

# BERWICKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

## Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Scottish Charity Number SC016316

### Trustees and Office Bearers

<b>Patron:</b>	A.D. Hay Esq,	<b>Chairman of Directors:</b>	K. Wilkinson
<b>President:</b>	W. Nimmo	<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	J. Black
<b>Secretary and Treasurer:</b>	N. Cormack		

### **Vice Presidents :**

G. Davidson	J.F. Seed	R. Forrest FRAgS, FAAV
A.L. Mole	Mrs G. Rodger	Lady C. Douglas-Home MBE, DL
J. Brown	Q.H. Lindsay	J.M. Seed
R. Forrest OBE, DL	P. Sanderson	R. Lamont
H. Frew, DL	Mrs J. Swan, LL	

### **Committee Members 2022-2023**

<b>1</b>	Wm. Dalgliesh, Newtown St Boswells	<b>17</b>	Donald Seed, Woodend, Duns
<b>2</b>	S. Thomson, Lambden, Greenlaw	<b>18</b>	T. Culham, Mansefield, Greenlaw
<b>3</b>	N. Harvey, Blackadder Mains, Duns	<b>19</b>	B. Forrest, Preston Farm, Preston, Duns
<b>4</b>	B Sanderson, Middlefield, Duns	<b>20</b>	Alan Young, 17 Fairways, Melrose
<b>5</b>	Keiran Wilkinson, Duns	<b>21</b>	Scott Millar, Stuartslaw Farmhouse, Allanton
<b>6</b>	John Black, Redpath Farm, Duns	<b>22</b>	Lynn Anderson, Jubilee Cottage, Gavinton
<b>7</b>	R Swan, Blackhouse, Reston, Eyemouth	<b>23</b>	Jenny Foster, Marigold Fm, Reston
<b>8</b>	P Donaldson, 4 Todholes, Greenlaw	<b>24</b>	Lesley McCrindle, Reedy Loch, Duns
<b>9</b>	N. Redpath, 1 Buchan Cottage, Duns	<b>25</b>	Young Farmers Representative
<b>10</b>	Emma Hodge, Rulesmains, Duns		
<b>11</b>	Darren Aitchison, Duns		<b>Co-opted for one year</b>
<b>12</b>	Alan Lamont, Dunslaw, Duns	<b>26</b>	A. Rodger, Stobswood, Longformacus
<b>13</b>	Andrew Thomson, Mungoswalls, Duns	<b>27</b>	I. McFarlane, Quixwood, Grantshouse
<b>14</b>	Kirsty Docker, Blackcastle, Innerwick	<b>28</b>	G. Hamilton, Ramrig, Duns
<b>15</b>	Neil Anderson, Crichness, Cranshaws, Duns	<b>29</b>	J. Royan, Putton Mill, Duns
<b>16</b>	M. Arnott, Butterdean, Grantshouse, Duns	<b>30</b>	A. Cowe, Marigold, Preston

### Other Trustees during the year

There were no other Trustees during the year.

### Contact Address

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## **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

A rotational retriial system of Directors is specified in the Constitution with retiring members being eligible for co-option for a period of one year before being eligible for re-election. The Association's other Trustees are elected annually by the members at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Constitution.

## **Governing Document**

The Association is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and management administration arrangements are set out in the Constitution.

## **Charitable Purposes**

*The objects of the Association shall be the advancement of Agriculture, the improvement of Stock, the encouragement of those arts with which Agriculture, Industry and the rearing of Stock are associated, and the promotion of the Agricultural, Manufacturing and Pastoral interests generally. The means to be employed for these ends shall include the holding of an Annual Show, or any other measures calculated to advance the interests of Agriculture and Industry, and the consideration and discussion of any matter associated with the above objects.*

## **Activities and Achievements**

Although the weather was rather less than perfect on show day, it could have been much worse, and despite the weather the attendance was pleasing. Some prudent management of the field on the preparation days prevented severe damage and some light reparation work saw it right – thanks to Neil Anderson and Ben Sanderson for the reparation groundwork. A much increased proportion of online entries helped considerably with the entry processes and cataloguing. Our new tent supplier came up trumps, and delivered exactly what was required on time and with more than a little help on the price. Tentage remains our biggest cost by a considerable margin, and these costs have increased by almost 100% since Covid. We continue to be challenged by decreasing income streams in the traditional areas, and particularly agricultural trade. This is coupled with a hike in unavoidable expenses, which is increasing the variables from what was once just the weather. The craft tent has seen a resurgence in demand for exhibitors during the last 12 months, which is pleasing. Once again, we were not able to hold a Poultry exhibition, which is a great pity as it is particularly popular with the public. The standing crop competition, held for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, had some new entrants and winners, and thanks again to Jonathan Black for making this happen. Our membership has decreased a little bit, but continues to be relatively well supported. The committee would like to thank the many and varied people and businesses that contribute and co-operate to make the show happen, but in particular our thanks are extended to Alick and Aline Hay and Robert and Alan Lamont for the provision and use of the field, and all those who help with set up and break down.

The Directors' responsibilities in relation to upholding the aims and objectives set out in the Constitution have been brought to our attention due to the Charity Commission's enhanced requirements for charities. Our Constitution is stated above under Charitable Purposes. Committee Members, are recruited from the local Agricultural and Equine community and have shown an interest in supporting their local show or have a particular interest or skill to contribute.

