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Company registration number 7239285 (England and Wales)

OXFORD CITY FARM

ANNUAL REPORT
INCLUDING UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

OXFORD CITY FARM

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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).

Objectives and activities
The objective of the charitable company is to promote and provide, for the benefit of the community, facilities for the edification of the public. In addition, the charitable company will also serve to advance the education of the public in the agricultural arts, to include but not limited to horticulture, crafts, animal husbandry, country life and the protection and improvement of the natural environment through the best agricultural practices.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance
Co-Chairs' Introduction

2025–26 was a year of growth, resilience and community action at Oxford City Farm. Building on our core purpose of connecting people with food, farming, and nature, we welcomed more visitors, volunteers, schools and community groups than ever before, while continuing to strengthen the Farm's environmental and financial sustainability.

Across the year, we sustained our community farming sessions, deepened our education offer, grew volunteer involvement and improved our infrastructure to support long-term climate resilience. We also saw the continued importance of the Farm as a place of belonging, wellbeing, learning and practical support for local people of all ages and backgrounds.

The year wasn't without its challenges. We faced an increasingly difficult funding environment, experienced a break-in, and despite growing our earned income, we concluded two long-running groups due to their financial viability. Although earned income was healthy and had increased by around £20,000 by year end, the financial picture was less certain when we set the budget in January, and grant income was down by £125,000 year on year. This reflected a funding lag and the inherently unpredictable and uneven nature of grant income, including unsuccessful bids for the specific projects concerned.

The two groups required significant staff time to deliver safely and well, and without sufficient funding were no longer sustainable. We therefore took proactive steps to bring them to a thoughtful close, giving members advance notice and, wherever possible, supporting them to transition to other appropriate Farm activities or wider community provision. While there was sadness and disappointment in ending these groups, the process also gave us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of good endings and the strong sense of community that involvement in the Farm can create.

This year's impact is reflected in both the scale of our activity and the strength of the community around us: from delivering over 100 school sessions to welcoming 13,900+ attendances at community farming sessions, and from increasing earned income to supporting more than 1,000kg of produce donations, the Farm has continued to grow while staying rooted in its values.

Considering our impact and listening to our community

We use a deliberately light-touch approach to understanding the difference the Farm makes. We do not routinely ask people to disclose detailed personal information in order to participate: keeping the Farm open, welcoming and low-barrier is itself an important part of our approach. Instead, we combine participation data with feedback, observation, case studies and opportunities for people to share their experiences voluntarily.

In 2025–26, an Arts Council England-funded creative project spearheaded by a former farm volunteer invited volunteers, staff and visitors to reflect on their relationship with the Farm through portraits made using a camera obscura constructed from materials found on site. 69 people took part, 16 wrote postcards and three contributed fuller stories. Across these reflections, recurring themes included belonging, connection with nature, therapeutic benefits, giving back and the flexibility to participate in ways that work for different people. These are displayed in our yurt so other visitors can share in their stories. We have picked out elements of those stories for each of our strategic aims so you also hear the voices of our volunteers in this report.

Headline Statistics 2025–26

Measure	2025-26	2024–25	Notes
Total visitors attendances at community farming sessions	13,900+	9,100+	Derived from electronic peoplecounter. Up 53% reflecting growing demand for accessible community activity.
Total newly registered volunteers	Over 500	Over 250	Newly completed volunteer application forms. Up 100% reflecting growing demand for active engagement with the Farm.
Unique volunteers recorded across gardening and animal programmes	~438	n/a	Based on unique people recorded across our gardening and animal volunteering programmes. This is likely to be an underestimate of the Farm's total reach, as our current data does not consistently capture children volunteering alongside a parent or volunteers contributing through other routes, such as the café, schools or corporate volunteering.
Total regular volunteers	~144	~180	Includes regular and project-specific. We have more accurate tracking of regular volunteers in 2025-26 and tightened this definition to attending at least once a month.
Volunteer hours	10,300+	9,100+	Includes animal care, market garden and events
School sessions delivered	102	106	Our focus is on sustained engagement over several multiple terms in total we supported over 30 children. A further 37 Little Wellies early-years sessions were also delivered in 2025–26.
Total child attendance during school and toddler sessions	~1,500	~1,500	Lower school group numbers reflect higher individual needs, with smaller groups ensuring pupils receive the right support.
Kg produce donated	1,010kg	866kg	Up 17% with improved crop protection, irrigation and a strong winter harvest helping increase the amount of food shared. The previous year 2024-25 was impacted by flooding.
Value of produce donated (RRP)	£7,591	£5,916	Increase due to improvements in crop protection and irrigation increasing production.
Earned income	£79,194	£55,378	From away days, animal activities, produce sales & site hire (excl. grants, donations, school services)
Active funders/grants in year	13	12	See funders in text

