



ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Presidents since 1947

1947	Mrs Charles Round	1988	The Lady Butler of Saffron Walden
1948	Col Sir Francis Whitmore KCB CMG DSO TD	1989	JHM Norris Esq CBE DL
1949	The Rt Hon Lord Braybrooke	1990	The Lord Braybrooke JP
1950	The Rt Hon Lord Braintree	1991	LA Jordan Esq DL
1951	Lt Col EN Buxton MC DL JP	1992	The Rt Revd Thomas McMahon
1952	JJ Tufnell Esq JP	1993	The Lord Dixon-Smith DL
1953	Col Sir Francis Whitmore KCB CMG DSO TD	1994	EJC Speakman Esq JP
1954	CMD Gooch Esq	1995	CG Gooch Esq DL
1955	Lt Col Sir John Ruggles-Brise Bart OBE TD DL	1996	DA Nutting Esq DL
1956	Col Sir Francis Whitmore Bart KCB CMG DSO TD	1997	GL Lyster Esq DL
1957	JR Tinney Esq MBE	1998	Prof MD Alder
1958	Mrs Gerald Strutt	1999	HDP Rankin Esq JP
1959	J Oxley Parker Esq TD JP DL	2000	R F Erith, Esq TD DL
1960	Alec Steele Esq JP	2001	R G Newman Esq DL
1961	The Rt Hon RA Butler CH MP	2002	R G. Newman Esq DL
1962	Lt Col Guy Blewitt DSO MC DL	2003	Mrs C Cottrell DL
1963	Mrs ML Griffith OBE JP	2004	C Pertwee Esq DL
1964	Sir Hubert Ashton KBE MC DL MP	2005	J E Fowler Esq
1965	Major G Nigel Capel-Cure TD JP DL	2006	P Fairs Esq
1966	CH Gosling Esq MC TD JP DL	2007	T Howie Esq
1967	SR Allsopp Esq CBE	2008	J Macaulay Esq
1968	JG Eve Esq MA	2009	R Simons Esq
1969	Lt Col Sir John Ruggles-Brise Bart CB OBE TD JP	2010	R Matthews Esq
1970	MS Gosling Esq	2011	J Tinney Esq
1971	Sir Leonard Crossland	2012	D Squier Esq DL
1972	Sir Nigel Strutt TD DL FRAGS	2013	M Hodge Esq
1973	Col JF Cramphorn CdeG TD DL	2014	C Butler Esq DL
1974	Lt Col JG Round OBE JP DL	2015	S Marriage Esq
1975	PB Lake Esq TD DL	2016	M Ritchie Esq
1976	CWO Parker Esq JP DL	2017	Mrs C Hutley DL
1977	RH Courage Esq JP DL	2018	Mrs J Philpot
1978	Sir Richard Butler DL	2019	N Charrington Esq DL
1979	HR Ritchie Esq DL	2020	C Gooch Esq
1980	T Hunnable Esq	2021	C Gooch Esq
1981	Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis KCB JP		
1982	JH Radbourne Esq JP DL		
1983	Col GR Judd TD DL		
1984	J Tabor Esq OBE DL		
1985	PB Frost Esq		
1986	D Keddie Esq JP DL		
1987	Capt RP Laurie OBE JP DL		

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Registered Office: Writtle University College
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Principal Office: Writtle University College
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A Company limited by guarantee – registered in England

Certificate of Incorporation: 2768733

Registered Charity: 1015875

Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc
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Treasurer: Miss Prudence Helen McTurk
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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above limited company will be held on 24th November 2021 at 6pm, Room 1, Sports Science Centre, Writtle University College

H C Tarrant
Company Secretary

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Receive and, if approved, adopt Chairman's Report** (including minutes of the AGM held on 25th November 2020 and Accounts for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021.
- 4. Election of Officers for 2021-22**
 - President
 - President Elect
 - Members of Council
- 5. Presentation**
- 6. Vote of Thanks**
- 7. Time and Date of Next Meeting**

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting will be entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his place. A proxy need not be a member.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Patron:	Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst LL
President:	Charles Gooch
President Elect:	Nicholas Cottrell
Chairman:	James Marriage
Vice Chairman:	Christopher Philpot

COUNCIL

Elected Members

Retire 2021

Rosemary Alexander
Rosemary Padfield

Retire 2022

Annabelle Rout
Julie Rogers
James Marriage

Retire 2023

David Bradshaw
Christopher Philpot

Co-opted Members*

Fiona Ashworth, R Burroughs, Nicholas Charrington, Keri Constantou, Tim Cooper, Catharine Hutley, Kayleigh Mackness, Willoughby Mason, Prudence Helen McTurk, Tim Middleton, James Rea, Adrian Rilstone, Lynne Squier, , Joanna Tubbs, Karen Watson, Edward Worthy, Charles Willett

*Co opted members retire after one year unless reappointed

Co-opted Representatives of Other Organisations

None

By the powers invested in it by the Articles of Association dated 27 September 1992, the Society is administered by the Council. The Council of the Society consists of the President, President Elect, the Members elected at an Annual General Meeting, co-opted Members and co-opted Representatives of other organisations, provided that no Council Member has been absent from four consecutive meetings without the knowledge and approval of the Council.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Directors present their annual report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and of the profit or loss for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The directors are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.
- Safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company as outlined in the Memorandum of Association of 17th October 2018 are:

- The objects for which the Society is established are to promote and advance agriculture for the benefit of the public and to such end generally to improve and publicise it in all its branches and to encourage skill and industry in it and in all trades, crafts and professions connected with it.
- To hold in pursuance of its main objects an annual agricultural show provided that the Society shall not be obliged to hold a show in any year in relation to which the council of the society shall resolve that the holding of such a show shall be impracticable or not in the interests of the Society.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities elsewhere in this booklet.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Society has gradually returned to life over the last 12 months, following the lockdowns and widespread confusion of 2020.

