



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF DRIFFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Driffield Agricultural Society will be held at 7pm on **19th February 2025**.

Please see page 4 for the formal notice.

Proxy voting forms are available both from our website and by request from the Society Office. You are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at a general meeting. All Proxy forms must be returned to the Society office 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting. Please see page 9 for further details.

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**Notice of annual general meeting of the members of
Driffield agricultural society
(the "Society")**

Circulation Date: 21st January 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society
will be held at **7pm on 19th February 2025**
In the Members Pavilion

You will be asked to consider and vote on the resolutions below:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

1. To appointment the Honorary President of the Society.
2. To appointment two Director of the Society.
3. To appointment two members to the Nomination Committee of the Society.
4. To appointment the Treasurer of the Society. *(The Board of Directors recommend re-appointing Mr Peter Bradbury)*

Please see the AGM agenda for all items for discussion.

By order of the Board

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George Hamilton
Chair of Driffield Agricultural Society

Company Number: 03243762

Registered Charity Number: 1068658

AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To appoint two Tellers.
3. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 13th of February 2024
(*see page 6*).
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
5. To receive and consider the Annual Report for the year ending 30th of September 2024.
6. To receive and consider the Accounts for the period ending 30th of September 2024.
7. To appoint, elect or re-elect:
 - a. Honorary President of the Society.
 - b. Two members of the Board of Directors.
 - c. Two Members of the Nominations Committee.
 - d. The Society Treasurer.
The Board of Directors recommend re-appointing Mr Peter Bradbury.
 - e. Members of the Show Committee.
 - f. Members of the Education Committee.
 - g. Accountants for Driffield Agricultural Society.
 - h. Honorary Veterinary Surgeons.
8. Vote of thanks to retiring officials.
9. Correspondence.
10. Any other business.
11. Date of next meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

Held on Wednesday, 13th February 2024 at the Driffield Showground

Attendance

Deputy Hon President	Mr D C Byass	Chairman	Mrs F Gilliat
Vice Chairperson	Mr G Hamilton	Chief Executive	Mr D Tite

And 27 members as per the register.

1. Apologies

Mr T Burdass, Mr J Johnston, Mrs S Fitchett, Mr S Walgate, Mr S Appleyard, Lord A Nelson, Mrs A Bradshaw, Mr H Petch, Mr T Julian, Miss P Coleman, Mr P Walker.

2. Appointment of two Tellers

Mrs G Butler and Mr M Swann were appointed.

Proposed by Mr G Hamilton
Seconded by Mr T Richardson

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on 15th February 2023 were agreed and signed as correct.

Proposed by Mr C Richardson.
Seconded by Mrs G Butler

4. Matter Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Annual Report

Mrs Fenella Gilliat read out her report as it had appeared in the Annual Report booklet.

Proposed - Mrs S Woodall
Seconded - Mr J Atkinson

6. Annual Accounts

Mr Peter Bradbury presented the statement of accounts and provided the meeting with comprehensive explanation of them and invited members to ask questions.

Proposed - Mr R Dee
Seconded - Mr T Coleman

7. To appoint, elect or re-elect

Society Chairman

Mr George Hamilton

Proposed - Mr A W Pexton
Seconded - Mr J Clancy

Society Vice Chairman

Mr Richard Dee

Proposed - Mr G Hamilton
Seconded - Mr I Gilliat

Honorary President of the Society

Mr Chris Byass

Proposed - Mr M Flint
Seconded - Mr W Walker

One Member of the Board of Directors

Mr T Burdass and Mrs F Gilliat stood for one position resulting in a paper ballot
Mr T Burdass

Elected with a majority

Two Members of the Nominations Committee

Miss K Norris
Mr M Temple

Proposed - Mrs F Gilliat
Seconded - Mr R Jackson

Society Treasurer

Mr P Bradbury

Proposed - Mr S Rowley
Seconded - Mr T Coleman

Members of Driffield Show Committee

Mr J Atkinson	Mrs L Beaty	Mrs A Bradshaw
Mr S Bradshaw	Mr P Bradbury	Mr T Burdass
Mr D Burkill	Mr D C Byass	Mrs G Butler
Mrs J Butterworth	Miss P Coleman	Mr T Coleman
Mr K Dalby	Mr R Dee	Mrs S Ellerby
Mrs S Fitchett	Mr M Flint	Mr I Gilliat
Miss R Gilliat	Mrs F Gilliat	Mr G Gilliat
Mr G Hadfield	Mr G Hamilton	Mr C Hornsey
Mr J Hyde	Mrs J Jenkinson	Mr R Jackson
Mr T Julian	Mr G Lazenby	Mr C Massey
Miss K Norris	Mrs C Moore	Mr C Morris
Lord Nelson of Stafford	Mr P Parkin	Mr B Prescott
Mr S Rowley	Mr M Rogers	Mr C Richardson
Mr M Richardson	Mrs S Southcoat	Mr M Swann
Mr M Rogers	Mr M Temple	Mr M Towse
Mr C Vicary	Mr S Walgate	Mr P Walker
Mr P Wilson	Mrs S Woodall	