Year in Review – Our Four Strategic Aims

GROW: Increasing access to fresh, nutritious, and local food while reducing food waste through sustainable farming practices and community-based initiatives

The Farm's fields, gardens, and animals remain at the heart of our work. Every crop grown, every harvest shared and every animal cared for reflects our commitment to increasing access to fresh, local food and reducing waste. This year, our focus has been on strengthening the farm's growing systems and improving resilience in the face of environmental challenges. The installation of the solar pump was a key step forward, helping us manage water more sustainably during dry periods and protect the productivity of our growing spaces. Volunteers, staff, and partners all continue to play a vital role here, supporting growing, harvesting, and the sharing of surplus produce with the wider community. We have also continued to build relationships with local businesses and food partners, helping to extend the reach and impact of what we grow.

Activities highlights

- **Produce Impact**: 1,010kg of fresh vegetables and herbs donated to volunteers, local residents and partner organisations.
- **Infrastructure development:** A new wash/pack area now supports better concurrent site use and makes managing harvest more efficient for the growing team and volunteers. New handwashing sinks support our ability to manage interacting with animals safely.
- **Market Garden & Animal Care**: Our growers and volunteers maintained regular planting, harvesting, and care of our goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, and bees.
- **Water security**: New UV filters and a solar pump now allow us to abstract and store water from Boundary Brook, buffering us from drought and reducing water bills.[1]
- **Events**: Good to Grow workshops saw 63 people trained. 143 participants have been trained across our animal care programmes for chicken, goats and pigs.
- **Supporters & Funders**: A grant from the National Community Gardening Scheme supported further development of the Kitchen Garden area. Funding from HDH Wills Trust sustained our Friday Community Farming sessions and essential core funding from Swire Trust enabled the Farm to respond flexibly. We are grateful to Julian Sayers MBE, Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, for his support especially in connecting the farm to wider agricultural networks.

The impact of this work is both practical and community-based: more food is being grown and shared locally, more people are understanding where food comes from and the farm is becoming more resilient in the face of environmental pressures.

"My four year old and I volunteer every Saturday. It's a wonderful way to stay connected to reality - to see where food comes from and to have a practical way of lending a hand. Coming here, tending the crops and the animals, meeting splendidly different people is one of the most inspiring things we do every week"

"The farm embodies everything I hold dear. Care for community, care for nature, care for food and the earth. Every time I visit my spirit soars, my shoulders drop and I don't stop smiling. I am privileged to have this sanctuary on my door step. Thank you to everyone who keeps this beautiful farm ticking"

LEARN: Connecting people of all ages with food, farming, and nature by providing diverse educational opportunities

This year, the Farm continued to provide regular, nature-based learning opportunities for children, young people and adults from across the local community. Much of our regular work with school groups involves students who face particular challenges or are struggling with school. Regular sessions at the Farm offer them a different environment and some extra support. There is a huge need for this work as research on

[1] Water abstraction is managed in accordance with applicable Environment Agency requirements. The site abstracts ~10 m^3 of water per day from Boundary Brook. Under current Environment Agency guidance, abstractions of 20 m^3 or less per day are exempt from the requirement for an abstraction licence where they form part of a single operation, subject to applicable conditions.

school attendance and young people's wellbeing indicates non-classroom based learning (in nature or otherwise) can engage learners where traditional educational settings may fail.