We held our first online event in March, when Henry Barringer of Savills presented 'rewilding' to around 50 members. He talked us through the process and there was lively interest in considering the various opportunities and challenges of such a project. In April, we were still online but on more familiar ground: a gardening tutorial from local broadcaster Ken Crowther. This was an interactive hour packed full of humour and handy tips.

In June, we Zoomed in on Spain's Hall Estate in Finchingfield and the conservation work of Archie Ruggles-Brise. 'Leaky' dams, both man-made and built by the beavers he introduced, have benefited the farm and the village, by distributing the river's floodwaters in a manageable way.

The Essex Schools Food and Farming Day returned in a new, Covid-safe form in 2021. Rebecca Halls and Annabelle Rout designed a day on which EAS members delivered an educational package to participating schools. There was virtual and interactive content, complete with seeds and local produce to allow the schools to experience food and farming in their own bubble. The Society is grateful to all the sponsors, donors and volunteers that made the new-look day such a success. Given that we head into the winter unsure of how the world will look in 2022, the organising committee has decided to use the 'in school' format again next year. We will make every effort to return to a large event in 2023, although the main challenge will be gaining sufficient County Council funding.

In September, the County Harvest Festival and Ploughing Match went ahead and it was great to see members gathered in person. Unfortunately, the President's Garden Party and Essex Farms Competition were cancelled for a second year running. Events planned for Spring 2021 will happen in Autumn or mostly in Spring 2022.

An evening with Essex Search & Rescue in October will be a welcome return to live events. It will take place in the newly renovated medieval Black Barn at Layer Marney Tower and will also feature a display of members' photographs, taken for a competition during the summer and blown up in fabulous technicolour. The entries were judged by The Sun's royal photographer Arthur Edwards MBE and the Society's President Charles Gooch, with the winners being recognised at the event. Thanks go to sponsors Gepp Solicitors, Hawkspur and Hamilton Carpets and organisers Rosemary Alexander and Spencer Davis.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their help throughout the year and wish the new Council all the best. I trust the Society will now make up in style for the relative inactivity of the last 18 months. Along with the delivery of educational and social events, it will also be crucial to encourage new members and a generation of leaders for Essex Agricultural Society.

The membership at the end of August was split as follows:

	2020	2021
Corporate Premier	18	17
Corporate Standard	3	3
Individual	125	116
Joint Life Member	5	5
Joint Member	109	101
Life Member	67	67
Under 30	3	9
TOTAL	336	318

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of held on
25th November 2020 6pm**

Zoom Meeting

James Marriage presiding

Attended: Jennifer Tolhurst (JT), Chris Philpot (CP), Nicholas Cottrell (NC), Charles Gooch (CG), Kayleigh Mackness (KM), Karen Watson (KW), Anthony Lyster (AL), Catharine Hutley (CH), Edward Worthy (EW), Helen McTurk (HMCT) Willoughby Mason (WM), Annabelle Rout (AR), Rebecca Halls (RH), Rosemary Padfield (RP), Julie Fosh (JF), Rosemary Alexander (RA)
Apologies: Keri Constantou, S Fletcher, M Porter, Mrs G Lyster

	AGENDA ITEM	Action
EAS20/1	<p>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</p> <p>The Chairman read the notice convening the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Essex Agricultural Society and welcomed members to the meeting. The Chairman called for a minutes silence to remember Chris House, Michael Davies, Peter Tarrant in the last year.</p>	
EAS21/2	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from the people listed above</p>	
EAS22/3	<p>ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS</p> <p>The minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting held on 20th November 2019 were agreed and signed.</p> <p>The accounts were called upon to be adopted and this was agreed..</p>	
EAS23/4	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</p> <p>Due to the Coronavirus in 2020 all officers were asked to stand for a further year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary President – Charles Gooch proposed by J Marriage agreed by Council • President Elect – Nicholas Cottrell proposed J Marriage agreed by Council • Members of Council Rosemary Alexander and Rosemary Padfield should by rotation stand down as elected members leaving Annabelle Rout, Julie Rogers and David Bradshaw as elected members for 2020-2021. However due to Covid all elected council members will stay on for a further year • Co-opted members the Vice Chairman proposed Roger Burroughs, Karen Watson, Tim Middleton, Helen McTurk, Fiona Ashworth, Tim Cooper, James Rea, Adrian Rilstone, Keri Constantatou, ,Kayleigh 	

	Mackness and Jo Tubbs, Catharine Hutley, Willoughby Mason, Nicholas Charrington, Lynne Squier, Charlie Willett, Rebecca Halls agreed by Council	
EAS24/6	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 24 th November 2021 6pm	



ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2021

Charity Number: 1015875

Company Number: 02768733

ENSORS ACCOUNTANTS LLP

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Fornham All Saints
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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Year ended 31 August 2021

Charity number: 1015875
Company number: 02768733
Patron: Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst
Honourary President: The Lord John Patrick Lionel Petre
President: Charles Gooch
President Elect: Nicholas Cottrell
Chairman: James Marriage
Vice Chairman: Chris Philpot
Company Secretary: Heather Cheryl Tarrant
Treasurer: Prudence Helen McTurk
Directors: Rosemary Joyce Padfield
Rosemary Helen Alexander
Annabelle Rout
Julie Rogers
James Henry Marriage
David William Bradshaw
Christopher James Harold Philpot (Appointed 25 November 2020)
Council: Rosemary Joyce Padfield
Rosemary Helen Alexander
Annabelle Rout
Julie Rogers
David William Bradshaw
Co-opted Members: Fiona Ashworth
Roger Burroughs
Nicholas Charrington
Keri Constantatou
Tim Cooper
Catharine Hutley
Kayleigh Mackness
Mason Willoughby
Prudence Helen McTurk
Tim Middleton
James Rea
Adrian Rilstone
Lynne Squier
Jo Tubbs
Karen Watson
Edward Worthy
Charles Willett

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CHARITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Year ended 31 August 2021

Registered office: Writtle University College
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 London
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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

For the year ended 31 August 2021

The Directors under the Companies Act present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Essex Agricultural Society (the 'Charity') is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association dated 27 September 1992, and amended 28 September 2018.

Administration of Charity

The Society is administered by the Council, which is made up of the President, President Elect, Members elected, Co-opted Members and Co-opted Representatives from other organisations; provided that no Council Member has been absent from four consecutive meetings without knowledge and approval of the Council.

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Directors consider the key management personnel of the charity to be the Council, who are in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

All Directors give their time freely and no director remuneration was paid during the year.

Recruitment, Appointment and Training of Directors

The Council keep under review the composition of the Board of Directors, identifying the need for recruitment processes to take place. The majority of Directors are identified by "word of mouth" and Directors will review any potential candidate to ensure they are a good fit for the Charity.

Details of potential candidates are discussed at board meetings prior to inviting any potential new member to join. Newly nominated Directors are briefed by the President and receive background information, annual accounts and minutes of recent meetings upon appointment.

Risk Assessment

The Council reviews the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and ensures that systems are in place to mitigate any risks identified.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objectives

The Essex Agricultural Society's objectives are to promote and advance agriculture for the benefit of the public. This is to improve, publicise and encourage skill and industry in all trades, crafts and professions within agriculture.

The Charity achieves these aims by;

Hosting various events throughout the year to promote agriculture, including the The Essex Schools Day normally held at Writtle University College each year in early June;

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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

Objectives (Continued...)

Recognising Long Service Awards for those who have served more than 25 years in the industry, which are presented at the President's Garden Party alongside the Presidents's Award which recognises dynamic, entrepreneurial young people connected to agriculture; and

Holding two or three lectures each year with high profile, industry specific speakers.

Public Benefit

The Council are aware of their duties to ensure activities of the Charity are carried out in the furtherance of its objectives. The Council have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are aware of their duties in this respect.

Achievements and Performance

The events held by the charity during the year have succeeded in promoting agriculture and educating the wider public, and the Council are pleased at how the Charity has adapted to underprecented times to continue to deliver its' objectives.

There is no income from events this year (2020: £5,156) as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic which reached the United Kingdom at the end of January 2020 and temporarily postponed all public events from March 2020 when lockdown measures were placed on the whole of the United Kingdom.

Income from memberships and subscriptions remains comparable to the prior year, falling slightly from £14,275 to £13,670.

The 2021 live Essex Schools Food and Farming Day was cancelled due to Covid-19. Instead the schools were provided with a bundle of interactive and engaging learning opportunities, covering aspects of the 5 zones that the children would normally experience at the live show day. The Charity received brilliant feedback from many o the schools, and the Council were pleased to be able to provide such a fantastic resource during challenging times. The Charity received £19,000 (2020: £7,500) of sponsorship towards the cost of this event, which helped to mitigate the loss of income from other sources.

Coronavirus Pandemic

Measures controlling Covid-19 have drastically affected the charity's educational, social and fundraising activities.

The Directors do not have immediate serious cause for concern over the financial sustainability of the Company, and consider the charity has considerable reserves to continue for the next 12 months, particularly as restrictions are now being lifted and the Charity can begin to plan events for the future.

The Company Secretary and Council have met remotely a number of times, discussing the future organisation of activities on an ongoing basis.

The Charity's next "live" event is planned for 21st October, and the Directors are optimistic move "live" events can be planned for the future.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income from the Charity's events and memberships for the year was £32,670 (2020: £26,931). The net income of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £4,845 (2020: net expenditure £4,052).

Investment Policy

The Council have the power to invest surplus cash as they see fit for the day to day use of the Charity. The Council has decided to hold some reserve balances with its appointed bankers in a combination of current and short term deposit accounts. The remainder of its reserves are held in an investment portfolio invested with Investec. In making the decision to invest in a portfolio, the Council had regard to the following conditions:-

The objective is for capital and income growth, which over the long term with endeavour to maintain the real value of the investments; and

The performance of the fund is monitored by regular reports.

