



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023



SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

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PATRON 1952-2022

President
Mr J E Robinson

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

Established in 1878 to
promote the Old English
Breed of Cart Horse

Governing Document:
Memorandum of Association and
Articles of Association

Company Limited by Guarantee

Registered in England – Certificate of
Incorporation 12383

Registered Charity No. 210619

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Chief Executive:
Victoria Clayton

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Chair of Board's Report

It gives me great pleasure to wish you a Happy New Year, welcome you to 2024 and reflect on 2023.

2023 was a year when we were able to fully resume a normal way of life and get our horses out and about. It was good to see so many at our National Show at Newark when we had such bad weather, and we were nearly snowed away. The affiliated shows were a great success culminating with excellent classes at the Horse of the Year Show to bring the season to a close.

The SPARKS breeding programme has been taken up by many and we wait to see the anticipated benefits bear fruit for the gene pool by using such a programme.

Our Articles of Association give us a clear framework to work within and allows the Society to progress

with its purpose and objectives – which are to improve the breed and promote the breeding of the Shire Horse, and to educate the public about the Shire Horse and the importance of preserving the breed and its heritage. The Board has put together a Board Governance Pack to ensure that the Society meets the governance standards required of a charity of its size, the Board mitigate risks to the Society, complies with all legal and regulatory requirements and we observe the Charity Governance Code. The Board has also been reviewing policies to give greater guidance to the Society.

We very much look forward to our National Show at Stafford this year, being inside will safeguard the impending weather at this time of year. I hope to see many of you there. We hope that the Heavy Horse Camp continues to be a great success, and

also for our affiliated shows where we can show off our beautiful Shires. I would like to thank all those for making our National Show and Camp such great events.

We are now working on a three-year plan so that we can further the aims and objectives of the Society in a planned, resourced way to ensure that we lay good, clear foundations for the future. This has been done in co-operation with the Council who have brought forward some good ideas to develop.

Finally, I would like to thank my co-Trustees and Board members for their dedication and effort and also thank the office staff and CEO who work tirelessly for the breed on so many fronts.

*Helen Thomas,
Chairman of Board*

Chief Executive's Report

As I sit down to write this, we are at a completely different end of the spectrum weather wise to this time last year, rather than needing thermals and grit; I have sent for supplies to start building an ark! We have however, had the shortest day and winter solstice and therefore the lighter nights will soon be upon us.

The last twelve months have had its challenges, successes, highs, and lows. We focus going forward in 2024 looking at breeding and breeders. This year will be the first year we see how many foals are born within the 'green and yellow' bands for the SPARKS system and we keenly await the new

life that a new year brings. I wish all of our dedicated breeders a safe and successful breeding season. With that in mind, a new initiative borne from the Editing Committee will be in operation, to give back to breeders. Points will be awarded to breeders based on horses showing with their prefix. Points will be awarded at affiliated shows and for a full range of classes. At the end of the season, the breeder with the most points will be awarded the title of 'Breeder of the Year' and £500, second placed £300 and third placed £150. Double points will be awarded for prizes won at the National Show. These prizes have very generously been donated respectively

for this year by Colloe Grove Shires (Jason Holder), David Yates as Luke Evans Bakery and Alderley and Walton Shires (Jonathan Worthington). Our most sincere and grateful thanks to you all.

As ever at this time of year, the office is busy and excited with the thought of the upcoming National Show. We return to the indoor venue of Bingley Hall, Stafford for 2024. There is a feeling of returning 'home' for us in the office, having had four wonderful shows between 2016 and 2019. We hope that competitors, spectators, judges, and officials all enjoy being back under cover; and wish anyone

competing the very best of luck. The return is not without its challenges, namely higher costs, and whilst we have tried to limit passing these to exhibitors, some higher costs are unavoidable and for this we hope you will understand.

We will welcome a new member of the office team in January, Laura, our new Events and Fundraising Co-ordinator. Laura joins us with a wealth of experience, and she will look forward to meeting many of you, our members at the show in March.

Time waits for no one, and it is soon election time again, please take the time to read the CVs of the dedicated

Council members standing for re-election and those new members wishing to be elected. We have some wonderful candidates forward who would all bring expertise, knowledge, and ideas to the table. These members will sit on Committees who in turn aid the Board in the running of the Society. Please do use your vote.

The office staff of Angela, Sue, Carol, Laura, and I are all here to help and along with Council members to encourage newcomers and new members to strive to help to preserve, promote and protect (the three P's) the horse that put the Great into Britain.

My job is to help with the 'three P's'

and to look at the bigger picture to help and to create demand and sustainability for the Shire horse for generations to come, for which I am deeply committed. I simply ask that we work together to continue to demonstrate why the Shire horse is the iconic, majestic and instantly most recognisable horse in the world.

On behalf of the Shire Horse Society, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members for your continued support and love of the breed.

*Victoria Clayton,
Chief Executive*

Chair of Council's Report

In 1974 I was elected by the membership to join the Shire Horse Society's Council attending my first meeting at Devonshire Street in London. I never envisaged being made Chairman of Council. Seeing many changes from the introduction of the stallion scheme, grants and approval, to a Spring Show move from a weekday to the weekend, Shire Horse of the Year and a move from Peterborough to Rockingham.

The Shire Horse Society took a new route in 2021 by creating a Board of Trustees in charge of the charity status taking an independent view.

There is now a Vice Chairman who will succeed me when I retire.

Council is the eyes and ears of the Society being voted for by the membership every year. There are some strong-minded people on Council that are passionate about the breed and their opinions over the years. A number of members have resigned over the years over different opinions, and it is only right and democratic as long as they conduct themselves in a correct manner.

This year there was a need to call an extra meeting to discuss matters

brought forward by the various chairs and their committees.

Change is not always easy, and things have to be discussed and debated before being accepted.

It has been a privilege to work and support the Shire Horse Society over the years of which on the whole I have enjoyed.

*Jim Yates
Chairman of Council*

Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Members of the Shire Horse Society will be held on Friday 8th March 2024 in the Boden Room, Staffordshire County Showground Pavilion, at 4.30pm

AGENDA:

- 1. WELCOME ADDRESS.**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2023.**
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**
- 5. RECEIVE REPORT OF COUNCIL & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**
- 6. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.**
- 7. ELECTION OF HONORARY TREASURER**
- 8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.**
- 9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER.**
- 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

*By Order of the Council
Victoria Clayton, Chief Executive*

AGM Minutes

Minutes of the Shire Horse Society's Annual General Meeting held on Friday 10th March 2023 in the Sir Stuart Goodwin Pavilion at Newark Showground at 4:30pm.

