



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

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

26	SOPHIE JONES			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
27	NATHAN ARMSTRONG			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
28	KATE ROWLAND			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
29	JOSH WADE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
30	REBECCA GRIERSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
31	HANNAH HOLMES			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
32	CHLOE DODD			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
33	THEA MAIDWELL			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
34	KATIE MCKIE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
35	SAMANTHA CLARK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
36	REBECCA DENNEY			ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGM
37	BROGAN JACKSON			ELECTED AT THE CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGM
38	JAMIE MCQUIRE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
39	MOLLY STABLE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
40	ADAM LOMAS			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
41	CALLY - JO DICKINSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
42	WILLIAM BLACK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
43	JESSICA BLACK			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
44	JACK STRINGER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
45	JADE PEARSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
46	JACK FISHER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
47	JOSEPH MOORHOUSE			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
48	MARTHA GALBRAITH			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
49	ROSIE PARSONS			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
50	ELLIE NICHOLSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
51	LUKE HODGSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
52	ISABEL WILSON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
53	CHELSEA WALTON			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
54	REBECCA BALMER			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
55	RUBY ALLAN			ELECTED AT CLUB AGM
56	PHOEBE WHARTON			

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 (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 may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 	<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. New for the coming year is training and guidance on behaviour and conduct and the responsibilities of representing a charitable youth organisation.</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. Our young farmers recognise the importance of community and are proud to play an active part in ensuring that their local communities not only survive but thrive and build resilience.

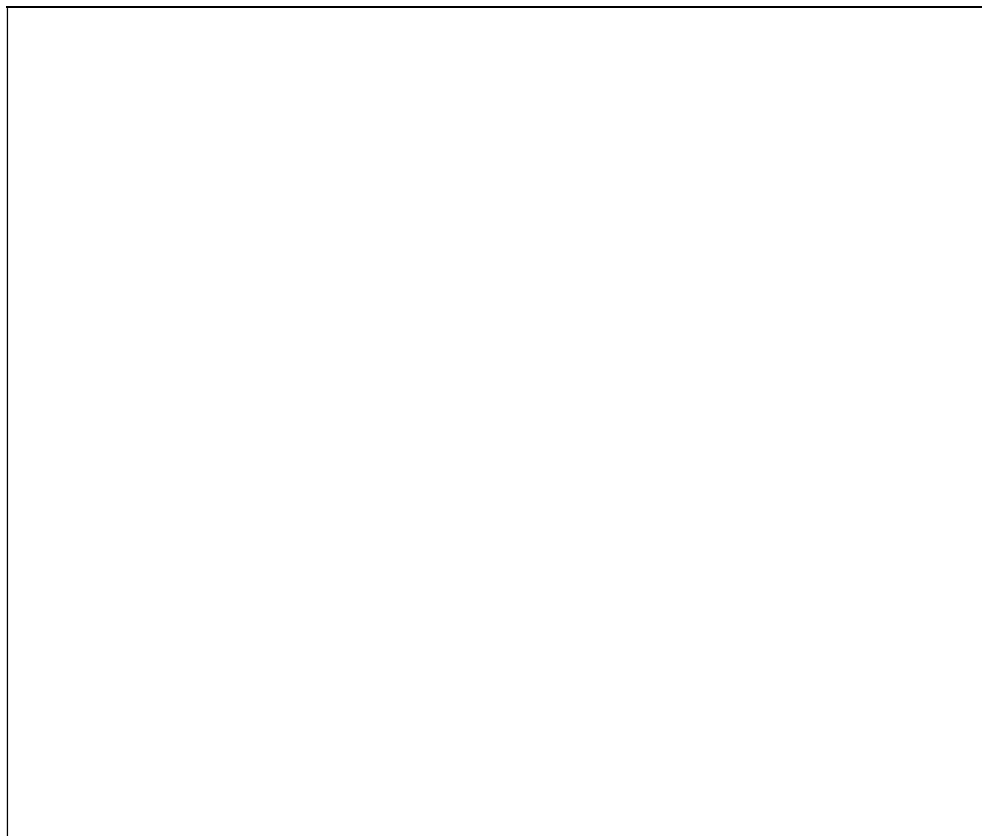
Our young farmers provide much needed help and support to their broader communities, enabling them to make a real difference and build strong and lasting relationships and links within the places where they live and work.

