



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 10	Year 2023		Day 30	Month 9	Year 2024

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	MEGAN HARRISON	Northern District Chair		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS NORTHERN DISTRICT AGM
2	JACK JENKINSON	Northern District Vice Chair		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS NORTHERN DISTRICT AGM
3	ERIN TILLEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
4	KAYE BEATY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
5	ADAM GARGETT			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
6	KATIE MAUGHAN			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
7	ALEX BLAND			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
8	REBECCA WHITFIELD			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
9	JAMES READ			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
10	MEGAN BENDLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
11	ROSIE PRATT			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
12	SAM PRATT			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
13	ROBBIE BEATY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
14	HANNAH FARRER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
15	EMMA JOHNSTONE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
16	AMY LANGCAKE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
17	ALEXIA MCMANUS			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
18	ROBYN BOWKER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
19	SYDNEY SIMPSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
20	JAMES WILSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
21	RORY BEARD			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
22	KATIE LIDDLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
23	EMILY FISHER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
24	SOPHIE JONES			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
25	NATHAN ARMSTRONG			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM

26	KATE ROWLAND		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
27	JOSH WADE		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
28	REBECCA GRIERSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
29	CHLOE DODD		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
30	THEA MAIDWELL		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
31	KATIE MCKIE		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
32	SAMANTHA LONG		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM

Name	

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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

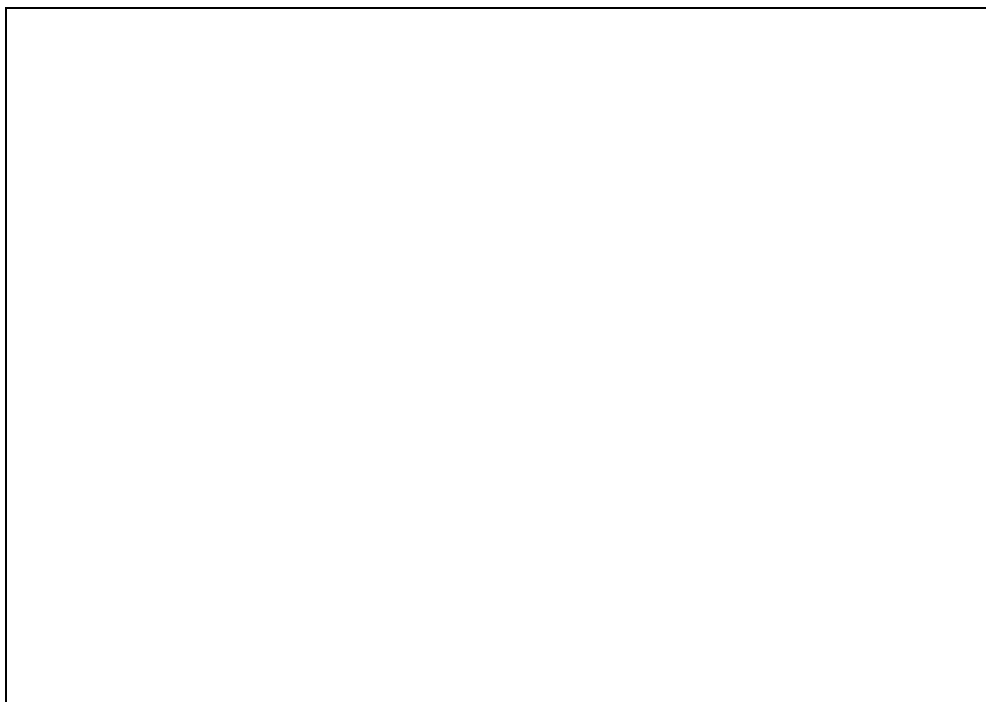
Description of the charity's trusts

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)

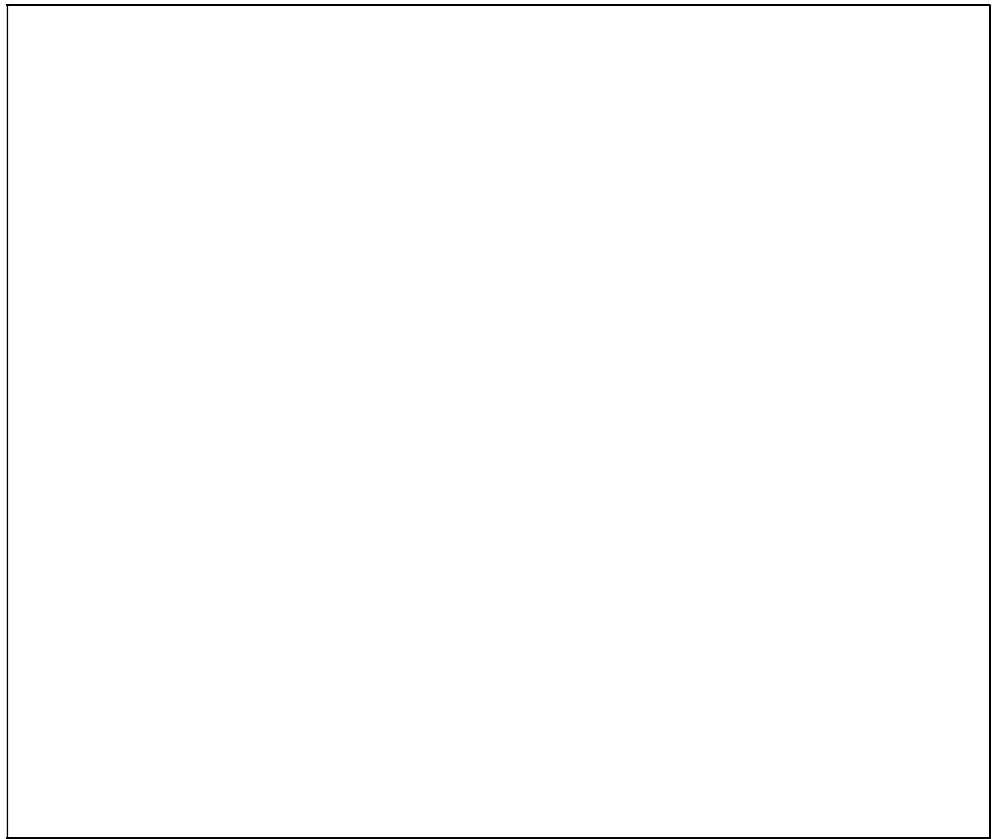
In setting objectives and planning activities, events, competitions and training for the members of the Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs Northern District, the Trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit guidance.