PRESENT:

Mr J Robinson (President)	Mr S J Peacock (Chair of Show Committee)
Mrs H Thomas (Chair of Board)	Mrs Y Simmons (Chair of Training & Education Committee)
Mr T J Yates (Chair of Council)	Mrs W Toomer-Harlow
Mr J W Clarke (Honorary Treasurer & Board Trustee)	(Chair of Strategy & Development Committee)
Ms L Archer (Chair of Editing & Training Committee)	Mr D Baker (CFW Accountants LLP)

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Mrs D Badger	Mr T Froggatt	Mr E Leverett	Mrs H Preece	Mrs P L Wass
Mr M Barnett	Mr M Gath	Mrs S Leverett	Mr G J Rawlins	Mr J Verhoeven
Mrs D Bingham	Mr J Goodwin	Mr S Leverett	Mr M Rendle	Mrs N Verhoeven
Mr M Bingham	Miss C Harrison	Mr G Livesey	Mr F Richardson	Mr C Wilkins
Mr P Bower	Mrs R L Harvey	Mr S Livesey	Mr P Shipman	Mrs A Worthington
Mr R Brewster	Mr J Hick	Mr S Macey-Bracken	Mr P Simmons	Miss E Worthington
Mr A H Brown	Mr C Horler	Mr M J Martin	Miss L Trotter	Mr J Worthington
Miss H Carr	Mr D Iles	Mr D Moulard	Mr D Walker	Mrs J Wordsworth
Mr P J Cockcroft	Miss J Jones	Miss L Parr	Mr A J Wass	Mrs S Yates
Mrs S Cockcroft	Mr M King			
Miss C Eagle	Mr S Ledsham			

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss V L Clayton (Chief Executive)	Mrs S M Fox (Administration)
Mrs C Coles (Accounts)	Miss A Whiteway (Registrations)

1. WELCOME ADDRESS

The Chair of the Board, Mrs H Thomas welcomed members to the AGM and then introduced the Society's new President Mr J Robinson who will be in office for two years. Mr Robinson's family firm, Frederic Robinson (Robinsons Brewery) has a long relationship with Shire horses.

The President said he was no expert on Shire horses but his love for the breed stems from seeing the horses at the brewery and learning about them from Mr John Walker. The President added Robinsons Brewery not only have working Shires at the brewery but have also embarked on a breeding programme. He is proud to be President of the Society and offered his telephone number and email via the Chief Executive to those who wished to speak to him about Society matters. The President added he hoped to meet many members over the weekend and throughout his tenure.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr N Andrews, Mr A Atkin, Mr B Banham, Mr H Bedford, Mr W Bedford, Mr Wm Bedford, Mr J Burks, Mr M Burks, Mr J Clayton, Mrs J Clayton, Mr P Clayton, Miss J-A Clubley, Mr C Dawson, Miss S Field, Mrs S Flintham, Mrs L Froggatt, Mrs D Green, Mrs E Green, Mr R Green, Mr S Green, Mr R Griffith, Mr C Horler, Mr M Horler, Mrs T Horler, Miss L Hudd, Mr B Morgan, Mrs B Morgan, Mrs J Muntz-Torres, Mrs D Nulty, Mrs M Rendle, Mr P Ryder-Davies, Mr F M Richardson, Mr G Robinson, Mr D Shardlow, Mr C Trenchard Jarrett, Mr D Worthington and Mr D Yates.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2022.

The Minutes had been circulated to all members in the Annual Report and Accounts 2022.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The President asked if there were any matters arising from the Minutes. There were no matters arising and Mr P Shipman proposed the Minutes should be signed as a true and correct record. Mr P Bower seconded the proposal. Members agreed.

4. RECEIVE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr J W Clarke took Members through the accounts for the year ending September 2022 as set out in the Annual Report & Accounts.

Mr Clarke said in 2022 the Society received a surprise legacy which has helped the Society's funds. The Heavy Horse Camp and National Shire Horse Show both realised a small profit and investments have recovered after Covid and the Ukrainian war.

The accounts are in good shape and James Sharp Investments manage the Society's investments well. Expenditure is up on the previous year but on the whole, they are in better shape and the impact of the Ukrainian war has not been as dramatic on the accounts as was initially thought.

The Honorary Treasurer reported that membership needs to grow and asked members to help recruit more people. More help is needed from Gift Aid donations. He added money is being invested in the new SPARKS (breeding programme).

Balance Sheet: Cash in the bank is high, due to legacies at the time the accounts were finalised and overall, in good shape. The Honorary Treasurer stated officials are doing their best they can with the accounts, and he was pleased to see a good recovery

following on from the Covid years. Trends are positive and encouraging.

Chair of Board, Mrs H Thomas invited members to ask questions.

Council member, Mr J Worthington asked if legacy money is 'squandered' on running costs. He added that those who leave a legacy for a particular purpose should have their request respected. The Chair and Honorary Treasurer confirmed that such money is directed to the right areas and legacies with a particular purpose are directed to the areas in which the instruction was received. The SPARKS breeding programme is funded by legacy money.

There being no further questions Mrs W Toomer-Harlow proposed that the Accounts for the year ending 2022 should be adopted, and Mrs D Badger seconded the proposal. All agreed.

5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The Chair reported that two new Trustees were co-opted to the Board, Mr James Hick and Mr Simon Livesey. During this time both have been valued members and contributed to the work of the Shire Horse Society. Mr Hick is the Chief Executive of the British Horse Society and owns Shire horses which he shows in hand.

Mrs H Thomas proposed that Mr J Hick is appointed to the Board of Trustees. Mrs D Badger seconded this. All agreed.

Mr Simon Livesey runs a family business which grows, packs and distributes woodland mushrooms, which has become one of the largest in Europe. He runs a pedigree herd of Hereford cattle as well as breeding Shire horses.

Mrs H Thomas proposed that Mr S Livesey be appointed to the Board of

Trustees. Mr T J Yates seconded this. All agreed.

Members voted in favour of Messrs. Hick and Livesey. Mr J Hick - 98%; Mr S Livesey - 88%.