Between May 2025 and April 2026, we recorded around 1,500 child attendances across our education and wellbeing programmes, delivering 139 children's sessions for schools and early years groups. We continued to work with valued long-standing partners including Larkrise Primary, Iffley Academy and a local homeschool collective, while welcoming new schools such as Rosehill Primary, John Watson School and Mulberry Bush School. Through regular visits across multiple terms, children were able to build confidence, develop curiosity and strengthen their connection with nature.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on this success. Thanks to newly secured **Thriving in Nature** funding, we will expand our reach through outreach assemblies in local schools and launch a new Young City Farmers group at the Farm, creating even more opportunities for children and young people to learn, grow and connect with the natural world.

Alongside this, as the highlights section shows, activities to engage with and connect to adults take place, often with partner organisations and always with positive outcomes.

Activity highlights

- **Advanced accredited Gardeniser training course**, run in partnership with Social Farms & Gardens and supported by WISH National Lottery Partnership funding. The course ran from March to May 2025, combining two in-person sessions with eight online sessions. Twelve community organisers completed the training, strengthening Oxford and surrounding areas' capacity for community-led growing projects.
- **Outdoor Learning**: Holiday sessions funded by Oxford Hub to run two sessions for young people - selected by local young people to be awarded the funding.
- **Supporters & Funders**: OCVA Well Together, Oxfordshire Community Foundation - Thriving in Nature, Waste Innovation Station Hub (National Lottery Partnership)

The impact of our LEARN work is seen not only in attendance figures, but in growing confidence, skills and long-term engagement with food, farming and the natural world across all of the participants.

"Growing up around the farm has really shaped my understanding of where food comes from. And now I'd say exposing young children and adults to the realities of the food system is a really core part of my values"

"Oxford City Farm is a major part of mine and my children's lives. I am not sure what I'd do without the here. I love it and the goats so much. This kind of work is essential to restoring our planet - the closer we are to our food, the closer we become to nature. Working here makes me feel so alive and grateful. Such joy!"

THRIVE: Connecting people and communities to promote personal growth, social connections, and improved wellbeing

The Farm is structured to create welcoming spaces where everyone can participate, contribute and feel part of the community in a way that works for them. Those who need additional support are enabled to participate wherever possible, and we receive regular feedback from participants and carers about the positive impact the Farm has on their confidence, self-esteem and wellbeing, as well as reducing feelings of isolation and loneliness.

This year, we continued to expand opportunities for connection through a wide range of inclusive activities and partnerships. This included Rainbow families sessions, Singing Mamas, wellbeing-focused goat sessions, yoga, community farming and other nature-based activities. These opportunities allow people to build relationships, develop skills and contribute to the wider Farm community.

Alongside this growth, we have navigated some difficult changes as referenced in the introduction. Funding constraints led to the closure of some groups, including Wellies and Bellies and Cooking on a Budget. We prioritised creating "good endings" for these groups and supporting participants through the transition to help them maintain connection with the Farm through other opportunities. Long-term group members are encouraged to take part in wider Farm activities, particularly Friday morning volunteering sessions.

The Farm has also taken on direct management of a group previously run in partnership with Farmability, and now named the Food and Farming group. There is increasing interest in volunteering from individuals with self-identified additional support needs, reflecting both the Farm's reputation and the volunteer's actual experience of the Farm as an inclusive and supportive environment

Activity highlights

- **Goat Wellbeing Programme**: Volunteer-led sessions for individuals with additional needs, supported by National Lottery - Award for All, with participants reporting increased confidence, reduced anxiety, and positive social interaction.
- **Wednesday Wellbeing sessions:** Weekly gardening and nature-based activities providing gentle structure, social connection, and outdoor exercise. With 263 attendances across 46 sessions, these continue to be a cornerstone of our wellbeing offer. Also being funded by Awards for All.
- **Food, nature and social connection sessions:** Regular visits by adults with learning disabilities and autism, creating inclusive opportunities for purposeful farm work and connection with food and nature. Over 547 attendances this year across 111 sessions.
- **Giving confidence:** A number of differently abled participants who previously attended specific sessions, now with the confidence and a sense of belonging to the Farm community that they are comfortable to attend open volunteer sessions - these participants say this has been transformational for them
- **Partnership Activities**: The Farm's involvement in the OX4 Food Crew is a strong example of its wider commitment to partnership working and tackling systemic food justice issues. As a Steering Committee member, The Farm has helped shape the development of the alliance, including the approach to bringing in new members. It has contributed to work around access to community kitchens for families living in emergency housing and provided valuable feedback on how grassroots organisations can be meaningfully involved in the delivery of the Holiday Activity Fund. This work demonstrates The Farm's role in bringing community insight, practical experience and a focus on systemic change to collaborative efforts to improve food justice. The Farm also provided student wellbeing sessions with four Oxford colleges.

