

**LANGLEYBURY CHILDREN'S FARM
TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023
Charity Registration No. 1077869**

ABOUT US AT LANGLEYBURY CHILDREN'S FARM

Background

Langleybury Children's Farm is a Registered Charity, governed by a constitution dated 17th January 1999. The Charity was registered on 20th October 1999. Originally the Farm operated as part of Langleybury School Association, the school's PTA. Despite the closure of Langleybury School in 1996 the Farm continues to operate. We still have 3 committee members who attended the school.

Objectives

The objectives are.

1. The advancement of Education of children and young people in farming Technology and the Rural Environment.
2. The provisions of facilities to the General Public for recreation and leisure time occupation.
3. The farm provides educational facilities to local community groups, schools and learning disability groups.

Governing Body

The Executive Committee consists of 4 members.

At the Annual General Meeting, a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed for the forthcoming year.

Current Officials are:

Executive Committee as of 31st October 2023:

Ms Kim Tyler - Chairperson
Mrs Jeanette Martins - Treasurer
Ms Tara Burrowes - Trustee
Mrs Claire Twomey - Trustee

Other Members of Farm Management & Committee as of 31st October 2022

Iain Burrowes: Farm Manager
Luis Martins: Handyman
Darren Martins: Avery & Cove Specialist
Ella Trevellion

We also have:

14 Volunteers who run the Café and Shop

8 young volunteers who clean out, groom, feed the animals not forgetting giving the loads of love and affection.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

Hello, and welcome to the latest annual report from our charity.

This year our schools, our families, indeed the charity itself have faced considerable challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis. However, and through this crisis, we will do all that we can to make sure that the Community Groups and General Public still have access to all our facilities by not increasing any of our prices.

Our landlords, The Ralph Trustees, continue to support and permit the farm to run with minimal intervention from them. We are still waiting news on when the farm will be moving our new site with eco-friendly purpose-built facilities.

Once again, we were at the mercy of the great British weather. We had to open later than planned due to the very wet weather last Easter making the ground very unsafe for staff and visitors. Then during summer, we then hit with a heat wave which meant all out animal sought the shade and were hiding out of site from our visitors, so we closed on a couple of very hot days. We then had to close due planned roadworks that failed to take place. Our donkeys, goats, guinea pigs and rabbits enjoyed the ice blocks made with carrots and apples in the hot weather. Income from admissions sales was down year on year.

Our General Reserves are still more than adequate for our future needs, and our objective is to continue to reinvest our profits in improved facilities where needed and provide a pleasant and enjoyable environment for our visitors.

We extend our grateful thanks to Iain and all the volunteers who help to maintain and run the farm for the benefit of all our visitors. Every one of the team contributes to the running and success of the farm.

Kim Tyler

Chairperson

Langleybury Childrens Farm AGM Minutes January 29th 2024

Present: Kim Tyler, Iain Burrowes, Jeanette Martins, Tara Burrowes, Ella Trevillion, Claire Twomey, Darren Martins.

Apologies: Theresa, Peter and Naveah

The meeting commenced at 7pm with a pizza supper.

Chairman welcomed and ran through the previous year's highlights and thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment to the smooth running of the farm.

Kim went back over the last AGM notes and looked back at the sudden loss of our young donkey Star. This was very hard for us all as she was born on the farm just before Christmas hence her name. It made it a little easier that she did not suffer and died instantly with a heart attack. Due to our rural location, we are prone to visits by foxes who took all 3 of our peacocks.

As we could have moved at the end of our 2023 season, we did not commit to doing any major improvements only tasks that needed to be done to make our visits safe for all concerned.

We had 10 schools take up the free school visits, which Kim and Jeanette facilitated. It is such a pleasure to see the children's faces when they get up close to the animals. To help out with the school's budgets we helped pay for the coaches. St Pauls Primary School walked up to the farm every other week. and have been helping around the farm with jobs such as donkey poo picking, leaf picking, cleaning out the guinea pigs etc.

We also had 4 Community groups use the farm at a discounted rate. Residents from Warren Court came up and helped with odd jobs. The local PSCO's also visited us during the summer holidays, talking to our young visitors about keeping safe. Reece one of our volunteers but on a play down in the field that went well.

We had 9 birthday parties booked and they all went to plan, and we had some lovely feedback from parents and children. The use of wristbands made it easier for staff and party hosts.

Our gazebo is 10 years old, and we hope to get another season out of it. Hopefully the winds don't have other ideas.

Due to a lot of filming in the local area we have been leasing out our car park that has helped bring in some revenue, Kim thanked Iain for sorting it out.

Kim was grateful and thanked Emily who is a new volunteer who has been coming up regularly and was a great help with day- to- day tasks around the farm such as feeding, cleaning out the guinea pigs and donkey grooming. Sadley due to her partners health she had to say goodbye.

We ended the season at the end of October with a successful end of season Halloween event that was enjoyed by all.

Treasures Report

Ticket sales for the year = 46,177.00

Takings for the year = just over 96k

Animal feed sold = £8,128.00

Insurance and Utility bills = £10,000.00

New Equipment = £2,910.00

Wages = £23k

Fees for PayPal and Zettle = over £1,929

Money as of 31/09/23

Community Account = £ 12,753

Savings Account = £ 81,615

PayPal = £ 68

iZettle = £ 968

Cash in hand = 0

Approx profit for 2022/2023 = £ 14,239

Up on last year by approx. £2k

Jeanette discussed the years figures.

