

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02005012 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 294139**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Audited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 28 February 2022**  
**for**  
**Oxford Farming Conference(The)**

The Hutchinson Partnership Limited  
trading as The Hutchinson Partnership  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
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**Oxford Farming Conference(The)**

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## **Oxford Farming Conference(The) (Registered number: 02005012)**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 28 February 2022**

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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 28 February 2022. 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 company's objectives are to encourage and promote the improved use of land for food production and other purposes for the benefit of the community in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, as stated in the governing documents. The company holds an annual farming conference and uses this as an opportunity to support students and new entrants into the agricultural industry.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and activities.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The Oxford Farming Conference, held in January 2022 entitled, 'Routes to Resilience' was again a challenge to the organisers. As a result of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic the trustees had a very challenging decision to make in December 2021. For much of the year it was hoped that it would be possible to have a physical conference with delegates present in Oxford, but unfortunately that proved not to be possible so the 2022 conference was moved to be an entirely virtual event at the last minute.

The final outcome, after a huge effort by the organisers and in particular the joint chairs, was a highly successful two-day virtual conference. The trustees very much look forward to running a physical conference in Oxford in January 2023.

The conference strapline of: inform: challenge: inspire sets the backdrop to papers that ranged from trade and politics, supply chain sustainability, science, natural capital, inspiring farmers, the national food strategy and the debate with its proposition that 'this house believes that the demise of the family farm has been greatly exaggerated'.

Again the conference was well supported and widely covered by the media including broadcast, radio, broadsheet and trade press, and excellent levels of conference coverage were achieved.

After a break of a few years the trustees again commissioned a report: The 2022 OFC Report - Natural Capital : the battle for control. This report can be found on OFC's website (see below).

The conference website [www.ofc.org.uk](http://www.ofc.org.uk) is fully functioning with a comprehensive collection of previous papers, presentations and conference video footage of each session, making reference to the conference through the year more accessible.

Both the Scholars and Inspire (previously Emerging Leaders) programmes continue to be supported by The Oxford Farming Conference, although clearly the activities of both were seriously restricted by the impact of Covid-19.

The trustees continue to work on the themes and ideas which continue to arise from the 2017 strategic review, although the majority of the input in the period 2020-2022 related to the immediate challenges which arose from the pandemic and endless changes in regulations and advice as to what we could and could not do.

Archer Yates Associates Ltd. who took over in the secretariat and event management role for the Oxford Farming Conference following the 2017 conference continued in that role for the 2022 conference, but they are handing over to British Growers Association and Hawk Limited for the 2023 conference. Jane Craigie Marketing continues to deliver the marketing, media strategy and related activities.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The aim is to break even on the conference, however the directors are prepared to invest in new ideas, which meet the charitable objectives. In the year under review the reported income from conference fees was £75,300 (2021: £36,390). Sponsorship and donation income amounted to £154,650 (2021: £70,205). Overall conference expenditure increased to £235,432 (2021 : £111,937), which reflects the hope that a physical conference would be possible. The conference overall showed a deficit of £6,208 (before gains on investments) compared with a deficit of £1,699 last year. This includes investment income of £10,908 (2021: £11,159).

The period covered by this review included some turbulent movements in the stock market values, however across the year there was a total of £30,307 in unrealised gains on the COIF units held. The overall net increase in funds for the year was therefore £24,099 (2021: £25,718). The directors believe that the conference remains financially strong and is well placed to withstand economic pressures to many of its key costs.

The current year figure includes a gain of £nil (2021: £1,173) realised on some COIF units sold to provide a cash buffer given the level of uncertainty being experienced.

**Investment policy and objectives**

The value of the charity's stock market portfolio held through the COIF fund continued to fluctuate throughout 2021/22 broadly in line with, but consistently slightly ahead of, the wider market. The trustees continue to review performance and that the risk profile is suitable for a charity, on a regular basis.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees consider that The Oxford Farming Conference should retain reserves of at least £370,000. This substantially covers the cost of running a physical annual conference where costs arise in advance of income being received i.e. this is a working capital contingency. This figure could be adjusted to accommodate the higher running costs of a hybrid (digital and physical conference). The amount of reserves held vary due to the financial out-turn of conferences and changes in the value of the charity's investments.

