

**DERBYSHIRE LANDSKILLS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 15 October 2025**

From 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025 89 (98) training days have been arranged with a total of 304 (318) candidates undertaking 57 (57) courses. The training courses comprised of 28 (31) Chainsaw, 14 (12) Pesticides, 7 (6) Tractor Driving, 1 (1) Woodchipper, 1 (3) Basic Tree Inspection, 3 (1) Pole Pruner, 1 (0) Excavator, 0 (1) Abrasive Wheels, 0 (2) Auger, 1(0) Brushcutter, 1 (0) 4x4

The Arable Study Groups met as usual throughout the summer with 6 meetings February – July and maintain a very active and informative WhatsApp Group.

Since 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025, a total of 274 tests were registered compared with 369 during the previous year. 89 (62) Sprayer, 40 (127) Chainsaw, 23 (23) Brushwood Chipper, 37 (37) Brush Cutters, 20 (38) Transport of Animals, 8 (0) Tractor Driving, 8 (20) Mowers, 14 (12) Hedge Trimmers, 8 (11) Forklift truck, 0 (0) Stump Grinder, 14 (11) ATV, 0 (18) MEWP, 0 (2) Abrasive Wheels, 0 (1) Vet Meds, 4 (0) Excavator, 1 (3) Leafblower, 3 (2) Clearing Saw, 5 (0) Pole Pruner. 105 (121) of the Assessments have been integrated.

The vast majority of the assessments have been arranged through our own training, however other providers we have worked with including Derby Council, Peak National Park, Natural England, Sherwood Forest Trust, Brindle Green, Anyella Chicks, Cullingworths Chickens Ltd, National Trust, QTS, The Wildlife Trust, Urban Planters, National Memorial Arboretum, Breadsall Priory and Planterior Landscapes. We have also worked with Shirebrook, Langwith, Calverton and Dronfield Parish Councils

I have attended the Brailsford Ploughing Match along with a training day hosted by Park Hill training to discuss the introduction of the New NPTC systems with the City and Guilds' managers along with a small number of Centres.

**Meetings Attended:-**

25/04/25 – Sam Emery Observation, Tansley  
29/04/25 – Edward Willmot Observation, Shirebrook  
19/05/25 – Paul Drake Observation, Hardwick Hall  
20/05/25 – Joseph Groom Observation, Tansley  
22/07/25 – Park Hill Training, Leicestershire, NPTC Away Day  
01/10/25 – Brailsford Ploughing Match

We were an approved training provider for the 2024/25 Forestry Commission Funding; this funding is currently on hold for 2026.

All Assessors have up to date copies of the Centre Policies and CVs are requested from all new Assessors to be held on the Centre's files. It is noted that CPD must be held for each Assessor working for the Centre. Proof of the insurance held by each Assessor is now also required. The rolling program of Assessment observations and paperwork sampling continues. The Centre Lantra and NPTC Audits are due in the coming months.

Standardisation is important in working with NPTC and it is vital that all Assessors work within the standards accepted by Derbyshire Landskills. I will give a short update on the requirements for working with Derbyshire Landskills and a copy of this has been circulated with the agenda. Comments will be very welcome, and the presentation will then be circulated to all assessors working with Derbyshire Landskills and confirmation of receipt of this will be required which then form part of the IQA.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

**Receipts**

	2025	2024
Test Fees	£ 34,751.40	£ 35,434.90
Training Fees	£ 45,243.50	£ 38,010.50
NPTC Registrations	£ 15,452.00	£ 17,150.60
Lantra Registrations	£ 3,156.00	£ 3,218.00
Study Group	£ 1,036.00	£ 1,305.00
Equipment Hire	£ 120.00	£ 965.00
PPE	£ 15.00	£ -
Mileage	£ -	£ 38.70
Insurance refund	£ 494.57	£ -
Overpayment Refunded	£ 282.85	£ -
Nat. West Bonus Saver Interest	£ 206.04	£ 231.02
Lloyds Dividend	£ 10.09	£ 8.61
	<b>£ 100,767.45</b>	<b>£ 96,362.33</b>

**Payments**

Examiners Fees	£ 20,622.11	£ 20,989.20
Instructor Fees	£ 23,336.47	£ 22,948.95
Secretarial Expenses	£ 20,942.00	£ 21,820.20
Telephone/Internet	£ 1,211.62	£ 1,172.32
Stamps	£ 150.46	£ 84.21
NPTC Registrations	£ 12,737.00	£ 14,782.00
Lantra Registrations	£ 4,612.30	£ 5,158.40
Repairs and Renewals	£ 71.34	£ -
UK Rural Skills Membership	£ 180.00	£ 180.00
Lantra Membership	£ -	£ 480.00
CDS Insurance	£ 589.49	£ 393.16
Auditor's Charges	£ 516.00	£ 504.00
Fee Refunds	£ -	£ 257.00
Advertising/Trade Stand	£ 2,721.15	£ 4,570.00
Website and Computer Costs	£ 462.36	£ 622.95
Hire of Facilities	£ 2,189.80	£ 1,600.26
Stationery	£ 326.21	£ 237.84
Data Protection	£ 40.00	£ 40.00
NFU	£ 1,388.79	£ -
Parking & mileage	£ 247.80	£ 176.85
Bankcharges	£ 113.75	£ 11.90
Fan	£ -	£ 19.99
PPE	£ 59.57	£ 203.96
	<b>£ 92,518.22</b>	<b>£ 96,253.19</b>
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>£ 8,249.23</b>	<b>£ 109.14</b>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JULY 2024**

Accumulated Reserves at 1/8/23	£ 31,957.06	£ 31,847.92
Excess of Expenditure over Income	£ 8,249.23	£ 109.14
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£ 40,206.29</u></b>	<b><u>£ 31,957.06</u></b>
<b><u>Represented by:-</u></b>		
Nat West Current Account Reconciled	£ 23,933.72	£ 15,890.89
Nat West Bonus Saver	£ 16,272.57	£ 16,066.17
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£ 40,206.29</u></b>	<b><u>£ 31,957.06</u></b>

## **TREASURERS REPORT FOR AGM 15 OCTOBER 2025**

The Accounts are circulated with the agenda. Derbyshire Landskills is showing a £8249.23 profit. This is a snapshot of the accounts at 31 July 2025

The figures have been checked and signed off by Mr A Bowry of AB Accountancy Services, Bolsover, Chesterfield