



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 10	Year 2023		Day 30	Month 09	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 504833

Charity's principal address CUMBRIA YFC COUNTY OFFICE,
CIVILS STORE, 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	REBECCA DENNEY	DISTRICT CHAIR		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGM
2	BROGAN JACKSON	DISTRICT VICE CHAIR		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGM
3	JAMIE MCQUIRE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
4	MOLLY STABLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
5	ADAM LOMAS			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
6	CALLY - JO DICKINSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
7	WILLIAM BLACK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
8	JESSICA BLACK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
9	JACK STRINGER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
10	JADE PEARSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
11	JACK FISHER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
12	JOSEPH MOORHOUSE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
13	MARTHA GALBRAITH			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
14	ROSIE PARSONS			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
15	ELLIE NICHOLSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
16	LUKE HODGSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
17	ISABEL WILSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
18	CHELSEA WALTON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
19	REBECCA WALTON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
20	RUBY ALLAN			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
21	PHOEBE WHARTON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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 SOUTHERN DISTRICT
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.

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)

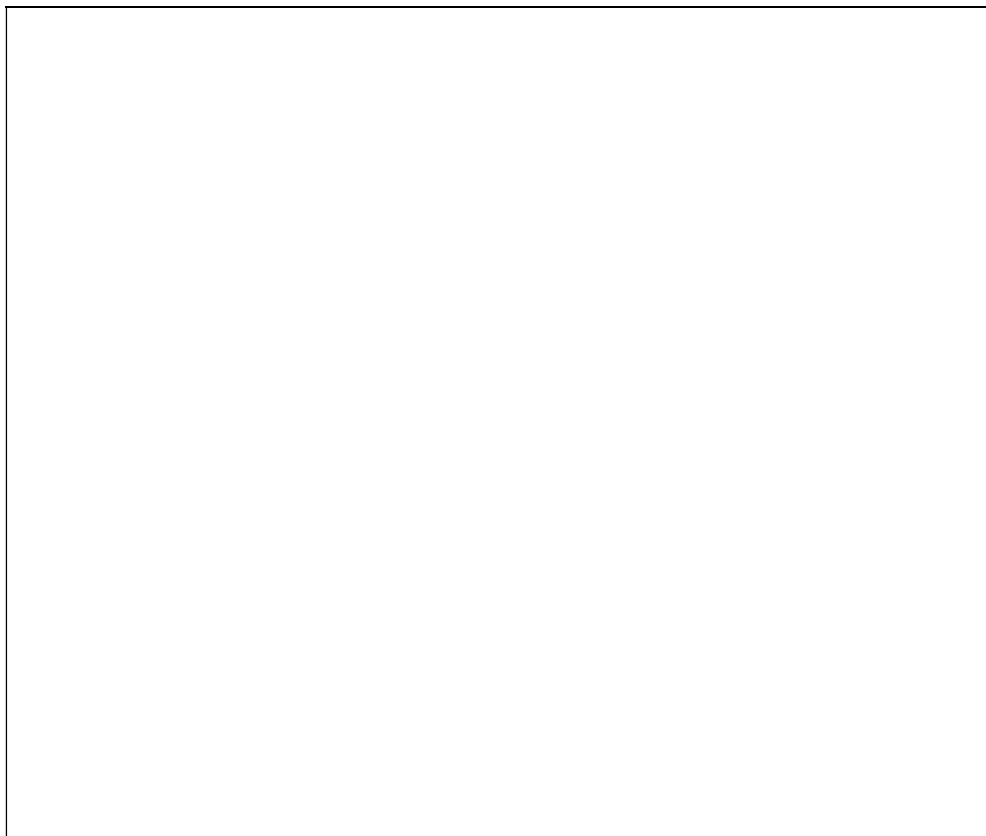
In setting objectives and planning activities, events, competitions and training for the members of the Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs Southern District, the Trustees gave careful consideration to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit guidance.

- Membership of the Southern District 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 the annual Club Community Challenge within their local communities, undertaking voluntary work where it really matters. This not only provides much needed help and support to the broader community but also gives the young farmers a great opportunity to build and strengthen links and play an integral part within the communities that matter to them the most.

