

ROAR AND EXPLORE DAIRY FARM LTD

Report of the Trustees FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objects are to provide facilities for the inhabitants of the Belfast/Lisburn region without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, race, abilities, or political or religious opinions, including facilities for children's play and recreation, family and community events, meetings, classes and other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Public benefit

The trustees have read and had regard to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's statutory guidance on Public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In the year, we further developed our social enterprise. We updated the soft play playframe and the facilities of Last Level party and gaming room. We also converted a vacant space at the same premises to become a Morellis Ice Cream sit in parlour and safe space, to compliment the new local Colin Park initiative.

Roar and Explore provide free educational activities every Monday to Thursday, which are available to all children on the premises. These activities are learning through arts and crafts (Colin's crafts), learning through cooking and baking (Ellie's Eats), learning through stories, singing and dancing (Rami's Rhymes) and learning through sensory play (Tilly's Twists). These sessions run 5 days per week, 5 sessions per day, with an average of 10 kids per session. This equates to approximately 12,000 children benefiting from these educational activities from January to December 2023.

Every morning we provide a discounted toddler morning entry rate and free toast and juice for all the children. This ensures the children are provided with something to eat and drink plus it encourages their parents to bring them out of the house to socialize and play with other children of a similar age. Approximately 6000 children benefited from this.

We offer a heavily discounted child minder entry rate, as we know that being a childminder can be quite a lonely form of work. We have 125 childminders registered on this scheme, of which many are extremely regular users. It gives them an opportunity to get out of the house, in a safe environment for the kids in their care to play, whilst they socialise and meet up with likeminded people. There were approximately 5000 children visits from this scheme, giving them the opportunity to mix and develop social skills with other children whilst learning through play; plus getting valuable exercise.

We also offer discount 2 for 1 discount for Perks card holders (primarily for Blue light services) which was availed of approximately 1400 times, free birthday passes to birthday children from which 712 children benefited and free entry for staff children which was used 300 times.

We provide a heavily discounted entry rate for nurseries, schools, and clubs. This was availed of 115 times. The children that come with these nurseries, schools and clubs are also provided with free toast and juice, from which over 2300 children benefited.

We also provide free parties (play, juice, hot meal and dessert) through various competitions and in support of local community groups and clubs. 250 benefited from this; in addition to over 500 free passes which were also provided to local community groups, clubs and fundraisers.

We supported a number of local sports clubs, providing them with high quality football kits and free passes - including Andersonstown Community Football Club, Lisburn Distillery Football Club and St Johns GAC.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023 and Balance Sheet as at that date are shown in the attached financial statements.

Income from charitable activities for the year to 31 December 2023 is £626,254 (2022: £537,479) which is up £88,775 on the previous year. The charity gratefully received a grant from its parent company of £5,718. Total expenditure for the year is £624,406 (2022:£559,361) which is up £65,045 on the previous year. Net profit for the year was £7,566 compared to net loss of £6,444 for the previous year.

The Statement of Financial Position remains healthy with Net Assets of £129,939 of ,which all relates to unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has established a policy whereby the Unrestricted Funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets for charity use ('the free reserves') held by the Company should be between 3 and 6 months of the resources expended. At this level, the Trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the company. In the event of a significant drop in funding, it would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity plans to continue to offer its various services to the people in the locality. During 2024, it is our intention to develop a splat ball park aimed at local teenagers and young adults in the area.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by a Board of Trustees which operates as detailed in the company's governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board meets between six and eight times per year. The subcommittee, the audit committee, meet on a quarterly basis and the other committees meet as necessary. A chief executive is appointed by the board to administer the day to day operations of the company and its subsidiaries.

To facilitate effective operations the Group chief executive, Mr Seamus O'Prey has delegated authority approved by the trustees for operational matters such as finance, employment and the delivery of its charitable objectives.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Due to the nature of the charity's work the trustees seek to ensure that these needs are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body. To enhance the potential pool, trustees are requested to provide a list of their skills (and update it each year) and in the event of particular skills lacking or being lost due to retirement, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI652507 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

107683

Registered office

Ortus
155 Northumberland Street
Belfast
BT13 2JF

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Trustees

J Collins
N F Rooney
G Ward

Auditors

M.B.Mc Grady & Co
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Rathmore House
52 St Patricks Avenue
Downpatrick
Co. Down
BT30 6DS

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Roar and Explore Dairy Farm Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

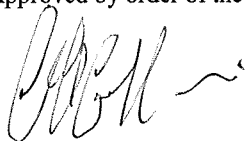
The auditors, M.B.Mc Grady & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Collins', with a small flourish at the end.

J Collins - Trustee