

AVONDALE AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2025/2026

The Management Committee submit their Annual Report for the year ending Tuesday 24th March 2026.

ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

The club is governed by a constitution which internally states that the club shall provide activities which further personal development, cultural education and training of young people to make rural life more attractive to the young members of the community.

The club is administered by a Management Committee who are appointed or elected at the Annual General Meeting of the club.

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, to whom the Affiliation Fees are payable. The club can be contacted through:

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The members of the Management Committee during the year were listed hereafter. All the members were elected at the Annual General Meeting, held on 25th March 2025 and held office throughout the year unless otherwise shown.

President: Mr Robert McKechnie

Vice President: Miss Louise Fleming

Club Leader: Miss Gayle Allan

Deputy Club Leader: Miss Mairi Orr

Chairman: Mr David Cunningham

Vice Chairman: Miss Gail Pollock

Secretary: Miss Emma Cuthbertson

Assistant Secretary: Miss Iona Watson

Treasurer: Mr Lewis Fleming

Assistant Treasurer: Miss Isobel Currie

Committee:

Miss Erin Smellie

Miss Chloe Alexander

Miss Rebekah Lennox

Miss Ann Fleming

Miss Brooke Hart

Miss Kirsty Rae

Mr Jordan Cuthbertson

Miss Louise Murphy

Mr Robbie Callan

Mr Carter Yuill

Mr Greig Frame

Mr Angus Bryson

ACCOUNTS

The Management Committee have elected to produce the alternative form of accounts, The Receipts and Payment Account and the Statement of Balances for the year to the February 2026 and disclose a profit of £

Review of the year 2025/26

As my year as secretary comes to an end, I have taken some time to review what has been yet another amazing year for Avondale & District Young Farmers Club. As tradition, the year kicked off in the kitchen of Sandford Hall where Chairman David, opened his first meeting. He welcomed the newly appointed committee and thanked last year's team for their hard work and dedication over the past 12 months. Then it was time to appoint the most anticipated role, tea convenor! After much deliberation, or some might say excuses, the new girls on the block, Brooke and Louise, drove home at the end of the night with their cars full of equipment for the year ahead while Lewis Fleming hesitantly agreed to a second year as bus convenor. Following some aims from our new chairman & secretary, the date for the first meeting was set and I headed on the long road back to Fife, it's safe to say the lambing shift that night was filled with ideas and worries for the year ahead!

Not long after, I opened the doors at Benwillen to the new committee and we eagerly sat down to start planning the year ahead. 4 hours of discussion and 15 pages of minutes later, the meeting was closed and the newly set committee were raring to go. Feeling nervous due to the mountain of work sitting in front of me, I quickly got down to work writing letters and sending emails. All the while, past Secretary, Ann Fleming, was always on the other side of the phone to give me some words of encouragement, just as well she's my sister-in-law and can't get rid of me!

Sarah Whitelaw kick started the year in true Avondale style after competing in the Front of Curtain competition at the 2025 West Area Talentspot. While no prizes were picked up, she sure got the audience going and represented the club exceptionally, not that anyone ever doubted she would!

On the 8th of April our team headed to Chapelton Church Hall to host our first New Members Night in the form of a Scavenger Hunt, kindly made by local quizmaster, Stephen Fleming. After racking their brains throughout the village, the 47 members in attendance headed up to the park for a very competitive game of rounders. Where our 13 newbies were shown how not to play after Ann and Carter clashed bodies, sending Ann home with a broken collar bone. It was great to see so many young ones along, and little did I know this would be the start of the amazing family that has been created over the past 12 months.

Next up on the list was the much anticipated Netball and Football tournament once again in conjunction with East Kilbride YFC. Our netballers headed to the Ally McCoist Centre while our boys headed out to The Glebe in Lesmahagow. With 10 teams taking part at both sides organisation was not an easy job, however it was very successful. The results on the night were as follows:

Netball:

- 1st - Avondale 1
- 2nd - Avondale 2
- 3rd - Bathgate

Football:

- 1st - SSS
- 2nd - Biggar
- 3rd - Annandale

It was fantastic to see our girls bringing the trophy home yet again. A big thanks must go to Ann Fleming for umpiring our Netball and the EK boys for policing the football. This tournament set our teams off on a great start for the sporting season as they attended a number of other tournaments throughout the summer. Our netball girls picked up a fantastic total of red certificates and our boys did a far better job than usual picking up a number of certificates too. Our strong netballers went on to hold their own at Lanarkshire netball, coming home with 1st place yet again, and nicely finishing off the season with another win at West Area Netball. Maybe our boys are needing to switch the football boots for a netball bib after picking up 1st place at East Kilbride's Mixed Netball Tournament in July.