- Membership of Cumbria YFC Northern District is open to anyone aged 10 – 28 years of age. Membership is not restricted to those from a farming background and clubs actively recruit 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 provides much needed help and support to the community and also gives our members the 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 2024, when the membership year came to a close. The Northern District of Cumbria YFC had a total of 882 members (excluding Advisory Members and Club Leaders) across 15 clubs, a disappointing decrease of 10% on the previous year. Our smallest club, Lampugh YFC has 21 members and our largest club, Skelton YFC has 97 members, an 11% increase Year to Date. To ensure continuity of the district, senior members are encouraged to mentor the junior members, ensuring that skills and knowledge are passed on to the next cohort of young farmers.

Competitions:

This was another fantastic year of competition for the Northern District, with members taking part in a whole host of speaking, stock judging, performing arts and sports competitions throughout the autumn and into the spring. Competitions are an incredibly important part of the young farmer experience and give those taking part the opportunity to develop skills and confidence in a safe and supported environment. It is wonderful to see how our members progress through their competition journey and as an organisation, we are immensely proud of the work that we do in this area.

Training and Standards:

Officer training is held annually in order to ensure that club Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers have the necessary skills to run their clubs safely and successfully. In addition, training is also given in safeguarding, running bars and events and preparing risk assessments. This ensures that our club and district officers have a full understanding of their responsibilities and are equipped with the tools and knowledge to carry out these responsibilities.

Community and Fund Raising:

Community continues to be very important to the young farmers of the Northern District with clubs taking part in the annual Club Community Challenge. The Challenge sees clubs taking part in repairing walls and fences, painting village halls and schools, planting hedges, and making and flower displays to local care homes.

Fundraising activities also continued to thrive with £46,294.27 raised by the district in 2023 – 2024 for a number of both local and national charities. Fundraising and community challenges help to develop and strengthen team spirit within clubs, embedding a sense of achievement and pride and re-emphasising the importance of helping others.

The Future:

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

- 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.
- Looking at ways to encourage and increase membership
- Encouraging members to plan fundraising and volunteering activities.
- Reviewing 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)**

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


- 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

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JOANNE MILLS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHIEF OFFICER	
Date	7/7/2025	

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Expenditure			Income		
Chairmans & Treasurers Expenses	1,200	1,200	Field Day	36,060	34,590
District Office Expenses	1,927	1,222	Less Expenses	<u>- 25,247</u>	<u>- 28,753</u>
Travel Expenses	1,189	1,557		10,813	5,837
District AGM	371	483			
Challenge night	115	-	Afternoon tea		1,859
Bank charges	210	232	District social		1,957
			Entertainments tuck shop & raffle		568
			Bingo night		490
			Cumberland show	-	273
			Friends of Cumbria donation		1,600
			Club £50 Challenge	2,700	
			Calendar	868	2,450
			Fashion show	1,863	
			Agri expo bar	633	
			Sahara trek donation	1,501	
			Cumbria way donation	1,400	
			West Cumbria rally bar	186	
Staffing Costs	16,000	14,000	Skelton YFC donation	800	
			A Graham donation	150	
Extra contribution to County	4,000		Christening bar	58	
			Other income	25	
Net profit/ (loss)	- 4,014	- 2,523	Bank interest received	2	483
	<u>20,998</u>	<u>16,171</u>		<u>20,998</u>	<u>14,971</u>

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Accumulated Fund			Current Assets		
Balance brought forward	38,081	40,604	Cash In Hand	254	6
Add Excess of Income			Current Bank Account	34,870	40,272
Over Expenditure	- 4,014	- 2,523	HSBC Savings Account	90	88
			Debtors	188	540
	<u>34,067</u>	<u>38,081</u>			
			Current Liabilities		
Education & Dev Fund	607	607	Creditors	- 528	- 2,218
			Loan A Graham to help clubs	- 200	
	<u>34,674</u>	<u>38,688</u>		<u>34,674</u>	<u>38,688</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 2024. I confirm that the accounts produced are in agreement with the books and records provided by the Treasurer.



Mrs S A Bell
08/01/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

On accounts for the year ended

30 Sept 2024

Charity no (if any)

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.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

[Signature]

Date:

9/7/25

Name:

SARAH ANN BELL.

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

ACA / ICAEW

Address:

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MAN STREET
DEARNHAM, CAIS TRD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

