



# 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

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 504834

**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	CHARLOTTE WILSON	COUNTY CHAIR		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS AGM
2	JACK SOWERBY	COUNTY VICE CHAIR		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS AGM
3	ELLA BATEY			ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS NORTHERN DISTRICT AGM
4	MEGAN HARRISON			ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS NORTHERN DISTRICT AGM
5	STUART MOUNSEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
6	ERIN TILLEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
7	ADAM GARGETT			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
8	KATIE MAUGHAN			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
9	JOANNE RIDLEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
10	ELLEN ELLIOTT			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
11	LOUIS METCALFE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
12	MEGAN BENDLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
13	HOLLIE SIMCOCK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
14	ELLIE NAYLOR			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
15	ROBBIE BEATY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
16	MELISSA HARTLEY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
17	EMMA JOHNSTONE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
18	RACHEL ARMSTRONG			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
19	ALEXIA MCMANUS			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
20	ELLIE JACKSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
21	SYDNEY SIMPSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
22	KATE SHIPTON-SMITH			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
23	JOHN STORY			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
24	EMMA BLAYLOCK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
25	KATIE LIDDLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM

26	MURRAY CRAIG		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
27	ABIGAIL FISHER		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
28	EMMA MCCUNE		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
29	JOSIE MITCHINSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
30	EDWARD WATTS		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
31	REBECCA GRIERSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
32	ABIGAIL GRAHAM		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
33	CHLOE DODD		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
34	ISAAC COLLINS		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
35	PHILIPPA HALL		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
36	GEORGIA HUNTER		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGM
37	REBECCA DENNEY		ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGM
38	MOLLY STABLE		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
39	JAMIE MCQUIRE		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
40	JAMES CASSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
41	LUCY DICKINSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
42	KELSEY CORDUKES		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
43	JESSICA BLACK		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
44	HECTOR MEANWELL		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
45	JOANNE HARRISON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
46	BANJO BAXTER		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
47	BROGAN JACKSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
48	MATTHEW KING		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
49	LUCY GIBSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
50	LUKE ROBINSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
51	ELLIE NICHOLSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
52	LUKE HODGSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
53	ISABEL WILSON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
54	CHELSEA WALTON		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
55	ALICE FAWCETT		ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</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)

## 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 (Cumbria YFC).
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By election within Cumbria YFC either at club, district or county level.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p>Elected officers undergo officer training annually, following guidance and training plans developed by our Governing Body, the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (NFYFC). Included in this training is guidance on Public Benefit and the responsibilities that officers have as Trustees to ensure that Cumbria YFC's obligations and duties in terms of Public Benefit are met.</p> <p>In addition, elected officers are now asked to complete an online safeguarding module, devised by NFYFC to help them understand their safeguarding responsibilities.</p>
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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)**

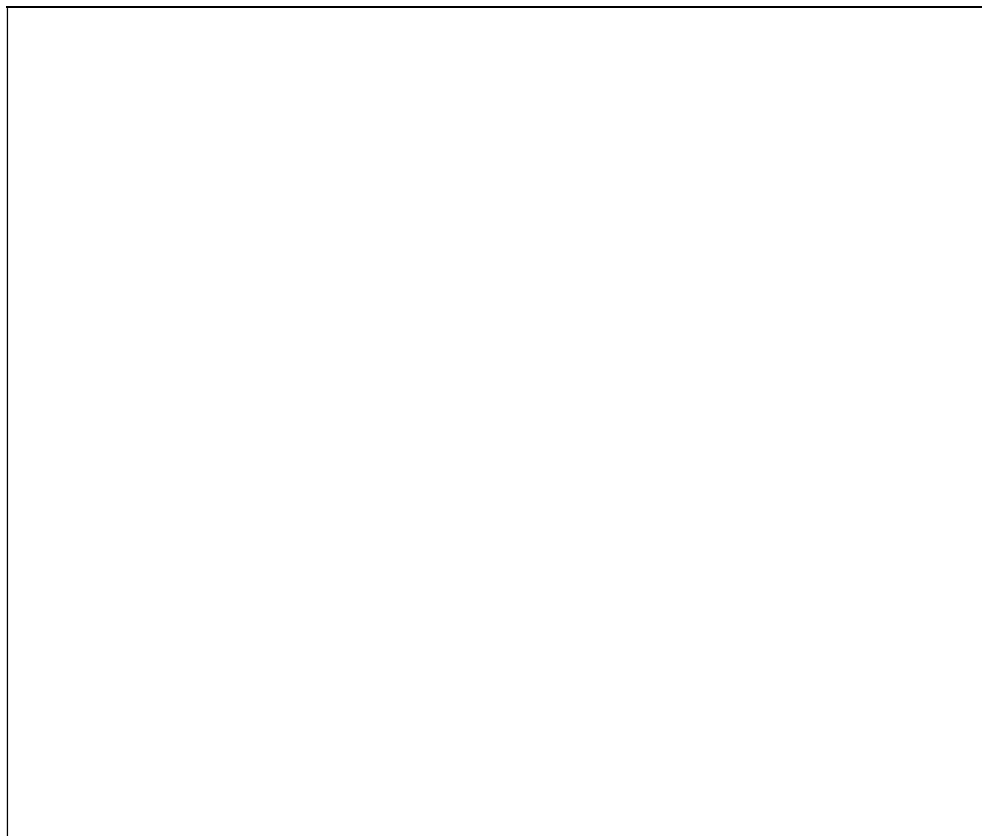
In setting objectives and planning activities, events, competitions and training for the members of the Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, the Trustees gave careful consideration and diligence to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit guidance.

