

Armagh County Agricultural Show Society

(Northern Ireland Charity Commission Number: 103787)

(Company Registration Number: NI046942)

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

**Noel Conn & Company
Chartered Accountants**

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Charity Commission NI Number

104972

Company Registration Number

NI046942

Trustees report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 10.

Constitution

Armagh County Agricultural Show Society is an incorporated body and is a recognised charity by HM Revenue and Customs. Armagh County Agricultural Show Society was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission Northern Ireland on 14 June 2003 under number 104972.

Organisation

The Trustees who have served during the year are detailed out on page 3.

Who are Armagh County Agricultural Show Society

The Show Committee has the power to have and exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the Society. The property, funds and securities of the Society are vested in Committee to be utilised in the purpose of fulfilling the charitable objectives of the Society.

The Society's charitable objectives are:

- The promotion of agriculture in Northern Ireland by holding an annual agricultural show, and by delivering agricultural instruction through exhibitions, lectures, and other such means as may from time to time be found expedient.
- The promotion of industries, art, sciences, and literature. These have always been treated as minor in relation to the main objective of promoting agriculture.

The Society seeks to achieve its objectives through:

- The delivery of the annual agricultural show which seeks to:-
 - Contribute to the enhancement of public awareness and understanding of the Province's agri-food sector.
 - Promote good farming practices and development of the skills and crafts needed to enhance the sector.
 - Encourage the advancement of breeding and rearing of livestock (including horses and poultry).
- Presentation of awards to those engaged in agriculture.
- Working in partnership with other bodies to assist in the promotion of the sector.
- The promotion of the arts through maintaining facilities and services to enable the venue to host a range of cultural events.

Furthermore, the Society is engaged in:

- Making its facilities and resources available for utilisation by other charitable bodies.

The Strategy of the Society is as follows:

- Ensure the objective as detailed are delivered.
- Ensure that the assets, investments, and funds of the Society are prudently managed.
- Utilise the assets, investments, and funds of the Society to put in place sustainable enabling finance streams.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that both our purposes and the activities undertaken in this last financial year clearly satisfy elements of the public benefit requirement.

The committee considers that these objectives, activities, and goals have a clear public benefit in enhancing the social, economic, and cultural well-being of rural communities.

The public benefits include:

- Improving standards of livestock and agricultural practices within the agricultural sector in Northern Ireland in particular, and beyond.
- Preserving and maintaining high standards and skill levels within the agricultural sector in Northern Ireland, and beyond.
- Developing and preserving rural crafts and craftsmanship necessary to enhance the agricultural sector in the Province.
- Ensuring that rural traditions and skills are passed down through successive generations of the agricultural community.
- Improving the welfare of agricultural animals through the recognition of high standards of agricultural husbandry throughout the Province and beyond.
- Enhancing the general public's knowledge and understanding of the Province's agri-food sector.

Achievements and Performance

Armagh County Show is one of the longest-running shows in Ireland with a report of a show being held in the City of Armagh as far back as 1829.

The agriculture, local food, and rural life elements of our Show continue to be the driving force behind our organisation. However, we make sure every effort is made to cater for all tastes and interests of the thousands of visitors that attend the event each year and the programme is constantly updated to reflect and respond to those interests.

Financial Review

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the charity received total income of £192,273 and had total expenditure of £137,450, yielding a surplus of £54,823.

Movements in tangible assets during the year are shown in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to reduce these risks.

By order of the Trustees

S Hamilton

Trustee

5 3 25

Date

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the United Kingdom (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK, including Charities SORP (FRS 102). Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the United Kingdom and United Kingdom Law). Under that law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the application of accounting standards has been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are 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 Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our independent examiner

In so far as the trustees are aware at the time of approving our trustees' annual report:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to re-appoint the independent examiner, Noel Conn & Company, will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Trustees

S Hamilton

Trustee

5 3 25

Date

Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2024

We have examined the financial statements of Armagh County Agricultural Show Society as set out on pages 10 - 13 for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, The Balance Sheet, and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the Charity Trustees, as a body, in accordance with regulations made under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our examination work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Responsibilities of the Armagh County Agricultural Show Society Trustees and Examiner

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report:

We have examined the charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

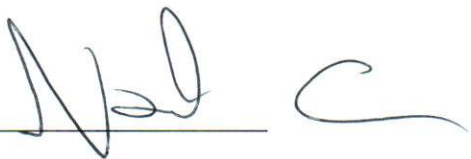
Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement:

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Noel Conn
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Date

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	<u>Notes</u>		
Incoming Resources:			
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2	191,092	161,249
Investment Income		1,181	-
Total Incoming Resources		<u>192,273</u>	<u>161,249</u>
 Resources Expended:			
Charitable activities	3	135,962	124,430
Governance costs		<u>1,488</u>	<u>1,678</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>137,450</u>	<u>126,108</u>
 Net Income from Resources Available For Charitable Applications		<u><u>54,823</u></u>	<u><u>35,141</u></u>
 Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u><u>255,328</u></u>	<u><u>220,187</u></u>
 Total Funds to Carry Forward		<u><u>310,151</u></u>	<u><u>255,328</u></u>

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2024

Employment of Capital	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	52,125	41,912
Albert E Sharp Investments	10	68,744	60,000
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	5	6,670	20,384
Bank and Cash	6	195,523	135,973
		<u>202,193</u>	<u>156,357</u>
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	7	1,500	1,941
Trade Creditors	8	3,300	1,000
		<u>4,800</u>	<u>2,941</u>
Net Current Assets		197,393	153,416
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>318,262</u>	<u>255,328</u>
Funds			
Restricted Funds	9	310,151	255,328
Valuation Reserve	11	8,111	-
		<u>318,262</u>	<u>255,328</u>

I approve these accounts on behalf of the Board of Trustees and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information required for their preparation

S Hamilton

Mr S J Hamilton

Trustee

The notes on pages 10-13 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice [SORP], "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2008.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are accounted for in accordance with the particular terms of trust arising from the express or implied wishes of the donors in so far as these are intended to be binding on the charity. Where such wishes are not intended to be binding, they are taken into account and recognised in appropriately designated funds.