"The farm holds a special place in my life. I come here on a Thursday for a shift with the goats and my 8 year old is always reluctant to leave. It's her happy place. When school was hard, she got to come here. She's at her happiest here. Me too. When I took some time off through ill health, sweeping goat poo was an unexpected mindfulness practice that calmed me. This place and its people are a sanctuary for me".

SUSTAIN – Building strong partnerships and community networks to enhance community cohesion, organisational capacity, generate revenue, and support our long-term vision of an empowered, resilient, and healthy community

Our SUSTAIN work focuses on strengthening the Farm's foundations so that we can continue to grow our impact for years to come. This year, we made significant progress in building our organisational resilience through stronger governance, a more diverse funding base, improvements to our site and the continued support of our community.

A major milestone was the formalisation of our governance structure through new subgroups aligned to our strategic priorities: Grow, Learn, Thrive and Sustain. Bringing trustees, staff and volunteers together in these groups has created more opportunities for shared leadership, strategic thinking and collaborative decision-making.

We also continued to strengthen the Farm's long-term financial sustainability by diversifying our income through earned revenue, fundraising, grants and new partnerships. Earned income increased by 43% during the year, reaching £79,194, while we continued to diversify our grant and fundraising income. The launch of our Root Supporters campaign has been an encouraging step towards building a reliable base of regular giving donations, with 35 supporters joining us in the first year as we work towards our goal of 100.

The strength of our community was perhaps most evident following the theft of our pig meat, when the response from local people was overwhelming - raising around £6500 in donations. Alongside growing volunteer numbers, increasing visitor engagement and continued financial support, this demonstrated just how deeply the Farm is valued. Together, and despite the ongoing funding challenges as a charity we face, these developments leave us in a stronger position to continue providing a thriving community farm for Oxford in the years ahead.

Activity highlights

- **Financial Resilience:** Despite losses from the theft, earned income from produce sales and site hire improved year-on-year. Our new fundraiser has helped increase individual giving and maintain grant success rate in a challenging market.
- **Grants & Funders:** This year we secured funding and donations from:
    - Oxford Community Foundation - Thriving in Nature Fund
    - Swire Charitable Trust
    - National Lottery Awards for All
    - National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund (top up funding)
    - OCVA Well Together
    - Lord Lieutenancy
    - Anonymous donor - UV filtration system
    - Earth Raise Match Fund
    - The National Garden Scheme - Community Fund
    - Oxford Hub - School Holiday Sessions
    - Mills & Reeves Ltd
    - St Mary's Church, Iffley
    - Oxford Masonic Lodge

- **Corporate Volunteering Days**: Take up of our Corporate Volunteering days exceeded our self-set target for the financial year. A mix of improved promotion through our website and social media, increasing awareness of the offer through word-of-mouth, returning organisations and more companies and employees wanting to make meaningful and positive change to nature and our world means this offer is now well embedded in our Farm activities. Growing this income stream in an efficient and sustainable way for the organisation to manage will be a focus for 2026-27
- We are deeply grateful not only to these organisations but also to the generosity of our community. More than **216 individual donors** contributed through one-off donations, regular giving through our newly launched Root Supporters campaign and the Earth Raise Match Fund ensuring every pound was doubled through match funding. Your support helped us recover from the break-in, safeguard the Farm's future and continue offering free access to food-growing and community activities while working with the biodiversity on our site.

"When you experience something so meaningful and it brings you so much, you just want to give back. It's not even something you think about. You're just drawn to it instinctively. The farm is a bit like that. You're motivated to do things, not because someone's telling me to do it, but because you want this place to work."