Our eager tug of war individuals were back in action at Whitecraigs Farm and were training hard for the prestigious Lanarkshire Tug of War Competition held at Biggar Rugby Club on Sunday 4th May. With an amazing turnout of members at training, Father Matt and son had the difficult decision of splitting everyone into teams, finally travelling to Biggar with 2 girls teams and 1 boys team which was made up of members who had never touched a rope before and it was amazing to see their dedication and courage at this competition. It's safe to see these boys will be a force to be reckoned with in years to come. After years of personally saying I wasn't interested in Tug of War and claiming my knees wouldn't cope, I pulled myself along to a training session as part of my "secretary duties" and seemed to find a love for the sport, and just as well after being put on the rope for Avondale A. The day at Biggar was a huge success with our A girls walking away with 2nd place after a well fought final against Carluke, earning their spot at West on the 31st of May. This competition was even more successful for the girls after pulling back on Carluke and taking home the 1st place certificate, leading them on to National at the RHS. The girls put up a well fought battle throughout the leagues and found themselves in the final for 1st and 2nd. Narrowly missing out on the red certificate this time but the girls put in an immense amount of effort and it was a very proud moment to stand as secretary alongside them!

Following the trend of many members getting involved, it was time for the well-loved Ayr Show where handicrafts convenor, Lucy Fleming, and trainer Caroline Hamilton sure had their hands full with 2 junior and 1 senior team heading to the SAYFC tent! Unfortunately, no prizes were picked up but it

was great to see so many members keen to get involved in this part of the syllabus.

The next night, a few sore heads rolled into Sainsbury's car park with trays of sandwiches in hand for our Annual Car Treasure Hunt. As usual this night was great fun for all involved and we finished off back at The Chapelton Inn for some refreshments before the results.

1st - The Donald's
2nd - Charlie Craig and Co
3rd - The Fortune Seekers

While a good turnout was had, I would have to comment on the lack of support received from other Lanarkshire clubs with only 1 car load of young farmers showing up on the night. I don't believe this is the reasoning for it, but I would encourage future committees to make sure and support the 5 other clubs car treasure hunts to ensure the favour is repaid.

As the committee would soon learn, there is no time for rest in the AYFC calendar and we were straight into the next event the following weekend. With club secretary and committee member, Robbie Callan, as full time staff at Shotlinn Farm, it was pretty difficult for Allan Mackie to turn down the request to host the club's Mock Auction on the 16th of May. Having this event on a Friday night, and providing guests with free drinks managed to pull the attendance up from previous years and the night was a great success. The results were as follows:

Club Junior:
1st - Blair Nimmo
2nd - Alison Hamilton
3rd - Lucy Clark

Club Senior:
1st - Robbie Callan
2nd - Steven Callan
3rd - Angus Bryson

Open Section:
1st - Robert Hamilton
2nd - Christopher Thompson
3rd - James Fleming

Side Competition - Ann Fleming

A massive thank you must go to Andrew Currie for taking the time to value the equipment, Primrose from Lawrie & Symington for conducting the auction on the night and to our markers Helen Cuthbertson, Louise Fleming

and Catherine Lambie who were led by Chief Marker, Jenna Ballantyne.

Some may say Friday the 13th is a day where bad things happen, but for our keen stockjudgers, it was quite the opposite in sunny June after they headed along to West Area Stockjudging. Being an event that was introduced back into the syllabus this year, our members put their training to action and came home with a few prizes. Lucy Clark and Alison Hamilton picked up joint second place in the Junior section with Senior member, Robbie Meikle picking up 3rd place.

This night warmed everyone up for the week ahead - The Royal Highland Show. With caravans packed, white coats washed and livestock ready, a number of our members made their way to Edinburgh for what was set to be a fun filled week of competition and nonsense. Our Junior handicrafts team consisting of Emma Jamieson, Katie Smith, Emily Stobo and Amy Clark got set up alongside the Senior team of Lucy Fleming, Sean Dunbar, Rebekah Lennox, Emma Sutherland, Iona Watson and Lewis Fleming. Again, unfortunately no placings for our teams but their displays were certainly something to be proud of with so much talent on show. Our girls Tug of War team placed for the first time in 18 years on the Saturday afternoon while other members wracked their brains for the Stockmanship Programme throughout the day. It was great to see so many from the Dale representing Lanarkshire in this competition, especially when junior member Lucy Clark qualified for the afternoon session in her first year of taking part, I think it's safe to say she will take home the Stockman of the year trophy one day! Senior member Robbie Meikle narrowly missed out on this opportunity this year after placing 3rd but still a massive achievement, and I'm sure he won't give up until the trophy is in his hands! This week is such a great way for our members to unwind and enjoy themselves in the company of everyone from Lanarkshire, and all the other districts.

What better way to pass the highland blues than a good old slip and slide! Tuesday the 24th of June saw our annual sports night at Walkerdike Farm by kind permission of Mr Chairman. After a night of team games and races, everyone let loose down the hill and enjoyed throwing each other into the home made paddling pool at the "Walkerdike Waterpark" Team 4 took victory on the night and our members headed home for a shower after the traditional avondale egg fight took place.

