

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Lincolnshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs including reports from the Coordinators giving an update on what they have been up to.

I must thank the 2015 – 2016 Coordinators for all of their support and hard work for the year, whilst being on Maternity Leave I received many incredible reports of the goings on in the County, the hard work certainly paid off and was shown by the amazing turn outs at events, competitors representing Lincolnshire at East Midlands Area and National with our very own Tom Wells being crowned NFYFC Senior Member of the Year – what a proud moment that was!

We were very lucky to receive a grant from the Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Service which helped with the training programme that was offered to members including the NFYFC Curve Training and Club Officer Training to name but a few.

We had an incredibly successful year and it is purely down to the enthusiasm and organisational skills of our County Coordinators, you really are a credit to the Organisation.

I am very proud to say that I am your County Development Officer and look forward to seeing what the next year has in store for us!

Helen Jones
County Development Officer

County President Report

Well LFYFC, it has been a year of incredible achievement by so many individuals, teams, clubs and the county as a whole! It has been a great honour to be your County President for 2015/16 and to witness the great efforts that so many of you have gone to, to make your particular goals possible.

As president it has been my aim to help where ever possible, drawing on my years as a past member and trying to help the county federation move forward to become a bigger, stronger and hopefully a healthier, happier place to be. Having said that, in reality, I have been largely an observer, watching Andy Smith lead his very determined team of committee members and co-ordinators through, what has been a very difficult year in part. To try and make the county much more profitable was the first priority, and on the whole, the efforts of all event organisers has been a huge boost to moral and county coffers. To guarantee the future of the federation these efforts must be sustained and I'm sure the new team of co-ordinators are more than up to the challenge!

Staffing being the second major issue of the year and having found maternity relief for the county office and successfully managed to keep things in order until Helen's return to a changed roll offering much more to the future development of the county, meaning the co-ordinator team will take on more of the work that has been going through the office, also due to the fact, that in order to reduce expenditure, it was decided not to replace Lynne when she retired. Many meetings, much debate with tea and biscuits consumed before decisions were agreed upon!

I have purposely not named many people because every body's effort has been immense and if I forgot one person, i would feel too guilty. So as Andy's team, they have pulled together, worked wonders and made sure that the year was a successful one for the membership. I am sure Tom's team will take up the challenge and build on the foundations laid down for them!

It is a great time to be a Lincolnshire Young Farmer, the evolution of the county continues, ideas are needed and anyone can have them, make yours' count, and if you can, make your idea a reality!

Ernie Veall
County President

County Chairman Report

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Helens return was just in time for the Lincolnshire Show.

A huge thank you must go out to Susan Garrick. Organising the Lincolnshire show marquee will hopefully be the first of many roles for Susan. She's done a super job this year, the tent looked amazing and attracted a lot of new visitors and potential members. The mini digger was a huge success again and proved to be a good fundraiser over the 2 days. The trailers looked incredible and congratulations to all of the teams for setting a huge standard on build and design, and also how to show the whole showground how to have a good time in the middle of the main ring.

We had some sad times throughout the year though. Lynne has been with us for 4 years, supporting all of the members with membership issues, competition entries from county right the way to national, the rally entries, and day to day running of the office. I've said it before, but the amount of

work the office does is unreal. You've really helped us over the years Lynne, so thank you so much for your kind help and support.

There's been so much I've done, and so much I've not been able to do. I have loved meeting all of the members. Being in touch with true grass roots members is one of the most important things in YFC. I'm a big believer in transparency and getting the messages straight to the members. And this has been a real aim for me.

The one or two clubs I've missed, I promise to bring the county roadshow to you next year to tell you what's happening where and when. I've certainly not forgotten about any of you.

If you get the opportunity to have a go as chairman, go for it. Never turn the opportunity down. I'll always encourage people to go for a position as I know from experiencing this, how much it can give back. Whether it be club or county, make the most of it. Time goes so fast now, one blink and it's over... It's been one of the proudest moments of my life. The memories I've made, at county, national council weekends, social events and not forgetting the most important club nights. They are the ones that I'll carry with me forever.

I'm so proud of being your chairman for this year. Thank you so much for having me, it's been an absolute pleasure and I hope you've all enjoyed it as much as what I have.

Thankyou.

Andy Smith
County Chairman

National AGM Report

This year I took on the task of organising Lincolnshire's trip to the Annual Convention Weekend in Blackpool. After last year's tough task of sorting out the trip to Torquay, Blackpool proved to be so much easier. We stayed in our usual bright pink Tiffanys Hotel on the sea front for the 3 nights we were there.