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look to the year ahead, we remain optimistic about what the Farm can achieve. While the funding environment continues to be challenging, the growing support of our volunteers, partners, funders and wider community gives us confidence that Oxford City Farm will continue to thrive.

In the year ahead, we will build on the ways we already listen to our community to develop a proportionate approach to understanding and demonstrating our impact. This will combine participation data, participant-led stories and feedback with more consistent recording of outcomes across our programmes. We want to strengthen the evidence we can share with funders and partners without creating unnecessary barriers for the people who use the Farm.

Grant funding remains particularly important because it enables the Farm to provide activities and opportunities that cannot be sustained through earned income alone, including accessible community farming, wellbeing, education and targeted work with people who need additional support. Our focus for the year ahead is therefore not simply to increase income, but to build a balanced income model that protects access while allowing the Farm to grow its impact sustainably.

We are excited for the upcoming year. Following our "Runner-Up" win of Go-Ahead's Brand the Bus competition we will be looking at our approach to external and onsite communications to increase awareness around food systems, farming and the environment. This will see the Farm advertised on buses across Oxfordshire, radio coverage with Get Radio and collaborations with Oxford City Football Club. We are keen to respond to volunteer and community requests to see the Farm open on Sundays and will be exploring how to finance, resource and operate this in a sustainable way in the coming year.

Every volunteer hour, every donation, every school visit, every seed sown and every conversation over the garden (and Farm!) gate helps make the Farm what it is: a place where people, food and nature come together for the benefit of our City.

Without our amazing staff team to bring it all together, the Farm would not be what it is today. Whatever is asked of them they deliver, and always with the aims and values of the Farm at the heart of their work - for the good of everyone in our community - human and animal! Thank you.

To everyone who has volunteered, donated, attended a session, visited the Farm, partnered with us or championed our work this year: thank you too. Your encouragement, generosity and belief in our vision enable us to continue creating opportunities for people to grow, learn, thrive and sustain a healthier, more connected community.

On behalf of all Trustees, we look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces in the year ahead.

Financial review

The results for the year ending 30 April 2026 are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 13.

Reserves held at the year-end amounted to £190,943 of which £52,948 is restricted (2025: £256,857 of which £77,307 was restricted.) These funds will be used to support the aims and activities of the charity in the years ahead.

The Trustees are aware that accumulating reserves that enable the Farm to cope with unforeseen events, contingencies and opportunities is an essential part of carrying out their duties in the overall management of the Farm's affairs. A review of the adequacy of such reserves is made on a regular basis. A policy of having reserves equivalent to 3-6 months running costs has been set.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems

are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management
Oxford City Farm is a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity under the Charities Act. The charitable company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Oxford City Farm was incorporated as a company on 29 April 2010 (registered company number 7239285) and registered by the Charity Commission on 26 October 2011 (charity number 1144439).

The Board of Trustees appoints new members to the board to fill vacancies or broaden expertise. Particular emphasis is placed upon the appointment of Trustees with knowledge and experience relevant to the charitable company's activities. The board are keen to recruit trustees who reflect the broad beneficiary base of the charitable company.

Before appointment, trustees fill in an expression of interest form, provide references, attend a meeting of the board as a guest and are asked to read induction materials which include a trustee job description, background information on the charity and an overview of their responsibilities under the Companies and Charities Acts.

Decision making powers are retained by the Trustees and exercised at their regular meetings.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Martin Reed - Co Chair to 14 January 2026 + Treasurer (ongoing)
Nicholas Rose
Jane Fisher
Catherine McCosker
Catherine Wilson - Co Chair
Chesta Tiwari
Eleanor Dent (Resigned 12 November 2025)
Sarah Ader - Secretary (Resigned 14 January 2026)
Mariam Iqbal (Resigned 12 November 2025)
Benjamin Halder - Co Chair from 14 January 2026
Sophia Swithern (Appointed 14 January 2026)

The Trustees have identified and considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

Small company exemptions
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Martin Reed
Trustee – Treasurer
Date: 25/9/26

