Young Farmers Accounts

| | | | 2025 | | | 2024 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | | | | | | |
| Membership Fees | | | £3,473 | | | £2,310 | |
| Interest Received | | | | | | | |
| Donations Received | | | £100 | | | £153 | |
| Charity | | | £2,046 | | | £2,072 | |
| Other Income | | | | | | £880 | |
| Competition Income (Note 1) | | | £2,363 | | | £2,050 | |
| Gross Trading Income (Noted 2) | | | £35,029 | | | £34,452 | |
| | | | | £43,012 | | | £41,917 |
| **Expenditure** | | | | | | | |
| Affiliation Fees & Insurance | | | £6,202 | | | £4,860 | |
| Competition Expenses (note 1) | | | £2,423 | | | £2,962 | |
| Gross Trading Expenses (Note 2) | | | £23,046 | | | £29,914 | |
| Donations to Charities | | | £2,500 | | | £1,803 | |
| Donations to International Exchanges | | | | | | | |
| Club Event costs | Hall of halls, teas, Meetings | £596 | | | £785 | | |
| | Engraving | | | | £216 | | |
| | Entry fee for Events | £544 | | | £2,412 | | |
| | | | £1,139 | | | £3,413 | |
| Administration Costs | | | | | | | |
| | Secretary's Expenses | | | | £45 | | |
| | Auditor | £50 | | | £50 | | |
| | General Expenses | £716 | | | £1,336 | | |
| | Advertising | £100 | | | | | |
| | | | £866 | | | £1,431 | |
| | | | | £36,177 | | | £44,383 |
| | | | | £6,834 | | | (£2,466) |

| **Competition** | **Income** | **Expenditure** | **Profit / (Loss)** | **Income** | **Expenditure** | **Profit / (Loss)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mock Auction | £125 | (£163) | (£38) | £91 | (£359) | (£268) |
| Stockjudging / Dance | £2,238 | (£1,923) | £316 | £1,825 | (£1,847) | (£22) |
| Quiz | | | £0 | £50 | | £50 |
| Sports Events | | (£338) | (£338) | £84 | (£644) | (£560) |
| Tractor Driving | | | £0 | | (£35) | (£35) |
| Cattle Dressing | | | £0 | | (£78) | (£78) |
| | £2,363 | (£2,423) | (£60) | £2,050 | (£2,963) | (£913) |
| **Gross Trading** | | | | | | |
| New Members Night | | (£27) | (£27) | | (£124) | (£124) |
| Car Treasure Hunt | £466 | (£15) | £451 | £736 | (£136) | £600 |
| Golf Night | £74 | | £74 | £95 | | £95 |
| Chapelton Show | £209 | (£45) | £164 | £233 | (£60) | £173 |
| Race Night | | | £0 | £2,745 | (£2,021) | £724 |
| Strathaven Show / Dance | £21,363 | (£8,455) | £12,908 | £16,401 | (£9,340) | £7,061 |
| Lanarkshire Events | £705 | (£735) | (£30) | | | £0 |
| Mr & Miss | | (£102) | (£102) | | | £0 |
| Hunted / Car Dump | £810 | | £810 | | (£60) | (£60) |
| Whist Drive | | | £0 | £310 | £0 | £310 |
| Concert / Talentspot | £11,402 | (£8,916) | £2,487 | £5,254 | (£8,677) | (£3,423) |
| Concert Party / Dance | £0 | £0 | £0 | £480 | (£1,500) | (£1,020) |
| Farmers Dinner | £0 | £0 | £0 | £3,661 | (£2,216) | £1,445 |
| Dinner Dance | £0 | | £0 | £2,509 | (£2,461) | £48 |
| Christmas Dance | | (£250) | (£250) | | | £0 |
| Club Clothing | | (£182) | (£182) | £50 | (£400) | (£350) |
| Club Exchange | | (£1,111) | (£1,111) | | (£916) | (£916) |
| Go Karting | £0 | | £0 | £1,403 | (£1,403) | £0 |
| Doodle Fundraising Night | | | £0 | £575 | (£600) | (£25) |
| New Container | | (£3,210) | (£3,210) | | | £0 |
| | £35,029 | (£23,046) | £11,983 | £34,452 | (£29,914) | £4,538 |

