

Thornhill Young Farmer's Club

Scotland · Charity number SC012588

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1983-05-18
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Young Farmers Centre Ingliston Edinburgh Dumfriesshire Edinburgh City of EH28 8NE
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Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The club have organised a range of activities in the year which meet all of the club objectives. Our summer and winter syllabuses contained a mix of agricultural competitions, talks and farm visits along with sports, crafts and business tours. We also held fund raising and social events which included all members along with members of other local clubs. We took part in various competitions at district, region and national level where possible and tried to include as many of our members in all events as possible.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: To advance the education and training of young people at large in rural issues, agriculture, home crafts and related issues. To advance the development of active citizens through development of individuals involvement within their local community and leadership of their Young Farmer Group. In the interests of social welfare of young people in rural Scotland provide and promote the provision of activities for recreation and other leisure time occupations which will improve their conditions of life and will assist in the development of their spiritual and mental capacities and self reliance and individual responsibility.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Dumfries And Galloway
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-02-10	£4,672	£5,518	-	0
2025-02-10	£18,642	£17,205	-	0
2024-02-10	£8,576	£11,365	-	0
2023-02-10	£6,768	£5,605	-	0
2022-02-10	£3,216	£1,305	-	0
2021-02-10	£3,852	£3,319	-	0

Accounts

Thornhill Young Farmer's Club

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Management Committee Report for Year Ended 10th February 2026

The Management Committee submit their report for the year ended 10th February 2026

Organization and Activities

Thornhill Young Farmer's Club is a charitable unincorporated organisation. As governed by our Constitution, the club provides activities which further personal development; cultural education and training of young people; and make rural life more attractive to the young members of the community. The Management Committee, who are appointed or elected at the Annual General Meeting of the club, administer the club. The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, to whom the affiliation fees are payable. They can be contacted through:

National Secretary
Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs
Young Farmers Centre
Ingliston
Edinburgh
EH28 8NE
Tel: 0131 333 2445
E-mail: penny@sayfc.org

Management Committee

The Members of the Management Committee during the year are as below. All the members were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 and all positions were held throughout the year unless otherwise stated.

President	Mr David Watret
Vice-President	Mr Sandy Dunlop
Club Leaders	Miss Sam Haining & Miss Gillian Watret
Ex-Officials	
Chairperson	Mr John Hewson
Vice-Chairperson	Mr Kyle McKellar
Secretary	Miss Laura Hampson
Assistant Secretary	Miss Maddie Fisher
Treasurer	Miss Abbie Harvey
Committee	Miss Kirsty Gallacher
	Miss Emma McKay
	Miss Paige Marchbank
	Mr Callum Harvey
	Miss Sofia Young
	Miss Hollie Rutherford

Thornhill Young Farmer's Club
REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
YEAR ENDED 10th FEBRUARY 2026

Governing Document

Thornhill Young Farmer's Club is a charitable unincorporated organisation. As governed by our Constitution, the club provides activities which further personal development; cultural education and training of young people and make rural life more attractive to the young members of the community.

Charitable purposes

The objectives of the Club are:

- To advance the education and training of young people at large in rural issues, agriculture, homecrafts and related subjects.
- To advance the development of active citizens through development of individuals involvement within their local community and leadership of their Young Farmer's Group.
- In the interests of social welfare of young people in rural Scotland provide and promote the provision of activities for recreation and other leisure time occupations which will improve their conditions of life and will assist in the development of their spiritual and mental capacities and self reliance and individual responsibility.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

A Committee of Management shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held of the first Tuesday in March annually and consist of the following:

- President, Vice President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Club Leaders and 4 full members.
- The immediate past Chairman and Secretary will become ex-officio members, unless either should hold one of the aforementioned offices, when one full member shall be submitted in their place.
- The post of Honorary President shall be held on a permanent basis and no longer require to be re-elected until such times as the existing Honorary President chooses to relinquish his post.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Thornhill Young Farmer's Club holds several events throughout the calendar year these events are all different in nature. In the summer sports practices and competitions as well as beef, sheep and dairy stockjudgings take place. Community events such as local galas are also participated in. Girls and boys work hard at creating handicraft articles for our local show. Throughout the year the club will hold bingo nights and organise fundraisers for other charities. Members of the club will take part in competitions throughout the year including the dressing of sheep and cattle in the autumn. The year is ended on a high in a traditional manner by presenting the trophies at a club dinner.