Prop. en bloc - Mr F Gilliat
Sec. en bloc - Mr P Bradbury

Members of the Education Committee

Mrs G Butler	Miss G Beevers	Mrs J Butterworth
Mr T Burdass	Mr S Bradshaw	Mr M Flint
Mrs C Foreman	Mr G Gilliat	Mr D C Byass
Mr T Julian	Mr R Meadley	Miss K Norris
Mrs F Gilliat	Mr M Temple	Mrs S Woodall
Mr T Pexton		

Plus, three representatives of the East Riding Young Farmers Clubs

Proposed en bloc - Miss R Gilliat
Seconded en bloc - Mr C Richardson

Accountants for Driffield Agricultural Society
Smailes Goldie Group

Proposed - Mr P Bradbury
Seconded - Mr T Pexton

Honorary Veterinary Surgeons
Aldgate Veterinary Practice

Proposed - Mr R Jackson
Seconded - Mr T Coleman

8. That the Directors be and are hereby authorised pursuant to sections 11 and 122 Charities Act 2011 to sell the land on the eastern side of the Driffield Showground as shaded in red in the plan on page 6 of the account's booklet, to a local business for an agreed sum.

Proposed - Mr Martin Swan
Agreed by a majority vote
One vote against

9. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors have proposed adding the following bylaw to the bylaws of the Driffield Agricultural Society.

'The Board of Directors can co-opt two persons onto the DAS Board with relevant voting rights, sitting on the board of the duration of the year they have been co-opted for'.

Mr G Hamilton informed the committee that after further investigation the proposal to augment the bylaws to co-opt is superseded by article 29 (3) so no vote was needed.

10. Votes of thanks to outgoing officials

Mrs Fenella Gilliat gave a vote of thanks to outgoing President HRH Duchess of Edinburgh

Mr G Hamilton gave a vote of thanks to the following outgoing officials:

Lady Chairman, Mrs F Gilliat.

Director, Mr M Swann

Driffield Show Committee Members Mr J Clancy, Mr S Edwards, Mr E Caley, Mr T Pexton

Handicraft Section Head, Mrs A Bradshaw

He also thanked the staff team, stewards and volunteers for their hard work during the year.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

12. Any Other Business

- Mrs G Butler reminded those present that tickets were now available for 'An Evening with Mark Atkinson' priced £15 including supper.

- Mr G Hamilton reminded those present that discount membership was still available until the 28th of February and that only members had voting rights at meetings.

- Duncan Lambert will be speaking at the Next Generation Evening on 21st March.

- Schools Food and Farming Day will take place on 22nd May and the Countryside Careers Evening on 23rd May - volunteers are required for both events.

- Driffield Show will take place on Wednesday, 16th July.

- In the absence of any further business the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Signed

Dated

HOW TO NOMINATE & APPOINT A PROXY

1. To propose or second a nomination you must be a signed/paid up member of the Society for 2023/24.
2. The nomination forms can be located via the members' page (top right corner of the page) on www.driffieldshowground.co.uk from the 28th of January 2025. You can also request a copy by contacting the Society office on 01377 257494 or via email tom@driffieldshowground.co.uk. Equally you can post a request through our post-box which is to the left of the showgrounds garage gate.

If you have already requested the pack be sent out to you by post it should accompany this document.

3. If you want to put forward a nomination for:
 - a. The role of Honorary President.
 - b. Board member.
 - c. Either one or two nominations for the Nominations Committee.

Please complete the form as per the instructions.

4. All nominations must be with the Society Office no later than 7pm on the 16th of February 2025, no forms will be accepted after this time. (If posted by hand the postbox is to the left of the garage entrance gate).
5. Final Nominations will be posted on the Society Website no later than the 16th of February 2025.
6. All signed/paid up members are entitled to appoint a proxy, the Proxy Form can be located via the members' page of www.driffieldshowground.co.uk, these forms will be available from the 25th January 2025 onwards. You can also request a copy by contacting the Society office on 01377 257494 or via email tom@driffieldshowground.co.uk. If you have already requested that the pack be sent out to you by post it should accompany this document.
7. All completed proxy voting forms need to be with the Society office no later than **48 hours** prior to the start of the AGM i.e. at 7pm on 19th February 2025.
8. If there are more than one nomination per post a vote will be taken at the AGM.
9. No nominations for the above posts will be taken from the floor at the AGM.
10. Please see the full note for proxy voting on the reverse of the proxy voting form.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 2024

The following page is an extract from the Trustees report, which forms part of the statutory accounts.

The principal activities of the charitable company in the year under review were those of the advancement of the science and practice of agriculture, horticulture and kindred trades, professions and activities. To advance education for the public benefit.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

A Board of seven directors meet on a regular basis. These Directors are also the Trustees of the Society. The Show Committee and Education Committee meet up to 4 times per year working on the activities of the Society. Regular meetings enable the membership to be integral to the workings of the organisation. At the start of the Driffield Show meetings a director will give a report on the health of the Society and all committee members will be kept up to date with Society based activity. This process helps to keep the Society focused on its charitable objectives and activities. The Board have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives. The Trustees consider how planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives of the Society.

How our activities deliver public benefit and who benefits from our services?