Both Mr Hick and Mr Livesey were successfully appointed to the Board of Trustees.

6. RE-ELECTION OF TRUSTEE/HON. TREASURER

The Chair explained to members that as per the Articles of Association, one third of Trustees retire on an annual basis.

Mr James Clarke has since tendered his resignation and unfortunately has taken the decision not to stand for re-election.

Mr Clarke was appointed President of the Shire Horse Society in 2018, after which he took on the role of Honorary Treasurer of the Society from Mr Richard Fuller.

The Chair thanked Mr Clarke for all the work he had done with the Shire Horse Society and presented him with a memento from the Society.

7. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr D Baker from CFW Accountants LLP who acted as the Scrutineers confirmed they had received 265 voting papers of which 260 were counted.

The Candidates duly elected were:

Mr W Bedford (147)
Mr J Holder (139)
Mr S J Peacock (136)
Mr L M Fountain (135)
Mr M Bedford (132)
Mr D Worthington (126)
Mr D Shardlow (123)
Mr D Yates (114)

Mr P Shipman (112)
Mrs Y Simmons (107)
Miss A Chetwood (103)
Mr J Fairbairn (89)

The Council members were duly elected and congratulated. Grateful thanks were recorded to Mr D Baker and CFW Accountants LLP for their assistance.

8. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mrs Y Simmons proposed that CFW Accountants LLP should be re-appointed as the Society's Independent Examiners. This was seconded by Mr J Clarke and approved by the majority. Mr D Baker was thanked for all his help.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no further matters relating to the accounts and the Chair formally closed the AGM at 4:51pm.

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 September 2023

For Shire Horse Society

CFW Accountants LLP
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 00012383 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 210619

Report of the Trustees

The Board of Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) as applicable to charities in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity, in accordance with the applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice - UK GAAP), including FRS102; The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The Society's principal objective is the improvement and promotion of the English Cart Horse, more particularly, the Shire Horse, and to this end, maintaining a Stud Book in which are entered the names of all registered Shire Horses complying with the conditions for the time being applied by the Society.

To meet the objective the Society has established an expert Judging Panel, introduced a comprehensive system of DNA testing for all Pedigree animals and devised a Stallion inspection scheme in order to ensure that male animals used for breeding meet strict conformation and health criteria and introduced training courses.

The Society is generously assisted in its breeding policies by a grant from the Horserace Betting Levy Board which itself sets strict conditions for grant payment. The grant aided work is regularly reviewed by both parties in order to ensure its effectiveness.

The Charity has due regard during the year to the guidance published by the Charities Commission on public benefit.

NATIONAL SHIRE HORSE SHOW 2023

The National Show returned in 2023, held outdoors at Newark and Nottinghamshire County Showground. It was a successful show despite poor weather, large numbers of visitors attended and the quality of animals on display was clear for all to see. The show in 2024 will return to an indoor venue in Stafford. The venue has been historically very popular with the exhibitors and the members and the return indoors will hopefully see an increase in visitors on the numbers for 2023.

EXPORTS

Specific numbers of horses exported are no longer recorded. Records from Stud Book entries and overseas attendance at the National Show indicate that the demand for quality horses abroad continues to be strong. Society members do not always notify the Society of exports therefore it is difficult to maintain accurate export figures.

MERCHANDISING AND MARKETING

The Society attended 16 events and shows including the two foal shows and three demonstration events in 2023. There has been significant promotion where possible and use of the website for sales of merchandise where possible. The Society is deeply indebted to the help of its volunteers and very much hope those and others wish to be a part of the marketing of the Society this coming year.

STALLION PREMIUM SCHEME

The Editing Committee have removed the premium scheme in its entirety. Other funding and grants will be given to breeders from 2023 onwards.

SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY APPROVED CENTRES

The approved centres offer visitor experience and training facilities. The Trustees continue to consider the options available and develop a programme of activities that yield the maximum educational, training and promotional benefits for the Society and supporters.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES NATIONAL SHIRE HORSE TRUST FUND

The financial objective of the Society remains to increase the accumulated fund at a rate not less than inflation for the

current year thus ensuring that the purchasing power of the fund is maintained. The financial attitude of the Society remains to pursue a break even position financially, without the historic dependence on donations or legacies. By doing so, any excess income can be utilised in a more beneficial way for the breed generally.

The Trust Fund is used firstly and most importantly to further the Society's charitable objectives including the promotion of the Shire Horse both at home and overseas and to also meet the Society's operating costs. In addition, the Society is required to contribute to the Stallion Fund at a level of 20% of the funding received from the Horserace Betting Levy Board. The Society's contribution is taken from the Trust Fund.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements show an overall increase in net funds of £268,883 (2022: increase £256,960) as shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Society received legacy income totalling £395,528 (2022: £440,162). This source of revenue remains important to the Society in improving the capital base and investment income. The Board of Trustees has agreed it is not appropriate to rely on legacy income.

At the balance sheet date the Society had unrealised gains in the value of its portfolios of £29,056 (2022: unrealised losses £121,162). The market value of the Society's investments at the end of the year was £682,703 (2022: £653,647) and is higher than their original cost of £323,723.

Improved rates of investment returns saw a slight increase in investment income at £25,970 (2022: £24,355). There was also interest received on the investments that have not been seen before at £2,666.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Prospects, as ever for 2024 remain increasingly challenging, but with net assets valued at £1,421,023 (2022: £1,152,140) the Society is well placed to continue to assist Shire Breeders and encourage new owners.

The Society continues to invest heavily in the National Show as it is viewed by Trustees as an essential tool to promote the Shire both at home and overseas.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board of Trustees will continue to review the systems that are in place to mitigate the Society's exposure to major risks.

RESERVES POLICY

The Society maintains a prudent level of reserves to generate income to help fund the activities that further the Society's charitable aims and objectives. This income is intended to counter large fluctuations in irregular income such as legacies and help fund the National Show.

The Trustees continue to maintain a greater proportion of reserves in short term cash deposits to protect the Society from the volatile nature of equity and bond markets.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Society is no longer required to undertake a full audit, CFW Accountants LLP have undertaken an independent examiner's review and their report is enclosed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT SOCIETY GOVERNANCE

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Society's governing document was reviewed and the adoption of new Articles of Association took place on 14th

December 2021.