On Friday 6th May we headed across the country to Blackpool, 45 of us travelled there by coach eventually making it there after numerous wee stops and my brother being minus his eyebrows and some hair!!

On Friday night after surviving Check in we headed off to the black tie do at the Winter Gardens where we enjoyed listening to Radio 1's Dev. A fab night was had by all and lots of people said how much at home they felt with having the AGM weekend in Blackpool again.

Saturday saw lots of drinking and sightseeing for many, but also saw Tom Wells winning Senior Member of the year, this is a massive achievement by Tom and so great for a Lincolnshire member to achieve, if people didn't know who we were as a county before, they do now. Well done again Tom!

Saturday night is of course fancy dress night, this year's theme being "sports day" and I must say Lincolnshire went all out on the outfits as usual, a group of synchronised swimmers, footballs, boxers, tennis players, jockeys, football and rugby players and many more heading off to the Winter Gardens for the second night of fun, DJ's Scott Mills & Chris Stark entertained us and it was another great night.

The Final night was Club Shirt night and the famous virgins Challenge, we had 38 virgins with us in Blackpool and thanks to Chris Sheldon for his idea and help sorting everything, we saw the virgins having to down a pint containing a mixture of vegetable soup, vodka, tabasco, gravy and soda water. A big well done to the people taking part, you handled it loads better than I would have done! With the virgins challenge out of the way we heading off as a big group as only Lincolnshire seem to do

down to the Winter Gardens, sporting our county shirts with the slogan; "Lincs YFC on the EU referendum, better off in because when you pull out it always ends messy!"

We even managed to walk into the venue together singing away until we got down to the dancefloor, we sure turned some heads and even managed to get a video of us up on the farmers weekly website! I love this Lincolnshire tradition; it's so amazing to be a part of. DJ Greg James from Radio 1 entertained the crowds on the Sunday night and that saw the end of another fantastic weekend come around far too quickly and we headed back to the shire on a lot quieter bus!

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all who attended this year for making it such an easy job to organise this year and for being so well behaved, I hope you all enjoyed the weekend as much as I did. This weekend proved to me more than ever what a fantastic organisation YFC is and how awesome Lincolnshire is!

All my love

KBATT (Katie Battersby)

AGM Coordinator

Stock Judging Report

What a brilliant year Stock judging has had this year!

The rally round saw a huge number of entries and all to a brilliant standard, even if some of you still need a bit of a polish!! I'd like to thank all of the wonderful Stewards, Judges, Hosts & Stock owners, who gave up their time to help the competitions run smoothly, they worked so hard, and the help is truly appreciated!

I've got one tip top tip for anyone judging Dairy next year, they are known as UDDERS & TEATS... Not the colloquial slang for breasts that a couple of you used.

Then saw the EMA Stockman of the year & Young Stockman of the year competitions in Leicestershire we send a fantastic team, who all did brilliantly, special mention to Oliver Chapman on coming 3rd overall!! Who I know is waiting for a phone call saying that the Leicestershire & Derbyshire members can no longer compete so he can go to National!

Next was the Lincolnshire Show, again a very special thank you to all of the Judges, Stewards and stock owners. I need to make an apology, I was told frequently to bring extra letters of the animals, as they fall off and make it impossible to judge, however I admit that I ignored this warning in a "what's the worst that can happen sort of way." Well 4 small white woolly animals in one small pen all look exactly the same when they don't have letters on. But fear not, I've already had my laminator out let's see those sheep try and destroy these! Again a brilliant day, so proud of ALL members who represented Lincolnshire, if you hadn't heard we came 2nd & 3rd overall!! Pressures on for next year though, we want that big shiny plate to have our name on it!!

To finish off the year were the National Dairy Finals at the Great Yorkshire show. The girls did fantastically with Milley Shipley bringing home bronze for the seniors!

Finally, I'd like to give a HUGE thank you to all the competitors, I've had some fantastic feedback from the Judges at the enthusiasm of you all this year, in particular the Juniors, who have shown real promise in these competitions!! You're all stuck with me in charge of this again this year, so prepare yourself to be trained to within an inch of your lives!!

All of the Stock Judging Love Forever

Vicki Kirk

Stock Judging Coordinator

County Rally Report

Following on from Holly's incredibly successful County Rally last year I knew it would be a difficult act to follow but we pulled together and did it!