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| **Accumulated Surpus** | **2025** | **2024** |
|---|---|---|
| Opening Balance | £36,475 | £38,641 |
| Add Surplus /(Defecit) for year | £6,834 | (2,466) |
| Cheques not presented for payment | | £300 |
| Adjustment to opening bank balance | (2,162) | £0 |
| | £41,147 | £36,475 |
| Cash In hand | £5,260 | £509 |
| Current Account | £29,711 | £29,789 |
| National Savings Account | £6,177 | £6,177 |
| Receipts not banked | | |
| | £41,148 | £36,475 |
| *Check* | £0 | £0 |

2024 Closing / 2025 Opening Bank statement balance of £29,789 was mis-stated and the bank statement showed a balance of £27,627.49

The adjustment of £2,162 is believed to be historic. The bank reconciliation is now produced electronically using bank statement downloads.

Reviewed by: [redacted]

**APPENDIX 3**

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Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

**Report to the trustees/members of** Charity name: Avondale & District Young Farmers Club

**Registered charity number** SC021890

**On the accounts of the charity for the period**

| Period start date | | | | Period end date | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| 1st | March | 2024 | **to** | 28th | Feb | 2025 |

**Set out on pages** 1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 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.

**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 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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance 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 a proper [redacted] reached.

**Signed:** [redacted] **Date:** 9/2/2026

**Name:** [redacted]

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** FCA - ICAEW

**Address:** 5 Crosshill Avenue
Strathaven
ML10 6DN

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

## APPENDIX 3

## Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose**

# AVONDALE AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

## *MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2024/2025*

The Management Committee submit their Annual Report for the year ending 25th March 2025.

### *ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES*

The club is governed by a constitution which internally states, that the club shall provide activities which further personal development, cultural education and training of young people to make rural life more attractive to the young members of the community.

The club is administered by a Management Committee who are appointed or elected at the Annual General Meeting of the club.

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, to whom the Affiliation Fees are payable. The club can be contacted through:

**The Chief Executive**

**Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs**

**Young Farmers Centre**

**Ingliston**

**Edinburgh**

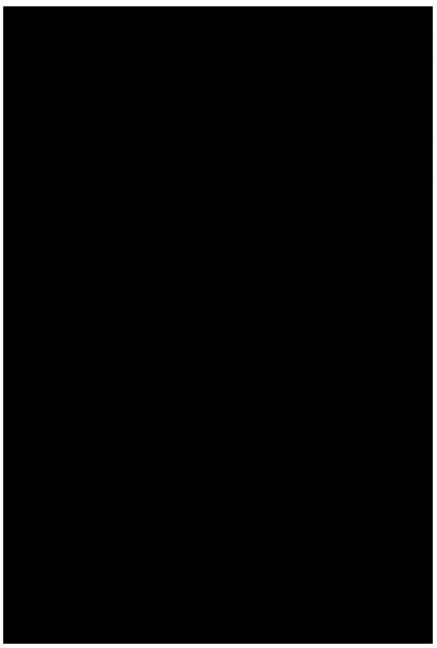
**EH28 8NE**

**Tel: 0131 333 2445**

Quoting the club's name on the correspondence

### *MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*

The members of the Management Committee during the year were listed hereafter. All the members were elected at the Annual General Meeting, held on 5th March 2024 and held office throughout the year unless otherwise shown.



***ACCOUNTS***

The Management Committee have elected to produce the alternative form of accounts, The Receipts and Payment Account and the Statement of Balances for the year to the February 2025 and disclose a profit of £

## Review of the year 2024/25

As my year as secretary comes to an end I have taken the time to reflect on another fantastic year for Avondale Young Farmers. This year kicked off in the traditional manner in the sandford hall kitchen. [redacted] welcomed the new committee and thanked last year's top team for all their hard work and acknowledged that we had very big shoes to fill as [redacted] had just led the club through a phenomenal year. Then it was time for the most important job of the evening, nominating our bus and tea convenors. [redacted] taking on the tea convenor duties ably and [redacted] passing the baton on the bus convening duties to [redacted] The date for our first committee meeting was set and it was time to get the ball rolling on what was to be a big anniversary year for the Dale.