The Charity is governed by Board of Trustees who meet at least four times a year. The Board with the support of the Council has established a committee structure to deal directly with specific aspects of the Society's affairs. These Board and committees currently are:

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES dealing with financial matters and the day to day operation of the Society along with the CEO.

The EDITING COMMITTEE are responsible for all matters relating to the Stud Book, breeding programme and pedigrees.

The TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE are responsible for the education of the public about the Shire Horse, running training events and programmes for the membership and the appointment, training and maintenance of an expert and active panel of Judges.

The SHOW COMMITTEE are responsible for all matters relating to the running of the National Show.

The STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE identify areas of strength and weaknesses within the Society. It is to promote and deliver new initiatives that provide for succession within the Society, including youth schemes and its sustainability for the long term.

The DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE deal with all matters concerning the conduct of Members.

All Council and Committee members are volunteers who receive no payment for their services. The National Show in March, is also run, in part, by Stewards who give their time in a voluntary capacity.

Council, Committees and Officials

RETIRE 2024

P Bower, Essex
M Burks, Lincolnshire
J C Etches, Derbyshire
L E Harrison, Co. Durham
M A Horler, Somerset
C Malkin, Shropshire
Mrs D E Nulty, Cheshire
Mrs H Preece, Cheshire
D Roberts, Devon
Mrs W Toomer-Harlow, Essex
B A Winn, Lincolnshire

RETIRE 2025

Mrs D Badger, Tamworth
Wm Bedford, Yorkshire
J Burks, Lincolnshire
Miss C Eagle, Suffolk
Mrs S Flintham, Nottinghamshire
R Griffith, Wales
C Horler, Somerset
S Ledsham, Shropshire
G Rawlins, Tamworth
F M Richardson, Yorkshire
J Worthington, Cheshire
T J Yates, Derbyshire

RETIRE 2026

W Bedford, Yorkshire
M Bedford, Yorkshire
A Chetwood, Cheshire
J Fairbairn, Northumberland
L M Fountain, Derbyshire
J Holder, Gloucestershire
S J Peacock, Essex
D Shardlow, Cheshire
P Shipman, Lincolnshire
Mrs Y Simmons, Shropshire
D Worthington, Cheshire
D Yates, Derbyshire

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs H Thomas (Board Chair), **Mr T J Yates** (Chairman of Council), **Mr Simon Livesey**, **Mr James Hick**.

EDITING COMMITTEE

Miss L Archer (Chairman) Mr P Ryder-Davies & Mr B Ryder-Davies (Honorary Veterinary Surgeons), Mr J Holder, Mr D Roberts, Mr P Shipman, Mr C Malkin (co-opt), Mr J Worthington, Mr B Winn, Mr D Yates.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs Y Simmons (Chair), Mrs D Badger, Miss C Eagle, Mr R Griffith, Mr M Richardson, Mr M Bingham (co-opt).

SHOW COMMITTEE

Mr S J Peacock (Chairman), Mr A Peacock (Chief Steward), Mr M Bedford, Mr A Brown (co-opt), Miss A Chetwood, Mrs D Nulty, Mrs B Harvey (co-opt), Mr M Burks (co-opt), Mr C Horler.

STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs W Toomer-Harlow (Chair), Mrs H Preece, Mr G Rawlins, Miss M Langley (co-opt), Mr D Shardlow, Mr J Fairbairn.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The President, two Past Presidents or past deputies, two past chairs, a solicitor.

HONORARY TREASURER

Mr D Clarke.

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc, Church Street, Peterborough

ACCOUNTANTS AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

CFW Accountants LLP, 3 Weekley Wood Close, Kettering, NN14 1UQ

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Victoria Clayton MRICS FAAV

STUD BOOK AND REGISTRATIONS

Miss Angela Whiteway

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: 00012383 (Eng and Wales)

Registered Charity number: 210619

Registered Office:
The Old Dairy
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Rockingham
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TRUSTEES

T J Yates
J W Clarke (resigned 10.03.23)
Mrs H Thomas

S Livesey (appointed 15.11.22)
J Hick (appointed 15.11.22)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Miss V Clayton

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner David Ian Baker FCCA, CFW Accountants LLP, Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers, 3 Weekley Wood Close, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 1UQ

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

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Victoria Clayton
Secretary
16th January 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY ('THE COMPANY')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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 STATEMENT

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 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.

David Ian Baker FCCA
CFW Accountants LLP
Chartered Accountants & Business Advisers
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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	428,287	35,000	463,287	489,874
Charitable activities					
Membership subscriptions	5	42,484	-	42,484	41,555
Direct charitable purpose		131,790	-	131,790	167,895
Other trading activities	3	7,209	-	7,209	8,399
Investment income	4	28,636	-	28,636	24,355
Total		638,406	35,000	673,406	732,078
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	67,064	-	67,064	53,051
Charitable activities					
Shire horse show	7	103,767	-	103,767	77,871
Stud book fees, sales and service books		125,266	-	125,266	102,999
Membership subscriptions		36,135	-	36,135	32,296
Support costs		57,062	-	57,062	47,067
Direct charitable purpose		-	30,730	30,730	27,701
Shire/Heavy horse camp		13,555	-	13,555	12,971
Total		402,849	30,730	433,579	353,956
Net gains/(losses) on investments		29,056	-	29,056	(121,162)
NET INCOME		264,613	4,270	268,883	256,960
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,034,813	117,327	1,152,140	895,180
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,299,427	121,596	1,421,023	1,152,140

Balance Sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	21,983	-	21,983	27,398
Investments	14	561,107	121,596	682,703	653,647
		<u>583,090</u>	<u>121,596</u>	<u>704,686</u>	<u>681,045</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	15	8,412	-	8,412	10,719
Debtors	16	28,894	-	28,894	20,212
Cash at bank and in hand		700,700	-	700,700	461,797
		<u>738,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>738,006</u>	<u>492,728</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(21,669)	-	(21,669)	(21,633)
		<u>716,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>716,337</u>	<u>471,095</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,299,427</u>	<u>121,596</u>	<u>1,421,023</u>	<u>1,152,140</u>
NET ASSETS					
FUNDS		<u>1,299,427</u>	<u>121,596</u>	<u>1,421,023</u>	<u>1,152,140</u>
Unrestricted funds	19			1,299,427	1,034,813
Restricted funds				121,596	117,327
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,421,023</u>	<u>1,152,140</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue and were signed on its behalf by:

T J Yates - Trustee
H Thomas - Trustee
J Hick - Trustee
S Livesey - Trustee

Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash generated from operations	21	210,267	334,312
Net cash provided by operating activities		210,267	334,312
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		2,666	-
Dividends received		25,970	24,355
Net cash provided by investing activities		28,636	24,355
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		238,903	358,667
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		461,797	103,130
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		700,700	461,797

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

General information and basis of preparation
Shire Horse Society is a private company, limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £5 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 12 of these financial statements.

