

STRATHAVEN AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION
(incorporating Avondale Farmers Society)
Established 1831

Scottish Charity No: SC017243

Trustees Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Strathaven Agricultural Exposition is a charitable unincorporated association. Our purpose, as recorded in our constitution, is to promote and advance agriculture and connected arts, to hold an annual agricultural show and provide forms of public entertainment and any other measures for the promotion of social interaction among the members and rural population, in addition, we aim to raise public awareness of Scottish agriculture.

Unfortunately, the Winter Poultry Show did not go ahead in February 2024 due to Avian flu restrictions.

Our Annual Show was held on Saturday 7th September 2024, and it was a lovely sunny warm day. The good weather ensured the show was very well attended by visitors, as well as by exhibitors and trade stand holders. The poultry show was back again as Avian Flu restrictions had been lifted and it was very well supported with exhibitors travelling from far afield. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon with attractions such as the ridden Clydesdales, the grand parade, the vintage tractor parade, Craigievern's Pig Racing and being entertained by The Acting Bairns of Stonehouse, Morag Arthur's Highland dancers; line dancing from Bunkhouse Country and Western Club and a Highland Games display by Ian Smith where spectators were encouraged to take part.

To help raise additional funds, we held our raffle again, and sold tickets prior to and during the show. It boosted our funds by £1,372.

The whist drive was not held this year due to the declining number of people attending.

Our aim for 2025 is to continue to raise public awareness of Scottish Agriculture, to find different attractions to entertain spectators and encourage more people through the gates; and to continue to drive down costs without compromising our event.

The Exposition's trustees are appointed by the members at our Annual General Meeting, which is held during the last week of February and office bearers are elected every third year. The office bearers for 2023/24 are

The accounts for the year are attached and form part of this report.
The report was approved by the trustees on Thursday 20th March 2025.
Signed, on behalf of the Trustees

STRATHAVEN AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION
Income & Expenditure Account
For year ended 31st December 2024

INCOME		2024	2023
		£	£
Show	Entries	2,757	2,270
	Gate	5,683	4,158
	Stances & Tables	1,409	1,336
	Bar	5,772	3,766
	Raffle	1,372	1,130
	Sponsorship	2,390	2,525
		<u>19,383</u>	<u>15,185</u>
Social & Fundraising			
	Whist Drive	-	112
Field			
	Wayleave	236	203
	Rent Received	924	-
Other			
	Dividend & Stock Interest	4,257	3,092
	Bank Interest	371	302
	SLC Grants	420	420
Total Income		<u>25,591</u>	<u>19,314</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Show Expenses			
	Tent & Toilet Hire	5,126	3,538
	Public Address	1,542	1,410
	Catering & Bar	2,274	2,434
	Entertainment	952	295
	Engraving & Bus Hire	1,020	1,018
	Show Sundries	1,189	2,196
	First Aid	510	455
	Prizes	3,700	3,416
Field			
	Water Charges	200	174
Administration			
	Printing & Stationery	1,260	1,812
	Advertising	-	152
	Postages	284	129
	Insurance	2,410	2,319
	Administration	2,750	2,174
	Accountancy	300	200
Other			
	Donations	425	250
	Standard Life and Newton Management Fees	383	360
	Sundries	604	821
Total Expenditure		<u>24,928</u>	<u>23,153</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		663	- 3,839

STRATHAVEN AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

2023			2024
£	FIXED ASSETS		£
41,034.00	Showfield, At cost		41,034
12,943.00	Shed, At cost		12,943
<u>53,977.00</u>	Total Fixed Assets		<u>53,977</u>
	CURRENT ASSETS		
-	Debtors		211
109,325.00	Investments - at cost		107,543
18,261.00	Cash in Bank: RBS Deposit		19,544
4,279.00	RBS Current		6,846
<u>131,865.00</u>	Total Current Assets		<u>134,144</u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
-	Trade Creditors		1,272
<u>-</u>	Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,272</u>
<u>185,842.00</u>	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>186,849</u>
	Represented by:-		
	CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
188,243.00	As at 1st January 2024		185,842
-	Add/less: Surplus/deficit for year		663
1,439.00	Add/Less: Gain/Loss on Investments sold		344
<u>185,842.00</u>	As at 31st December 2024		<u>186,849</u>

Market Value of Investments at 31st December 2024 as provided by Standard Life is £156,603 (2023 - £124,722).

REPORT TO STRATHAVEN AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION
Charity No. SC017243

In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account from the accounting records and information you supplied to me. I have not carried out an audit.

In my opinion, based on the information supplied, these Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Exposition's deficit for the year ended 31st December 2024, and of the Exposition's position as at 31st December 2024.

Lawrie & Symington Ltd
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Hyndford Road
Lanark

20th March 2025

These accounts were approved by the Trustees at our Annual General Meeting on

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Strathaven Agricultural Exposition

I report on behalf of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set on the two pages attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Trust Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider 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.


Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes 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 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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 the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records with 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 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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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