Voluntary work undertaken has included, repairing foot bridges, rebuilding dry stone walls, planting hedges and clearing rivers and river banks.

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. Cumbria YFC as an organisation continues to focus on encouraging members to take part in training, skills-based competitions, club activities and events. We finished the year end with a total of 1462 members (excluding Advisory Members and Club Leaders) across 25 clubs. This was a decrease of 13% on the previous year, which was disappointing. Our elected officers, however, are already working hard to provide ways to maintain current and attract new members for the coming year. Our smallest club is Carlisle YFC with 19 members and our largest club, Kent Estuary YFC has 98 members.

Cumbria YFC operates as a democratic youth organisation. Clubs are actively encouraged to develop strong links with their local communities, working on community projects and activities and events that will bring benefit to the communities in which they live and work. Mentoring within clubs is a key aspect of the role of both elected officers and general members. Teaching and learning within a safe, secure and supported environment is essential to the survival and continuity of clubs and the organisation as a whole.

As noted in many previous reports, young farmers do not necessarily come from a farming or agricultural background. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds however they all have the common interests of community, rural life and agriculture. Young farmers understand the importance of being part of a youth organisation that supports and celebrates Cumbria and its young people and as a successful youth organisation, Cumbria YFC works hard to ensure that it embraces and builds 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 continue to be very competitive and through taking part in 3 rounds of competitions (preliminary, district and county rounds) our members are able to develop skills and knowledge that enable them to achieve great success not only within the county, but also at area and national rounds of competitions.

The Northern Area Weekend this year was hosted by East Riding YFC and held in Scarborough with Cumbria showcasing talent in the public speaking competitions, entertainments and sports resulting in Cumbria A taking a well-deserved 1st place, Cumbria B placed 3rd and Cumbria C 6th. A fantastic result with several Cumbria YFC members qualifying for National Finals.

At the National Finals, Kent Estuary YFC's Rosie Parsons took a

very well-deserved 1st place in the Situations Vacant (22 – 28) competition. The Auctioneering competition saw Will Rogerson from Eden Valley YFC secure another 1st and Sarah Emmott from Greysouthen YFC showed her creative strength by taking a 1st in the Cube Display.

Over the course of a year, our young farmers take part in over 60 competitions, including Public Speaking, Debating, Junior Reading, Situations Vacant (interviews), Just A Minute, Cookery, Tractor Handling, Flower Arranging, Baking and Clay Pigeon Shooting to name but a few. Competitions such as Fencing, Hedging, Walling, Auctioneering and Hand Sheep Shearing help to maintain the rural traditions and country skills which are an important part of farming heritage and tradition.

Training and Standards:

Annual officer training for both districts was held during the autumn. Training focused on giving Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers the necessary tools and knowledge to carry out their roles and run their clubs safely and effectively.

As in previous years, additional training sessions were carried out for Advisory Members to help them understand the importance of safeguarding, health and safety and risk assessments within the organisation and specifically within clubs. All elected officers must complete the NFYFC online safeguarding course within the first 2 months of taking up office.

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 £80,147.67 raised for local and national charities and Cumbria YFC throughout the year. Fundraising continues to take many forms, with sponsored events, car pushes, tractor pulls, sponsored walks, curry nights, beetle drives, afternoon teas and bingo nights proving ever popular!

Raughton Head YFC raised a staggering £29,967.77 with their Many Miles for MND and Broughton YFC raised an equally impressive £14,000 for Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue.

The Coming Year:

The aims for Cumbria YFC for the coming year will continue to focus on the sustainability of the organisation with financial security being key.

