



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 10	Year 2022		Day 30	Month 9	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 504832

**Charity's principal address** CUMBRIA YFC COUNTY OFFICE  
CIVIL STORES LTD, BARBARY PLAINS,  
EDENHALL, PENRITH, CUMBRIA  
**Postcode** CA11 8SR

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	ELLA BATEY	Northern District Chair		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS NORTHERN DISTRICT AGM
2	MEGAN HARRISON	Northern District Vice Chair		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS NORTHERN DISTRICT AGM
3	STUART MOUNSEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
4	ERIN TILLEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
5	ADAM GARGETT			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
6	KATIE MAUGHAN			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
7	JOANNE RIDLEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
8	ELLEN ELLIOTT			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
9	LOUIS METCALFE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
10	MEGAN BENDLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
11	HOLLIE SIMCOCK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
12	ELLIE NAYLOR			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
13	ROBBIE BEATY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
14	PHILIPPA HALL			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
15	EMMA JOHNSTONE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
16	RACHEL ARMSTRONG			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
17	ALEXIA MCMANUS			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
18	SYDNEY SIMPSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
19	KATE SHIPTON-SMITH			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
20	JOHN STORY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
21	EMMA BLAYLOCK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
22	KATIE LIDDLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
23	MURRAY CRAIG			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
24	ABIGAIL FISHER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
25	EMMA MCCUNE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM

26	JOSIE MITCHINSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
27	EDWARD WATTS		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
28	REBECCA GRIERSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
29	ABIGAIL GRAHAM		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
30	AMY NICHOLSON		
31	ISAAC COLLINS		

<b>Name</b>	

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

JOANNE MILLS (CHIEF OFFICER)
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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

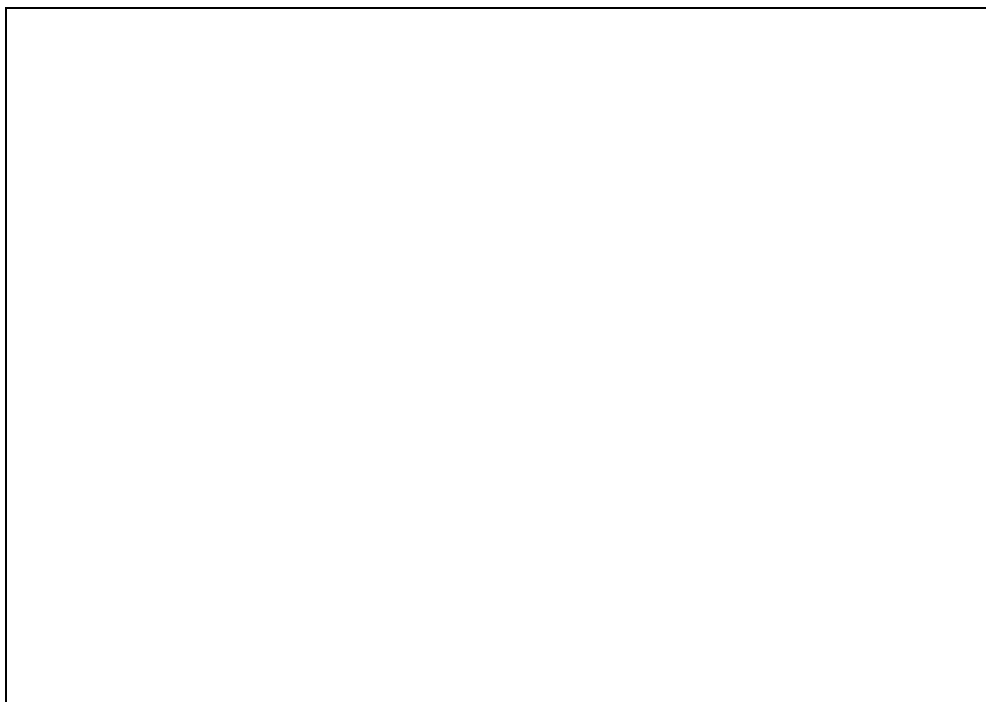
**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	BY THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS NORTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	BY ELECTION WITHIN CLUBS

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.
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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

- To advance the education of young members of the public at large in agriculture, home crafts, country life and related subjects; and
- In the interests of the social welfare of such members of the public to provide and promote the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupations, being facilities which will improve their conditions of life and will assist in the development of their spiritual and mental capacities, self- reliance and individual responsibility so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the community.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

