

**Derbyshire Agricultural And Horticultural Society Limited**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**Report and Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Charity No. 208522**  
**Company No. 1869793**

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## Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society Limited

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## Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society Limited

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### Legal and Administrative Information

Registered Charity Number : 208522  
Company Registration Number : 1869793

### Members of the Council

The Council Members at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, all of whom have been in office for the whole of the year unless otherwise stated, were as follows: -

#### Officers:

President	K Slack
Chairman	J. E. Hicklin
Vice Chairman	M. Clifton
Secretary	C. Bowman
Treasurer	K. Oxley

### Ordinary Council Members and Directors

H. Balen	G. Lynam
R. Chapman	A Hicklin
W. A. Gamble	J. E. Hicklin
R.L. Hislop	G. A. Hutchinson
P. J. Hutchinson	T. J. Yates
J Smith	E. A. Whitmore
M. Sharpe	S.A James
M. J. Meachem	K. L Oxley
M. L. Meachem	A Faulkner
M H T Clifton	M C Clifton
A Hicklin	I Martin
B Mitchell	H Martin
A Boneham	

In accordance with the rules of the Society, a third of the members of Council retire each year by rotation and can offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are eligible for re-election at the first Council meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

**Registered Office**

Prospect House  
Millennium Way  
Pride Park  
Derby  
DE24 8HG

**Bankers**

Natwest Bank plc  
Derby City Branch  
7 Market Place  
Derby  
DE1 3ZF

**Trustees' Report of the Council for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The Council presents its Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 December 1984 and registered with the Charity Commission as a registered charity on 30 November 1962.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

**Recruitment and appointment of Council Members**

The current council members are as detailed on page 1.

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**Council Members Induction and Training**

Any new council members are given details of the rules and objectives of the Charity.

Further training is provided on request from the Chairman of the Charity.

**Risk Management**

The Council Members have assessed any significant risks that the Charity may be exposed to and have taken measures to ensure any potential risks are minimised.

An Independent Security firm handles all the cash transactions on the Show day, and the council members consider that this reduces the risk.

**Organisation Structure**

The Council of the Society is responsible for the overall management and control of the charity and regular meetings are held. The Council is also grateful to the many volunteers who give their time to the Society. In total this represents many hours of work which cannot possibly be valued, but without which the Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society would not be as successful.

The Council believes that it is well placed to fulfil the objectives of the charity into the future.

### Objectives and Activities

The charity is established for the promotion of agriculture, horticulture and rural traditions through the staging of the annual Derbyshire County Show.

The Show is aimed at any and all members of the public. It is widely advertised in the City of Derby as well as the surrounding districts and neighbouring counties and the Show attracts several thousand visitors who can see many facets of rural heritage displayed, including animals, trades and skills.

The many exhibitors at the Show benefit from the chance to showcase their livestock, skill or wares to a wider audience than they may be able to access individually; while members of the public visiting the Show are able to benefit by the gathering of many different goods, produce, livestock, attractions and entertainment on one day at a family friendly event.

The Show opens to the public at 8am and closes at 5.30pm. There is a range of cattle, sheep, horse, dog, rabbit, bird, horticultural and Young Farmers' competitions held throughout the day and many of the competitions are qualifying rounds for national competitions such as Crufts and the Horse of the Year Show. Along with this there are many displays of vintage machinery, cars and tractors, Women's Institute, hedge cutting and dry-stone walling. There are classic rides for children including a helter-skelter and carousel. Refreshments are available from a variety of producers. There is as well a main ring with a full programme of displays and entertainment, which has included JCB Dancing Diggers, Monster Truck displays and The Yorkshire Volunteers Marching Band, and every year we also have a Grand Parade of the prizewinning animals in the afternoon.

The Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society operate as an independent charity.

### Achievement and Performance

The 2023 show was a great success, the people of Derby, Derbyshire and the surrounding counties came in good number and the showground was full of sheep and cattle, horses, dogs and a whole variety of other exhibits and trade stands for them to enjoy.