During the year the portfolio represented a return of £5,011 (2020: £6,165). The market value of the portfolio at the balance sheet date was £255,429 (2020: £221,890).

This policy will be reviewed as and when market conditions or business requirements change.

Reserves Policy

The Council has examined the requirements of Essex Agricultural Society and in the light of the main risks and has agreed that the Society will maintain sufficient reserves to enable it to continue its objectives for the foreseeable future. The Council have determined that a surplus of unrestricted funds continues to be accumulated to enable the Charity to respond quickly to potential opportunities and any unforeseen events.

The Council has calculated that reserves of £23,000 would be needed to continue the operational costs for a period of one year. These funds are held in cash to ensure the Society would be able to meet obligations as they fall due.

This policy is reviewed annually or whenever there are significant or unusual changes in activities or subscriptions.

Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Future Developments

The Council will ensure that the Society will continue to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future, ensuring that a wide range of beneficiaries will continue to benefit from its activities.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors under the Companies Act are responsible for preparing a Directors' annual report and financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources (including the income and expenditure) of the charitable company. In preparing the financial statements the Directors are required to:-

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and

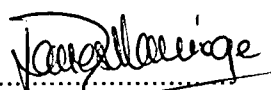
Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom, governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved on behalf of the board on... 24/01/2022


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James Marriage
Chairman

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

For the year ended 31 August 2021

I report on the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2021, as set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principle of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their account in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Graham Fage FCA
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Date

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
Year ended 31 August 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
		<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income	2				
Charitable activities					
Membership subscriptions		13,670		14,275	
Event income		-		5,156	
Essex School Day		19,000		7,500	
Investments		<u>5,012</u>		<u>6,175</u>	
			37,682		33,106
Expenditure					
Office expenses	3	333		1,080	
Administration	4	12,960		13,000	
Banking and accounts	5	3,925		3,755	
Newsletter		-		288	
Website		290		320	
Event costs	6	-		2,317	
President's/Long service awards		-		250	
Legal and professional fees	7	432		-	
Essex School Day	8	13,298		13,750	
Miscellaneous expenses	9	948		1,747	
Amortisation		<u>651</u>		<u>651</u>	
			(32,837)		(37,158)
Net income/(expenditure)			4,845		(4,052)
Investments					
Unrealised gain on revaluation			36,286		(8,429)
Realised gain/(loss) on disposal			(2,615)		3,560
Net movement in funds			<u>38,516</u>		<u>(8,921)</u>
Total funds brought forward			246,764		255,685
Total funds carried forward			<u><u>285,280</u></u>		<u><u>246,764</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities included all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 August 2021

	Notes	Total 2021		Total 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible Assets	10	5,208		5,859	
Tangible assets	11	1		1	
Investments	12	<u>255,429</u>		<u>221,890</u>	
			260,638		227,750
Current assets					
Prepayments	14	1,000			
Cash at bank	13	<u>23,642</u>		<u>20,514</u>	
		<u>24,642</u>		<u>20,514</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors				<u>1,500</u>	
Net current assets			<u>24,642</u>		<u>19,014</u>
Total assets			<u><u>285,280</u></u>		<u><u>246,764</u></u>
Unrestricted funds					
Net capital at 31 August 2020			246,764		255,685
Movement in funds			38,516		(8,921)
Net capital at 31 August 2021			<u><u>285,280</u></u>		<u><u>246,764</u></u>

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. Under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year, including its income and expenditure, in accordance with the requirement of actions 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so as far as applicable to the company.


For the year ending 31 August 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirement of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board on..... 24/01/2022



 James Marriage
 Chairman

Company Number - 02768733

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2021

1) Accounting policies

The Essex Agricultural Society is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the United Kingdom. The charity's registered office is Writtle College, Lordship Road, Writtle, Essex, CM1 3RR.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern as the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The Directors have considered the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Charity. The key impact has been on event income for the year due to social and fundraising events not being able to take place whilst lockdown measures were in place.

The Company Secretary and Council meet regularly to discuss the future organisation of activities on an ongoing basis. Now that restrictions are being lifted, the Directors are hopeful that future activities will be able to resume in due course in accordance with government guidelines and social distancing measures.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Income is derived from the provision of goods/services and stated after trade discounts, other sales taxes and net of VAT.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Fund - This fund is to be used at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 August 2021

1) Accounting policies (Continued ...)

Intangible fixed assets

The website improvement costs are recorded in the financial statements at cost and amortised at 10% on a straight line basis.

Tangible fixed assets

The trophy is recorded in the financial statements at cost. The asset is not depreciated.