Organising the County Rally is a bit of a rollercoaster, it may be a cliché but there's no better way of putting it. The whole path is filled with ups and downs, times of worry and times of reward. This started with the venue, the first major part to organise. Being from 'up north' in Brigg I wanted to combine our great area with an easy to reach venue. After considering several options Uncle Henry's Farm Shop near Grayingham shone out. Close enough for me to travel to regularly for meetings but also central enough for members on the day. It seemed a little bit of a gamble but feedback suggests it worked incredibly well. It combined the agricultural feel of the grain store and grass field with the aesthetic presentation of a place set up for welcoming people all year round. This access to the public gave us a shop window to the general population which proved very popular on the day, creating fresh interest in the federation and membership. It also made it very easy for parents and grandparents to incorporate a trip to the farm shop with supporting their families.

Steve and Meryl Ward are wonderful members of the farming community, always willing to help. I was really pleased when they said they would host the rally and help make it such a special day so a huge thank you to them. Thank you also to their daughter Emma and the rest of the team for managing and facilitating much of the event.

The next task was finding a main sponsor. This involved sending dozens of letters and emails to local businesses, and then waiting for that one email to come into my inbox. The money from the main sponsor is crucial to the success of the rally which in turn is critical to the running of the county so the pressure and burden can seem humongous. As it happens Peacock & Binnington came to the rescue and I must say a massive thank you to them for being such a fantastic main sponsor and not only that but for doing it with such support and enthusiasm for young farmers. Their machinery display looked fantastic also.

The next stages were assisting the rest of the rally committee with their roles. Thank you to Holly and Katie for getting Riseholme College, a part of Bishop Burton, onboard to sponsor the raffle as well as Sophie for sourcing many of the prizes and doing a fantastic job setting up the exhibition hall with help from her ever-supportive mother. Thank you also to Lucy for making the programme and Vicki for organising what I thought was the most successful stockjudging day ever.

Due to temporary staff cover, which brought an emphasis on work being moved from the office to the coordinator, this year was a massive struggle and in the weeks running up my life was dominated by emails, calls, trips and sleepless nights but I'm pleased to say that everything came together and we had a fantastic day and night. I think it's lucky I'm a chilled out person otherwise the stress could've got to me. Luckily I have some great people around me who take my share of the worrying, thanks Lizzy by the way ;).

Very often the struggle isn't on the part of the organiser it is on those around them who do not get the recognition or praise but put up with all the worrying and being carted around putting signs up or picking things up. For that reason I would like to thank family, friends and everybody who helped make it such a great day. On top of all the members of the rally committee who have already received a mention.

This year was my last as a competing member although I didn't get chance to take part in many competitions due to needing to be in so many different places at once but I'm looking forward to competing in the 'Friends' classes next year.

I was really impressed with how the day and night went with virtually no issues. Everybody just had a

laugh and enjoyed themselves which is what it's all about. I actually walked out of the do genuinely thinking how incredible our members are so well done! The new bar system managed by Shannon worked brilliantly with more profit for us, cheaper drinks and a better selection making it a winner for all. The musical entertainment on the night came from DJ Blackgrass who gave a fantastic set no doubt helped by the high of winning the rally.

The LIVES team were incredible as always, one of the team stayed until 3am with myself and members of a club who had been let down by a taxi until they were picked up. We are always in gratitude to LIVES and I know they really appreciate and rely on the support we give them. Thank you to everybody who helped, sponsored and supported the county rally and especially to all the members who took part.

As I draw to the end I must send huge congratulations once more to Alford YFC, 2016 Rally Champions. I would like to extend those congratulations to Matt Denby the winning Chairman and wish him the best of luck continuing the success for his year ahead as Rally Chairman. There were tears of joy to be seen as, for the first time in anybody's memory, Alford had taken one of the most coveted prizes in the county. It should be a reminder to clubs this year that as long as you work hard enough and have buckets of enthusiasm, any club can win the rally.

On that note I will end with a quote appropriate to my year as Rally chairman, to the clubs who took part and everybody hoping to achieve something this coming year.

"Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well." Theodore Roosevelt.