The traffic was well managed ensuring the flow of cars, vans and livestock transporters moved off the road and into the car parks smoothly and the same company also handled the public coming through the gates. The online ticketing system worked a treat, and the preshow ticket sales were fantastic.

We aim to build on this system of allowing preshow online entries across the board and while we will of course continue to take postal applications to give everyone a chance to enter, moving on it should be a great way of saving time, paper and postage.

We remain mindful to keep a tight rein on the budget to sustain the future of the show as many other shows like ours have fallen by the wayside.

It remains the aim of the society to continue to hold the Derbyshire County Show and try to build up our funds to put the society back on a strong financial footing to sustain its future.

**Financial Review**

**Income generation**

Income is up this year following a very successful show.

**Reserves**

The directors believe that with appropriate changes the society can run successful shows in the future and begin to rebuild the reserves.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The council members (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Council Members' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees 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 for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Council Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the 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 council members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Signed on behalf of the Board**

 C Bowman  
(Secretary)

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society Limited.**

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 September 2023 set out on pages 7 to 14.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the council members of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of the 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 company'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 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 aspect:

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 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 accounts to be reached.



Martin Gadsby

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales  
PKF Smith Cooper Limited  
Prospect House  
Millennium Way, Pride Park  
Derby, DE24 8HG  
Date: 20 June 2024

**Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society Limited**

**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations		20,026	-	20,026
Other trading activities		6,521	-	6,521
Charitable activities		131,007	-	131,007
Investment		<u>72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72</u>
<b>Total income</b>	2	<u>157,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,626</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Raising Funds		<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
Charitable activities		120,991	-	120,991
Total Expenditure	3	<u>120,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,991</u>
<b>Net (expenditure) and net movement in Funds for the year</b>		36,635	36,635	24,095
Fund balances brought forward at 1 October 2022		<u>79,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,193</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<u>115,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,828</u>

**The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements**

**Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society Limited**

**Balance Sheet as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	6		1,732		1,143
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stocks		1,428		1,198	
Debtors	7	6,380		6,152	
Cash at Bank		89,646		54,889	
Savings Bond		<u>18,143</u>		<u>18,070</u>	
		115,597		80,309	
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due Within One Year</b>	8	<u>1,501</u>		<u>2,259</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>114,096</u>		<u>78,050</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>115,828</u>		<u>79,193</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>					
Capital Reserve	9		15,798		15,798
Accumulated Reserve	9		<u>100,030</u>		<u>63,395</u>
			<u>115,828</u>		<u>79,193</u>

For the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Director's responsibilities:**

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company's regime within the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved and were signed on its behalf by:

J E Hicklin (Chairman)  


M Clifton (Vice Chair)



**1. Accounting policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society Limited is a charity in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principle activities are the promotion of agriculture, horticulture and rural traditions.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Bulletin 1 published 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

(The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A)

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

**Going Concern**

The council members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. On this basis they continue to adopt the going concern basis in the accounts.

**Income**

Income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income from investments is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The Statement of Financial Activities included the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year, if applicable.

Income is stated gross, except for rent income, which is offset against expenditure as the directors consider that the publication of the full information could be commercially detrimental to the Society.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenses include, where applicable, attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

### **Tax Status**

The Society is a registered charity and is exempt from Income, Corporation or Capital Gains Tax.

### **Value Added Tax**

The Society is a partially exempt body for VAT purposes. Expenditure subject to VAT, which is not recoverable, is shown inclusive of VAT in the financial statements.

### **Tangible Fixed Assets**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Equipment	20% on reducing balance
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### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

### **Operating Leases**

Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the SOFA over the period in which the cost is incurred.