Investments

Investments are recorded in the financial statements at market value. Any increase or decrease in value is recognised as unrealised gains/losses in the accounts.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing from any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 August 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u>	
	£	£	£	£
2) Income				
Charitable activities				
Annual, corporate and life memberships		13,670		14,275
Events				
Tea, Audley End	-		2,029	
Leigh Milner	-		327	
Household Cavalry	-		2,800	
		-		5,156
Essex School Day				
Chadacre Charitable Trust	3,000		-	
Felix Cobbold	2,500		-	
NFU Trust	5,000		6,000	
Essex Community Fund	5,000		-	
Morley Agricultural Foundation	3,000		-	
Rural Foundation	-		1,000	
Rural Community Council of Essex	-		500	
Strutt & Parker (BNP Parabas)	250		-	
Whirledge & Nott	250		-	
		19,000		7,500
Investments				
London investment income	5,011		6,165	
Bank interest receivable	1		10	
		5,012		6,175
		<u>37,682</u>		<u>33,106</u>
3) Office expenses				
Stationery		19		156
Telephone		240		243
Office equipment		-		90
Postage		74		591
		<u>333</u>		<u>1,080</u>
4) Administration				
Office administration		9,960		10,000
College rent		3,000		3,000
		<u>12,960</u>		<u>13,000</u>

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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

For the year ended 31 August 2021

	<u>2021</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>
	£	£
5) Banking and accounts		
Accounts	1,500	1,500
Bank charges	140	139
Investment expenses	2,285	2,116
	<u>3,925</u>	<u>3,755</u>
6) Event costs		
Tea/Audley End	-	634
Leigh Milner	-	324
Household Cavalry	-	1,359
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,317</u>
7) Legal and professional fees		
Employment advice	432	-
	<u>432</u>	<u>-</u>
8) Essex School Day		
Administration	12,955	13,750
Miscellaneous	343	
	<u>13,298</u>	<u>13,750</u>
9) Miscellaneous expenses		
Insurance	848	1,346
Gratuities	100	123
Other	-	278
	<u>948</u>	<u>1,747</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 August 2021

10) Intangible Assets

	Website Costs £
Cost at 1 September 2020	6,510
Additions	
Disposals	-
Cost at 31 August 2021	<u>6,510</u>
Amortisation at 1 September 2020	651
Amortisation charge	651
Amortisation disposals	-
Amortisation at 31 August 2021	<u>1,302</u>
Net book value at 31 August 2021	<u>5,208</u>
Net book value at 31 August 2020	<u>5,859</u>

	2021 Unrestricted £	2020 Unrestricted £
11) Tangible assets		
Trophies - cost brought forward and carried forward	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

12) Investments

	Market Value 01.09.20	Additions	Disposals	Gains / (Losses)		Market Value 31.08.21	Cost 31.08.21
				Realised	Un- Realised		
UK Fixed Interest	6,029	-	-	-	(131)	5,898	5,065
Corporate Debt	33,619	-	-	-	782	34,401	33,050
Investment & Unit Trusts	70,493	-	-	-	16,141	86,634	72,451
International Inv. & Unit Trusts	75,109	27,682	(31,929)	(2,629)	19,598	87,831	93,702
Emerging Markets	1,603	2,018	-	-	89	3,710	3,319
Alternative Inv. in Infrastructure	22,710	4,104	(2,007)	14	(835)	23,986	24,202
UK Property	12,327	-	-	-	642	12,969	13,381
	<u>221,890</u>	<u>33,804</u>	<u>(33,936)</u>	<u>(2,615)</u>	<u>36,286</u>	<u>255,429</u>	<u>245,170</u>

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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

For the year ended 31 August 2021

12) Investments (Continued...)

The following individual investments held represent more than 5% of the portfolio:-

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>31.08.21</u>
		<u>£</u>
14,703	FIL Investment Services UK Fidelity Moneybuilder Inc Y	15,306
8,540	Jupiter Unit Managers UK Special Situations I Inc	16,855
632	Vanguard Funds PLC FTSE 100 EFY Inc Units ETF	19,957
4,130	Link Fund Dol Ltd LF Lindsell Train UK Equity Inc Nav	14,654
3,400	Liontrust Fund Par Special Situations Inc	17,967
16,767	Artemis Fund Managers Income E GBP Dis	17,201
363	Vanguard Funds Plc S&p 500 Ucuts Etf USD Dis	22,697

Current asset investments are stated at market value with any surplus or deficit being accounted for through the Statement of Financial Activities as realised surplus or deficit. The departure from the Companies Act requirement to show current assets at the lower of cost or net realisable value is justified in order to show a true and fair view.

	<u>2021</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>
13) Bank accounts		
Barclays EAS current account	7,178	12,610
Barclays EAS deposit account	2,330	2,329
Barclays ESD current account	9,506	3,804
Investec portfolio	4,628	1,771
	<u>23,642</u>	<u>20,514</u>
	<u>2021</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>
14) Debtors		
Prepayments	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>

15) Related Parties

The Directors were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment during the current or previous financial years.

During the year, directors paid memberships of £80 (2020: £Nil).

There were no other related party transactions recorded in the current or prior year.

16) Members Guarantee

The company does not have share capital and is limited by guarantee. Each member of the company undertakes to contribute as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the company's assets if it should be wound up while a member.

17) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 or the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these applied to its charitable objects.



ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2021

Charity Number: 1015875

Company Number: 02768733

ENSORS ACCOUNTANTS LLP

Saxon House
Moseley's Farm Business Centre
Fornham All Saints
Bury St Edmunds
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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Year ended 31 August 2021

Charity number: 1015875
Company number: 02768733
Patron: Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst
Honourary President: The Lord John Patrick Lionel Petre
President: Charles Gooch
President Elect: Nicholas Cottrell
Chairman: James Marriage
Vice Chairman: Chris Philpot
Company Secretary: Heather Cheryl Tarrant
Treasurer: Prudence Helen McTurk
Directors: Rosemary Joyce Padfield
Rosemary Helen Alexander
Annabelle Rout
Julie Rogers
James Henry Marriage
David William Bradshaw
Christopher James Harold Philpot (Appointed 25 November 2020)
Council: Rosemary Joyce Padfield
Rosemary Helen Alexander
Annabelle Rout
Julie Rogers
David William Bradshaw
Co-opted Members: Fiona Ashworth
Roger Burroughs
Nicholas Charrington
Keri Constantatou
Tim Cooper
Catharine Hutley
Kayleigh Mackness
Mason Willoughby
Prudence Helen McTurk
Tim Middleton
James Rea
Adrian Rilstone
Lynne Squier
Jo Tubbs
Karen Watson
Edward Worthy
Charles Willett

Co-opted members retire after one year unless reappointed

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CHARITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Year ended 31 August 2021

Registered office: Writtle University College
 Lordship Road
 Writtle
 Essex
 CM1 3RR

Principal office: Writtle University College
 Lordship Road
 Writtle
 Essex
 CM1 3RR

Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc
 Barclays Business Centre
 Witham Branch
 PO Box 3692
 Witham
 Essex
 CM8 2AT

Investment managers: Investec Wealth and Investment
 2 Gresham Street
 London
 EC2V 7QN

Accountants: Ensors Accountants LLP
 Saxon House
 Moseley's Farm Business Centre
 Fornham All Saints
 Bury St Edmunds
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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

For the year ended 31 August 2021

The Directors under the Companies Act present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Essex Agricultural Society (the 'Charity') is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association dated 27 September 1992, and amended 28 September 2018.

Administration of Charity

The Society is administered by the Council, which is made up of the President, President Elect, Members elected, Co-opted Members and Co-opted Representatives from other organisations; provided that no Council Member has been absent from four consecutive meetings without knowledge and approval of the Council.

Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Directors consider the key management personnel of the charity to be the Council, who are in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

All Directors give their time freely and no director remuneration was paid during the year.

Recruitment, Appointment and Training of Directors

The Council keep under review the composition of the Board of Directors, identifying the need for recruitment processes to take place. The majority of Directors are identified by "word of mouth" and Directors will review any potential candidate to ensure they are a good fit for the Charity.

Details of potential candidates are discussed at board meetings prior to inviting any potential new member to join. Newly nominated Directors are briefed by the President and receive background information, annual accounts and minutes of recent meetings upon appointment.

Risk Assessment

The Council reviews the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and ensures that systems are in place to mitigate any risks identified.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objectives

The Essex Agricultural Society's objectives are to promote and advance agriculture for the benefit of the public. This is to improve, publicise and encourage skill and industry in all trades, crafts and professions within agriculture.

The Charity achieves these aims by;

Hosting various events throughout the year to promote agriculture, including the The Essex Schools Day normally held at Writtle University College each year in early June;

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ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

Objectives (Continued...)

Recognising Long Service Awards for those who have served more than 25 years in the industry, which are presented at the President's Garden Party alongside the Presidents's Award which recognises dynamic, entrepreneurial young people connected to agriculture; and

Holding two or three lectures each year with high profile, industry specific speakers.

Public Benefit

The Council are aware of their duties to ensure activities of the Charity are carried out in the furtherance of its objectives. The Council have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are aware of their duties in this respect.

Achievements and Performance

The events held by the charity during the year have succeeded in promoting agriculture and educating the wider public, and the Council are pleased at how the Charity has adapted to underprecented times to continue to deliver its' objectives.

There is no income from events this year (2020: £5,156) as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic which reached the United Kingdom at the end of January 2020 and temporarily postponed all public events from March 2020 when lockdown measures were placed on the whole of the United Kingdom.

Income from memberships and subscriptions remains comparable to the prior year, falling slightly from £14,275 to £13,670.

The 2021 live Essex Schools Food and Farming Day was cancelled due to Covid-19. Instead the schools were provided with a bundle of interactive and engaging learning opportunities, covering aspects of the 5 zones that the children would normally experience at the live show day. The Charity received brilliant feedback from many o the schools, and the Council were pleased to be able to provide such a fantastic resource during challenging times. The Charity received £19,000 (2020: £7,500) of sponsorship towards the cost of this event, which helped to mitigate the loss of income from other sources.

Coronavirus Pandemic

Measures controlling Covid-19 have drastically affected the charity's educational, social and fundraising activities.

The Directors do not have immediate serious cause for concern over the financial sustainability of the Company, and consider the charity has considerable reserves to continue for the next 12 months, particularly as restrictions are now being lifted and the Charity can begin to plan events for the future.

The Company Secretary and Council have met remotely a number of times, discussing the future organisation of activities on an ongoing basis.

The Charity's next "live" event is planned for 21st October, and the Directors are optimistic move "live" events can be planned for the future.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income from the Charity's events and memberships for the year was £32,670 (2020: £26,931). The net income of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £4,845 (2020: net expenditure £4,052).