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF OXFORD CITY FARM

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Oxford City Farm (the Charity) for the year ended 30 April 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for 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).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Gary Pready FCA
Gravita Audit Oxford LLp

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Dated: 2 October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted Funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	30,816	69,613	100,429	55,298	173,797	229,095
Charitable activities	4	97,649	-	97,649	77,779	-	77,779
Total Income		128,465	69,613	198,078	133,077	173,797	306,874
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	466	-	466	1,121	-	1,121
Charity activities	6	170,444	93,082	263,526	126,745	121,595	248,340
Total expenditure		170,910	93,082	263,992	127,866	121,595	249,461
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers		(42,445)	(23,469)	(65,914)	5,211	52,202	57,413
Gross transfers between funds		890	(890)	-	4,062	(4,062)	-
Net income/ (expenditure) for the year		(41,555)	(24,359)	(65,914)	9,273	48,140	57,413
Net movement in funds							
Fund balances at 1 May 2025		179,550	77,307	256,857	170,277	29,167	199,444
Fund balances at 30 April 2026		137,995	52,948	190,943	179,550	77,307	256,857

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

	Note	2026 £	£	2025 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		37,746		65,935
Current assets					
Debtors	11	13,053		35,485	
Cash at bank and in hand		146,625		162,543	
		159,678		198,028	
Creditors:amount falling due within one year	12	(6,481)		(7,106)	
Net current assets			153,197		190,922
Total assets less current liabilities			190,943		256,857
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		52,948		77,307
Unrestricted funds			137,995		179,550
			190,943		256,857

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 April 2026.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25/9/2026

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Martin Reed
Trustee

Company registration number 7239285

1. Accounting policies

Charity information - Oxford City Farm is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Cornwallis Road, Oxford, OX4 3NH.

1.1. **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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)". 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 are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2. **Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3. **Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objects of the Charity.

Designated funds are those earmarked by the trustees for use in a particular area or for specific areas.

Where income is received for purposes specified by the donor or by the terms of an appeal under which it was raised, that income is shown as restricted in the Statement of Financial Activities. Expenditure for the specified purposes is shown as restricted expenditure. Any unexpended balance at the balance sheet date is carried forward as a restricted reserve.

1.4. **Income**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations – For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated goods, facilities and services – Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

Grants- Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred.

1.5. **Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and gross of any related income. Costs are classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

- Costs of charitable activities comprise direct expenditure. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
- Governance costs include those costs, such as independent examination fees and legal and professional fees, associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6. **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.
Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Improvements to property	20% on a straight-line basis
Plant and equipment	20% on a straight-line basis
Fixtures and fittings	20% on a straight-line basis

Tangible fixed assets acquired using restricted funds are re-classified as unrestricted assets once all funding restrictions are met.

1.7. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are re-viewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision only affects that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key area of estimation uncertainty in these financial statements is the depreciation charge, in 2026 this was £29,629 (2025: £39,276).

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	30,816	1,000	31,816	35,298	-	35,298
Income from Grants	-	68,613	68,613	20,000	173,797	193,797
	30,816	69,613	100,429	55,298	173,797	229,095

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
School visits and events	66,627	-	66,627	53,609	-	53,609
Produce	23,906	-	23,906	18,506	-	18,506
Activity Memberships	5,260	-	5,260	3,944	-	3,944
Bank Interest	1,856	-	1,856	1,720	-	1,720
	97,649	-	97,649	77,779	-	77,779

5. Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of generating funds	466	-	466	1,121	-	1,121

6. Charitable activities

	2026	2025
	£	£
Staff costs	175,873	157,383
Depreciation	29,629	39,276
Insurance and utilities	8,805	6,221
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	7,736	7,005
Site Development	3,987	4,932
Training costs	208	1,364
Consultancy	540	2,000
Events costs	10,037	7,475
Animal costs	10,537	7,693
Growing costs	4,006	5,716
Other costs	7,231	4,669
Management systems	2,464	2,131
	261,053	245,865
Governance costs	2,473	2,475
	263,526	248,340
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	170,445	126,745
Restricted funds	93,081	121,595
	263,526	248,340