Tom Wells
Rally Chairman

Lincolnshire Show Report

Following weeks of preparation, meetings at the county office and the numerous phone calls chasing people up the show had finally arrived. Early on the Wednesday morning I arrived to open up the marquee to start welcoming guests in to see some of the clubs exhibition classes from the rally, 'cork board' displays from clubs entering the trailer competition, EurActiv stand that were interviewing young farmers on their views on the EU referendum and not forgetting the mini digger challenge. It was a busy day, but a busier one followed!

On the Thursday morning the EMA Stock Judging competition was held and although I didn't have time to support or wish anyone from Lincolnshire good luck I know that it all ran very well and Lincolnshire did remarkably well so congratulations to all that took part! I would like to that all that competed, judges, all that let us judge their cattle and of course the Stock Judging Queen herself Lady V (Vicki Kirk) for organizing it all very successfully. I would just like to mention the Lincoln Red Heifer Handling Competition and although many of the competitors couldn't make it to the competition day I hope that working with the Lincoln Red Society we can really turn this competition around with the help of the enthusiastic new Lincoln Red coordinator Edward Middleton I'm sure this will be possible.

The Tug of War EMA competition was this year held in the sheep rings on the Thursday afternoon, well done to every team that took part and well done to Lincolnshire's Louth YFC for coming 5th in East midlands Area! Thank you to the stewards and judges for helping make it run smoothly even though there were time restrictions.

The Marquee this year did not win any prizes in the discovery zone competition, however we welcomed crowds of people each day not only outside for the again very successful mini digger challenge but also inside to speak to current members, pick up an information gift bag and look at

the past Chairman and President boards. Thank you to all the stewards who gave up the time to help show people round and we managed to get nearly 40 enquire slips in which is a great effort. To all the people who helped set up and dismantle the marquee, Dave Burton, Andy Smith, Kim Cottingham, Clifford & Pauline, Tom wells the help on the afternoons leading up and on the Thursday evening was greatly appreciated, and it would not have looked so inviting if you hadn't given up those extra hours, so thank you.

The Decorated trailer competition attracted some of the biggest audiences for the main ring over the two days and it was as always very entertaining to watch the water fight. The effort and time that clubs put into these trailers was outstanding, I just hope that the tight competition that we saw this year wont put clubs off next year! I know that both myself and the Showground were very grateful for the amount of clubs participating this year and it will be fantastic if even more compete next year!

I would just like to say a special thank you to Wendy Brett and Helen Jones who have put up with me for hours in the office and the endless amount of questions, they both put in more work behind the scenes to make sure everything ran perfectly, it was such a valuable experience.

Finally thank you to all our sponsors at the show

T.C.Harrison JCB for sponsoring the Mini Digger

Doublyday for sponsoring the Stock Judging Prizes

Ireland's Farm Machinery for sponsoring the tractors used in the trailer competition

Thank you all for letting me have the opportunity to do it all again next year!

Susan Garrick

Lincolnshire Show Coordinator

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**Chairman's Report
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Mr President, honoured guests and fellow young farmers.

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1) It could get very emotional...

2) You may all think my speech is an utter load of crap...

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Following on from the National AGM, Tom went onto organising the county rally with a small team behind him. This year the county rally was held at Uncle Henrys Farm Shop just north of Lincoln. It has been the most successful rally yet, raising the most amount of money. Holly did an incredible job last year and we all thought it would take some beating, but somehow Tom did it. I keep saying it, but the competition was fierce and there was lots of clubs out there for the win. A huge congratulations to Alford Young Farmers for the effort and you all thoroughly deserved to win. It brought a tear to many of your eyes. Looking round all the working and exhibition classes was inspiring, looking at all the effort and the passion that the members had put in. It kind of showed everyone what young farmer's means to each person. It's not just about the social events, it's about the competitions, meeting new friends, working together as a team, and trying to be the best.

In another area of the competitions, stock judging needs to be mentioned. There has been so much stock judging love this year. All thanks to Vicki Kirk. What an inspirational lady for stock judging. Record attendance at the county round for the rally, some outstanding competition from all the clubs in the county. Following on to the best results to date at the recent Lincolnshire show, coming 2nd and 3rd overall, and winning the team event for the Sheep, and other sensational results for the Beef, Pig and Dairy. Helens maternity leave was soon coming up to a finish. She returned to us to ensure that the continuity stayed the same by handing over from Lynne. It's surprising how much there is to catch up on. Helens return was just in time for the Lincolnshire show too.