Investment Policy

The Council have the power to invest surplus cash as they see fit for the day to day use of the Charity. The Council has decided to hold some reserve balances with its appointed bankers in a combination of current and short term deposit accounts. The remainder of its reserves are held in an investment portfolio invested with Investec. In making the decision to invest in a portfolio, the Council had regard to the following conditions:-

The objective is for capital and income growth, which over the long term with endeavour to maintain the real value of the investments; and

The performance of the fund is monitored by regular reports.

During the year the portfolio represented a return of £5,011 (2020: £6,165). The market value of the portfolio at the balance sheet date was £255,429 (2020: £221,890).

This policy will be reviewed as and when market conditions or business requirements change.

Reserves Policy

The Council has examined the requirements of Essex Agricultural Society and in the light of the main risks and has agreed that the Society will maintain sufficient reserves to enable it to continue its objectives for the foreseeable future. The Council have determined that a surplus of unrestricted funds continues to be accumulated to enable the Charity to respond quickly to potential opportunities and any unforeseen events.

The Council has calculated that reserves of £23,000 would be needed to continue the operational costs for a period of one year. These funds are held in cash to ensure the Society would be able to meet obligations as they fall due.

This policy is reviewed annually or whenever there are significant or unusual changes in activities or subscriptions.

Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Future Developments

The Council will ensure that the Society will continue to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future, ensuring that a wide range of beneficiaries will continue to benefit from its activities.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors under the Companies Act are responsible for preparing a Directors' annual report and financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources (including the income and expenditure) of the charitable company. In preparing the financial statements the Directors are required to:-

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and

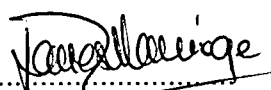
Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom, governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved on behalf of the board on... 24/01/2022


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James Marriage
Chairman

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

For the year ended 31 August 2021

I report on the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2021, as set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principle of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their account in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



.....
Graham Fage FCA
Ensors Accountants LLP
Saxon House
Moseley's Farm Business Centre
Fornham All Saints
Bury St Edmunds
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Date

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
Year ended 31 August 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
		<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u>	
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income	2				
Charitable activities					
Membership subscriptions		13,670		14,275	
Event income		-		5,156	
Essex School Day		19,000		7,500	
Investments		<u>5,012</u>		<u>6,175</u>	
			37,682		33,106
Expenditure					
Office expenses	3	333		1,080	
Administration	4	12,960		13,000	
Banking and accounts	5	3,925		3,755	
Newsletter		-		288	
Website		290		320	
Event costs	6	-		2,317	
President's/Long service awards		-		250	
Legal and professional fees	7	432		-	
Essex School Day	8	13,298		13,750	
Miscellaneous expenses	9	948		1,747	
Amortisation		<u>651</u>		<u>651</u>	
			(32,837)		(37,158)
Net income/(expenditure)			4,845		(4,052)
Investments					
Unrealised gain on revaluation			36,286		(8,429)
Realised gain/(loss) on disposal			(2,615)		3,560
Net movement in funds			<u>38,516</u>		<u>(8,921)</u>
Total funds brought forward			246,764		255,685
Total funds carried forward			<u><u>285,280</u></u>		<u><u>246,764</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities included all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 August 2021

	Notes	Total 2021		Total 2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible Assets	10	5,208		5,859	
Tangible assets	11	1		1	
Investments	12	<u>255,429</u>		<u>221,890</u>	
			260,638		227,750
Current assets					
Prepayments	14	1,000			
Cash at bank	13	<u>23,642</u>		<u>20,514</u>	
		<u>24,642</u>		<u>20,514</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors				<u>1,500</u>	
Net current assets			<u>24,642</u>		<u>19,014</u>
Total assets			<u><u>285,280</u></u>		<u><u>246,764</u></u>
Unrestricted funds					
Net capital at 31 August 2020			246,764		255,685
Movement in funds			38,516		(8,921)
Net capital at 31 August 2021			<u><u>285,280</u></u>		<u><u>246,764</u></u>

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. Under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the financial year, including its income and expenditure, in accordance with the requirement of actions 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so as far as applicable to the company.


For the year ending 31 August 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirement of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board on..... 24/01/2022



 James Marriage
 Chairman

Company Number - 02768733

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2021

1) Accounting policies

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

The Directors consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern as the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The Directors have considered the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Charity. The key impact has been on event income for the year due to social and fundraising events not being able to take place whilst lockdown measures were in place.

The Company Secretary and Council meet regularly to discuss the future organisation of activities on an ongoing basis. Now that restrictions are being lifted, the Directors are hopeful that future activities will be able to resume in due course in accordance with government guidelines and social distancing measures.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Income is derived from the provision of goods/services and stated after trade discounts, other sales taxes and net of VAT.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Fund - This fund is to be used at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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1) Accounting policies (Continued ...)

Intangible fixed assets

The website improvement costs are recorded in the financial statements at cost and amortised at 10% on a straight line basis.

Tangible fixed assets

The trophy is recorded in the financial statements at cost. The asset is not depreciated.