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 membership total will be those up to the end of July 2024, when the membership year came to a close. The Southern District of Cumbria YFC (YFCSD), has had a decrease in membership this year, with a total of 577 members (excluding Advisory Members and Club Leaders) across 10 clubs. The 17% decrease year to date, is a result of senior members not rejoining. Officers and staff are working hard to look at ways to encourage senior members back. The District's smallest club, Cartmel YFC had 26 members and Kent Estuary YFC, the largest club in the district had 98 members.

The Southern District of Cumbria YFC operates as a democratic charitable organisation for young people living in rural areas. Individual clubs within the district elect their own club officers and plan club events, activities and socials throughout the year.

As noted in previous reports, members of YFCSD do not all come from a farming or agricultural background, but from a variety of backgrounds. They do all however have an interest and passion for community, rural life and agriculture in general as well as farming in particular.

The district's young farmers have careers in a wide variety of disciplines including teaching, medicine, finance and farming to name but a few. Our members have in common an understanding of the importance of being part of a youth organisation that supports and celebrates the county and its young people and understands the importance of community and rural life in general. The Southern District and its officers continue to work hard to ensure that their activities, competitions, events and field days promote and celebrate this ethos.

Competitions:

As in previous years, the Southern District has once again had an extremely successful year competing at club, district, county, regional and national levels. The standard of both competition and participation levels continue to rise year on year with our members making the most of the opportunities afforded them.

Our young farmers have taken part in over 60 competitions in the last year, including; Public Speaking, Debating, Junior Reading, Situations Vacant (interviews), Just A Minute, Call My Bluff, Cookery and Baking, Tractor Handling, Flower Arranging, Cake Decorating, Craft Skills, Fencing, Pantomime and Clay Pigeon Shooting to name but a few. Competitions such as Hedging, Walling, Auctioneering and Hand Sheep Shearing, which take place within the Southern District annually, continue to keep the rural traditions and country skills alive within the county for future generations to come.

This year's Field Day was a fantastic celebration of all things young farmer. Hosted by Lowick YFC, all those in attendance had a great day, with the Field Day Organising Committee ensuring that the day was planned and ran smoothly and safely, showcasing the very best of young farmer activities and skills. Learning how to plan a large event and dance, liaising with the Police, Highways and Local Authority and putting together risk assessments, timetables, schedules and site plans give our young farmers a great opportunity to learn and put new skills and

knowledge into practice.

Training and Standards:

The young farmers held their annual officer training in both the Northern and Southern Districts at the beginning of autumn. Training focused on ensuring that club Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers had the necessary knowledge and tools to carry out their roles and run their clubs safely and effectively. Training sessions included presentations, scenarios to work through and open discussion, giving officers an opportunity to network and ask questions in a safe and supported environment.

As in previous years, an additional training session was delivered to Advisory Members. This session is geared towards ensuring that Advisory Members understand the importance of Safeguarding within the organisation at all levels. All elected officers must undertake the NFYFC online safeguarding course within the first 3 months of their term of office.

In addition, training was also delivered on how to run Bars and Dances, ensuring that our members run their events and bars safely and legally.

Fundraising, Community and Charity Work:

The Southern District pulled together throughout the year to raise £39,562.07 for local and national charities and the Southern District of Cumbria YFC. Clubs undertook a number of activities to raise funds including holding BBQs, Big Breakfasts, Bonfires and Bingo nights. Broughton YFC raised in excess of £14,000 for Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue with their Car Pull – an incredible achievement!

Community is also important to the Southern District young farmers and clubs take part annually in the Club Community Challenge, clearing play parks, rebuilding walls and painting village halls within their local communities. The links made and relationships formed through community voluntary work are an integral part of the success of our clubs and this vital work will continue in the years to come.

The Coming Year:

The aims for the Southern District of Cumbria YFC for the coming year will focus on sustainability with the financial security of the district continuing to be key.

Looking to the future and the needs of our members in terms of training, activities and support will also be a priority with work undertaken to ensure that we remain relevant and engaged with our membership.

Our objectives will be to:

- Ensure that elected club officers are given training and support to fulfil their roles and safeguarding responsibilities to enable them to run their clubs successfully.
- Encourage members to take part in competitions and activities at club, district, county, area and national level.

