

HARPER ADAMS IN IRELAND

Annual Report to the members of the Harper Adams in Ireland Association for the year ending July 31st 2023.

The year ending July 31st 2023 has been characterised by a modest recovery in activities from the restrictions imposed by Corvid disease control.

Support for prospective students

During the year prospective students were identified by attendance at a limited number of careers events in schools and by presentations given to senior students in schools. Reassurance, encouragement and advice was given to them and their parents on course availability, course choice, careers and career progression.

Support for Present Students

Awards, Bursaries & Scholarships.

Your association has continued to support present students by exploring the possibility of generating new scholarships, and by the administration of existing awards, bursaries and scholarships. During the year 19 students from the island of Ireland benefitted from financial support totalling £5,500. John Thompson & Sons continued to support students with a prize valued at £1,500 recognising academic achievement and contribution to the student community for the 21st consecutive year.

The Harper-Ireland Club

Harper Adams in Ireland was instrumental in organising the guest speaker for the Annual dinner of the student club in Harper Adams University and in supporting the student chairman and club in other ways.

Other support

Several current students were mentored during the year on their CV development, career opportunities. Your association continues to explore opportunities for student work placement and employment within the island of Ireland. One student was successfully nominated by Harper Adams in

Ireland for the award of Top Northern Ireland agricultural student awarded by the Belfast Telegraph's Farming Life.

Underpinning Activities

Harper Adams in Ireland continues to be represented on the committee of the NI Schools Careers' Advisers Association (NISCA) and during the year attended the two NISCA Conferences and other careers events on behalf of the Association. The Association is also represented on the committee of the Poultry Industry Education Trust. Harper Adams in Ireland is also a member of the Guild of Agricultural journalists in Northern Ireland, regularly attends Guild meetings and submits material relating to prospective, present and past students to the printed press and social media.

In undertaking these activities and making this report your Association has had regard to the Commission's public benefit requirement and statutory guidance.

Ladies and gentlemen, I commend to you the activities of your Association in the year ending July 31st 2023, and this report to you for your approval.



Peter Harvey.

Chairman

23rd April 2024