When we arrived at Benwillen on the 20th of March we were prepped for a marathon of planning the year ahead. 3 hours of productive conversation of what we want to do for the club and its members in its 80th year. Following this meeting I was apprehensive to say the least about what was in store. So I was straight on the phone to past secretary [redacted] who's wealth of knowledge about the club and how to run it has been an invaluable help to me in my year as secretary. With My mind put at ease I was straight down to business planning the year ahead.

As we began the year there were a number of successes for our talented musicians and singers who took their Scottish themed front of curtain act to west talent spot and came home with the win. There is no denying the talent oozes out of the dale and to be recognised for this is an honor.

Our first meeting was set for the 11th of April, Our first new members night in chapelton church hall. With new members invited and my brain racked for game ideas we were set for a night of fun and a photo scavenger hunt. With a fantastic turnout of over 50 people and 20 new members it was amazing to see so many people keen to get involved in what Avondale has to offer.

Next up on our events list was our annual football and netball tournament. Again held in conjunction with East Kilbride YFC. Hosting this event with another club was a great success as it splits the cost for the club and the admin for the secretaries in half. I drew the short straw on the evening while Jordan assisted East kilbride's secretary Emily keep the 11 teams organised at the netball in Strathaven leisure centre. I had the delightful job of keeping the 8 teams of boys in check in the not so sunny "Gow". The results on the night were as follows.

Netball:

1st - Avondale 1
2nd - Bathgate
3rd - Biggar 1

Football:
1st - Lesmahagow red
2nd - Kilmaurs
3rd - Avondale 1

It was amazing to see the girls bringing the trophy home again to where it belongs.. home. We must also thank [redacted] and [redacted] who were our netballing umpires for the night. As always in young farmers we ran the football with an honesty policy so no ref's were required! Success all round would be the only way to sum up the event!

Keeping with the sporty theme we hosted our annual volleyball tournament on Tuesday the 25th of June at the Ali mccoist centre in East Kilbride. The results were as follows:

1st - EK 2
2nd - EK 1
3rd - Avondale 1

This event wasn't supported well by other clubs in the district which was slightly disappointing however thanks must go to EK YFC who turned out with two teams.

The sporting success of our teams went from strength to strength with our football and netball teams coming out on top at Lanarkshire sports. A fantastic achievement for the club after a few quiet years for our football team. Throughout the spring our TOW teams continued to train away quietly in the background. The tough training all paid off and our girls came out on top at Lanarkshire and made it all the way to the national final at the Highland show. This was a proud moment to stand on the sideline as someone who does not have a sporty bone in her body and watch the hard work of our sporty spices pay off. The dedication that our convenors and team members have does not go unnoticed.

Next up in our busy summer schedule was our mock auction at Kittymuir farm by kind permission of the Fleming family. This event was the most nerve-racking for me as a non-farmer, but with great support from past member [redacted] the evening went on without a hitch. The results on the night were:

Open:
[redacted]

Junior Club:

[redacted]

There is no rest for the wicked at this time of year and Ayr show rolled around quicker than we could have imagined. A much anticipated weekend in the calendar for most of our members. Our handicrafts team of [redacted] and myself got our articles together with the support of [redacted] and managed to come home with second prize in the west area competition. We also managed to pick up the best appearance and display at the RHS for our set up. I have been involved with our handicrafts team consistently for the 10 years that I have been a member, unsure how as I can't sew to save myself.

Next up was our highly competitive annual car treasure hunt. This saw a few Ayr show hangovers be put to the test. The organisation of this event was made very easy as we have a very dedicated route maker who has been creating the questions for over 20 years and without Marion i think we would be lost... literally. With a turnout of 35 cars it was a very successful evening and the winners were delighted to take the trophy and the bragging rights for the year.
1st - The Ballies
2nd - The Halls (Carluke)
3rd- Caroline Leggate and co

Wooden spoon- [redacted]

A wet start to June put a bit of a spanner into the summer syllabus with our sports night being reorganised twice and ultimately cancelled due to the weather was disappointing but we were still able to pull a "mystery meeting" in our trusty Sandford Hall out the bag on this evening to ensure that we didn't lose the interest of our younger members in particular. This really put my quick thinking skills to the test.