The Society runs a range of educational activities that benefit both members of the Society, the public and school children from a range of backgrounds. These include the following:

- 'An evening with...' held in March 24, with guest speaker Mark Atkinson from Atkinsons Action Horses delivering an especially entertaining talk on diversifying from dairy farming to horsemanship, with over 250 members and the public attending.
- The Society's seventh Schools' Food and Farming Day hosted at the showground saw over 1,800 key stage two children from approximately forty-five schools from across the East Riding and Hull. Over seventy outdoor educational stands were set up for the day which allowed businesses and organisations to interact with the children to tell the story of food production and aspects of rural life. The event was hailed a tremendous success. The society aims to run this activity again in 2025.
- The Society held their second careers event titled Countryside Careers Evening for students from key stage three upward. Parents and carers were also invited to the event, along with anyone interested in a career change. Fifty businesses / exhibitors attended the event.
- Education once again played an important part in the annual Driffield Show, which returned to a traditional one-day format. Education aspects at the show this year included the Young Growers Challenge and Honey Show, with talks and demonstrations being held in the Horticulture tent. Schools from across the East Riding took part in the Young Growers Challenge.
- Ladies in pigs provided food demonstrations in their mobile food theatre. The Livestock section gave visitors the opportunity to see cattle, sheep, pigs, and horses up close along with the chance to speak to livestock exhibitors.
- The agricultural demonstration area displayed an array of heavy farming machinery to the public along with tutorials on cultivation practices. The countryside area displayed gundogs in action and gave visitors the opportunity to try pond dipping, interspersed with fly fishing demonstrations throughout the day.

Throughout the year, the Society supports a wealth of local clubs, groups, and charities by subsidising their showground rental and site equipment hire either in part or fully. The financial value of this support equates to c. £30,000. A selection of beneficiaries is listed below:

- Driffield Rugby Club consisting of:
 - Thirteen acres of field to use as five rugby pitches rent free
 - Sixteen acres of land for use each weekend during the season to support parking mini rugby vehicles.
 - Access to additional parking for key matches
- Macmillan Cancer Christmas Fayre - subsidised rentals.
- East Riding Young Farmers Club County Office - peppercorn rental and subsidised room hire.
- East Riding Railway Restoration Trust - subsidised rentals.
- East Yorkshire Long Distance Walkers - subsidised rentals.
- Driffield and District Scouts - subsidised rentals and free use of the field on available evenings.
- 3 x Annual Poultry Shows - subsidised rental - cancelled due to bird flu.
- Local Food Network - free trade stand at the Driffield Show.

In summary, 110 local clubs and charitable groups supported, accessing over 1,028 fundraising items, saving the charities over £8,000 in hire charges.

SOCIETY PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr Chris Byass

I feel very honoured to have been elected President of the Driffield Agricultural Society, and to have had a practice year deputising to HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh. What a privilege that was, despite the weather letting us down occasionally, Rosemary and I thoroughly enjoyed our day.

The report for 2024 began with the AGM where I inherited the wonderful painting by Hector Fraser; picturing the main ring on Show Day. I shall certainly miss not seeing this in our hallway when it's time to hand it over to the next recipient.

On to our annual events - The member's evening was a resounding success, drawing a large crowd. Mark Atkinson captivated everyone with an engaging and humorous talk about his experiences in the film industry and his remarkable horses, which was followed by a delightful supper.

The Schools' Education Day in May followed thereafter. At this point, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the office team who work tirelessly in the background to support the event each year. I must also mention the generosity of the sponsors, without whom, we would not be able to put on such a rewarding day. This year we hosted over 1700 school children on the Show field and despite the awful weather, it was a huge success. Well done to all involved, in whatever capacity; we can be proud that we are sowing the seeds of possibility in young people's minds across the East Riding of Yorkshire. Building on the success of the Education Day and following a swift re-set, the Careers Evening continues to grow thanks to the education committee's tenacious engagement with our community leaders and business partners.

As ever the main event on the calendar was the Show itself. It was a fantastic day, over all too quickly for me! Somehow the weather played a good hand especially after the heavy rain of the previous months. The atmosphere on the Day really was quite memorable and I thoroughly enjoyed all of my duties throughout, particularly the presentations in the main ring; what an honour. Rosemary and I thoroughly enjoyed our day.

In November, I was very proud to represent the Society at the Service of Remembrance in Driffield. I was accompanied by Tom, our new Chief Executive Officer, where we stood shoulder to shoulder with the community to pay our respects and lay our wreath at the cenotaph.

In closing, I would like to wish David Tite every success upon his move to pastures new with the Yorkshire Show. We have worked well together over the past twenty years, and I am sure we will all miss him sincerely.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr George Hamilton

I must first say that it is a huge honour to be asked to be chairman of Driffield Agricultural Society, and to thank those that have helped create and support such a successful organisation that is held in such high regard by other agricultural societies and the industries that it serves.

The first events of the year are the school's education day and careers event in May. Good weather always helps, but this year we had torrential rain in biblical proportions. Despite this, all but one school turned out and had an amazing day. As I watched children descend from the buses and one by one jump in the nearest puddle, much to the angst of the teachers, I knew we were in for a good day. The exhibitors crammed groups of soggy pupils into their red gazebos and were really impressed by how interested and engaged they were. Well done and many thanks to all that were involved.