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 issued in October 2019, 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 financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income is shown within four main categories in the Statement of Financial Activities:

Voluntary income
Activities for generated funds
Investment income
Incoming resources from charitable activities

Voluntary income includes bequests and donations, and are accounted for at the time of arising.

Gifts in kind are accounted for by recognising as an incoming resource at a reasonable estimate of their fair value. 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.

Activities for generated funds include proceeds from commercial trading activities.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares. Dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Incoming resources from charitable activities include membership subscriptions, proceeds relating to the Shire Horse Show and income from the maintenance of a Shire Horse database.

EXPENDITURE

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Paintings	2% on cost less residual value
Motor Vehicles	25% on reducing balance
Office equipment	25% on reducing balance

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

TAXATION

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes, and include the following:

The Farriery Fund is established to promote farriery skills and improve animal welfare.

The Stallion Fund is established to encourage stallion ownership, the purpose of which is appropriate genetic diversity.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

DONATED SERVICES

No income or expense is recognised in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP 2019, however further detail is included in the Trustees' Annual Report.

DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Debtors receivable / creditors payable within one year are measured at transaction price (less any impairment losses on debtors for bad and doubtful debts). Loans and other financial assets / liabilities are initially measured at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method (less any impairment losses on debtors) for bad and doubtful debts.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at their fair value. Unrealised gains on the revaluation of investments are included on the

Statement of Financial Activities.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Government grants are recognised on an accrual basis and are classified as either 'revenue-based' grant or a 'capital-based' grant.

The grants relating to revenue are recognised in income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate. The grant which becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs is recognised in income in the period that it become receivable.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Legacies	395,528	-	395,528	440,162
Grants	-	35,000	35,000	30,000
Sponsorships and donations	32,759	-	32,759	19,712
	<u>428,287</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>463,287</u>	<u>489,874</u>

In 2023 the income from donations and legacies was £463,287 (2022: £489,874) of which £35,000 (2022: £30,000) was attributable to restricted income funds, with the balance of £428,287 (2022: £459,875) adding to unrestricted funds.

Included in sponsorships and donations is Gift Aid of £1,212 (2022: £695).

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Horserace Betting Levy Board Grant	<u>35,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Sale of goods	<u>7,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,209</u>	<u>8,399</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Listed investments	25,970	-	25,970	24,355
Bank interest received	2,666	-	2,666	-
	<u>28,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,636</u>	<u>24,355</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Membership subscriptions £	Direct charitable purpose £	2023 Total activities £	2022 Total activities £
Shire horse show	-	60,134	60,134	82,322
Stud book fees, sales and service books	-	44,110	44,110	44,601
Sundry sales and other income	-	11,154	11,154	20,458
Stallion fund	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Membership subscriptions	35,380	-	35,380	33,630
Life membership subscriptions	7,104	-	7,104	7,925
Shire/Heavy horse camp	-	14,392	14,392	18,514
	<u>42,484</u>	<u>131,790</u>	<u>174,274</u>	<u>209,450</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Raising donations and legacies				
Marketing and merchandise costs	11,513	-	11,513	10,263
Attendance at shows and events	15,129	-	15,129	9,448
Support costs	40,422	-	40,422	33,340
	<u>67,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,064</u>	<u>53,051</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Shire horse show	103,767	-	103,767
Stud book fees, sales and service books	15,889	109,377	125,266
Membership subscriptions	5,224	30,911	36,135
Support costs	-	57,062	57,062
Direct charitable purpose	30,730	-	30,730
Shire/Heavy horse camp	13,555	-	13,555
	<u>169,165</u>	<u>197,350</u>	<u>366,515</u>

In 2023 the expenditure on charitable activities was £366,515 (2022: £300,905) of which £30,730 (2022: £27,701) was expenditure from restricted funds and £335,785 (2022: £273,204) was from unrestricted funds.

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Administration charge £	Professional fess £	Shire horse of the year championship £	Totals £
Raising donations and legacies	32,852	6,333	1,237	40,422
Stud book fees, sales and service books	88,895	17,135	3,347	109,377
Membership subscriptions	25,122	4,843	946	30,911
Support costs	46,378	8,939	1,745	57,062
	<u>193,247</u>	<u>37,250</u>	<u>7,275</u>	<u>237,772</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation - owned assets	5,415	7,220

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	89,867	85,036
Social security costs	2,818	3,190
Other pension costs	1,917	1,790
	<u>94,602</u>	<u>90,016</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Administrative staff	4	4

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

Included in the accounts is a charge of £3,680 (2022: £3,550) in respect of the Independent Examiner's remuneration.

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Paintings £	Motor Vehicles £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023	5,765	48,311	17,639	71,715
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2022	-	31,116	13,201	44,317
Charge for year	-	4,301	1,114	5,415
At 30 September 2023	-	35,417	14,315	49,732
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2023	5,765	12,894	3,324	21,983
At 30 September 2022	5,765	17,195	4,438	27,398

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2022	653,647
Revaluations	29,056
At 30 September 2023	682,703
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2023	682,703
At 30 September 2022	653,647

Listed investments includes £16,558 (2022: £17,680) held outside the UK. All investments are held primarily for an investment return.