A huge thank you must go out to Susan Garrick. Organising the Lincolnshire show marquee will hopefully be the first of many roles for Susan. She's done a super job this year, the tent looked amazing and attracted a lot of new visitors and potential members. The mini digger was a huge success again and proved to be a good fundraiser over the 2 days. The trailers looked incredible and congratulations to all of the teams for setting a huge standard on build and design, and also how to show the whole showground how to have a good time in the middle of the main ring.

We had some sad times throughout the year though. I was very upset to see Dave step down from his position as Vice Chairman. Dave has worked tirelessly over the years as social and recently vice chairman. Always being there on the end of the phone, travelling round visiting clubs and always being there to help. I'll always remember that Dave, so thank you!

And also not forgetting, Lynne. Lynne has been with us for 4 years, supporting all of the members with membership issues, competition entries from county right the way to national, the rally entries, and day to day running of the office. I've said it before, but the amount of work the office does is unreal. You've really helped us over the years Lynne, so thank you so much for you're kind help and support. We have some gifts for you just a little bit later on as a thank you. And also for Wendy as well who has also just finished the maternity cover role.

Just a few more thank yous to the people I can't forget.

Lee Sharp, many mornings whilst driving to work, discussing ideas on training and how to raise money from the very successful clay shoot that was held at Revesby early last year, and this years is set to be even better this September.

Sarah Epton soon to be Mrs Willoughby. Thank you so much for all you hard work with the website and social media pages. Twitter and Facebook are the way forward in promoting things. Posting things on the Lincs YFC Social page directly hits 700 odd followers with the message, there's no better way to get the message across. So thank you.

Mr President, Ernie!! You've been a true gentleman and it's been a pleasure to work with you. Sitting in many meetings and discussing various topics has been made a lot easier with your calm and collective manner, and I wish you all the success for the fourth coming year. Thank you

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**Chairman's Report
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

Stuart, the brains behind the 1, 3 and 5 year planning. You've shown me and taught me so much. How to make the most of a bad situation by making the negative things into a positive. Reminding me at the end of it all that there's been a hell of a lot of fun, learning and achievement. Knowing when the time is right to offer help, and when to let things run their course and see a success at the end. Thank you.

To Kimberley. You've stood by me throughout the year, helping me where you can. I've missed so many evenings at home, sometimes being out 4 nights a week. It's been difficult sometimes, but I look forward to all of our times together in the future.

And Finally to my Mum and Dad. You've both always helped me with anything. Thank you so much for being there for me, guiding and steering me in the right direction. Showing me right from wrong has helped me choose the right decisions.

Looking back over my year as chairman in this speech, what a year it has been.

Talking to new people at county shows, countryside days, dressing up as super moo and meeting the potential future young farmers. Everyone hears about the socialising side of things, but what about the competitions, the training offered to members, the charitable work we all do, meeting new friends, being with like-minded people. That's the side of YFC we need to be promoting.

There's been so much I've done, and so much I've not been able to do. I have loved meeting all of the members. The members are the most important piece of the YFC structure. Being in touch with true grass roots members has been one of my goals for this year. I'm a big believer in transparency and getting the messages straight to the members. And this has been a real aim for me.

The one or two clubs I've missed, I promise to bring the county roadshow to you next year to tell you what's happening where and when. I've certainly not forgotten about any of you.

If you get the opportunity to have a go as chairman, go for it. Never turn the opportunity down. I'll always encourage people to go for a position as I know from experiencing this, how much it can give back. Whether it be club or county, make the most of it. Time goes so fast now, one blink and it's over... It's been one of the proudest moments of my life. The memories I've made, at county, national council weekends, social events and not forgetting the most important club nights. They are the ones that I'll carry with me forever.

I'm so proud of being your chairman for this year. I'd like to wish the next chairperson all the very best for the fourth coming year, if it anything like I've just experienced, you'll love it.

Thank you so much for having me, it's been an absolute pleasure and I hope you've all enjoyed it as much as what I've have.

Thankyou.

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**Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

The management committee present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2016. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

504307

Principal address

Lincolnshire Federation of Young Farmers
YFC Office
Riseholme Park
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Lincolnshire
LN2 2LG

Trustees

Mr W Wright
Mr A Smith
Miss S Potter
Mr D Burton

Independent examiner

Haines Watts
Chartered Accountants
23 Alghitha Road
Skegness
Lincolnshire
PE25 2AG

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The club was set up under a constitution dated 10 April 1974. Its base of operations is at the University of Lincoln, Riseholme, Lincoln, LN2 2LG.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees are the members with the main responsibility over the club. At each AGM the trustees' position is reviewed with any new appointments being voted in. The usual rotation is two years for a trustee.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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**Trustees' Report
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The objects of the club are as follows:

- a) to advance the education of young members of the public at large in agriculture, home crafts, country life and related subjects, and
- b) in the interests of the social welfare of such members 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.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of education.