Highland show week was finally upon us and again our members pulled it out the bag in showing everyone just how good we are. There were many prizes won by our members across the week including:
Handicrafts
Best Appearance + Display - Lisa and Sean Dunbar
Rocking Chair - 3rd place - Lisa Dunbar

Stockjudging
Best Overall Beef Pair - [redacted]
Stockman of the year - [redacted]
Lanarkshire A team - 3

The following week saw our anniversary field day which was a fantastic event with fun for all past present and future members of the club with an "it's a knockout" obstacle course and all 80 years of photos and scrapbooks on display. I particularly enjoyed this event as the anniversary committee really pulled through in helping organise such a big event, it was nice to take a deep breath and have a little less responsibility on the day compared to the other events hosted through the year.

July saw more success for our keen stockjudgers, coming away with various prizes at Lanarkshire district and other clubs' stockjudging. I have absolutely no clue when it comes to stock of any kind so much prefer to stay behind the marking spreadsheet especially when [redacted] is making her debut as chief marker. It's so good to see some junior members getting involved in the stockmanship programme as it really integrates them into the district very quickly and seamlessly.

Next in our club calendar was our golf tournament. After I was struck down with illness I had to pass the reins over to the rest of the committee to run the event on one of the wettest nights we have seen all year and that is a tough competition. That being said the night was a great success and that is down to the committee and gave me the peace of mind that everything would run smoothly in my absence. Results on the night were:

[redacted]

Next up we had our end of summer new members night in our trusty sandford hall. This event was another well attended meeting with the young team out in force and 33 people in attendance. It's great to see so many people wanting to come and see what we're all about.

As the end of summer approached so did the busiest three weeks of my life. Our stockjudging, Strathaven show and charity hunted event fell one week after another and put my organisation skills to the test.
Stockjudging hosted by the Currie Family at Blackbog was a fantastic night with 175 judgers. The night ran seamlessly, and was a great night of stock and socialising. This event alongside the mock auction was the one I was most nervous to organise as a non-farmer, with not many connections to the

farming world but the local businesses that sponsored us, the farmer and the committee gave me a huge help that allowed us to make this night such a success even if the farm had no power until the last minute. The results were as follows:

Under 14's:

[redacted]

Junior Ladies:

[redacted]

Senior Ladies:

[redacted]

Open Ladies:

[redacted]

Junior Gents:

[redacted]

Senior Gents:

[redacted]

Open Gents:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Teams:

[redacted]

The first Saturday in September is always a special one in the Avondale district. Strathaven show, charity speed shear and show dance are a sign that summer is over. During the day we had a stand at the show with lots for everyone to take part in. This year good weather saw a very busy show and it was great to explain to people what we as a young farmers club actually do and what people could gain from the organisation. 6pm quickly rolled around and it was time to get our speed shear underway this year in aid of our chosen charity Wishaw General neonatal unit. Past chair James Hamilton got the crowd going and we were underway with great success. A special thanks must go to [redacted] who helped with the organisation of this event. Without these people and their knowledge events like these would not go ahead. The change over of the tent from catering to speed shear and dance was no easy task but we found that giving every helper a specific job to complete made this so much easier and allowed me and chair Jordan to fight the small fires that cropped up and communicate with bouncers, DJ, shearers and spectators knowing that everything else was taken care of. This day will be a true highlight in my young farmers career. To have one of the busiest show dance post lockdown thanks to the gaggle of irish exchanges and no major issues really shows how well our committee work together and they are all a credit to themselves and the club. Never did I think we would ever run out of water at a show dance but again we can thank the Irish for that one.

The Following weekend it was time for our charity Hunted event. This event was introduced a couple of years ago and is always highly anticipated. With no phone, money or belongings our teams were to make it across the west region making it to specific checkpoints before heading back home all in aid of our chosen charity. This is a risk assessment that every secretary dreads but it always ends in a silly story to tell. For this event there was a sub-committee of [redacted] to organise the fine details of this event. This took some pressure away from me at a very busy time of year which I truly appreciate. The Team did a fantastic job and really put the teams to the test by adding in checkpoints at opposite ends of the country to put them off the scent.

The next morning a few of our crafty kings and queens headed to Overton to take part in the prestigious Lanarkshire Root and Grain competition. Lots of tickets were collected by the team and most notably the foursomes team managed to bag third place with their "European summer" set up.

