to the following sponsors and donors who whom continue to show Sussex Young Farmers their support.

Charles Coombe-Tennant Charity Foundation	Rowland Gorringe Uckfield Branch
East Sussex Farmers Union Benevolent Fund	Yeowart Agriculture
In memory of Mike Russell-Smith	Rod Gaskin
Jim Tice	Crawford
NFU South East	Agwood
NFU East Sussex	Haynes
NFU West Sussex	Tuckwood
Plumpton College	Doe and sons Ringmer Branch
Sussex Youth	Curtis LTD



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**SUSSEX FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS  
REGISTERED AS A CHARITY No 305455**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

# SUSSEX FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	£	2023 £	£	£	2022 £	£
<b>Levies and Insurance</b>						
Receipts		11 647,43			4 886,92	
<u>Payments:</u>						
Insurance	1733,84			1 517,71		
NFYFC Levy	3994,2			740,00		
SE Area Levy				100,00		
Council Member Fares Pool				-		
		<u>5728,04</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>2 357,71</u>	
			5 919,39			2 529,21
<b>County Ball</b>						
Receipts		4 940,00			4 965,00	
Payments		<u>3 487,00</u>			<u>3 378,59</u>	
			1 453,00			1 586,41
<b>Heathfield Show</b>						
Receipts		712,80			897,10	
Payments		<u>420,00</u>			<u>360,00</u>	
			292,80			537,10
<b>South of England Show</b>						
Receipts		2 750,31			-	
Payments		<u>634,00</u>			<u>-</u>	
			2 116,31			-
<b>Other activities</b>						
Competitions Committee and other fundraising						
Receipts		2169,48			521,99	
Payments		<u>400</u>			<u>650,00</u>	
			1769,48			(128,01)
<b>Investment Income</b>						
COIF Accounts	(next page)				<u>49,35</u>	
						49,35
<b>Grants</b>						
South of England Agricultural Society		<u>200,00</u>				
			200,00			
Donations			5 898,41			7 315,00
Sundry Income			50,00			-
<b>Training and Development</b>						
Receipts		-			-	
Payments		<u>2 377,00</u>			<u>1 546,90</u>	
			(2 377,00)			( 1 546,90 )
<b>CARRIED FORWARD</b>			<u>15 322,39</u>			<u>10 342,16</u>



# SUSSEX FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		15 322,39		10 342,16
<b>Less: Administrative expenses</b>				
Administration	11 110,04		8 783,57	
Postage and telephone	111,85		119,56	
Meeting expenses	270,00		46,61	
Printing and stationery	357,83		104,67	
Staff Travel	138,60		-	
Equipment & Repairs	71,99		763,00	
Professional Services	177,77		149,55	
Miscellaneous	0,00		28,00	
		12 238,08		9 994,96
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of receipts over payments</b>		<b>3 084,31</b>		<b>347,20</b>
<b>Add: Investment income COIF</b>		716,00		
Movement on designated reserve		(2 623,00)		(3 453,10)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of receipts over payments - general fund</b>		<b>1 177,31</b>		<b>(3 105,90)</b>

# SUSSEX FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank accounts:</b>				
Barclays Current Account	30 728,39		27 644,08	
COIF Deposit Account	20 752,95		20 052,86	
COIF Training Fund	607,08		591,34	
COIF Reserves Account	6 294,27		6 294,27	
COIF Closed Clubs Account	6,31		6,14	
Petty Cash	55,66		55,66	
		58 444,66		54 644,35
<b>Represented by:</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
Balance brought forward	39 953,05		43 058,95	
Surplus/Deficit of receipts over payments	1 177,31		(3 105,90)	
		41 130,36		39 953,05
<b>DESIGNATED RESERVE</b>				
Designated Reserve (C Coombe-Tennant )		17 314,30		14 691,30
		<u>58 444,66</u>		<u>54 644,35</u>

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed:.....

Date: .....



# SUSSEX FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and therefore do not account for accrued expenses or deferred income.

Accrued income not accounted for:	£
Levies	157,04
HMRC - Tax Refund	572,69
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	<b>729,73</b>

Accrued expense not accounted for:

SE Area YFC Levy 2021-22 - Amount TBA	200,00
	<b>200,00</b>



# SUSSEX FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sussex Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise a Receipts and Payments Account, Balance Sheet and Notes to the accounts.

#### 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 examiners statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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.



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