- Membership of Cumbria YFC is open to young people 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 25 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 the opportunity to strengthen links and make a real difference within these communities. Voluntary work undertaken has included, painting schools and village halls, creating sensory areas for school children and elderly people, mending fences and walls and clearing storm damage.

## 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. Cumbria YFC as an organisation continues to focus on encouraging members to take part in club activities and events and we were pleased to finish the year end with a total of 1684 members (excluding Advisory Members and Club Leaders) across 25 clubs. This was a decrease of 5% on the previous year. Our smallest club, Egremont YFC, increased its membership by 5% and now has 23 members and our largest club, Raughton Head YFC saw an increase of 9%, with 116 members in total.

Operating as a democratic organisation, Cumbria YFC continues to encourage all its clubs to develop a strong ethos of involvement and community awareness with community projects and fundraising continuing to play an important part in club programmes. Mentoring within clubs is key, with older members taking on club officer roles and mentoring younger members within a safe and supportive environment to ensure that skills and knowledge are passed on from year to year.

As noted in previous reports, becoming a young farmer does not mean that potential members have to be from within the farming community. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds however they all have the common interests of community, rural life and agriculture. Our members understand the importance of becoming part of a youth organisation that supports and celebrates Cumbria and its young people. Cumbria YFC works hard to ensure that all aspects of the organisation embrace and build on this long-established ethos.

**Competitions:**

This has been another very successful year for Cumbria YFC, with members taking part in a whole host of competitions, events and activities.

Our young farmers are incredibly competitive and taking part in competitions at preliminary, district and county rounds gives members the opportunity to practice their competition skills to an exceptionally high standard, enabling Cumbria YFC to triumph at both area and national rounds of competitions.

The Northern Area Weekend this year was held in Hull with Cumbria showcasing talent in the public speaking competitions, entertainments and sports resulting in Cumbria A taking a well-deserved 1<sup>st</sup> place, Cumbria B placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cumbria C 5<sup>th</sup>. A fantastic result with several Cumbria YFC members qualifying for National Finals.

The much-anticipated annual Quiz once again saw over 400 young farmers compete on the same evening in different village halls around the county.

Our young farmers have taken part in over 50 competitions in the

last year, including; Public Speaking, Debating, Junior Reading, Situations Vacant (interviews), Just A Minute, Cookery, ATV Handling, Flower Arranging, Cake Decorating, Fencing, Drama and Clay Pigeon Shooting to name but a few. Competitions such as Fencing, Hedging, Walling, Auctioneering and Hand Sheep Shearing, which take place annually, help to keep the rural traditions and country skills alive for future generations to come.

#### **Training and Standards:**

The young farmers held their annual officer training in both the Northern and Southern Districts at the beginning of the autumn. This training focused on giving the club Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers the necessary tools to carry out their roles and run their clubs safely and effectively.

An additional training session was carried out for Advisory Members to help them understand the importance of safeguarding within the organisation. NFYFC has also devised an online safeguarding course for all elected officers to complete when they take up position.

Cumbria YFC hosted the NFYFC "Train the Trainer" training in Penrith, enabling young farmers from the other five Northern Area counties to access training locally rather than travelling to Stafford. This training enables counties to deliver the NFYFC Curve Modules and is especially important in helping to maintain standards within clubs.

In addition, this year, three Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Sessions delivered by The Well Communities to young farmers aged 14 plus took place. The session has been delivered to 576 young farmers since the start of the programme in 2019. Five Driver Awareness Sessions for those aged 17 plus were also delivered to 172 young farmers at fire stations around the county by Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Cumbria Constabulary.

Cumbria YFC worked closely with Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch to develop and trial a new Farm Crime Safety Initiative which was eventually developed by NFYFC into a Curve Module for delivery throughout young farmers' clubs throughout the UK.

Training is also provided on Bars and Licensing to enable the young farmers to run their events and dances safely.

#### **Fundraising, Community and Charity Work:**

Fundraising continues to be an important activity for Cumbria YFC with a total of £67026.51 raised for local and national charities and Cumbria YFC throughout the year. Fundraising takes many forms, with sponsored events, car pushes, tractor pulls, sponsored walks, cake sales, pudding and curry nights and afternoon teas proving especially popular!