7. Governance costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accountancy Fees	2,250	2,358
Legal and professional	-	-
Other governance costs	223	117
Analysed to Charitable Activities	2,473	2,475

8. Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

9. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2026	2025
	Number	Number
	11	10

Employment costs

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	162,874	146,909
Social security costs	5,273	4,376
Pension costs	7,064	6,098
Staff Benefits	662	-
	175,873	157,583

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Improvements to property £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 May 2025	84,187	8,159	108,391	200,737
Additions		550	890	1,440
Disposals	(3,840)	(2,336)	(4,176)	(10,352)
At 30 April 2026	80,347	6,373	105,105	191,825
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2025	54,560	4,694	75,548	134,802
Charged in the year	16,841	1,745	11,043	29,629
Disposals	(3,840)	(2,336)	(4,176)	(10,352)
At 30 April 2026	67,561	4,103	82,415	154,079
Carrying amount				
At 30 April 2026	12,786	2,270	22,690	37,746
At 30 April 2025	29,627	3,465	32,843	65,935

11. Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade Debtors	5,047	8,158
Accrued Income + Prepayments	8,006	27,327
	13,053	35,485

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,958	2,665
Accruals, deferred income and other creditors	3,523	4,441
	6,481	7,106

13. Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £7,064 (2025 - £6,098).

14. Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 May 2025	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 30 April 2026
	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	51,751	-	(50,861)	(890)	-
WISH - National Lottery Partnership	2,070	10,000	(9,607)	-	2,463
Doris Field Trust	603	-	(603)	-	-
OCVA Well Together	3,948	-	(3,948)	-	-
HDH Wills Charitable Trust	18,450	-	(18,450)	-	-
Asda Foundation	485	-	(485)	-	-
Oxford Hub	-	481	(481)	-	-
UV Filter Donation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
OCF - Thriving in Nature	-	31,250	(7,397)	-	23,853
OCVA Well Together 2	-	3,900	(250)	-	3,650
National Lottery - Awards for All	-	19,982	-	-	19,982
National Garden Scheme	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
	77,307	69,613	(93,082)	(890)	52,948

Fixed Asset Purchases - Tangible fixed assets acquired using restricted funds are re-classified and transferred to unrestricted assets once all funding restrictions are met.

14. Restricted funds **(Continued)**

National Lottery – Farm to Fork – Three-year funding from National Lottery's Reaching Communities grant scheme to support the Community Farming and Community Kitchen sessions at the farm and assist in increasing public access.

WISH - National Lottery Partnership – Five-year funding partnered with Cherwell Collective and seven other Oxford organisations to increase the capacity of the WISH hub. Training funding is provided to OCF to run a series of growing workshops and to support other growing activities in the Oxford area.

Doris Field Charitable Trust – Grant to purchase seeds and growing materials.

OCVA Well Together - Grant to work with Rose Hill Primary School to run weekly nurturing sessions for children in Years 4+5.

HDH Wills Charitable Trust - Grant to support the running of our core Community Volunteering and Environmental Stewardship project.

Asda Foundation – Asda Outdoor Community Spaces grant to improve our central farmyard and children's play area.

Oxford Hub – Funding to run school holiday sessions.

UV Filter Donation – Donation to upgrade water extraction and filtration system.

OCF Thriving in Nature – Grant from Thriving in Nature Fund 2025 to run Youth City Farmers Pilot programme to include Work Experience and DofE participants.

OCVA Well Together 2 - Supplementary grant to work with Rose Hill Primary School to run weekly nurturing sessions for children in Years 4+5.

National Lottery Awards for All - Grant from National Lottery's Community Fund to support our community volunteering and wellbeing sessions.

National Garden Scheme – 2026 Community Garden Grant to purchase gardening equipment and materials.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Restricted funds 2026	Total 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 30 April 2025 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	37,746	-	37,746	65,935	-	65,935
Current assets/ (liabilities)	100,249	52,948	153,197	113,615	77,307	190,922
	137,995	52,948	190,943	179,550	77,307	256,857

16. Related party transactions

During the year trustees donated £400 (2025 – £265).