

## **DERBYSHIRE LANDSKILLS**

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**Receipts**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Test Fees	£ 35,434.90	£ 40,072.90
Training Fees	£ 38,010.50	£ 48,214.00
NPTC Registrations	£ 17,150.60	£ 16,801.30
Lantra Registrations	£ 3,218.00	£ 4,240.00
Study Group	£ 1,305.00	£ 610.00
Equipment Hire	£ 965.00	£ 850.58
Work Books	£ -	£ -
Mileage	£ 38.70	£ 60.00
Insurance refund	£ -	£ 1,512.00
Nat. West Bonus Saver Interest	£ 231.02	£ 124.44
Lloyds Dividend	£ 8.61	£ 7.49
	<b>£ 96,362.33</b>	<b>£ 112,492.71</b>

**Payments**

Examiners Fees	£ 20,989.20	£ 24,899.00
Instructor Fees	£ 22,948.95	£ 33,709.25
Secretarial Expenses	£ 21,820.20	£ 26,569.92
Telephone/Internet	£ 1,172.32	£ 1,177.72
Stamps	£ 84.21	£ 197.28
NPTC Registrations	£ 14,782.00	£ 12,119.00
Lantra Registrations	£ 5,158.40	£ 6,924.00
UK Rural Skills Registrations	£ -	£ 42.00
UK Rural Skills Membership	£ 180.00	£ 180.00
Lantra Membership	£ 480.00	£ 432.00
BALI Membership	£ -	£ -
CDS Insurance	£ 393.16	£ 2,982.35
Auditor's Charges	£ 504.00	£ 480.00
Fee Refunds	£ 257.00	£ 64.00
Advertising/Trade Stand	£ 4,570.00	£ 3,963.99
Website and Computer Costs	£ 622.95	£ 926.91
Hire of Facilities	£ 1,600.26	£ 2,938.26
Training Material	£ -	£ 43.02
Stationery	£ 237.84	£ 107.19
Equipment	£ -	£ -
Data Protection	£ 40.00	£ 40.00
Course Refreshments	£ -	£ 21.79
Tickets	£ -	£ 27.00
Parking & mileage	£ 176.85	£ 282.46
Bankcharges	£ 11.90	£ -
Fan	£ 19.99	£ -
PPE	£ 203.96	£ -
	£ 96,253.19	£ 118,127.14
	£ 109.14	-£ 5,634.43

**Excess of Expenditure over Income****STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JULY 2024**

Accumulated Reserves at 1/8/23	£ 31,847.92	£ 37,482.35
Excess of Expenditure over Income	£ 109.14	-£ 5,634.43
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£ 31,957.06</u></b>	<b><u>£ 31,847.92</u></b>
<b><u>Represented by:-</u></b>		
Nat West Current Account Reconciled	£ 15,890.89	£ 16,372.77
Nat West Bonus Saver	£ 16,066.17	£ 15,475.15
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£ 31,957.06</u></b>	<b><u>£ 31,847.92</u></b>

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