Any surpluses will be used for the following purposes over a period of time:

- Sponsor scholars
- Promote other educational activities
- Undertake a project
- Keep ticket price increases to a minimum

All of the above are consistent with the charity's principal objectives.

The trustees will continue to review the reserves policy and the use of any surplus assets on an annual basis.

**COVID-19**

The pandemic clearly has the potential to continue to cause challenges and major uncertainties in relation to organising a conference. The trustees have reviewed the risks associated with the challenges faced. Whilst there may be further uncertainties to face, the trustees are confident The Oxford Farming Conference is well placed to survive, and indeed thrive, in these challenging times as a result of its financial strength and flexible approach.

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**FUTURE PLANS**

The Council will continue to maintain The Oxford Farming Conference as the pre-eminent UK conference for the broad agricultural industry, particularly those engaged in practical farming, and work to inform: challenge: inspire.

Once again, the trustees will aim to further extend the brand and reach of the conference in 2023.

It is very likely that the 2023 conference will continue to see the conference evolve as we all get used to the 'new normal', of a hybrid conference (both virtual and physical choices).

The following activities will continue, and where relevant be enhanced:

- Further development/review of the Scholar programme
- Build on the Inspire programme
- Include a package to help increase diversity - Breaking Barriers
- Utilise the strength of the OFC Alumni base
- There is consideration to 'Live' Stream additional sessions
- Review options for the format of the conference
- Use regular podcasts/bitesize events throughout the year to maintain profile and provide leadership

**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.

**Charity constitution**

The Company is a registered charity (registered number 294139) and is limited by guarantee, number 2005012. The maximum liability of each member is limited to £1. The governing body is the Council of Trustees and the Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on incorporation on 27th March 1986. The trustees have unlimited powers of investment.

**Directors**

Those serving on the board during the year are set out on page 5 of this report. The trustees are generally appointed to the board to serve a three-year term.

**Report of the Trustees  
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Organisational structure and decision making**

There are usually ten trustees, nine of whom serve a three-year term, three leaving and three joining the Council each year. At the current time there are ten trustees on the three-year cycle (see below). Prospective trustees can apply and are chosen for their ability to bring different skills and contacts to Council and so enable the aims of the conference to be fulfilled. New trustees stand for election by the members at the Annual General Meeting in January. The second year trustees decide between themselves who should be the following year's Chair. In the event of more than one wanting to do it, the choice of Chair is put to vote by the trustees.

The other trustee who acts as Finance Director and prepares financial reports for each meeting. The Finance Director, who is also the Treasurer, is chosen for his or her financial and accounting skills and may serve longer than the three years if decided at the Annual General Meeting.

All trustees are also the company's directors during their term as a trustee.

For the first time four trustees were appointed at the 2021 AGM. An extra trustee was appointed in anticipation of an increased workload as a result of the probable move to a hybrid (physical and virtual) conference. As a result, there will be eleven trustees for 2021-2023 (inclusive).

The board ensures that the business of The Oxford Farming Conference is conducted in accordance with its charitable aims and is legally responsible for its governance and management.

There are usually ten full meetings of the Council a year (50% of which are now teleconference style to help reduce time and expense in administration of the conference) with ad hoc committee meetings to work on specific issues.

Council Members have an important role in representing the conference in the business and geographical areas in which they operate. Over the years it is apparent that their personal recommendations play an important role in encouraging attendance at Oxford by both delegates and speakers, as well as securing necessary sponsorship and future director applications.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

All new trustees receive an induction pack setting out the aims of The Oxford Farming Conference, its objectives and the actions that will be expected of them. They are invited to attend a Council meeting, usually the one in November, as observers so they understand the aims of the conference, its objectives and the actions that will be expected of them. They are also invited to attend the Annual General Meeting where they stand for election by the existing directors. Other trustee training is provided as required.