Achievements and Performances –

To start the year we held our AGM at the Farmers Arms on Tuesday 4th of March 2025 where the committee was chosen for the year.

Following on from that was our new members event held at Penpont pitches on the 23rd of March which was a well-attended event and fun filled afternoon and for new and current members.

Then on the 29th of April we all gathered for a bowling night at LA bowling at Ayr.

As we moved into May we turned our attention to the rally. With us being the hosts this year the pressure was certainly on to do our best. We started with our practices on the 6th of May at High Drum farm, by kind permission of the Haining Family and had a couple more in preparation for the big day. On the 17th of May the rally took place at Shancastle Farm, by kind permission of Klondyke Farms. It was a very successful day for the club! For the first time in many years Thornhill came 1st place overall. With member Sarah Hunter taking 1st place in the stock judging, handicrafts team coming 2nd and stockjudging team 3rd.

On the 1st of June we attended D and G field sports at Dalbeattie High School which was well attended. Sadly, we didn't place but an enjoyable day was had by all.

Moving on to our dairy stock judging which took place on Friday the 27th of June at Kirkland farm, by kind permission of the McKinley family. A great night was had with a total of 69 people in attendance. It was a good start to our stockjudgings.

Dumfries show soon came around with the 2 handicraft teams coming out with a 3rd place and best appearance and overall display. Also, our secretary Laura coming 3rd with her club noticeboard.

On the 22nd of August we held our mock auction at Ballagan farm, by kind permission of the McMillan family. With a great turnout of about 70 people which was good considering it was our first mock auction in a few years.

Friday the 5th of September was our beef and sheep stock judging at Glenlaugh Farm, by kind permission of the Templeton family. With 100 people in attendance a great night was had by everyone and a great show of stock on show.

October rolled around and the first event was the Mr and Miss competition where myself, Laura, Maddie and Emma all competed. Congratulations went to Maddie on placing 3rd in the Miss Young Farmer competition.

On the 19th of October we held our annual tractor run where we raised £627 pounds for Moffat mountain rescue. 30 tractors attended the run and it was an enjoyable day.

Then, on the 15th of November we held our coffee morning in Gladstone Hall. Where we raised £150 for our chosen charities.

Our next event was our Christmas bingo night on the 12th of December in Carronbridge hall and it was a well-attended night.

As the winter progressed, we had a squash night in Thornhill squash club and a well attended curling night at Dumfries ice bowl in preparation for the district curling competition.

To conclude my report, I would personally like to thank all the committee members for all their hard work and for making this year a great success. You should all be very proud of yourselves and achievements at local, and national level and our contributions to charity.

Financial Review

To start off the year, 19 members joined, which raised £650. Affiliation fees were a total of £2,024, however this is due to paying off an outstanding balance from the 2024-25 year.

Throughout the summer months we held two stockjudgings, which raised a total of £1,240. In the Autumn we held a mock auction, raising £633.

We held two charity events this year, a tractor run which raised £627 and a coffee morning which raised £163. Following the tractor run we sold canvases, raising a further £75. Our chosen charity for the year, Moffat Mountain Rescue, received £734 of this total and the SAYFC Big Build project received £81.

In December, we held a bingo night that had a total receipt of £404.

We received £502 for club clothing and paid £578. There is an outstanding sum of £76 as clothing has not yet been paid for.

Overall, largely due to a carry-over from the previous year, the club made a loss of £846.

Reserves Policy

It is the trustees' policy to hold reserves of approximately 12 months expenditure. At the year end the group held unrestricted cash funds of £12,226.

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs who can be contacted through:

Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs
Young Farmers Centre
Ingleston
Edinburgh
EH28 8NE

This report was approved by the Management Committee on 3rd March 2026

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

Chairperson John Hewson: 
Date: 03/03/26

Secretary Laura Hampson: 
Date: 03/03/26

THORNHILL YOUNG FARMERS CLUB
YEAR TO FEBRUARY 2026

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect of the requirement:

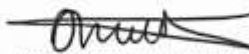
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounting Regulations, and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name

D R Mitchell

Relevant professional qualifications

B.A., C.A.