Unrestricted Free Reserves

Free Reserves represent amount which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accrual basis.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accrual basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non –staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rat to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Government grants

Grants that relate to specific capital expenditure are treated as deferred income, which is then credited to the Statement of Financial Activities over the related asset's useful life. Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the same year as the related expenditure is incurred.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or valuation of tangible fixed assets, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are:

	%
Fixtures and Equipment	5 Reducing Balance

2 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Entry Fees	18,020	14,115
Advertising	2,150	1,640
Letting of Stands	34,020	30,483
Sponsorship	37,970	22,702
Gate Admission and Catalogues	71,770	68,404
Grant - ABC Council	15,000	15,000
Grant - DAERA / DARD	11,262	7,705
Hire of Show Grounds	900	1,200
	<u>191,092</u>	<u>161,249</u>

3 Costs of Activities for Charitable Purposes

	Total	Total
	2024	2023
	£	£
Costs of Charitable Activities	135,962	124,430
	<u>135,962</u>	<u>124,430</u>

4 Tangible Assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	435	76,243	76,678
Additions	-	12,934	12,934
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>435</u>	<u>89,177</u>	<u>89,612</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	-	34,766	34,766
Charge	-	2,721	2,721
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>37,487</u>	<u>37,487</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>435</u>	<u>51,690</u>	<u>52,125</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>435</u>	<u>41,477</u>	<u>41,912</u>

5 Debtors and Prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	3,750	20,280
Trade Debtors	2,583	-
Prepayment	337	100
Eventbrite Reserve	-	4
	<u>6,670</u>	<u>20,384</u>

6 Bank Current and Deposit Accounts

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
PayPal Account	258	673
Bank of Ireland Current Account	97,468	130,555
Bank of Ireland No. 2 Account	4,650	4,676
Danske Bank Current Account	93,078	-
Cash on Hand	69	69
	<u>195,523</u>	<u>135,973</u>

7 Sundry Creditors and Accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy	1,240	1,240
Other Creditors	260	701
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,941</u>

8 Trade Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,300	1,000
	<u>3,300</u>	<u>1,000</u>

9 Movement in Funds

	At the 01/01/2024	Movement In Funds	At the 31/12/2024
	£	£	£
Restricted Funds			
Restricted	255,328	54,823	310,151
Total Funds	<u>255,328</u>	<u>54,823</u>	<u>310,151</u>

10 Investments

Equity investments are stated at the lower of original cost or current book value on the Balance Sheet

Investment with Albert E Sharp

	2024
	£
Original Cost	60,000
Value of Dividends and Interest Reinvested	8,744
Total Cost	<u>68,744</u>
Quoted value at 31 December 2024	<u>77,409</u>

11 Valuation Reserve

	2024
	£
Opening Balance	-
Valuation Gain from Prior Years not previously recorded	7,479
Valuation Gain in Current Year	632
Closing Balance	<u>8,111</u>

12 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No trustee received any remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023 – NIL).

The following payments were made to Trustees' during the year for expenses incurred:

	2024
	£
Total Amount Paid	<u>5,222</u>
Nature of Expenses:	
Reimbursement of Costs/Mileage	3,900
IT Support/Internet/Computer equipment	1,322
	<u>5,222</u>
Number of Trustees Reimbursed	<u>5</u>

13 Company Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

On a winding-up, members may be required to contribute a maximum of £1.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:		
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Total Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities:	191,092	161,249
Incoming Resources from Investment Activities:		
Dividends/Interest	1,181	-
Resources Expended for Charitable Activities:		
Materials and Administration Expenses	29,798	25,428
Rent	1,310	2,304
Rates	(2,432)	409
Show Grounds	3,362	3,586
Insurance	1,413	1,296
Light and Heat	345	455
Judges' Fees	3,638	3,589
Cups and Trophies	3,898	3,090
Prize Money	20,038	17,119
Stationery and Printing	2,721	679
Postage	263	237
Advertising and Marketing	7,189	6,848
Computer Expenses and Telephone	4,256	3,855
Hire of Equipment	31,735	26,743
AGM, Show BBQ and Catering	9,123	9,189
Health and Safety	6,218	6,035
Bank Charges	3,376	2,980
Investment Management Fees	547	-
Registration Fees	462	564
General Expenses	1,936	3,201
Donations	510	670
Entertainment for Show Day	3,535	3,970
Depreciation on Fixtures and Equipment	2,721	2,183
Total Resources Expended for Charitable Activities:	135,962	124,430
Governance Costs		
Accountancy Fees	1,488	1,678
Total Resources Expended	137,450	126,108
Net Incoming Resources for the year	54,823	35,141