Throughout September we also worked alongside the [redacted] Museum in Strathaven to put on an exhibition to celebrate the 80th anniversary year. This was a fantastic opportunity for the club to engage with the local community and see how the club has changed and grown throughout this time.
Another weekend saw another YF event, this time the glad rags were looked out as [redacted] and myself headed to The Strathaven Hotel to compete in Lanarkshire Mr and Miss. With [redacted] arriving with minutes to spare before his interview after a day at the market my nerves were shot to say the least. We both managed to get our points across in our interview and [redacted] even got to bring up his beloved Rangers Football Club as a talking point. We both came away with third place in our respective categories on the night. A Proud moment for us as Chair and Secretary.

This year we hosted our quiz night in conjunction with Lanarkshire District. This was a fantastic night full of competitive brain boxes. Thanks must go to Ian walker for being our question master on the night. The results were as follows:
Senior:
[redacted]

Junior:
[redacted]

Now firmly into the winter syllabus myself and Jordan discussed what the best way to get the most out of our Tuesday night meetings, we decided to go for an idea that we saw other clubs had found a success. Dividing our committee into pairs and asking them to organise one meeting in the winter syllabus. This has taken an immense amount of pressure off myself and we have lots of varied and fun club meetings off the back of this.

Next up for our traditional meetings was our bowling night at Hollywood bowl in Coatbridge. This is normally an evening of nonsense and this year was no different with the older boys coming up with evermore "creative" ways of getting a strike each year.
Senior Gents:
[redacted]

Junior Gents:

[redacted]

Senior Ladies:

[redacted]

Junior Ladies:

[redacted]

October means only one thing for Avondale and that is concert practice is back! This year slightly later as we also had a full anniversary concert. This concert was a great success and it was great to share the stage with so many past members and got me really excited for our club concert in January.

At the beginning of November we hosted an exchange from Udny young farmers. This was a fantastic weekend with 16 exchanges making the journey down for a fantastic weekend of farm tours, footgolf and a charity shop pub crawl. This weekend was organised and facilitated by my right hand woman [redacted] and she truely pulled it out the bag. I have full confidence that [redacted] will have no issues when she becomes secretary if this event is anything to go by. It was great to see that we could network with another SAYFC club and I would encourage any future committee to consider this too.

Throughout the year we have had great interest in all three animal dressing competitions. Girls team of [redacted] came out on top at Lanarkshire and progressed right the way through to the national competition where they placed second. Dairy cattle dressing saw four teams competing in the Lanarkshire competition and they came home with an Avondale 1,2,3! A fantastic achievement. Emma and Isobel and Mark and Harvey progressed to national level where [redacted] placed second. Having lots of keen junior members interested in these competitions is fantastic and hopefully this stays the same for years to come.

Some of our winter meetings that we hosted were:

- Carpet Bowls- a highly anticipated and competitive evening that everyone always loves. This year Angus was out of luck and only managed to get his team second place when put up against Stevie Callan and his team!

- Movie and Pizza night- organised by Sarah and Rebekah, we put masterchef hats on and had a fun night in sandford hall watching a classic film .... Step brothers.
- Mr and Mrs evening - We asked 4 couples from various eras of the club to come along and put their relationships to the test. It turns out that writing questions that won't cause a domestic is harder than it seems. I was a little disappointed in the turnout for this event with only a handful of past members coming along to support, but a fun night was had by all who were there.
- Whist drive- another classic avondale winter meeting that was supported by all our usual suspects. A fantastic event for the older generation to really show us how it's done.
- Split meeting - organised by Assistant Secretary Emma and Vice Chair David. The girls headed rollerblading in Glasgow then to a cocktail/ mocktail making class by Willie Cuthbertson in the Chapelton Inn. while the boys headed paintballing before heading back to the pub to join the girls for a club social evening. This was a great day enjoyed by everyone who attended.
- Pantomime - 24 of our members headed into Glasgow to see Aladdin. This was a fantastic night had by all. Thanks to Chloe for organising.

With Concert Practises in full swing December rolled around pretty quickly. This year we hosted a coffee morning in aid of our chosen charity. We decided on a Knit and Natter theme as we used this time to knit hats that we could donate to the unit as well as our monetary donation. This was a fantastic day and look out for all the knitting that will be featured in our future handicrafts displays.

Christmas jumper dance was a night for all the committee to let their hair down. Hosted in ROC nightclub as this is the only reliable venue in the district allowed us all to have a fun night getting in the Christmas spirit.