As mentioned previously, our members also continue to help out in their local communities, with all clubs completing the Club Community Challenge every year. The award for the club carrying out the best community project is awarded by the High Sheriff of Cumbria at the Cumbria YFC AGM in November of each year.

**The Coming Year:**

The aims for Cumbria YFC for the coming year will focus on sustainability with the financial security of the organisation being 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 and run their clubs successfully.
- Encourage members to take part in competitions at club, district, county, area and national level.
- Host 2 successful District Field Days.
- Reivew our organisational finances to ensure that we provide value for money for our members.
- Encourage members to plan fundraising and volunteering 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.

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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	JOANNE MILLS	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	CHIEF OFFICER	
<b>Date</b>	18/6/2024	

**The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs**

**Financial Statements for the Year**

**Ended 30 September 2023**

## The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

### Charity Information for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

PRESIDENT	A Sibbald
CHAIRMAN	W Longmire
TREASURER	K Batty
CHIEF OFFICER	J Mills
ADDRESS	Civils Store Barbary Plains Eden Hall, Penrith CA11 8SR
CHARITY NUMBER	504834
BANKERS	HSBC Market Square Penrith Cumbria CA11 7SN
AUDITOR	C Winspear

## The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

### Statement of Financial Activities 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds <i>Note 1</i>	Total 30.9.2023	Total 30.9.2022
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
CCC Service level agreement	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Chairmans Ball	41,039	-	41,039	
Club levies	57,477	-	57,477	30,637
N & S Contributions	32,000	-	32,000	24,000
N & S Social Contributions	8,000	-	8,000	-
Competition, course fees, raffles, office & sports entries	3,375	-	3,375	2,770
Cumbria Community Grant	-	2,500	2,500	
Bar & dance takings	5,791	-	5,791	2,330
Entertainment/Drama takings	1,011	-	1,011	-
Northern Area income	577	-	577	6,898
Year book sponsorship	2,520	-	2,520	1,293
Bank interest	1,983	-	1,983	61
Clothing sales	132	-	132	584
Charity Boxing	-	-	-	10,000
Francis C Scott Charitable Trust	-	9,618	9,618	15,500
Total Incoming Resources	<u>173,905</u>	<u>12,118</u>	<u>186,023</u>	<u>122,246</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Wages, social security & pensions	53,621	9,711	63,332	51,958
Training & DBS costs	604	-	604	421
Chairman's honorarium	1,200	-	1,200	1,100
Treasurer's honorarium	500	-	500	500
Office expenses	6,527	-	6,527	6,399
Website	500	-	500	
Rent	600	600	1,200	1,200
Competition & meeting expenses	8,627	-	8,627	7,284
Year book	2,556	-	2,556	1,194
National levy & associated costs	47,408	-	47,408	9,809
Bar & dance expenses	481	-	481	1,945
Charity Boxing	-	-	-	6,426
Insurance	9,374	-	9,374	3,969
Northern Area expenses	330	-	330	11,082
National expenses	1,049	-	1,049	1,514
Tug of War expenses	180	-	180	155
Bank charges	247	-	247	231
Chairmans Ball	26,815	-	26,815	-
Teenage Cancer Trust	11,000	-	11,000	-
Drug Awareness Training	2,480	2,500	4,980	
Total Resources Expended	<u>174,099</u>	<u>12,811</u>	<u>186,910</u>	<u>113,360</u>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>- 194</b>	<b>- 693</b>	<b>- 887</b>	<b>8,886</b>
Fund balances brought forward	151,071	10,311	161,382	152,496
<b>Balances carried forward</b>	<b>150,877</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>160,495</b>	<b>161,382</b>

## The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

### Balance Sheet

30 September 2023

30.09.23

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#### CURRENT ASSETS

Clothing stocks	175	175
Sundry debtors	31,618	24,000
Current account	27,678	35,427
Cash in hand	90	90
Cumberland BS deposit	101,234	99,251
Prepayments	-	9,674
	<u>160,795</u>	<u>168,617</u>

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Rent Accrual	300	3,935
Bar & dance takings	-	2,650
Charity Bike Ride	-	650
	<u>300</u>	<u>7,235</u>

#### NET CURRENT ASSETS

160,495 161,382

#### TOTAL ASSETS

160,495 161,382

#### FINANCED BY:

Reserves brought forward	161,382	152,496
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(887)	8,886
	<u>160,495</u>	<u>161,382</u>

Treasurer

Kevin Batty

Auditor

C Winspear

#### Note 1

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS

Francis C Scott Charitable Trust

£

9,618



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 September 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

504834

**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 30/09/2023.

**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:**

20/7/24

**Name:**

CHRISTOPHER WINSPEAR

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

Associate of Chartered Institute of Bankers

**Address:**

Winterburn, Low Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0HG