**Risk management**

The trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to minimise those risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are currently being reviewed to ensure that they are still meeting the needs of the charitable company.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

02005012 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

294139

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**Registered office**

BGA House  
Nottingham Road  
Louth  
Lincolnshire  
LN11 0WB

**Trustees**

AM Capper (appointed 7.1.22)  
N Partheeban (appointed 7.1.22)  
G Sansome (appointed 7.1.22)  
DRB Turner  
S Archer (resigned 7.1.22)  
TD Levitt (resigned 7.1.22)  
BAAP Bray (resigned 7.1.22)  
ELA Bowles  
E Norton  
MF Regan  
CF Price  
B Taylor-Davies  
JL Ross  
WP Evans

**Company Secretary**

LA Eagles

**Auditors**

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Senator House  
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London  
EC4V 4ET

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Oxford Farming Conference(The) 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).

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.

**STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

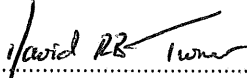
So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, The Hutchinson Partnership Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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 27 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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DRB Turner - Trustee



**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of  
Oxford Farming Conference(The) (Registered number: 02005012)**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Oxford Farming Conference(The) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 28 February 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 28 February 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 19 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant including Charities SORP (FRS102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and taxation laws. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.
- Discussions with management/trustees including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud, and review of reports made by management.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed include:
  - identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud.
  - understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process.
  - identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries with unusual account combinations.
  - reviewing relevant meeting minutes.
  - performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Simon Bennett BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of The Hutchinson Partnership Limited  
trading as The Hutchinson Partnership  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
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Date: ..... 17 November 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 28 February 2022

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		2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	14,150	655
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Conference		215,800	105,940
Investment income	3	10,908	11,159
<b>Total</b>		<u>240,858</u>	<u>117,754</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Conference		235,432	111,937
Other		11,634	7,516
<b>Total</b>		<u>247,066</u>	<u>119,453</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>30,307</u>	<u>27,417</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		24,099	25,718
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		458,617	432,899
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>482,716</u></u>	<u><u>458,617</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

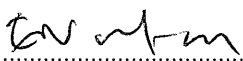
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Balance Sheet  
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		2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Investments	12	387,870	357,563
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	13	55,389	9,235
Investments	14	10,695	69,786
Cash at bank		151,802	75,436
		<u>217,886</u>	<u>154,457</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(113,040)	(33,403)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>104,846</u>	<u>121,054</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		492,716	478,617
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(10,000)	(20,000)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>482,716</u>	<u>458,617</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	17		
Unrestricted funds		<u>482,716</u>	<u>458,617</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>482,716</u>	<u>458,617</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 October 22 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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E Norton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Oxford Farming Conference meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The directors have considered the financial requirements of the company and consider that it will be able to operate within its agreed finance facilities for the next 12 months. The directors therefore consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Investment gains and losses are included when revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

The main activity of the charity is that of running a conference. Sponsorship and grants are received towards the running costs of the conference, therefore these are disclosed as part of incoming resources from charitable activities in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where gifts in kind have been received then sponsorship income is recognised where it is possible to reasonably estimate its value. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included. Income from Patrons is recognised when the agreement is signed, because the charity can use the income as it sees fit over the period of their patronage.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs 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.

Charitable activities includes all costs associated with running the annual conference.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and finance costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Finance costs include bank charges and commission fees on credit card receipts.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Fund accounting**

All unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to fund working capital and capital investment.

**Basic financial instruments**

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are combined in the appropriate section of the Statement of Financial Activities. Investments are held primarily to provide an investment return.

Investments held as current assets are stated at cost and are represented by cash held in the COIF Deposit Fund.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	14,150	655

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest received	17	49
Income from unit trusts	10,891	11,110
	<u>10,908</u>	<u>11,159</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 28 February 2022

#### 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2022 £	2021 £
Conference fees	Conference	75,300	36,390
Sponsorship	Conference	135,500	64,550
Frank Parkinson Trust grant	Conference	5,000	5,000
		<u>215,800</u>	<u>105,940</u>

#### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £
Conference	<u>235,432</u>

#### 6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Insurance	3,871	-
Accommodation and catering	13,400	-
Speaker costs	8,813	1,022
Conference organising and secretarial	41,928	40,147
Sponsorship costs	14,346	7,360
Council meetings and expenses	19,259	2,204
Marketing and publicity	43,568	33,498
Equipment hire	73,914	27,706
Industry research	16,333	-
	<u>235,432</u>	<u>111,937</u>

Conference organising and secretarial costs of £41,928 (2021: £40,147) represent the fee paid to Archer Yates Associates for organising and running the conference and for secretarial support provided to the Directors throughout the year.