Financial review

Strategic Report

The trustees recommend that the reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that the Lincolnshire Federation of Young Farmers' core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen financial difficulty. Whilst the current level of unrestricted reserves may prove sufficient for the next year, it is the trustees view that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient free reserves to provide financial flexibility for the future should any funding be withdrawn, such as the key LCC Youth Services Salary Grant funding. At the current time, there are no known or actual financial concerns threatening the clubs future.

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

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Mr A Smith - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lincolnshire Federation of Young Farmers
Clubs**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 set out on pages seven to fourteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view ' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Haines Watts
Chartered Accountants
23 Alghitha Road
Skegness
Lincolnshire
PE25 2AG

Date:

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total	2016 funds	Total	2015 funds
	Notes	£	£		£		£
Incoming resources							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary income		2,082	-	2,082		-	
Activities for generating funds	2	84,866	-	84,866		54,502	
Investment income	3	365	-	365		397	
Incoming resources from charitable activities							
Subscriptions		24,051	-	24,051		18,709	
Salary grant aid		-	-	-		10,087	
Organisation		<u>12,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,757</u>		<u>5,828</u>	
Total incoming resources		124,121	-	124,121		89,523	
Resources expended							
Costs of generating funds							
Costs of generating voluntary income		<u>74,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,505</u>		<u>43,119</u>	
		74,505	-	74,505		43,119	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources available for charitable application		49,616	-	49,616		46,404	
Charitable activities							
Subscriptions		2,354	-	2,354		-	
Salary grant aid		(1,873)	-	(1,873)		-	
Organisation		<u>43,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,904</u>		<u>46,363</u>	
Total resources expended		118,890	-	118,890		89,482	
Net income for the year		5,231	-	5,231		41	
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		104,381	21,571	125,952		125,911	
Total funds carried forward		<u>109,612</u>	<u>21,571</u>	<u>131,183</u>		<u>125,952</u>	

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2016**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total	2016 funds	Total	2015 funds
	Not es	£	£		£		£
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	6	2,303	-	2,303		3,455	
Investments	7	-	127	127		127	
		2,303	127	2,430		3,582	
Current assets							
Stocks	8	650	-	650		710	
Debtors	9	10,312	-	10,312		8,211	
Cash at bank		96,848	21,444	118,292		113,968	
		107,810	21,444	129,254		122,889	
Creditors							
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(501)	-	(501)		(519)	
Net current assets		107,309	21,444	128,753		122,370	
Total assets less current liabilities		109,612	21,571	131,183		125,952	
Net assets		109,612	21,571	131,183		125,952	
Funds	11						
Unrestricted funds				109,612		104,381	
Restricted funds				21,571		21,571	
Total funds				131,183		125,952	

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

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.....
Miss S Potter -Trustee

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**notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income represents the amounts receivable for the charity activities during the year.

Grants receivable are recognised in the period in which they are due. These are allocated to the correct fund depending on any restrictions that may apply.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost and 15% on reducing balance
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Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

2. Activities for generating funds

	2016	2015
	£	£
Competitions and fundraising	2,092	3,392
County Rally	17,596	15,433
County Ball	18,538	18,028
Lincolnshire Show	1,876	1,180
Spring Ball	8,357	8,096
Jingle Ball	8,809	8,373
40th Anniversary	22,580	-
Charity Clay Shoot	<u>5,018</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>84,866</u>	<u>54,502</u>

3. Investment income

	2016	2015
	£	£
Bank deposit and investment account interest	365	395
3.5% war stock	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>365</u>	<u>397</u>

4. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2016 nor for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2016 nor for the year ended 31 March 2015.