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Date

THORNHILL YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 10 February 2026

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted 2026		Restricted 2026		Total 2026		2025	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Membership fees		650	-		650		860	
Gross trading receipts -								
Canvas	75		-		75		90	
Bingo Night	404		-		404		761	
Dinner Dance	-		-		-		1,365	
Coffee Morning	163		-		163		-	
Mr & Miss Ball	320		-		320		655	
Ploughing Match	-		-		-		438	
Anniversary Dinner Dance	-		-		-		6,475	
Galloway Country Fair	-		-		-		236	
		962	-		962			10,020
Competition receipts -								
Beef, Dairy & Sheep Stockjudging	1,240		-		1,240		4,773	
Car Treasure Hunt	-		-		-		120	
Prize Money	-		-		-		10	
Mock Auction	633		-		633		-	
		1,873	-		1,873			4,903
Club Sponsorship	-		-		-		700	
Anniversary Clothing Receipts	120		-		120		440	
Clothing Receipts	382		-		382		632	
		502	-		502			1,772
Other receipts -								
Tractor Run - Charity	627		-		627		936	
Sundry Receipts	8		-		8		133	
Ayr Show Raffle Tickets	50		-		50		20	
		685	-		685			1,089
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,672	-		4,672		18,644	

PAYMENTS

Affiliation fees and personal accident
Insurance

Gross trading payments -

Bingo
Coffee Morning
Dinner Dance
Canvas Costs
Ploughing Match
Anniversary Dinner Dance
Galloway Country Fair

Competition expenses paid -

Beef, Dairy & Sheep Stockjudging
Mock Auction
Car Treasure Hunt
Competition Entry

Club event costs -

Tractor Run Expenses
Sundry
Bale Art
Members Night
Hall Hire
Raffle Prize (D&G event)
Mr & Miss Ball

Administration costs -

Engraving club awards
Club Clothing
Anniversary Club Clothing
Anniversary Badges
Printing, stationery & telephone
Ayr Show Raffle Tickets

Donation to Charity

TOTAL PAYMENTS

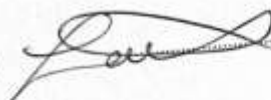
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR
THORNHILL YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

2026	2026	2026	2025
£	£	£	£
	2,024	-	2,024
			1,532
159	-	159	-
86	-	86	235
-	-	-	-
50	-	50	1,914
-	-	-	64
-	-	-	148
-	-	-	7,124
295	-	295	21
			9,506
652	-	652	1,953
355	-	355	-
-	-	-	32
-	-	-	20
1,007	-	1,007	2,005
165	-	165	98
111	-	111	237
-	-	-	98
-	-	-	19
-	-	-	380
35	-	35	50
320	-	320	610
631	-	631	1,492
59	-	59	45
578	-	578	933
-	-	-	453
-	-	-	108
5	-	5	81
50	-	50	50
692	-	692	1,671
869	-	869	1,000
5,518	-	5,518	17,206
-846	-	-846	1,438

STATEMENT OF BALANCES
as at 10 February 2026

	2026 £	2026 £	2026 £	2025 £
Cash and Bank balances at 11 February 2025				
Cash on hand	429		429	596
Bank of Scotland trading account	12,643	825	13,468	11,861
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-846	-	-846	1,438
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>12,226</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>13,051</u>	<u>13,897</u>
Cash and Bank balances at 10 February 2026				
Cash on hand	1,185	-	1,185	429
Bank of Scotland trading account	11,041	825	11,866	13,468
	<u>12,226</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>13,051</u>	<u>13,897</u>
RESERVES	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
General Fund	12,226	-	12,226	13,072
Travel Fund	-	825	825	825
General Funds	<u>12,226</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>13,051</u>	<u>13,897</u>

Signed on behalf of the Club Committee by :



Approved by the Club Committee on:

03/03/26