Looking to the future 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 trained and supported and able to fulfil their roles and safeguarding responsibilities and run their clubs successfully.
- Encourage members to take part in training and competitions at club, district, county, area and national level.
- Host 2 successful District Field Days.
- Reivew our organisational finances to ensure that we continue to provide value for money and exciting and fulfilling opportunities for our members.
- Encourage members to plan fundraising and volunteering activities and to become active and valued members of their local communities.

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 charities 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

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JOANNE MILLS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHIEF OFFICER	
Date	02/7/2025	

The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Financial Statements for the Year

Ended 30 September 2024

The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Charity Information for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

PRESIDENT	J Garnett
CHAIRMAN	C Wilson
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 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds <i>Note 1</i>	Total 30.9.2024	Total 30.9.2023
INCOMING RESOURCES				
CCC Service level agreement	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Chairmans Ball	-	-	-	41,039
Club levies	74,526	-	74,526	57,477
N & S Contributions	32,000	-	32,000	32,000
N & S Social Contributions	8,000	-	8,000	8,000
Competition, course fees, raffles, office & sports entries	1,829	-	1,829	3,375
Cumbria Community Grant	-	-	-	2,500
Bar & dance takings	23,700	-	23,700	5,791
Entertainment/Drama takings	28	-	28	1,011
Northern Area income	-	-	-	577
Year book sponsorship	1,315	-	1,315	2,520
Bank interest	4,024	-	4,024	1,983
Clothing sales	-	-	-	132
Friends of Cumbria	1,999	-	1,999	-
North West Farmers Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Voluntary Action Cumbria	-	1,400	1,400	-
Francis C Scott Charitable Trust	-	-	-	9,618
Total Incoming Resources	<u>167,421</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>169,821</u>	<u>186,023</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Wages, social security & pensions	69,440	9,618	79,058	63,332
Training & DBS costs	1,037	-	1,037	604
Chairman's honorarium	1,250	-	1,250	1,200
Treasurer's honorarium	500	-	500	500
Office expenses	7,962	-	7,962	6,527
Website	-	-	-	500
Rent	1,700	-	1,700	1,200
Competition & meeting expenses	9,061	2,400	11,461	8,627
Year book	2,000	-	2,000	2,556
National levy & associated costs	44,739	-	44,739	47,408
Bar & dance expenses	17,653	-	17,653	481
Entertainment/Drama expenses	938	-	938	-
Insurance	10,305	-	10,305	9,374
Northern Area expenses	397	-	397	330
National expenses	20	-	20	1,049
Tug of War expenses	420	-	420	180
Bank charges	260	-	260	247
Chairmans Ball	-	-	-	26,815
Teenage Cancer Trust	-	-	-	11,000
Drug Awareness Training	5,065	-	5,065	4,980
Total Resources Expended	<u>172,747</u>	<u>12,018</u>	<u>184,765</u>	<u>186,910</u>
Net Incoming Resources	- 5,326	- 9,618	- 14,944	- 887
Fund balances brought forward	150,877	9,618	160,495	161,382
Balances carried forward	145,551	-	145,551	160,495

The Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Balance Sheet

30 September 2024

30.09.24

30.09.23

CURRENT ASSETS

Clothing stocks	175	175
Sundry debtors	22,000	31,618
Current account	19,800	27,678
Cash in hand	90	90
Cumberland BS deposit	105,258	101,234
	147,323	160,795

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Rent and Year Book Accrual	1,772	300
	1,772	300

NET CURRENT ASSETS

145,551	160,495
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TOTAL ASSETS

<u>145,551</u>	<u>160,495</u>
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FINANCED BY:

Reserves brought forward	160,495	161,382
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(14,944)	(887)

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Treasurer

Kevin Batty

Auditor

C Winspear

Note 1

RESTRICTED FUNDS

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Nil

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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.

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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 2024

Charity no (if any) 504834

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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: 8/7/25

Name: CHRISTOPHER WINSPEAR

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

Associate of Chartered Institute of Bankers

Address:

Winterburn, Low Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0HG