The careers event, now in its second year, is gaining momentum with increasing numbers of students interested in pursuing a future in farming and allied industries and more potential employers keen to find new recruits.

The build-up for the 148th Driffield Show was also beset by wet weather. Special thanks to the ground staff and car parks team for getting the site ready for the expected crowds. They say every cloud has a silver lining. The unsettled weather made sure that harvest operations were delayed, and the sunshine on show day helped boost our attendance and moreover, the enjoyment of the day. Many thanks to the army of volunteers who assist us as stewards, without whom we could not exist.

I was delighted to be able to escort our President, Chris Byass and his wife Rosemary around the show. Chris has been involved in almost every aspect of the show for many years and it is in recognition of his many years of service that he was elected to be our President.

Just over a month before the show, I received a call to inform me that our Chief Executive Officer, David Tite, had accepted a new role with the Yorkshire Agricultural Society. David remained committed to ensuring Driffield Show 2024 would be the best yet, and to assist with the transition to his newly appointed successor Tom Woodall. Our thanks go to David for all his hard work, and we wish him every success in his new role.

The Next Gen group has held several successful events throughout the year, including an excellent presentation from the Groundswell team on Regenerative Farming, hosted by Brown and Co. Many thanks to all those who have assisted during the year.

Work on the showground is always developing, though the need to manage our flood risk has been a high priority. The "swale" has contained the underground drainage overspill when required, but hopefully the newly repaired drainage system will handle the ever-increasing run-off from the Wolds.

Finally, a note of thanks to the office team, Cheryl, Elaine, Tippi, Tim and Frank. They are our front row on whom we rely totally. Many thanks to them for their efforts and commitment throughout the year.

EDUCATION CHAIR REPORT

Mrs Gill Butler

The Education Committee has been busy throughout 2024 organising activities which aim to give the general public a better understanding of farming and the food they eat.

In March an audience of well over 200 people were thoroughly entertained, in the Rix Pavilion, by Mark Atkinson of Atkinson Action Horses. Mark talked effortlessly in conversation with the audience, as he described how the horses are trained and prepared for working in a huge variety of situations, from television to movie sets. Proceeds from the evening go towards staging our educational activities.

In May, after months of preparation it was time to stage the Schools' Food and Farming Day. Each year since we started holding this successful event, we have been blessed with gorgeous weather but at some point, I suppose, our luck was bound to run out. It rained! It really rained! Exhibitors, stewards and even the children smiled, and despite the elements the day was a soggy success.

We had bought about 150 ponchos just in case some children were not prepared but eventually we had to resort to cutting holes in bin liners! Farmers and growers braved the weather and involved the children in activities aimed at teaching them about the origins of their food and how much of it is grown on farms in this region.

About 1700 nine, ten and eleven year olds attended the event with their teachers from all over East Yorkshire & Hull and some from neighbouring North Yorkshire Schools. All activities were led by the farmers and growers with children encouraged to get involved in interactive displays, watch large farm machinery working and participate in hands on activities.

To make the event work we provide free transport, and so we are enormously grateful to our sponsors, and of course to the enthusiasm and generosity of the farmers and growers who come tirelessly interact with the children and describe how their products are grown and created. Hopefully children go away with a greater understanding of where the food they eat comes from.

The next day the showground hosted the Countryside Careers Evening. An event designed to showcase the myriad of opportunities available in agriculture, food production and associated industries to people, from school leavers to those seeking a career change. It was no mean feat to reorganise the site within a few hours to accommodate the new event, but with a group of willing volunteers, and enthusiastic exhibitors, we were ready in time to host our second Careers event.

Exhibitors were able to showcase the wide range of careers connected to food and farming not all of which involve working directly on the land. Companies included feed production businesses, grain merchants, solicitors, accountants, land agents, machinery dealers, conservation management and of course representatives of firms working directly in farming. Young people, their parents and those seeking a career change attended the evening and were able to explore and discuss future possibilities with those working in the industry. All the stands in attendance have committed to 2025 and we have already had more requests from firms requesting a place.

Driffeld Show is of course a real opportunity to educate the public about food and farming as well as offering a great day out. The educational elements to the show are numerous and all stands are judged on their ability to inform the general public. We continually look at opportunities to provide more chances to inform the public about the creation of their food. Exciting plans are already underway for activities in 2025, when we hope to repeat many of our successful events but also expand into new areas.

DRIFFIELD SHOWDAY





WEDNESDAY

• 16TH JULY •

2025

DRIFFFIELD

SHOW

SCHOOLS' FOOD AND FARMING DAY 2024

Over 1,700 children enjoying the day





TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Peter Bradbury FCA

Having had such a successful Show, it is a little disappointing to only be reporting a group profit of £3,340 (page 21). However, this is after absorbing £8K for the proportion of culvert repairs completed before the year end, £9K extra depreciation to write off numerous obsolete fixed assets and £13K of irrecoverable VAT following the increased Show admissions (which are an exempt supply for VAT purposes).