15. STOCKS

	2023 £	2022 £
Goods held for resale	8,412	10,719

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	4,690	3,990
Other debtors	-	1,292
VAT	334	-
Prepayments and accrued income	23,870	14,930
	28,894	20,212

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	9,268	10,847
Social security and other taxes	1,314	1,264
VAT	-	779
Other creditors	1,146	1,281
Accruals and deferred income	9,941	7,462
	21,669	21,633

18. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	12,500	12,500
Between one and five years	9,375	21,875
	21,875	34,375

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
National Shire Horse Trust Fund	1,034,813	264,614	1,299,427
Restricted funds			
Farriery Fund	3,389	-	3,389
Stallion Fund	113,938	4,269	118,207
	<u>117,327</u>	<u>4,269</u>	<u>121,596</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,152,140</u>	<u>268,883</u>	<u>1,421,023</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
National Shire Horse Trust Fund	638,406	(402,848)	29,056	264,614
Restricted funds				
Stallion Fund	35,000	(30,731)	-	4,269
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>673,406</u>	<u>(433,579)</u>	<u>29,056</u>	<u>268,883</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
National Shire Horse Trust Fund	780,152	254,661	1,034,813
Restricted funds			
Farriery Fund	3,389	-	3,389
Stallion Fund	111,639	2,299	113,938
	<u>115,028</u>	<u>2,299</u>	<u>117,327</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>895,180</u>	<u>256,960</u>	<u>1,152,140</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
National Shire Horse Trust Fund	702,079	(326,256)	121,162	254,661
Restricted funds				
Stallion Fund	29,999	(27,700)	-	2,299
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>732,078</u>	<u>(353,956)</u>	<u>(121,162)</u>	<u>256,960</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
National Shire Horse Trust Fund	780,152	519,275	1,299,427
Restricted funds			
Farriery Fund	3,389	-	3,389
Stallion Fund	111,639	6,568	118,207
	<u>115,028</u>	<u>6,568</u>	<u>121,596</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>895,180</u>	<u>525,843</u>	<u>1,421,023</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
National Shire Horse Trust Fund	1,340,485	(729,104)	(92,106)	519,275
Restricted funds				
Stallion Fund	64,999	(58,431)	-	6,568
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,405,484</u>	<u>(787,535)</u>	<u>(92,106)</u>	<u>525,843</u>

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2023.

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	268,883	256,960
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	5,415	7,220
(Gain)/losses on investments	(29,056)	121,162
Interest received	(2,666)	-
Dividends received	(25,970)	(24,355)
Decrease in stocks	2,307	233
Increase in debtors	(8,682)	(1,244)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	36	(25,664)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>210,267</u>	<u>334,312</u>

22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.10.22 £	Cash flow £	At 30.9.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>461,797</u>	<u>238,903</u>	<u>700,700</u>
	<u>461,797</u>	<u>238,903</u>	<u>700,700</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>461,797</u></u>	<u><u>238,903</u></u>	<u><u>700,700</u></u>

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Legacies	395,528	440,162
Grants	35,000	30,000
Sponsorships and donations	32,759	19,712
	<u>463,287</u>	<u>489,874</u>
Other trading activities		
Sale of goods	7,209	8,399
Investment income		
Listed investments	25,970	24,355
Bank interest received	2,666	-
	<u>28,636</u>	<u>24,355</u>
Charitable activities		
Shire horse show	60,134	82,322
Stud book fees, sales and service books	44,110	44,601
Sundry sales and other income	11,154	20,458
Stallion fund	2,000	2,000
Membership subscriptions	35,380	33,630
Life membership subscriptions	7,104	7,925
Shire/Heavy horse camp	14,392	18,514
	<u>174,274</u>	<u>209,450</u>
Total incoming resources	673,406	732,078
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Marketing and merchandise costs	11,513	10,263
Attendance at shows and events	15,129	9,448
	<u>26,642</u>	<u>19,711</u>
Charitable activities		
Shire horse show	100,537	77,871
Studbook, sales and service book costs	15,889	12,787
Silver spoons and membership recruitment costs	5,224	6,801
Stallion premiums	9,115	16,863
Stallion approvals	5,032	9,627
Carried forward	135,797	123,949

Election of Trustees and Honorary Treasurer

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Brought forward
Stallion travelling
Stallion premium foals
Stallion semen storage
Shire/Heavy horse camp
Judges assessments and seminars

2023	2022
£	£
135,797	123,949
3,702	102
6,500	-
1,078	1,109
13,555	12,971
8,533	-
<u>169,165</u>	<u>138,131</u>

SUPPORT COSTS

Administration charge

Salaries
Social security
Pensions
Postage
Printing and stationery
Meeting expenses
Bank charges
Promotion, advertising and website
Establishment costs
Sundry expenses
Irrecoverable VAT
PAYE interest
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

89,867	85,036
2,818	3,190
1,917	1,790
8,272	8,902
7,751	7,169
5,745	3,442
5,593	5,400
5,818	4,973
29,096	25,759
1,967	2,182
28,988	10,415
-	8
5,415	7,220
<u>193,247</u>	<u>165,486</u>

Professional fees

Accountancy charges
Professional and consultancy fees
Independent examiner's remuneration

3,815	3,988
29,755	15,795
3,680	3,550
<u>37,250</u>	<u>23,333</u>

Shire horse of the year championship

Net deficit
Total resources expended

7,275	7,295
<u>433,579</u>	<u>353,956</u>

NET INCOME

<u>239,827</u>	<u>378,122</u>
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HELEN THOMAS DL

Since Henry Weston founded Westons Cider in the Herefordshire village of Much Marcle in 1880 there have been five generations of Westons spanning the business. Helen Thomas, Henry's great-granddaughter, became its first female Managing Director in 1996.

During her 20+ years in the role Helen has spearheaded Westons' growth; taking turnover from £5.5m to more than £65m. The company now employs two hundred and thirty people. One of the largest independent family cider makers in the UK today, Westons makes a broad range of premium drinks with its key brands including Stowford Press, Henry Westons, Old Rosie, and Mortimer's Orchard. They use traditional methods in their cider making process, skills passed down through the generations. Their brands are now widely available throughout the UK as well as in over forty

countries globally.

Helen spear-headed the creation of a new visitor centre as a diversification exercise, and was able to bring Shire Horses back to Westons with Pride and Prince being purchased in 1991. Shire Horses are still at Westons and are always very popular with visitors. Helen also has two home-bred Shires at home.

Helen is a past Chair of the National Association of Cidermakers, a role she has occupied on two occasions. She became the first female to be appointed Chair in 2005 and recently undertook a second two-year term between 2016 and 2018. She is a member of the NACM Pomology Group.

Helen held the honorary position of President of Three Counties Agricultural Society in 2019-20 and is a Vice-President of the Shire Horse Society.



She became a Deputy Lieutenant of Herefordshire in 2011 and is a Trustee of John Masefield High School, Hereford Cider Museum and Chair of the Buchanan Trust.