### **Unrestricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. No restricted funds were received during the year.

**Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society Limited**

<b>2. Income</b>	<b>2023 Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>2023 Total Funds</b>	<b>2022 Total Funds</b>
<b>Sponsorship and Donations</b>			
Sponsorship	19,855	19,855	5,545
Donations	171	171	271
	<b>20,026</b>	<b>20,026</b>	<b>5,816</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>			
Fundraising income	-	-	-
Income from showground lets	4,500	4,500	4,075
Subscriptions	1,557	1,557	2,041
Other Incoming Resources	464	464	983
	<b>6,521</b>	<b>6,521</b>	<b>7,099</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Gate receipts and ticket sales	76,919	76,919	68,846
Catalogue and programme sales	1,084	1,084	752
Entry Fees	20,049	20,049	14,249
Trade Stand Entry Fees	18,941	18,941	15,195
Catering concessions	14,014	14,014	11,601
	<b>131,007</b>	<b>131,007</b>	<b>110,643</b>
<b>Investment</b>			
Investment Income	72	72	263
	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>157,626</b>	<b>157,626</b>	<b>123,821</b>

3. Expenditure

	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
<b>Raising funds</b>			
Fundraising costs	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Prize Money	10,275	10,275	7,803
Hire of equipment and facilities	40,963	40,963	34,835
Hire of ground and car parks	-	-	-
Water supply	151	151	60
Contractors and labour costs	20,876	20,876	16,400
Affiliation fees	692	692	784
Displays and entertainment	9,640	9,640	3,535
Catering	7,210	7,210	8,286
Badges, Rosettes etc	4,555	4,555	3,005
Catalogues and programmes	2,330	2,330	2,410
Online Ticket costs	3,581	3,581	3,038
Schedules	705	705	533
Advertising and publicity	3,789	3,789	3,620
Other expenses	1,275	1,275	369
Section secretaries expenses	2,015	2,015	2,780
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	173	173	219
Insurance	270	270	270
Depreciation	156	156	143
	108,656	108,656	88,090
<b>Management and administration</b>			
Section secretaries expenses	6,250	6,250	6,250
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	1,554	1,554	1,975
Insurance	1,330	1,330	1,081
Land maintenance	530	530	-
Bad debts	-	-	-
Computer expenses	222	222	188
Sundry expenses	-	-	195
Depreciation	156	156	143
Bank Charges	1,650	1,650	1,191
	11,692	11,692	11,023
<b>Governance costs</b>			
Independent examiner's fees	643	643	613
Meeting expenses	-	-	-
	643	643	613
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>120,991</b>	<b>120,991</b>	<b>99,726</b>

**4. Staff costs**

No employees received emoluments during the year.

**5. Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**6. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Equipment £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	34,950
Additions	901
Disposals	<u>          -</u>
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<u>35,851</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	33,807
Charge for the Year	312
Eliminated on Disposal	<u>          -</u>
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<u>34,119</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<u>1,732</u>
At 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	<u>1,143</u>

**7. Debtors**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Trade Debtors	-	-
Value Added Tax	993	747
Other Debtors	<u>5,387</u>	<u>5,405</u>
	<u>6,380</u>	<u>6,152</u>

**8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one Year**

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade Creditors	91	135
Other Creditors	<u>1,410</u>	<u>2,124</u>
	<u>1,501</u>	<u>2,259</u>

**9. Unrestricted Funds**

The balance within Capital Reserve represents the net assets taken over from the Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society, following incorporation of the Society on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1984.

	Balance at 01.10.2022	Net Movement in funds	Balance at 30.09.2023
Capital reserve	15,798	-	15,798
Accumulated reserve	<u>63,395</u>	<u>36,635</u>	<u>100,030</u>
	<u>79,193</u>	<u>36,635</u>	<u>115,828</u>

**10. Council Members' Remuneration and Expenses**

The Council Members (Directors) neither received nor waived any emoluments or expenses during the year (2022: £Nil).

**11. Analysis of net assets by fund**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	1,732	-	1,732
Current Assets	115,597	-	115,597
Current Liabilities	<u>(1,501)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,501)</u>
	115,828	-	115,828