## **Trustee Remuneration and Expenses**

The Secretary(ies) was/were paid an honoraria of £3,300 during the year.

## **Reserves**

As a result of the surplus of £4,424 from general account activities in the year, the Association held unrestricted funds in the General Account of £21,220 and £25,720 in an investment account at the year-end. The Directors consider that the general fund of £46,940 is sufficient to provide for the total costs of the show to be met in the extreme circumstance of a cancellation of the entire event at short notice.

**BERWICKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Receipts and Payments Account for year ended**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

Receipts	Notes	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions		2,176	2,850	2290	2,770	2,890
Donations		1,140	378	235	300	930
Fundraising – Annual Show gate receipts		11,348	16,569	40	100	11,676
Grants and Awards		395			0	0
Bank interest		1,410	1,037	886	917	824
<b>Charitable activities – Annual Show</b>						
Entries		3,163	2,783	0	0	3,383
Advertisers		515	740	0	60	825
Trade stands		6,476	7,488	0	246	8,923
Catalogue sales		182	359	0	0	341
Sponsorship		6,562	5,700	0	0	6,475
Industrial section		1,200	1,000	0	0	800
Bar		7,499	7,651	0	0	6,540
Miscellaneous		764	1	665	513	391
<b>Total Charitable activities</b>		<b>26362</b>	<b>25721</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>27,677</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>42831</b>	<b>46555</b>	<b>4116</b>	<b>4,906</b>	<b>43,996</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments for charitable activities						
Repairs & maintenance		1,255	427	171	208	2,336
Show expenses incl licenses & affiliations		2,486	4,837		125	2,407
Bar Expenses		3,665	4,281			3,567
Badges & rosettes		1,649	1,808			1,287
Advertising			527			1,277
Printing & stationery		2,557	3,047		442	2,376
Insurance		975	1,062	339	963	968
Catering		2,750	2,504			1,961
Casual labour		3,397	1,485			2,433
Postage		855	716	66	329	933
Prizes		2,470	1,820			2,965
Broadcasting		1,350	1,350			1,350
Tentage		6,666	7,757			5,860
Refunds						0
Trophies & engraving		1,227			570	0
Hire of equipment		2,387	1,608			1,662
Secretary's honoraria		3,300	3,300	1930	2,204	3,300
Donations & gratuities		300	350	75		1,424
Bank charges						21
Computer System / Website		228	414	457	336	345
Miscellaneous		555	567	800		820
<b>Total payments for charitable activities</b>		<b>38072</b>	<b>37861</b>	<b>3837</b>	<b>5,177</b>	<b>37,290</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>						
Room hire for AGM		14	14	0	12	12
Total governance cost		14	14	0	12	12
<b>Capital</b>						
Purchase Equipment		320	0	0	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>38,406</b>	<b>37,875</b>	<b>3,837</b>	<b>5,189</b>	<b>37,302</b>
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) for year</b>		<b>4,424</b>	<b>8,680</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>-283</b>	<b>6,694</b>
All funds are unrestricted						

**BERWICKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank and Cash in hand</b>					
Opening balances					
Royal Bank	24296	15,616	15,337	20,620	13,926
Transfer to M&G Investment	-7500	0	0	-5000	0
Surplus/(deficit) for year	4424	8,680	279	-283	6,694
Closing balances	21220	24,296	15,616	15,337	20,620
<b>M &amp; G Investments</b>					
M&G Investment	17,852	20,007	15,664	15,793	15,790
Additional investment purchased	7500	0	0	5,000	0
Unrealised gain/loss in year	368	-2,155	4,343	-5129	3
Closing balances	25,720	17,852	20,007	15,664	15,793
<b>Assets - At valuation</b>					
Cups and Trophies	21,471	21,471	21,471	21,471	21,471
Rope	664	800	800	800	800
Gates – Short	10,034	10,034	10,034	10,034	10,034
Gates – Long	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Gates – Wooden	0	0	0	400	400
Storage Box	650	650	650	650	650
Electricity Cables	2511	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Computer and Printer	0	0	0	468	468
At purchase cost Pony Jumps	758	815	815	815	815
Poultry Penning & Staging	814	875	875	875	875
Crowd Barriers	402	432	432	432	432
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>40,803</b>	<b>41,277</b>	<b>41,277</b>	<b>42,145</b>	<b>42,145</b>
<b>Total Funds (Cash, investments, retained assets)</b>	<b>87,743</b>	<b>83,425</b>	<b>76,900</b>	<b>73,146</b>	<b>78,558</b>
<b>Fund balances (Cash, investments, retained assets)</b>					
At beginning of year	83,425	76,900	73,146	78,558	71,361
Cash surplus/deficit for year	4,424	8,680	279.18	-283	6,694
Movements in investments	368	-2,155	4,343	-5129	3
Increase/decrease in value of assets	-474	0	-868	0	500
	<b>87,743</b>	<b>83,425</b>	<b>76,900</b>	<b>73,146</b>	<b>78,558</b>
All Funds are Unrestricted					
Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf					
				Keiran Wilkinson, Chairman	