JOHN ROBINSON

John Robinson's family run Robinsons Brewery based in Stockport in Cheshire. Mr Robinson works for the company who are great supporters of the Shire horse and Society, so much so, they have had Shire horses in their business for over one hundred years. With the decline in the breed, Robinsons Brewery in 2018 embarked on their own breeding programme to help preserve and promote the Shire horse and have since welcomed some super foals.

Mr Robinson is the current President of

the Shire Horse Society, and the breed is important to him and the industry that he works in, without the famous Shire he said as a business they would not be where they are today – nor for that matter would our great country. They are a huge part of their history, and he very much hopes for them to be a huge part of their future.

Their working Shires can be seen at the brewery's Society approved visitor centre, at shows or around the streets of Stockport.



DAVID CLARKE

A Chartered Accountant who qualified in 2008 and was made a Fellow in 2018. I have experience of audit and accounting for companies and charities gained through a practice training contract with clients ranging from farmers, landowners, local charities, and trading companies. My work experience covers not-for-profit organisation to large, listed companies. I currently work in a manufacturing business overseeing all elements of

the business, reporting and risk. My family have a farming business which has always had horses. From a young age I would often visit John Segrave who breeds shire horses and I have been fascinated by the breed since. I am pleased to be part of this historic organisation and will do all I can to further the Charity and help it meet its objectives.



HUW MURPHY

Huw Murphy is the seventh-generation owner of Dyfed Shire Horse Farm a Shire Horse Society approved visitor centre located in Pembrokeshire, Wales a farm which has been owned by the family since 1849. This farm is currently the only non-English located visitor centre and offers visitors an opportunity to see and interact with Shire Horses in farm activities. The farm supports and sponsors many local charities and local organisations. Huw's love for Shire Horses came from growing up and assisting his grandfather Mr J R Lewis who himself was a ploughman and breeder of note whose Shires were exported to many countries to include Germany and the USA. Huw's mother Enid a then dairy farmer opened the farm to the public in 1992 as a means of offsetting the cost of Shire Horse ownership on the death of her father Mr Lewis.

Huw is married to Nikki and have two children, namely Joseff who is currently at the University of East Anglia and Erin who is on a gap year following completion of her studies at Peter Symonds College, Winchester.

Huw and his family are well known within the Shire Horse fraternity, especially in South and West Wales. Dyfed Shires are probably most well-known for their success in supplying a number of Shire Horses to the Household Cavalry for use as "Drum Horses" for ceremonial parades such as Trooping the Colour and State Visits. At Trooping the Colour 2023 both Shire Horses on parade, namely Apollo and Juno commenced their learning at Dyfed Shires with home bred Juno the first female Shire to perform in this role since this event was first held in 1661.

Huw graduated with a degree in History in 1989, then serving as a police officer for 30 years, the vast majority as an armed response officer. During his later years Huw balanced policing with becoming increasingly involved with Dyfed Shires which was purchased from a family member.

In May 2022 Huw stood as an Independent candidate and was subsequently elected as a County Councillor for the Newport & Dinas Ward of Pembrokeshire County



Council. Huw is a member of a number of committees to include being the Chair of the Schools and Learning Scrutiny Committee.

In the spare time at his disposal Huw enjoys outdoor activities, political and current affairs, attending rugby and football internationals both home and away and visiting family members in the Falkland Islands as often as time allows.

Election of Council Members

Council members who retire in 2024 and have confirmed their intention to stand for re-election this year:

P L Bower, Essex
M Burks, Lincolnshire
J Etches, Derbyshire
L E Harrison, Co. Durham

C Malkin, Shropshire
Mrs D E Nulty, Cheshire
Mrs H Preece, Cheshire
D Roberts, Devon

Mrs W Toomer-Harlow, Essex
B A Winn, Lincolnshire

There are 12 spaces within the Council available.

Please find on the following pages a brief introduction of existing and new members putting themselves forward for the 2024 Shire Horse Society Council Elections.

Please vote for your preferred candidates on the voting papers enclosed and return to the address shown in advance of the deadline.

For the avoidance of doubt, members can vote for up to 12 candidates. Members do not have to use all twelve votes. A member may only vote for one candidate once.

EXISTING COUNCIL MEMBERS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION



Mr P L Bower

Mr M Burks

Mr J C Etches

Mr L E Harrison

Mr C Malkin



Mrs D E Nulty

Mrs H Preece

Mr D Roberts

Mrs W Toomer-Harlow

Mr B A Winn

MR P L BOWER

Meetings attended 6 of 6

I have 38 years experience of breeding and showing Shires, I am a panel judge and Chairman of SESH. I have recently been voted by the Shire Horse Council to be their Vice Chairman and represent them on The Board of Trustees when I succeed as Chair of Council. This is a role I feel very honoured and privileged to have and I do always represent all the members in every matter arising. I am again putting myself forward for election and I need you behind me to be able to continue in this challenging role. By voting for me I can continue to be 'the bridge' between The Shire Council and The Board of Trustees ensuring all your views and suggestions are not only voiced but are always fully considered.

MR M BURKS

Meetings attended 6 of 6

I have been involved with Shires all my life - breeding, showing and marketing them, having now served five terms on the Society's Council as well as serving on the show committee.

I feel I still have a lot to offer the Society and the breed's future and will continue to do all I can to promote the uses and versatility of the great breed. I am a huge supporter of young people in the breed, having shown in young handler classes myself, as well as encouraging newcomers to the breed. With your vote I shall serve the breed to the best of my ability in these challenging times.

MR J C ETCHES

Meetings attended 6 of 6

It is 55 years since I first showed one of my late father's Shires. I am proud to continue to breed, exhibit and judge our magnificent Shire horses and still keep our stud farm going after 140 years. I have previously worked on the Editing and Executive Committees along with the Stallion Approval Panel. I am dedicated to helping promote and improve the breed both locally and nationally and will continue to support the interests of all members of the Shire Horse Society. I would be honoured to have your support and serve another term on Council.

MR L E HARRISON

Meetings attended 5 of 6

During my time on Council, the people I try to represent are the ones who are putting their time and finances into actually doing the job, whether that is breeding, exhibiting, promoting or simply owning Shire horses, whatever they use them for. If re-elected, I will continue to do so to the best of my ability.