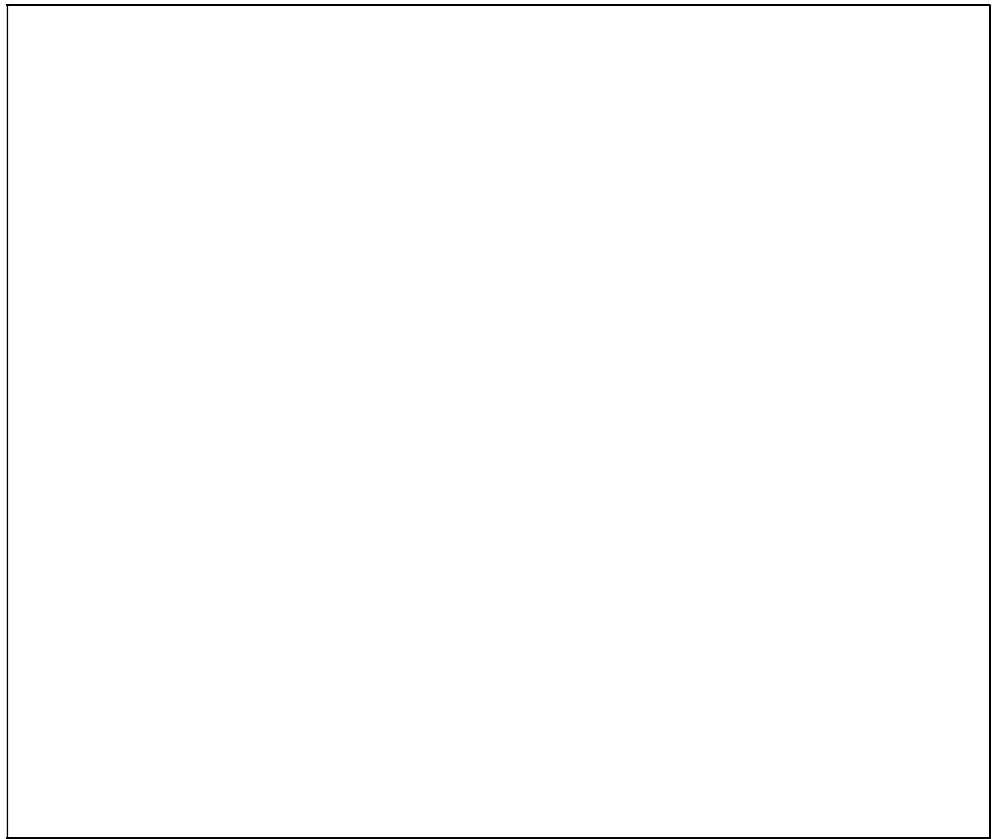
In setting objectives and planning activities, events, competitions and training for the members of the Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs Northern District, the Trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit guidance.

- Membership of Cumbria YFC is open to anyone aged 10 – 28 years of age. Membership is not restricted to those from within a farming background and clubs actively recruit for new members from within schools, at shows and via their social media. This enables the organisation to have a broad reach and be of public benefit, not only to the young people of Cumbria, but to the broader communities that they are linked to.
- All young farmer clubs take part in annual voluntary work within their local communities. This not only provides much needed help and support to the broader community, but also gives the young farmers opportunity to strengthen links and play an integral part within these communities. Voluntary work undertaken has included, rebuilding church walls, clearing school playgrounds, re-hedging common land, painting village halls and tidying up village greens.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Membership:**

For the purposes of this report, the figures given for the annual total will be those up to the end of July 2023, when the membership year came to a close. The Northern District of Cumbria YFC had a total of 985 members (excluding Advisory Members and Club Leaders) across 15 clubs. This is a slight decrease of 5%. It was good to see that our smallest club, Egremont YFC achieved a 5% increase and now has 23 members and our largest club, Raughton Head YFC has 116 members, a 9% increase Year to Date. As a long-standing democratic organisation, the Northern District of Cumbria YFC encourages all of its members to help mentor the next generation of young farmers, ensuring that skills and knowledge is passed on to ensure the survival of clubs.

**Competitions:**

This year was a great year in terms of competitions with young farmers from the Northern District taking part in a whole host of speaking, stock judging, performing arts and sports competitions throughout the autumn and into the spring.

Competitions and events are an important part of the young farmer experience and it was vital for the district to prioritise these activities in the first full young farmer year following the pandemic restrictions and lockdowns.

**Community and Fund Raising:**

Community is very important to the young farmers of the Northern District and the district clubs have once again taken part in the Club Community Challenge with clubs undertaking a variety of activities to support and help their local communities. These have included decorating the Wigton town centre War Memorial with knitted poppies, painting village halls and school, planting hedges, fixing fences and making flower displays to donate to local care homes.

Fundraising activities continued from strength to strength with £15,862 raised by the district in 2022 – 2023 for a number of both local and national charities and the Northern District of Cumbria YFC. Fundraising and community challenges help to foster and strengthen team spirit within clubs and also results in a sense of achievement and pride in helping others.