A substantial increase in overall income of £45K compared with 2023 has made it possible to still make a profit despite the above. The extra income being generated by £43K from Show admissions, £9K on catering concessions, £7K from the Christmas Parties run as our own event and £9K from administering the Share Station. This additional income was reduced by falls in trade stands £5K, donations £6K and Showground rentals £11K.

The balance sheet (page 19) shows a similar net asset position as last year but within this is an increase in bank and cash balances £40K and a reduction in fixed assets of £30K.

The Group's Management Accounts, as reconciled to the individual statutory accounts, are shown in detail on pages 19 to 22. Copies of the statutory accounts are available from the office if required.

Looking forward the financial success of the Society will continue to be dominated by a good attendance on Show Day and increasing rental income, but this does not mean that other possible sources of income or reductions in expenditure will not be kept under review.

As usual I would like to end by thanking all the Society's staff for their hard work and dedication but particularly this year when they have successfully faced many new challenges arising during the transitional period culminating in the appointment of Tom our new CEO. Welcome Tom and special thanks to Elaine for her continuing support and assistance to me on all matters financial.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30.09.24

	DAS	DSE	COMBINED	30/09/2023
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Freehold property:				
Land	155,213	-	155,213	154,563
Buildings	145,742	-	145,742	149,597
	300,955	-	300,955	304,160
Rix Pavilion	-	342,760	342,760	351,320
Tenant's improvements	-	66,959	66,959	68,519
Equipment etc.	41,097	73,199	114,296	130,716
	342,052	482,918	824,970	854,715
CURRENT ASSETS				
Restricted funds - see page 21	35,724	-	35,724	40,817
Debtors	2,033	13,142	15,175	29,237
Prepayments	4,125	200	4,325	4,857
Bank and cash	6,468	119,037	125,505	85,851
	48,350	132,379	180,729	160,762
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors	(13,705)	(9,588)	(23,293)	(15,403)
Accruals	(6,734)	(2,440)	(9,174)	(11,471)
Hire purchase	-	-	-	(5,723)
Income received in advance	(6,000)	(11,358)	(17,358)	(11,093)
Advance annual membership	(7,981)	-	(7,981)	(8,129)
	(34,420)	(23,386)	(57,806)	(51,819)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	13,930	108,993	122,923	108,943
LONG TERM LIABILITIES				
Loans:				
NatWest	(17,084)	-	(17,084)	(18,983)
NFU	(44,000)	-	(44,000)	(54,000)
	(61,084)	-	(61,084)	(72,983)
Deferred income:				
LEP grant	-	(70,604)	(70,604)	(72,367)
RPA grant	-	(34,391)	(34,391)	(35,959)
Life memberships	(44,927)	-	(44,927)	(38,709)
Sponsorship	-	(2,500)	(2,500)	(7,500)
	(106,011)	(107,495)	(213,506)	(227,518)
INTER COMPANY	938,113	(938,113)	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	£1,188,084	(£453,697)	£734,387	£736,140
REPRESENTED BY				
General fund	1,166,784	(471,461)	695,323	691,002
Restricted funds - see page 21	35,724,	-	35,724	40,817
Profit/(loss) - see page 21	(14,424)	17,764	3,340	4,321
	£1,188,084	(£453,697)	£734,387	£736,140

The charitable group is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The members have not required the charitable group to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable group keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable group as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of The Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable group.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subjected to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 6th December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr S Rowley (Board Chair)

Mr P Bradbury FCA

Mr G M Hamilton

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR TO 30.09.2024

	DAS £	DSE £	COMBINED £	30/09/2023 £
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Trade stands	-	140,850	140,850	145,910
Show admissions	-	257,545	257,545	214,499
Show sponsorship	-	23,300	23,300	24,233
Catering concessions	-	26,109	26,109	17,008
Entry fees	-	7,720	7,720	7,403
Section sponsorship	-	11,814	11,814	8,952
Sundry show income	-	7,364	7,364	7,480
	-	474,702	474,702	425,485
OTHER				
General donations	1,897	250	2,147	8,559
General sponsorship	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Gift aid	-	-	-	305
Members' subscriptions	36,855	-	36,855	38,074
Showground rentals (net)	-	79,069	79,069	90,862
An evening with..... (net)	1,840	-	1,840	2,192
Showground events (net)	-	7,350	7,350	-
Solar panels	-	4,008	4,008	4,222
Grant releases	-	3,331	3,331	3,333
Share Station	8,272	-	8,272	(869)
Interest received	78	-	78	-
	48,942	573,710	622,652	577,163
EXPENSES - see page 22	63,366	555,946	619,312	572,842
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	(£14,424)	£17,764	£3,340	£4,321

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	MEADLEY £	ROTARY £	SMILE £	TOTAL £	30/09/2023 £
BROUGHT FORWARD 1 OCTOBER 2023	-	30,352	10,465	40,817	42,298
MOVEMENTS IN THE QUARTER					
Donations received	2,500	-	-	2,500	16,850
Investment income received	-	1,084	-	1,084	518
Santa's sleigh collections	-	3,925	-	3,925	3,226
	2,500	35,361	10,465	48,326	46,435
Bursaries paid	-	(3,050)	-	(3,050)	(3,050)
Santa's sleigh expenses	-	(131)	-	(131)	(237)
Running costs	-	-	(5,773)	(5,773)	869
Depreciation	-	-	(4,692)	(4,692)	(3,760)
Investment revaluation	-	1,044	-	1,044	560
CARRIED FORWARD 30 JUNE 2024	£2,500	£33,224	-	£35,724	£40,817