With the festivities over it was time to get down to business for the big one... Concert week. Our cast of 48 strong really rallied together to pull off a fantastic performance of "Pools, Politics and Poor Performances" even if the odds were against us on the week where everything seemed to go wrong. Having to cancel our Friday night performance due to an unprecedented storm didn't dampen our spirits and all our hard work paid off after we were crowned Lanarkshire concert of the year. A thanks must go to our production team of [redacted] Without the passion, energy and ideas from this duo we would not have a show and we are truly grateful for all their hard work. Our Concert secretary [redacted] and her assistant [redacted] did a fantastic job at keeping all of us in line and worked tirelessly to get the show on the stage. Our Ticket convenor [redacted] got plenty of bums on seats and rearranged plenty of people after our cancellation to

ensure as many people saw our hard work as possible. Assistant treasurer Lewis was in charge of programmes and did a smashing job at rounding up local businesses for a little bit of support. [redacted] made a fantastic job on our scenery and it all came together. Concert has been my favourite part of my young farmers career and this year it was cemented. A privilege to be a part of and going to the Lanarkshire talent spot with my Maggie wig to perform our "80's Britain in a Tango" performance was a highlight. Even if it has confirmed that I will never suit being blonde.

This year's concert also featured a drama as per tradition in an avondale concert. A Hilarious play produced by Jimmy and Eleanor Anderson. As a drama newbie I had a great time learning the play with the cast. We have been disappointed that this won't be seen again at west drama festival due to lack of interest from elsewhere in the district. We would encourage other clubs to take the plunge and just go for it. You might find out something about yourself in the process. Just ask [redacted]

A highlight of this anniversary year has been our dinner dance. With 230 people sat for dinner to celebrate the mighty Dale it was a phenomenal evening catching up with people we haven't seen in a while. Credit to the anniversary committee for pulling off such a fantastic event.

Another successful year for AYFC is almost over and what a successful year it has been. Please see the highlights below:

## Club Trophies

- **Netball Shield** – Avondale
- **Football Shield** – Lesmahagow
- **Treasure Hunt** – The Ballie's
- **Stockjudging** – [redacted]
- **Broadlees Golf** – [redacted]

  **Whist** – [redacted]
- **Concert Endeavour** – [redacted]

Lanarkshire Talent Spot

Magic in the air - 4th place

[redacted]

Front of Curtain - 1st place - Scottish Singers

West Talent Spot

Front of Curtain - 1st place - Scottish Singers

[redacted]

Avondale + EK Football and Netball Tournament

Netball:

1st - Avondale 1

2nd - Bathgate

3rd - Biggar 1

Football:

1st - Lesmahagow red

2nd - Kilmaurs

3rd - Avondale 1

Mock Auction

Open:

[redacted]

Junior Club:

[redacted]

Senior Club:

[redacted]

Lanarkshire Tug of War

Girls team - 1st place

[redacted]

Ayr Show Handicrafts

Senior Team - 1st place - Scottish Inventions

[redacted]

Car Treasure Hunt

1st - The Bailies

2nd - The Halls

3rd - Caroline Leggate and Co

[redacted]

West Tug of War

Girls Team - 4th place

[redacted]

Lanarkshire Sports

Netball - 1st place

[redacted]

Football - 1st place

[redacted]

**Highland Show**

[redacted]

Stockjudging

[redacted]

Avondale Volleyball Tournament
1st - EK 2
2nd - EK 1
3rd - Avondale 1

[redacted]

Lanarkshire Stockjudging
Junior Ladies:

[redacted]

Senior Gents:

[redacted]

Teams:

[redacted]

EK Mixed Netball
2nd place - Team 1

[redacted]

Golf Tournament

[redacted]

Avondale Stockjudging
Under 14's:

[redacted]

Junior Ladies:

[redacted]

Senior Ladies:

[redacted]

Open Ladies:

[redacted]

Junior Gents:

[redacted]

Senior Gents:

[redacted]

Open Gents:

[redacted]

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Teams:

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Hunted

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Lanarkshire Root and Grain

Senior Foursomes:

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Treacle Scones:

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Flower Arrangement:

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Senior Article of Craft:

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Junior Article of Craft:

[redacted]

Jam:

[redacted]

Filled Pita:

[redacted]

Flapjacks:

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Barley:

[redacted]

Avondale Bowling

Senior Gents:

[redacted]

Junior Gents:

[redacted]

Senior Ladies:

[redacted]

Junior Ladies:

[redacted]

Lanarkshire Mr and Miss

[redacted]

Lanarkshire Quiz in conjunction with Avondale

Senior:

1st - EK Blue

2nd - EK Yellow

3rd - EK Red

Junior:

[redacted]

2nd - Biggar

3rd - Carluke

Lanarkshire Sheep Dressing

Senior:

[redacted]

Lanarkshire Dairy Cattle Dressing

Senior:

[redacted]

Carpet Bowls

[redacted]

National Dairy Cattle Dressing

[redacted]

Whist Drive

White Cards:

[redacted]

Pink Cards:

[redacted]

Wooden Spoon - [redacted]

Lanarkshire Carpet Bowls

1st place - [redacted]

National Sheep Dressing

Seniors:

[redacted]

National Foursomes

[redacted]

Best Further Article - [redacted]

Lanarkshire Speechmaking

[redacted]

West Speechmaking
[redacted]

National speechmaking
[redacted]

Lanarkshire Member of the Year
[redacted]

Concert Endeavour Award
[redacted]

As my year at the top is coming to an end I am proud to see that Avondale continues to go from strength to strength. We are so much more than what we say on the tin and I would encourage anyone considering taking on an office bearer role or getting involved in a new event to just do it. You will only benefit from it down the line.

Throughout the year, the attendance of members at each event continued to grow with a minority of events where members didn't turn out in the usual force. I do believe the continued work of the committee and office bearers is the reason for this success and they have been a massive asset to the club. I also believe continued presence across social media has also played a massive part in driving awareness of events. This year has been a particularly busy one and we have had lots in the calendar. In hindsight I would have maybe reduced the number of events and taken a quality not quantity approach to meeting planning. With this in mind it is becoming extremely difficult to manage the rocketing costs for members and I believe the club did a great job of giving back to members this year with some extra subsidising to ensure events and activities are kept affordable. I believe the club should continue to review costs of events and make sensible decisions based on what is feasible and what's not in the current climate.

All this being said, there are a number of people who have supported both [redacted] and I during our year in the hot seat. Firstly our committee, you have been a dream to work with and have been a genuine support to us when we have needed you. No silly request too big or too small. You are all a massive credit to the club and yourselves.

Gail, our woman in charge of the money. You are fantastic at what you do and have been a dream to work with. Always one step ahead of the game. Thank you for your effort in a task that is not an easy one.

Next I would like to thank my assistant secretary [redacted] is a true asset to this club and is a force to be reckoned with. Her dedication and passion for the club is phenomenal and has not gone unnoticed. I have no doubt in my mind that Avondale will go from strength to strength with you leading the way. Thank you for being there to support me in every way shape or form and I genuinely mean it when I say I couldn't have done this year without you. Thank you again.

I would also like to thank the management committee again this year. You guys have provided amazing support throughout the year to myself and Jordan as well as the club. Having the support network of such a knowledgeable team of past members truly has helped us navigate our way through the year.

Last but not least I'd like to thank my chairman Jordan. Thank you for always being at the other end of the phone when I have inevitably forgotten to do something, have a silly question or just needed some reassurance. Thank you for being the voice of reason when I am catastrophizing a situation and rolling with the punches of my ups and downs. You really have been a great friend as well as chair this year. You have been a role model to younger members with your hard work and dedication while in the role and I am glad I got to sit alongside you this year. Ann you can have him back now.

If you would have told me just three years ago that I would be sitting where I am tonight I would have laughed in your face. Avondale Young Farmers is unlike anything else I have ever been a part of and has been a saving grace in what has been a particularly tough 12 months for me personally. I would like to thank every single person who has made this year a little bit easier.

I was petrified at the start of the year that I did not have enough experience to do the job and looking back I have given it my all and don't think I have done too bad a job and that is down to the people who have surrounded me. It has been a privilege to be your secretary this year and I can not wait to see what's next for the Dale. I would like to wish Emma and David the best of luck for their year ahead. You will be amazing. Avondale it's been a privilege to be your secretary.

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