MR C MALKIN

Meetings attended 6 of 6

After serving on Council for the last three years I'm putting myself forward for re-election, so that I can continue to represent the members in the whatever way I can. The Shire horse needs our support in these ever-changing times so that it can survive as a breed. So please

give me your vote to enable me to help do that.

MRS D E NULTY

Meetings attended 5 of 6 (1 apology received)

I don't make promises that I can't or won't keep. In the time I have served on the Shire Horse Council I have done everything in my power to preserve the pure shire. I have put forward the opinions and requests of the membership I serve. I have never been afraid to speak up and say my piece. For over forty years I have championed the cause of young handlers and the need for encouraging them and new blood into the Society to secure the future of the breed. I promote the shire horse the length and breadth of the British Isles. The true Shire has been and will always be the passion that drives me. Nothing has changed.

MRS H PREECE

Meetings attended 3 of 6 (3 apologies received)

I joined Robinson's Brewery in Stockport back in 2002 and was appointed Head-horseman in 2013. I introduced the Brewery's breeding programme in 2018, to help to preserve and promote the breed.

It is important to me to maintain traditions and to pass on the knowledge to the future generation. I am a strong supporter of the SHS Youth Council. I feel it is important that our junior members feel seen and heard. Since serving on Council, I am an active member of the

strategy and development committee and also a valued member of the SHS charity cycling team. I bring the members concerns to Council to be addressed and want to improve the communications between the society and its members going forward.

MR D ROBERTS

Meetings attended 5 of 6 (1 apology received)

I have been currently standing on the Council and Editing Committee for the last six years and also being one of the youngest to do so I have been loving every minute and proud to do so. Being in Devon I am the only representative of the southwest comprising of Cornwall, Devon and Somerset. I own, show and have bred shire horses with my family for many years and continuing to do so. I am very proud to also hold and be the youngest to do so as a full panel judge. Achievements so far on Council is helping with other Council members to provide more support to members and stallion owners. Encouraging younger members to join the Council and support best I

can around the shows. Biggest was the SPARKS programme to keep this amazing breed and bloodlines going for the future. I am loving every minute of this breed and always learning from peers and members which I would really appreciate to carry on doing. Most importantly it is the future of the amazing shire horse and the next generation to carry this breed to survive and prosper.

MRS W TOOMER-HARLOW

Meetings attended 5 of 6 (1 apology received)

If am lucky enough to be re-elected I will continue to endeavour to be a voice for the membership and to champion and promote the shire horse through its many uses, particularly the driven and ridden. The Strategy and Development Committee which I currently chair have launched a number of initiatives this year aimed at our junior membership such as the Youth Council and Merit Badge Award Scheme. I would be grateful for the opportunity to help develop further initiatives going forward and be a voice for the membership where I can. I own and show under my prefix Eversley Shires but do not have any commercial links or

interests connected to the breed.

MR B A WINN

Meetings attended 5 of 6 (1 apology received)

As a long-term member, I have gained extensive experience and have made considerable contributions whilst preserving and promoting Shire Horses in the UK and further afield. I am actively involved in breeding and judging Shire horses both at home and abroad. I sponsor the Young Handler class at the National Show along with two other members. It is important to encourage young people who are interested in Shires, as they are the future for the breed and for the Society. For the last three years I have been on the Editing Committee where we have worked hard on the design and implementation of SPARKS to help identify line breeding and in breeding. We have also introduced guidelines to improve shoeing for shires during showing. If re-elected, I will continue to put your points forward and will encourage new people to get involved, as well as supporting the showing and ridden classes.

NEW CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION



Mr R Clarke

Mr T E Whittaker

Mr K Winn

MR R CLARKE

I have been involved with the shire horse for a number of years now. I enjoy working my horses at home and I, along with my horses show regularly in turnout classes all over the country and take part in working demonstrations and other educational activities. For me I would love to join the Council to help to showcase the breed further and to pass on some of the knowledge and time that has been so generously passed on to me. I am increasingly worried about the low number of entries at a lot of the shows and would love to help increase these figures before the classes are dropped and lost forever.

MR T E WHITTAKER

From a family that have always had Shires, they are well and truly in my blood. The breed has allowed me to become a showman, breeder and most recently a judge on the panel. I have been lucky enough to grow up in an era of watching and learning off some of the best breeders and showman the shire horse world has to offer. Now into my 30's I feel the time is right to stand on Council alongside these people to help benefit the Society using my passion, enthusiasm and youthful ideas to keep the breed moving forward.

MR K WINN

I've always had a passion for heavy horses, shires in particular. Almost nine years ago our dreams came to fruition with the

purchase of our first filly, closely followed by the establishment of our harness and tack business as the struggle to find anything to fit was real! Our business was born out of necessity, but it also has given a great insight into the world of the noble shire. Showing these horses is a great help in promoting the breed and nobody could argue against the magnificent sight that a ring full of these beasts presents. However, our business puts us in contact with thousands of hobby owners which provides great insight into lives of the non-show horses and the issues their owners face. I would be striving to address some of the issues that have been raised by owners regarding breed standards and the health of our shires to make sure we have a healthy population going forward.

Shire Horse of the Year Qualifying Shows



2023 Shire Horse of the Year Show Champion Batley Pepper Gray owned by Mr R Bedford.

2024 HOYS Qualifiers

- National Shire Horse Show – Stallion
- National Shire Horse Show – Female
- Great Yorkshire Show
- Royal Welsh Show
- Royal Cheshire Show
- Royal Norfolk Show
- Derbyshire County Show
- Driffield Show
- Great Ecclestone Show
- Newport Show
- Penistone Show
- New Forest Show
- Essex Shire Horse Show
- Heckington Show
- Shropshire and West Midlands Show
- Royal Three Counties Show
- Royal Bath & West Show

Demonstrations

Grateful thanks are recorded to the following members who helped the Society organise demonstrations promoting the Shire horse across the country in 2023.

Neil Andrews, Denise Badger, John Barnes, Mike Bingham, Rob Clarke, Jo-Ann Clubley, Caroline Eagle, Joanne Grant, Deb Green, Stuart Green, Hook Norton Brewery, Sally Jones, Gemma McClorey, Pip Read, Malcolm Rendle, Marilyn Rendle, Mark Richardson, Yvonne Simmons, Colin Stokes, Colin Taylor, Carolyn Truss, Jane Wordsworth, Charlotte Webb, Rita Wells.

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