REPRESENTED BY

Investments		26,012	-	26,012	24,968
Equipment		-	-	-	4,342
Bank	2,500	7,212	-	9,712	11,507
	£2,500	£33,224	-	£35,724	£40,817

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR TO 30.09.2024

	DAS	DSE	COMBINED	30/09/2023
	£	£	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	£	£	£	£
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Show donations etc.	-	675	675	630
Trade stands	-	365	365	290
Show day catering	-	9,943	9,943	13,486
Main ring	-	5,285	5,285	8,151
Section expenses	-	51,045	51,045	46,346
Display areas	-	8,928	8,928	10,048
Show printing	-	3,656	3,656	4,376
General site show	-	164,641	164,641	156,045
	-	244,538	244,538	239,372
Membership	1,335	-	1,335	1,108
Society donations	25	-	25	
Education (net)	1450	-	1450	(115)
	2,810	244,538	247,348	240,365
OVERHEADS				
Rent	16,500	-	16,500	16,500
Wages (net)	52,514	132,844	185,358	181,451
Services & general site	20,176	29,093	49,269	46,174
Travel claims	597	13	610	1,301
Postage	335	1,967	2,302	1,685
Repairs & maintenance	12,897	25,816	38,713	30,386
Office	9,817	14,267	24,084	20,377
Next Generation Group	(693)	-	(693)	(819)
Bank charges & interest	2,894	1,404	4,298	4,234
Depreciation	10,688	25,672	36,360	27,622
Subscriptions & training	2,322	70	2,392	3,566
Irrecoverable VAT	3,237	9,534	12,771	-
	131,284	240,680	371,964	332,477
INTER COMPANY				
Rent	(5,000)	5,000	-	-
Loan interest	(65,728)	65,728	-	-
	(70,728)	70,728	-	-
TOTAL	£63,366	£555,946	£619,312	£572,842

PRESIDENTS - PAST AND PRESENT

1854	E H Reynard	1913	P Lloyd - Graeme	1981 - 82	A J Dewhirst Esq
1855	Lord Hotham MP	1914	Sir M Sykes Bt MP	1983	A Conner Esq
1856	Lord Londesborough	1920	Captain T L Wickam - Boynton	1984	R H Mountifield Esq
1861	Admiral Duncombe	1921	Colonel M Borwick M F H	1985	W L Caley Esq
1862 - 63	Lord Londesborough	1921	Lord Grimthorpe M F H	1986	P N Bradshaw Esq
1864	Christopher Sykes	1922	Sir F Payne - Gallwey Bt	1987	P S Atkinson Esq
1865	Lord Muncaster	1923	Sir Gaunt MP	1988	R W Twiddle Esq
1866	W Harrison - Broadley	1924	Sir Prince Prince-Smith Bt	1989	C Atkinson Esq
1867	Lord Downe	1925	Lord Grimthorpe	1990	H Wright Esq
1868	J Hall	1926	Sir Kenelm Caley Bt	1991	G E Farnsworth
1870	Lord Hotham	1927	Lord Hotham	1992	C C Dee Esq
1871	Christopher Sykes MP	1928	Sir Richard Sykes Bt	1993	R A Bethel Esq
1872	Lord londesborough	1929	Viscount Lascelles	1994	I G S Sellers Esq
1973	J Hall	1931	Major C Behrens	1995	C Scruton Esq
1874 - 75	W H Harrison - Broadley	1937 - 39	Sir Richard Sykes, Bart., C.C.	1996	P Caley Esq
1876	Sir Charles Legard Bt	1946 - 47	Sir Wm Prince-Smith, Bart., OBE	1997	Mrs E C Rymer
1878	J R Walker	1948 - 49	Alderman Henry Beachell JP	1998	F B Sykes Esq
1879	Christopher Sykes	1950 - 51	Dr E H Milner	1999	F W O Richardson Esq
1880	Colonel Dawney	1952	H J Taylor Esq	2000	C M C Burdass Esq
1881	H St Quentin	1953	J S Atkinson Esq	2001	A Dawson
1882	A Wilson MFH	1954	L M Du Pre Esq	2002	A Grant
1884	Sir Charles Legard Bt	1955	E W Wrigley Esq	2003	Lord Middleton, MC, DL
1885	Lord Herries	1956	Lord Middleton MC	2004	Mrs M E Kirkwood
1886	Christopher Sykes	1957	R Megginson	2005	J C Bloom
1887	Lord Londesborough	1958	Lord Hotham	2006	J D T Megginson
1888	A Wilson MFH	1959	Col B P Beale	2007	P A Richardson
1889	Lord Middleton	1960	J C Buttle Esq, DSO, MC, MP	2008	J Johnston
1890	Viscount Downe	1961	Paul Bryan Esq, DSO, MC, MP	2009	H Petch CBE
1891	W L Burbett - Coutts MP	1962	Marjorie Lady Prince-Smith	2010	D F Stubbings
1893	A Holden	1963	L H Dowson Esq	2011	Lord Haskins
1895	Lord Middleton	1964	Lady Macdonald of Sleat	2012	R T Farnsworth
1896	Wm Jessop	1965	J H Pease Esq	2013	B W Glaves
1897	Lord Londesborough	1966	G O Worsley Esq	2014	D B Lamplough
1898	A W M Bosville	1967	W D Pinkney Esq	2015	P W Bradbury FCA
1899	Harrison Holt	1968	Mrs A Wrigley	2016	J R Rix
1900	A S Wilson	1969	Rt Hon The Earl of Halifax, HML, JP, MFH	2017	C N Richardson
1901	T L Wickam - Boynton	1970	J A Shouler Esq	2018	H J A Hopper
1902	H H Riley - Smith	1971	Lady W Hotham	2019	J S Atkinson FRICS FAAV
1904	Colonel G A Duncombe	1972	H M Beachell Esq	2020	M Parker
1905	C Brooke MFH	1973	The Rt Hon The Earl of Halifax	2021	M Parker
1906	T J Wickham - Boynton	1974	E C Dee Esq	2022	AWD Pexton O.B.E. FRAGS NSch
1907	Luke White MP	1975	Sir Thomas Ferens	2023	HRH Duchess of Edinburgh GVCO
1908	Major Mark Sykes	1976	J K B Megginson Esq	2024	D C Byass
1909	H Whitworth MP	1977	Marcus Wickham Boynton Esq		
1910	Viscount Downe	1978	D Speck Esq		
1911	W H St Quentin	1979	Lord Hotham		
1912	Colonel Mark Sykes	1980	F A Megginson Esq		