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5. Staff costs

	2016	2015
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>24,336</u>	<u>26,390</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2016	2015
=	=

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

During the year, the charity employed one full time member of staff (2014: one), and one part time member : 2014: one), who undertake work to meet it's charitable objectives as well as performing administrative duties.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £
Cost	
At 1 April 2015	11,348
Additions	<u>200</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>11,548</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2015	7,893
Charge for year	<u>1,352</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>9,245</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2016	<u>2,303</u>
At 31 March 2015	<u>3,455</u>

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7. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Market value	
At 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016	<u>127</u>
 Net book value	
At 31 March 2016	<u>127</u>
At 31 March 2015	<u>127</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

8. Stocks

	2016 £	2015 £
Stocks	<u>650</u>	<u>710</u>

9. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £	2015 £
Trade debtors	5,690	654
Other debtors	<u>4,622</u>	<u>7,557</u>
	<u>10,312</u>	<u>8,211</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £	2015 £
Trade creditors	<u>501</u>	<u>519</u>

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for the year ended 31 March 2016

11. Movement in funds

	At 1/4/15 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/16 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	104,381	5,231	109,612
Restricted funds			
Ald Herbert Jones bequest	500	-	500
NFYFC Jubilee Appeal	127	-	127
Stapleford Horse Society	100	-	100
Cash held for defunct clubs/regions	6,884	-	6,884
Equipment grant aid	2,341	-	2,341
County rally	11,204	-	11,204
Training grant	320	-	320
Youth forum	95	-	95
	<u>21,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,571</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>125,952</u></u>	<u><u>5,231</u></u>	<u><u>131,183</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	124,121	(118,890)	5,231
	<u>124,121</u>	<u>(118,890)</u>	<u>5,231</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>124,121</u></u>	<u><u>(118,890)</u></u>	<u><u>5,231</u></u>

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11. Movement in funds - continued

Details of each fund are as follows:

The Ald Herbert Jones Bequest, NFYFC Jubilee Appeal and Stapleford Horse Society all relate to money received in the past to be held by the charity until a time when funds are needed in an emergency.

Cash held for defunct clubs/regions, relates to monies received when clubs have folded. The charity receives any money left over and holds it in case the defunct club is reformed. The charity can use this money after 6 years, however based on past history they choose to hold it for longer.

The salary grant from Lincoln County Council represents a contribution to the salary costs in the year.

The Youth Forum was established for the younger members of the club. The aim was to try to encourage the younger members to take a more involved role and also to increase and maintain this area of the charities membership. The Youth forum not only arranges meetings for the younger members but also operates activity days and weekends, which also help develop their skills.

The County Rally has its own management team monitoring the income and expenditure

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

	2016 £	2015 £
Incoming resources		
Voluntary income		
Donations	2,082	-
Activities for generating funds		
Competitions and fundraising	2,092	3,392
County Rally	17,596	15,433
County Ball	18,538	18,028
Lincolnshire Show	1,876	1,180
Spring Ball	8,357	8,096
Jingle Ball	8,809	8,373
40th Anniversary	22,580	-
Charity Clay Shoot	5,018	-
	84,866	54,502
Investment income		
Bank deposit and investment account interest	365	395
3.5% war stock	-	2
	365	397
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Subscriptions	27,472	18,709
Salary grant aid	-	11,291
Organisation	9,136	4,624
Sponsorship	200	-
	36,808	34,624
Total incoming resources	124,121	89,523
Resources expended		
Costs of generating voluntary income		
Competitions and fundraising	1,406	2,317
County rally	13,059	10,845
County ball	17,460	16,902
Lincolnshire show	1,202	603
Spring ball	7,359	6,265
Carried forward	40,486	36,932

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2016**

	2016 £	2015 £
Costs of generating voluntary income		
Brought forward	40,486	36,932
Jingle ball	7,296	4,569
Club supplies	34	1,465
Entertainment, drama and pantomime	531	153
40th Anniversary	22,404	-
Competitions	93	-
Charity Clay Shoot	<u>3,661</u>	<u>-</u>
	74,505	43,119
Charitable activities		
Organiser and other salaries	24,336	26,390
Travelling	1,809	2,403
Training	1,130	834
County AGM expenditure	291	207
Committee expenditure	592	188
Advertising	<u>341</u>	<u>341</u>
	28,499	30,363
Support costs		
Other 4		
Rent	454	290
Insurance	2,427	2,813
Telephone	890	843
Postage and stationery	1,658	1,243
Accountancy	480	480
Repairs and renewals	570	571
Sundry expenses	785	2,471
NFYFC levies	6,473	5,949
Handbook	797	-
Plant and machinery depreciation	<u>1,352</u>	<u>1,340</u>
	15,886	16,000
Total resources expended	118,890	89,482
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income	<u>5,231</u>	<u>41</u>

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