The committee was also in agreements to purchase a laptop for Jeanette to help with her treasurer role and farm admin.

Please make sure you keep all receipts and put them in folder provided.

Iain – Farm Manager

Thanked everyone for their commitment and hard work to the farm and staying loyal during the new up and coming phase to the farm. He said a lot of work has been completed and now we should look to be maintaining our current state rather than updating as we only have a predicted 1 season left until the move. Iain also mentioned that we will be changing our veterinary practise as they no longer will be practising for larger farm animals.

We have had to close the farm on several occasions due to the weather, not just the rain but due to the extreme heat and the safety of our animals.

The Grove (our sponsors) have a second-hand tractor/loader for sale for £8,500 which Iain would like to purchase to make life a lot easier on the farm also for when we move sites.

The car park requires a lot of maintenance before we open.

The stable walls all need re-pointing.

The triangle field need weeding so need a work party to help with this mid- March.

Donkey's vaccinations have been moved around so they are all vaccinated at the same time. Next doses already booked in.

There are cases of Blue Tongue and Iain is going to check with DEFRA to see if or what precautions we need to take when we open.

Admin/Socials - Tara, Claire and Ella

Everyone agreed how well the new website was running and Tara is happy to continue overseeing/looking after it. We decided on opening and closing dates to get social media awareness of when we are opening and Tara can plan when to open the booking sheet. Our social media posts had reached over 1,000 views and we are getting more

interaction and more new followers. Claire and Ella are happy to assist Tara.

Appointing committee/trustees

Chairman – Kim Tyler

Farm Manager – Iain Burrowes

Treasurer – Jeanette Martins

Secretary – Jeanette Martins and Claire Twomey

Admin/Socials - Tara Burrowes/Claire Martins

Shop rota/duties – Ella Trevillion

Trustees: Kim Tyler, Jeanette Martins, Tara Burrowes, Claire Twomey

Other Business

Dates for diaries Good Friday 29th March 2024 for Easter holidays and will look nearer the time at doing an Easter event. Last day of opening Saturday 26th October 2023 and will end with our Halloween/end of season event.

Work parties/get ready for opening in March to before we open, we aim to do 2 days and get as many of our volunteers to come along and help.

The committee discussed children's birthday parties being re-instated and they have been a great success and a good source of income to the farm. The wristbands have worked very well and makes our party's a lot easier to manage.

Darren to look at getting chicks and duckling for the opening weekend.

Once again a big thank you and here's to a great 2024 season.

Kim Tyler (Chairperson for Langleybury Childrens Farm)

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

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LANGLEYBURY CHILDREN'S FARM (Charity No: 1077869)

CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 1077869

TRUSTEES

Chair: Kim Louise Tyler
Treasurer: Jeanette Martins
Trustee: Claire Twomey
Trustee: Tara Burrows

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the trustees of
LANGLEYBURY CHILDREN'S FARM (Charity No: 1077869)
on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Antony Durrant FCA
For and on behalf of David Lindon & Co Chartered Accountants
Avaland House
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Hemel Hempstead
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Date: 19/6/2024

LANGLEYBURY CHILDREN'S FARM (Charity No: 1077869)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
for the period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<i>GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS</i>				
RECEIPTS				
Income through shop		41,349		37,823
Admissions (Paypal receipts)		<u>45,541</u>		<u>52,821</u>
		86,890		90,644
Donations:		43		1,419
Other income:				
Playskills		400		450
Field and stabling rental		500		13,500
Other income		296		221
Receipts from investments:				
Interest		405		11
Total receipts		<u>88,534</u>		<u>106,245</u>
PAYMENTS				
Animal feed and vet bills		8,421		13,502
Goods for resale		13,451		11,182
Cove & Avery		364		1,253
Other direct expenses		846		-
Labour costs		20,636		13,010
Repairs and maintenance		7,641		8,081
Equipment		2,910		25,213
Advertising		338		724
Shop and admin		2,485		2,663
General expenses		2,644		2,629
Insurances and utility		9,645		10,830
Accountancy fees		2,777		600
Health & Safety		214		1,727
Card processing fees		555		448
Paypal expenses		1,138		1,325
Donations and sponsorship		230		160
Total payments		<u>74,295</u>		<u>93,347</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		14,239		12,898
Cash funds at 1 January		81,165		68,267
Cash Funds at 31 December		<u>95,404</u>		<u>81,165</u>

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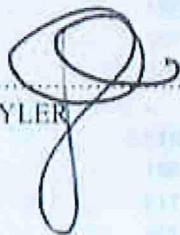
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (UNRESTRICTED) AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

CASH FUNDS	2023	2022
	£	£
Barelays Current Account	12,753	17,815
Barelays Premium Account	81,615	61,085
Paypal	68	206
iZettle	968	1,274
Cash in Hand	-	785
	<u>95,404</u>	<u>81,165</u>

APPROVAL

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees on ...5.1.6.24... and are signed on their behalf by:

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KIM TYLER



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JEANETTE MARTINS