CHAIRMEN - PAST AND PRESENT

1875	J Staveley	1956 - 57	J K B Megginson	1980 - 81	D F Byass	2004 - 05	J S Atkinson
1885	J Hopper	1958 - 59	R H Caley	1982 - 83	C M C Burdass	2006 - 07	D C Byass
1902 - 07	C A Goodlass	1960 - 61	P S Atkinson	1984 - 85	I G Sellers	2008 - 09	S P W Edwards
1914	T L Wickham Boynton	1962 - 63	D Speck	1986 - 87	F B Sykes	2010 - 11	T Coleman
1920 - 21	F W Buttie	1964 - 65	A Robson	1988 - 89	A Eastwood	2012 - 13	P T Walker
1922 - 26	D Megginson	1966 - 67	E C Dee	1990 - 91	J D T Megginson	2014 - 15	J Clancy
1927 - 28	H Beachell	1968 - 69	P H Farnsworth	1992 - 93	R T Farnsworth	2015 - 18	T J Burdass
1928 - 29	L Du Pre	1970 - 71	H M Beachell	1994 - 95	P R B Megginson	2018 - 20	R W Jackson
1937 - 39	S Brumfield	1972 - 73	A Conner	1996 - 97	M Pearson	2020 - 21	C M Flint
1946 - 49	Dr E H Milner	1974 - 75	W L Caley	1998 - 99	J Johnston	2022 - 23	Mrs F M Gilliat
1950 - 53	L M Du Pre	1976 - 77	C C Dee	2000 - 01	C N Richardson	2024 -	Mr G M Hamilton
1954 - 55	F A Megginson	1978 - 79	C Atkinson	2002 - 03	D F Stubbings		

The first Drifffield Show was held in 1854, but during the agricultural depression and the two world wars the show was not held. The Chairmanship of the Society was not always recorded.

MOUNTIFIELD AWARD WINNERS

1989	A Conner	1999	JR Rowbottom	2013	Ms TCW Hall
1990	RH Leonard	2002	AM Pearson	2017	R Rook
1991	PS Atkinson	2004	G & S Witty	2018	J Duggleby
1992	R Marginson	2006	S Saunt	2019	DP Morgan & family
1993	WL Caley	2007	A Wielkopolski	2020	Mrs SM Conner
1994	PB Fox MBE	2008	AWD Pexton OBE NSch	2021	Tom & Gill Mellor
1995	RJ Fuller	2009	JC Bloom	2022/3	S Bradshaw
1996	DJ Kirkwood	2010	R Longthorp	2024	M Winter
1997	MR Muirhead MRCVS	2011	JDT Megginson		
1998	H Petch OBE	2012	M Robson		

The R H Mountifield award is presented annually in recognition of
“An outstanding contribution to agriculture and allied industries”.

ELECTED MEMBERS

Honorary President	Mr D C Byass	Vice Chairman	Mr R Dee
Chairman	Mr G M Hamilton	Chief Executive Officer	Mr T G Woodall
Hon. Treasurer	Mr P Bradbury FCA	Mr P Bradbury FCA	Mr S Bradshaw
Board Members / Trustees	Mr G Hamilton	Mr T Burdass	Mr S Rowley
	Mr T Richardson		
	Mrs S Woodall		
<u>Assistant Secretaries</u>			
Equine	Ms K Norris	Feather	Ms S Ellerby
Fur	Mrs C Moore	Handicraft	Mrs A Bradshaw Horticulture
	Mrs G Butler	Horticulture (trade)	Mr M Temple Livestock
Sec.	Mr S Walgate		
Hon. Veterinary Surgeons	Aldgate Veterinary Surgeons		
Independent Examiners	Smailes Goldie Group		

Members of the Society Board

There were 8 meetings held during 2024.