**The Future:**

The Northern District is looking forward to the coming year and will concentrate on the following core activities:

- Continuing to increase membership figures.
- Ensuring that elected club officers are given training and support to fulfil their roles and run clubs safely and effectively.
- Encouraging members to take part in competitions at club, district, county, area and national level.
- Hosting a successful Field Day.
- Encouraging members to plan fundraising and volunteering activities.
- Review District finances to ensure that the district is offering value for money and is sustainable in the longer term. .

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**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves****1. Dissolution of the County Federation**

If in the event of the dissolution of the County Federation there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property or funds whatsoever to which it is beneficially entitled, the same shall be transferred to the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs to be held on trust by the National Federation at its discretion and used for the benefit of the Young Farmers' Clubs organisation in the area concerned and shall not be distributed among the Member Clubs of the County Federation unless the said National Federation is no longer in being at the time of dissolution.

**2. Restricted Reserves**

The restricted reserves are:

- Monies received from closed clubs is restricted for 7 years during which it will be transferred back to the said club if any point during this period it reforms. After this period, it will be transferred to the unrestricted reserves.
- Monies received from Friends of Cumbria is restricted to the specific use it was originally provided for. If, after a period of 3 years, from when the monies were originally transferred, there are remaining funds, these may be transferred to the unrestricted reserves with the agreement of the finance and general-purpose committee. If, during the 3-year period, it becomes apparent the original use of the funds is no longer appropriate, the finance and general-purpose committee may redesignate the funds to a different purpose.
- Monies received from organisations is restricted to the specific use or event it was originally provided for. If, after the specific use or event has been delivered, there are remaining funds, these may be transferred to the unrestricted reserves or any other restricted reserve with the agreement of the finance and general-purpose committee.

**3. Unrestricted Reserves**

The unrestricted reserves are available for the general operating expenditure of the charity. The charity's reserve policy is to maintain freely available reserves equivalent to 12 months of budgeted operating expenditure, based on previous 6-year average. The trustees consider that unrestricted reserves of at least £110,277 should be maintained for Cumbria YFC as an organisation in its entirety.

This will be reviewed at each finance and general-purpose committee meeting. Action will be taken to maintain the level of reserves by the finance and general-purpose committee.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit****Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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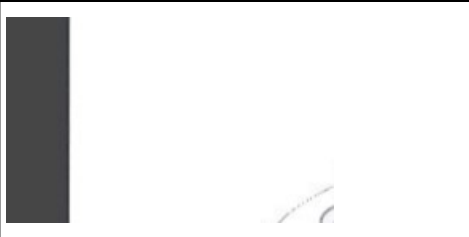
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	JOANNE MILLS	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	CHIEF OFFICER	
<b>Date</b>	25/6/2024	

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			<b>Income</b>		
Chairmans & Treasurers Expenses	1,200	1,100	Field Day	34,590	20,716
District Office Expenses	1,222	691	Less Expenses	<u>- 28,753</u>	<u>- 15,304</u>
Travel Expenses	1,557	374		5,837	5,412
District AGM	483	424			
Challenge night	-	103	Afternoon tea	1,859	-
Bank charges	232	160	District social	1,957	156
			Entertainments tuck shop & raffle	568	-
			Bingo night	490	-
			Club £50 Challenge	1,200	-
			Calendar sponsorship	2,450	-
			Cumberland show	- 273	-
Staffing Costs	14,000	8,000	Friends of Cumbria donation	1,600	-
Net profit/ (loss)	- 2,523	- 5,195	Bank interest received	483	89
	<u>16,171</u>	<u>5,657</u>		<u>16,171</u>	<u>5,657</u>

**BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			<b>Current Assets</b>		
Balance brought forward	40,604	45,799	Cash In Hand	6	6
Add Excess of Income			Current Bank Account	40,272	25,939
Over Expenditure	- 2,523	- 5,195	HSBC Savings Account	88	87
			Cumb Savings Account	-	23,140
			Debtors	540	672
	<u>38,081</u>	<u>40,604</u>			
Education & Dev Fund	607	607	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
	<u>38,688</u>	<u>41,211</u>	Creditors	- 2,218	- 8,633
				<u>38,688</u>	<u>41,211</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

I have examined the accounting records of the above organisation to the best of my ability, for the year to 30 September 2023. I confirm that the accounts produced are in agreement with the books and records provided by the Treasurer.



Mrs H Little  
11/01/2024



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
**CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS - NORTHERN DISTRICT**

On accounts for the year ended

30.09.2023

Charity no  
(if any)

504832

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 09 / 2024. 2023**

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

24.07.2024

Name:

Helen Little

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ICAEW

Address:	Buckabank House
	Dalston
	CA5 7AA

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.