

ST JAMES FARM

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108289

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-10-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The farm shall have charitable objectives only, and is established to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area and its environs (hereafter described as the 'area of benefit') from which is the St James Area; St James, Rock Streets, Clondara, La Salle without distinction of age, gender, race, political, religious or other opinion, by farm statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. b) To promote co-operation between local community groups with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit. c) To promote and co-ordinate Community Development by enhancing the local social infrastructure through: support, training and resource provision.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Animal welfare,Community development,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Urban development,Volunteer development,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Interface communities,Learning disabilities,Men,Mental health,Older people,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,994	£23,481	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Terence Kelly		
Sean Mccarthy		
Sharon Lindsay		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	17,194	-	-	17,194	9,965
Grants	8,800	-	-	8,800	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Appeals	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Membership Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,994	-	-	25,994	9,965
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,994	-	-	25,994	9,965
A3 Payments					
Egg boxes	-	-	-	-	107
Bank Fees	252	-	-	252	248
Electricity	655	-	-	655	2,871
Animal Feed	3,618	-	-	3,618	880
Repairs & Maintenance	5,419	-	-	5,419	3,398
Animal Care - Vet bill	976	-	-	976	1,341
Animal Care - Bedding	-	-	-	-	935
Communications	306	-	-	306	423
Community Event	-	-	-	-	309
Entertainment	324	-	-	324	-
Wages	7,275	-	-	7,275	-
Water	779	-	-	779	-
Stationary	28	-	-	28	-
Uniforms	750	-	-	750	-
Advertising & Promotion	1,476	-	-	1,476	-
Internet	119	-	-	119	-
Carriage	144	-	-	144	-
Tools	1,362	-	-	1,362	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,481	-	-	23,481	10,513
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Aliminuim can baler	-	-	-	-	12,178
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	12,178
Total payments	23,481	-	-	23,481	22,691
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,513	-	-	2,513	12,726
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,937	-	-	23,937	23,937
Cash funds this year end	26,450	-	-	26,450	11,210

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash/Bank funds	Bank Account	26,450	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash/Bank funds	26,450	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

ST JAMES FARM

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Accounts

St. James Community Farm			No (if any)	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	9,965	-	-	9,965	14,291
Grants		-	-	-	10,000
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Appeals	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Membership Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,965	-	-	9,965	24,291
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,965	-	-	9,965	24,291
A3 Payments					
Egg boxes	107	-	-	107	-
Bank Fees	248	-	-	248	145
Electricity	2,871	-	-	2,871	1,087
Animal Feed	880	-	-	880	748
Repairs & Maintenance	3,398	-	-	3,398	-
Animal Care - Vet bill	1,341	-	-	1,341	1,107
Animal Care - Bedding	935	-	-	935	-
Communications	423	-	-	423	183
Community Event	309	-	-	309	800
Escape Room	-	-	-	-	200
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,513	-	-	10,513	4,270
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Aliminuim can baler	12,178	-	-	12,178	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,178	-	-	12,178	-
Total payments	22,691	-	-	22,691	4,270
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,726	-	-	- 12,726	20,021
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,663	-	-	36,663	-
Cash funds this year end	23,937	-	-	23,937	20,021

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash/Bank funds	Bank Account	23,937	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash/Bank funds	23,937	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Aliminuim can baler	Unrestricted	12,178	9,742
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Annual report

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Annual return

1 Malone Gardens
BELFAST
BT17 9RX

28 November 2024

Mr T Kelly
Chairman
St James' Community Farm
60 Rodney Parade
BELFAST
BT12 6EE

Dear Sir,

Ref: Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of St James' Community Farm

I report on the accounts of St James' Community Farm for the year ended 31/3/2024 as prepared by the trustees and attached below.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (NI) 2008 (the Charities (Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under s65 of the Charities Act (NI) 2008
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for NI under section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for NI.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act and section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008 and Section 44(1) (b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations.

have been met.

I trust you will find this report satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

Sean McCarthy
1 Malone Gardens
BELFAST
BT17 9RX
28/11/24

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Accounts

St. James Community Farm			No (if any)	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	14,291	-	-	14,291	-
Grants	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Appeals	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Membership Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,291	-	-	24,291	-
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,291	-	-	24,291	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	145	-	-	145	-
Gas	1,087	-	-	1,087	-
Animal Feed	748	-	-	748	-
Animal Care - Vet bill	1,107	-	-	1,107	-
Escape Room	200	-	-	200	-
Communications	183	-	-	183	-
Community Trip	800	-	-	800	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,270	-	-	4,270	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,270	-	-	4,270	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,021	-	-	20,021	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,642	-	-	16,642	-
Cash funds this year end	36,663	-	-	36,663	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash/Bank funds	Bank Account	36,663	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash/Bank funds	36,663	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	
			-	

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Trustee annual report 2023

Damien Lindsay

The aim of the farm is to provide a safe and friendly environment for local people to come and meet up with other local residents using the animals and vegetable plots as enticing features for all our visitors and volunteers.