Mr G M Hamilton	Mr P Bradbury FCA	Mr S Bradshaw	Mr T Richardson
Mr S Rowley (Board Chair)	Mr T Burdass	Mrs S Woodall	

Members of the Show Committee

There were 6 meetings held during 2024.

Mr G Hamilton (Chairman)	Mr R Dee (Vice Chairman)	Mr P Bradbury FCA (Treasurer)	
Mr J Atkinson	Mrs L Beaty	Mrs A Bradshaw	Mr S Bradshaw
Mr D Burkill	Mrs G Butler	Mrs J Butterworth	Mr DC Byass
Mr T Burdass	Miss P Coleman	Mr T Coleman	Mr K Dalby
Mrs S Ellerby	Mrs S Fitchett	Mr M Flint	Mrs F Gilliat
Mr G Gilliat	Mr I Gilliat	Miss R Gilliat	Mr G Hadfield
Mr C Hornsey	Mr J Hyde	Mrs J Jenkinson	Mr R Jackson
Mr T Julian	Mr G Lazenby	Mr C Massey	Mrs C Moore
Mr C Morris	Mr P Parkin	Lord Nelson of Stafford	Miss K Norris
Mr B Prescott	Mr C Richardson	Mr M Richardson	Mr T Richardson
Mr M Rogers	Mr S Rowley	Mrs S Southcoat	Mr M Swann
Mr M Temple	Mr M Towse	Mr C Vicary	Mr S Walgate
Mr P Walker	Mr W Walker	Mrs S Woodall	

ELECTED MEMBERS CONT.

Members of the Education Committee

There were 5 meetings held during 2024.

Mrs G Butler (Education Chair)	Miss G Beevers	Mr S Bradshaw	Mr T Burdass
Mrs J Butterworth	Mr M Flint	Mrs C Foreman	Mrs FM Gilliat
Mr G Gilliat	Mr G Hamilton (Society Chair)	Mr T Julian	Mr R Meadley
Ms K Norris	Mr T Pexton	Mr M Temple	Mrs S Woodall

Three representatives from East Riding Young Farmers Club

Mr L Brignall	Miss L Dixon	Miss K Martin
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Members of Driffield Showground Events Limited Board

There were 8 meetings held during 2024.

Mr GM Hamilton (Chair)	Mr P Bradbury	Mr S Bradshaw	Mr A Dyke
Lord Nelson of Stafford	Mr T Richardson	Mrs S Woodall	Mr S Rowley

Members of the Nomination Committee

There was 1 meeting held during 2024.

Mr G Hamilton (Chair)	Mrs G Butler	Miss K Norris
Lord Nelson of Stafford	Mr M Temple	

The Livestock working group

There were 3 meetings held during 2024.

Past Chairman

The Ex Officio's forward a proposal on behalf of the Society for Honorary President and they also nominate the Mountfield Award winner.

Mr CMC Burdass	Mr JDT Megginson	Mr J Johnston	Mr CN Richardson
Mr JS Atkinson	Mr DC Byass	Mr SPW Edwards	Mr T Coleman
Mr PT Walker	Mr J Clancy	Mr T J Burdass	Mr R Jackson
Mr CM Flint	Mrs FM Gilliat		

STAFF DIRECTORY

Tom Woodall	Chief Executive <i>[Appointed 21 Oct 24]</i>	tom@driffieldshowground.co.uk
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Frank O'Neil	Grounds and Site Maintenance	
Tim Goodyear	Facilities and Site Co-ordinator	

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DIARY DATES

Driffield Show 2025

Wednesday 16th July

Driffield Show 2026

Wednesday 15th July

Event Diary

JANUARY

14th National Blood Service
23rd Next Generation Meeting
26th Florida Marquee Showcase
28th National Blood Service

FEBRUARY

19th **DAS AGM**
19th National Blood Service

MARCH

16th Antiques & Collectors Fair
20th National Blood Service
22nd Model Railway Show

APRIL

5th - 6th Woldsman 2025 LDWA
16th - 21st Yorkshire Bouncers Flyball
22nd National Blood Service

MAY

2nd - 5th MAG - Into the Valley
13th National Blood Service
14th ERYC Compost giveaway
22nd Countryside Careers Fair

JUNE

1st Antiques & Collectors Fair
3rd National Blood Service
7th - 8th Cry Screening
9th - 17th Longfield Agility Show
25th National Blood Service

JULY

16th Driffield Show

AUGUST

8th - 10th Driffield Steam Fair
15th - 17th Truck It Show
21st - 25th Rocky Flyball Team
Tournament

SEPTEMBER

7th Car Craze
28th Antiques & Collectors Fair

OCTOBER

12th Hornsea Amateur Radio
Club Sale

NOVEMBER

5th Driffield Fireworks by
Sky Magic Events
23rd Antiques & Collectors Fair

DECEMBER

5th - 6th Christmas Party Nights