## Oxford Farming Conference(The)

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 28 February 2022

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#### 7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
Other resources expended	<u>3,531</u>	<u>8,103</u>	<u>11,634</u>

#### 8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>4,763</u>	<u>3,963</u>

#### 9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

##### Trustees' expenses

No directors' remuneration was paid in the year (2021: £Nil).

During the period directors' expenses were paid, covering travel, subsistence and accommodation, totalling £14,123 (2021: £1,725). 7 (2021: 3) Directors or former Directors were reimbursed or had payments made directly on their behalf during the year.

During the year the company paid an insurance premium of £1,774 (2021: £705) to indemnify directors and officers of the company against liability.

The officers of the company were not required to pay for virtual attendance at the conference. The value to each officer (inclusive of VAT) was approximately £54 (2021: £90).

#### 10. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

There were no employees in the current or preceding year. There were no employee costs or employee benefits.

#### 11. TAXATION

The company is exempt from corporation tax under the provisions of Section 505(1)(c) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 on the condition that its income is applicable to and applied for charitable purposes only.

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 March 2021	357,563
Revaluations	30,307
	<u>387,870</u>
At 28 February 2022	<u>387,870</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 28 February 2022	<u>387,870</u>
At 28 February 2021	<u>357,563</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The above investment is held in a COIF Charities Investment Fund. This investment is in equities which are traded in quoted public markets.

The investments originally cost £211,362 (2021: £211,362).

13. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	420	4,929
Other debtors	26,234	2,306
VAT	27,735	-
	<u>54,389</u>	<u>7,235</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>55,389</u>	<u>9,235</u>

**14. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
COIF Deposit Fund	10,695	69,786

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	82,132	808
VAT	-	8,861
Accruals and deferred income	30,908	23,734
	<u>113,040</u>	<u>33,403</u>

Accruals and deferred income includes £20,000 (2021: £30,000) of sponsorship income received in the previous year but that is for sponsorship of the conference in the years 2023 and 2024. £10,000 of this is shown in note 16.

**16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	10,000	20,000

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.3.21	Net movement in funds	At 28.2.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	458,617	24,099	482,716
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>458,617</u>	<u>24,099</u>	<u>482,716</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	240,858	(247,066)	30,307	24,099
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>240,858</u>	<u>(247,066)</u>	<u>30,307</u>	<u>24,099</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.3.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 28.2.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	432,899	25,718	458,617
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>432,899</u>	<u>25,718</u>	<u>458,617</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	117,754	(119,453)	27,417	25,718
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>117,754</u>	<u>(119,453)</u>	<u>27,417</u>	<u>25,718</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year services to the value of £Nil (2021: £6,000) were provided to the Conference by a company under the control of former Director, I Damms. Provision of services by Directors or companies they are involved in, are received on the same terms as they are received by other beneficiaries.

19. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities (when necessary) and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

**20. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

The company, which is a registered charity, is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The maximum amount that each member may be called upon to contribute is £1. At 28 February 2022 the company had eleven members, who are the present directors of the company.

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	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	14,150	655
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest received	17	49
Income from unit trusts	10,891	11,110
	<u>10,908</u>	<u>11,159</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Conference fees	75,300	36,390
Sponsorship	135,500	64,550
Frank Parkinson Trust grant	5,000	5,000
	<u>215,800</u>	<u>105,940</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>240,858</u>	<u>117,754</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	3,871	-
Accommodation and catering	13,400	-
Speaker costs	8,813	1,022
Conference organising and secretarial	41,928	40,147
Sponsorship costs	14,346	7,360
Council meetings and expenses	19,259	2,204
Marketing and publicity	43,568	33,498
Equipment hire	73,914	27,706
Industry research	16,333	-
	<u>235,432</u>	<u>111,937</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	3,531	1,498
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	4,763	3,963
Carried forward	4,763	3,963

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	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Brought forward	4,763	3,963
Insurance	1,774	705
Other costs	1,566	1,350
	<u>8,103</u>	<u>6,018</u>
Total resources expended	247,066	119,453
<b>Net expenditure before gains and losses</b>	(6,208)	(1,699)
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	-	1,173
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(6,208)</u>	<u>(526)</u>

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