Investments

Investments are recorded in the financial statements at market value. Any increase or decrease in value is recognised as unrealised gains/losses in the accounts.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing from any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 August 2021

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Unrestricted</u>	
	£	£	£	£
2) Income				
Charitable activities				
Annual, corporate and life memberships		13,670		14,275
Events				
Tea, Audley End	-		2,029	
Leigh Milner	-		327	
Household Cavalry	-		2,800	
		-		5,156
Essex School Day				
Chadacre Charitable Trust	3,000		-	
Felix Cobbold	2,500		-	
NFU Trust	5,000		6,000	
Essex Community Fund	5,000		-	
Morley Agricultural Foundation	3,000		-	
Rural Foundation	-		1,000	
Rural Community Council of Essex	-		500	
Strutt & Parker (BNP Parabas)	250		-	
Whirledge & Nott	250		-	
		19,000		7,500
Investments				
London investment income	5,011		6,165	
Bank interest receivable	1		10	
		5,012		6,175
		<u>37,682</u>		<u>33,106</u>
3) Office expenses				
Stationery		19		156
Telephone		240		243
Office equipment		-		90
Postage		74		591
		<u>333</u>		<u>1,080</u>
4) Administration				
Office administration		9,960		10,000
College rent		3,000		3,000
		<u>12,960</u>		<u>13,000</u>

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For the year ended 31 August 2021

	<u>2021</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>
	£	£
5) Banking and accounts		
Accounts	1,500	1,500
Bank charges	140	139
Investment expenses	2,285	2,116
	<u>3,925</u>	<u>3,755</u>
6) Event costs		
Tea/Audley End	-	634
Leigh Milner	-	324
Household Cavalry	-	1,359
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,317</u>
7) Legal and professional fees		
Employment advice	432	-
	<u>432</u>	<u>-</u>
8) Essex School Day		
Administration	12,955	13,750
Miscellaneous	343	
	<u>13,298</u>	<u>13,750</u>
9) Miscellaneous expenses		
Insurance	848	1,346
Gratuities	100	123
Other	-	278
	<u>948</u>	<u>1,747</u>

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10) Intangible Assets

	Website Costs £
Cost at 1 September 2020	6,510
Additions	
Disposals	-
Cost at 31 August 2021	<u>6,510</u>
Amortisation at 1 September 2020	651
Amortisation charge	651
Amortisation disposals	-
Amortisation at 31 August 2021	<u>1,302</u>
Net book value at 31 August 2021	<u>5,208</u>
Net book value at 31 August 2020	<u>5,859</u>

	2021 Unrestricted £	2020 Unrestricted £
11) Tangible assets		
Trophies - cost brought forward and carried forward	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

12) Investments

	Market Value 01.09.20	Additions	Disposals	Gains / (Losses) Un- Realised		Market Value 31.08.21	Cost 31.08.21
UK Fixed Interest	6,029	-	-	-	(131)	5,898	5,065
Corporate Debt	33,619	-	-	-	782	34,401	33,050
Investment & Unit Trusts	70,493	-	-	-	16,141	86,634	72,451
International Inv. & Unit Trusts	75,109	27,682	(31,929)	(2,629)	19,598	87,831	93,702
Emerging Markets	1,603	2,018	-	-	89	3,710	3,319
Alternative Inv. in Infrastructure	22,710	4,104	(2,007)	14	(835)	23,986	24,202
UK Property	12,327	-	-	-	642	12,969	13,381
	<u>221,890</u>	<u>33,804</u>	<u>(33,936)</u>	<u>(2,615)</u>	<u>36,286</u>	<u>255,429</u>	<u>245,170</u>

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12) Investments (Continued...)

The following individual investments held represent more than 5% of the portfolio:-

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>31.08.21</u>
		<u>£</u>
14,703	FIL Investment Services UK Fidelity Moneybuilder Inc Y	15,306
8,540	Jupiter Unit Managers UK Special Situations I Inc	16,855
632	Vanguard Funds PLC FTSE 100 EFY Inc Units ETF	19,957
4,130	Link Fund Dol Ltd LF Lindsell Train UK Equity Inc Nav	14,654
3,400	Liontrust Fund Par Special Situations Inc	17,967
16,767	Artemis Fund Managers Income E GBP Dis	17,201
363	Vanguard Funds Plc S&p 500 Ucuts Etf USD Dis	22,697

Current asset investments are stated at market value with any surplus or deficit being accounted for through the Statement of Financial Activities as realised surplus or deficit. The departure from the Companies Act requirement to show current assets at the lower of cost or net realisable value is justified in order to show a true and fair view.

	<u>2021</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>
13) Bank accounts		
Barclays EAS current account	7,178	12,610
Barclays EAS deposit account	2,330	2,329
Barclays ESD current account	9,506	3,804
Investec portfolio	4,628	1,771
	<u>23,642</u>	<u>20,514</u>
	<u>2021</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>
14) Debtors		
Prepayments	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>

15) Related Parties

The Directors were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment during the current or previous financial years.

During the year, directors paid memberships of £80 (2020: £Nil).

There were no other related party transactions recorded in the current or prior year.

16) Members Guarantee

The company does not have share capital and is limited by guarantee. Each member of the company undertakes to contribute as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the company's assets if it should be wound up while a member.

17) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 or the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these applied to its charitable objects.