St James community farm conducted a series of surveys around the local community and amongst visitors to ascertain the reasons for visiting, volunteering and participating in programmes.

We identified many issues particularly amongst our older residents and visitors the main point being loneliness and lack of services we also identified that mental health and wellbeing was an issue across all ages.

Quarter one. Jan-March

We met with local people to help us with preparation of our vegetable plots many of the men and women were over the age of 60 and had experience of some sort of gardening or growing vegetables. We had 2 men and 8 women, who dug up plots, sowed seeds gutted the polytunnel, made hanging baskets and window boxes. They advertised for old pots and hanging baskets to be recycled and reused. The results of their labour was a harvest market at the farm which attracted 100s of visitors attending and digging up potatoes and other vegetables while purchasing sunflowers, window boxes and hanging baskets. During this period we had a St Patricks Day event with shamrocks grown by the gardeners face painters and Irish dancing was provided by our younger volunteers.

Quarter two April-June

April kicked off with a brilliant easter event attended by 150 children and around 200 parents hosted by the volunteers. The children took part in a fun filled treasure hunt searching for easter eggs. Our volunteers young and old dressed up in bunny outfits, face painting and other easter crafts.

Ongoing in this period was vegetable plot maintenance by our 10 volunteers who explained to visiting groups the importance of growing vegetables and healthy eating. This period seen a large increase in visiting groups from local schools, creches and youth groups. Our volunteers host the groups letting them pet the smaller animals such as rabbits, hedgehog,

tortoise and feed the larger animals such as goats and sheep. They can also help groom the pony and donkey.

Ongoing throughout the year is the farm maintenance carried out by our 30 volunteers, cleaning pens and doing feeds every morning and coming back in the evenings to put the animals to bed and lock up. Our volunteers range from aged 6 to 70 years old

Quarter three July -sept

The period was very busy with visiting summer schemes all summer along with walk ins from the general public our volunteers meeting and greeting all visitors supplying feed tubs to children for the animals and supplying tea and coffee to parents and youth group leaders.

We hosted several events during this period alongside our summer market we hosted the NI Falconry and owl people down to do amazing demonstrations for a appreciative crowd.

16 of our staff volunteers completed a day long first aid and defibrillator training course which was themed around farm working. Two others completed animal care course and two completed equine management course.

Quarter four Oct-Dec

This quarter we held several events over the Halloween and Christmas period. Our volunteers organised three events for the young people these included a fright line for teenagers aged 14-17 a scary assault course was built by the volunteers and 52 teenagers turned up and had a brilliant time.

We held a fancy dress disco for aged 8+ attended by around 100 children volunteers dressed up and distributed party bags and prizes.

Our final Halloween events was a pumpkin patch for 150 children who had great fun gathering up the pumpkins and searching for Halloween treats.

Our Christmas events brought hundreds of visitors to our farm to see Santa in our Christmas experience. All of our volunteers participated in the experience, firstly our youngest volunteers dressed up as elves and welcomed children into the elves workshop. Children then visited Santa, Mrs Claus and more of his elves for a gift. Lastly the children were then led

to baby Jesus and the wise men with Mary and Joseph in our stables with our donkey and pony.

Our teenage volunteers, young elves and adults were brilliant over four nights and 200 children and parents attended. This was all preceded by a brilliant big switch on of our 30 foot Christmas tree and 10,000 lights. We invited 2 local choirs down from the church to sing at the events.

We held Christmas bingo for our older visitors which really took off and they suggested we keep the bingo on after Christmas. It is still running 7 months on. Some of these ladies then took on vegetable plots and volunteering at markets. Two have become cleaners at the farm and many of the bingo group have also become regular walkers with walking group in the evening.

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1 Malone Gardens

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BT17 9RX

21 June 2024

Mr Damien Lindsay

St James' Community Farm

60 Rodney Parade

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BT12 6EE

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	For the period from	To	31/03/2023
	01/04/2022		

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A1 Receipts		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Sub total (Gross income for AR)		24,291	-	-	24,291	-
Donations		14,291	-	-	14,291	-
Grants		10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Legacy		-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Appeals		-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-	-
Membership Fees		-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and Investment sales		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		24,291	-	-	24,291	-
A3 Payments						
Bank Fees		145	-	-	145	-
Gas		1,087	-	-	1,087	-
Animal Feed		748	-	-	748	-
Animal Care - Vet bill		1,107	-	-	1,107	-
Escape Room		200	-	-	200	-
Communications		183	-	-	183	-
Other		800	-	-	800	-
Sub total		4,270	-	-	4,270	-
A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)						
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		4,270	-	-	4,270	-
Net of receipts/payments		20,021	-	-	20,021	-
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		16,642	-	-	16,642	-
Cash funds this year end		36,663	-	-	36,663	-