- Host a successful District Field Day.
- Encourage members to plan fundraising and volunteering activities.
- Look at ways to maintain senior members or to encourage them to rejoin through specific events and activities.

In addition, the Making of life-long friends, developing of skills, undertaking training to build on and broaden personal and collective skills set and generally enrich the lives of our members will continue to be a priority in all we do and we will work hard to ensure that this continues.

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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 the Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs as a whole.

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	4/7/2025	

THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS - SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ending 30 September 2024

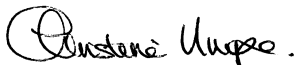
<u>INCOME</u>	2024	2023	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2024	2023
Field Day '24	13,912.00	-	Field Day '24	12772.24	40.00
Field Day '23	240.00	5,410.00	Field Day '23	-	11,028.75
Field Day '22	-	200.00	Field Day '22	-	-
Raft Race	1,750.00	-	Raft Race	268.00	-
Soapbox Challenge	120.00	1,535.00	Soapbox Challenge	-	460.00
Competitions	323.20	1,994.50	Competitions	1069.75	1495.49
Club Challenge	2,000.00	2,200.00	Club Challenge	500.00	1,000.00
			AGM Expenses '24	641.95	-
			AGM Expenses '23	-	495.64
Donations	218.00	168.00	Bay Search & Rescue	1000.00	-
Bank Interest	1,686.76	302.55	Hire of Rooms and Fields	-	925.00
Sundry Income	-	-	Training and Promotion	549.17	754.56
Friends of Cumbria YFC	-	1,200.00	Office Expenses	-	83.10
			Contribution to Officers' Expenses	1300.00	1100.00
			Contribution to County Staff Fund	20000.00	20000.00
			Miscellaneous	-	40.10
Miscellaneous	25.56	-	Bank Charges	-	-
Social Account Surplus	8,641.09	34,653.49			
	<u>28,916.61</u>	<u>47,663.54</u>		<u>38,101.11</u>	<u>37,422.64</u>
			Excess of Income over Expenditure	-9,184.50	10,240.90
	<u><u>£28,916.61</u></u>	<u><u>£47,663.54</u></u>		<u><u>£28,916.61</u></u>	<u><u>£47,663.54</u></u>

Social Account

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Mystery Bus Tour	1,150.00	-	Mystery Bus Tour	1,610.00	-
Field Day Dance	12,662.00	22,162.00	Field Day Dance	8,931.14	14,695.20
Westmorland Show Dance '24	15,644.00		Westmorland Show Dance '24	10,156.17	-
Westmorland Show Dance '23	-	31,509.00	Westmorland Show Dance '23	117.60	19,571.11
Westmorland Show Dance '22	-	32,077.00	Westmorland Show Dance '22	-	16,828.20
	<u>29,456.00</u>	<u>85,748.00</u>		<u>20,814.91</u>	<u>51,094.51</u>
			Excess of Income over Expenditure	8,641.09	34,653.49
	<u><u>£29,456.00</u></u>	<u><u>£85,748.00</u></u>		<u><u>£29,456.00</u></u>	<u><u>£85,748.00</u></u>

Statement of Funds as at 30 September 2024

<u>Balances as at 30 September 2023</u>		<u>Balances as at 30 September 2024</u>	
Bank Account - Current	20,796.17	Bank Account - Current	9,924.91
Business Reserve Account	259.46	Business Reserve Account	263.25
Cumberland Building Society	50,654.96	Cumberland Building Society	52,337.93
Cash in Hand	-	Cash in Hand	-
	<u>71,710.59</u>		<u>62,526.09</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-9,184.50		
	<u><u>£62,526.09</u></u>		<u><u>£62,526.09</u></u>



C A Knipe FRAGS, FRASE
21-Jan-25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers Clubs – Southern District

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 September 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

504833

Set out on pages

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(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:

Date:

21 January 2025

Name:

CHRISTINE A KNIPE FRAGS, FRASE

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

Address:

HIGH CARLINGILL

TEBAY, PENRITH

CUMBRIA CA10 3XX

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.

No areas of concern.