Next up it was my turn to host, so everyone headed out to Bents Farm for our Tractor and ATV Driving on Tuesday 1st of July. With Uncle Andrew providing the tractor, Izzy and Lynsey certainly didn't hold back and the competition was on. It was fantastic to see so many young members with no experience get involved in this competition and give it their all. While the traditional tractor and ATV course was being churned up, people turned their hand to the JCB challenge. After witnessing Lewis Fleming attempt to manoeuvre some pallets from one spot to another, I can now see why he went to uni to study architecture instead of farming. A massive thank you must go to The Cuthbertson family for hosting, and to Andrew Currie at Ross of Lanark for providing the tractor once again. After some fierce competition the results were awarded as follows:

Gents Tractor

1st - David Cunningham

2nd - Craig Fleming

3rd - Robbie Callan

Girls Tractor

1st - Isobel Currie

2nd - Lynsey Currie

3rd - Emma Cuthbertson

Gents ATV

1st - Ben Baillie

2nd - William Currie

3rd - Jordan Cuthbertson

Ladies ATV

1st - Ann Fleming

2nd - Isobel Currie

3rd - Emma Cuthbertson

Overall Gent - David Cunningham

Overall Lady - Isobel Currie

Side Competition - Craig Fleming

Back on the sporting scene, it was time for our Volleyball Tournament, this year joint with Carluke YFC. Held at the Ali McCoist Centre in East Kilbride, it was a fantastic night with 10 teams battling it out for the top spot, with the results as follows:

1st - East Kilbride 1

2nd - East Kilbride 2

3rd - Avondale Red

It was great to have such a good turnout with one of our 3 teams picking up a certificate on the night. A big well done must go to convenor Lynsey Currie for getting everyone organised and on court, those practises must have paid off.

What was set to be a busy August was kicked off with members heading to Lanarkshire Stockjudging at Auchenheath Farm. Our keen stockjudgers filled out their cards and walked away with some impressive results at the end of the night:

Junior Ladies

3rd - Lucy Clark

Senior Gents

1st - Robbie Meikle
3rd - Archie Watson

Senior Ladies

3rd - Isobel Currie

Overall Team - Robbie Meikle, Archie Watson, Mark Bryson, Callum Watt, Isobel Currie and Zoe Frame

Side Competition - Robbie Callan

Senior Lanarkshire Stockman of the Year

1st - Mark Bryson
3rd - Robbie Meikle

Junior Lanarkshire Stockman of the Year

3rd - Alison Hamilton

It was great to see our members yet again do so well in this competition. Stockjudging really is one of the clubs greatest strengths and I hope this continues for many years to come.

A very wet few days seen our golf tournament postponed, but this didn't dampen our spirits as the last minute, and very random team of Adam Kirkpatrick, Lewis Fleming and Rebekah Lennox headed along to Hollandbush Golf Club to try their hand at Lanarkshire Golf, and somehow managed to walk away with 3rd place! This set us all on the right path to welcome everyone along to Broadlees Golf on Tuesday 5th August. After our teams battled their way through the gusts of Storm Floris, a hot chocolate was definitely needed back at the clubhouse to heat up before the results, which were as follows:

1st - Andrew Brown, Harry Mulvey & Jamie Baird
2nd - Adam Kirkpatrick, William Currie & Charlie Horn
3rd - Alan Hall, Mhairi Hall, David Hall & Graham Kerr

Closest to the Pin - David Hall

Longest Drive - Alan Hall

West Chairwomen, Anne Craig, set a goal at the start of the year for all clubs to offer their members a new learning event, and with the committee setting a goal at the start of the year to work alongside our local community more, I made contact with Mr Stephen Fleming and arranged a "come and try" night at Chapelton Bowling Club where members were taught by some local legends how to play outdoor bowls. With the sun shining, all 22 of us had a fantastic night full of plenty of laughs and of course, some friendly

competition. Before results were announced, everyone headed into the clubhouse where Alistair Campbell was cooking up a storm with burgers and chips on offer. This was a brilliant night and the generosity of our local community did not go unnoticed. The results were as follows:

- 1st - Jane Fleming, Emma Jamieson & Ben Baillie
- 2nd - Emma Cuthbertson, Ross Jamieson & Emily Stobo
- 3rd - Iona Watson, Ann Fleming & Neil Jamieson

Continuing on with the hectic schedule, Chapelton Show was upon us, and after some very questionable artwork from myself on a bale of silage, the club stand was set up for the busy day ahead. With plenty of activities and challenges to keep the public going, our junior members did a fantastic job at being in charge. I personally think giving the young members of the club this responsibility is a great way of making them feel involved. As the sun was slowly setting on what had possibly been the warmest chapelton show in history, our older members headed into the beer tent for some well-earned fun!

As a club we had 13 members take part in Avondale's "section" of the Lanarkshire District Club Crawl in attempts to raise money for the SAYFC Big Build. However, after some discussions it was agreed that the club would host its own event in the form of a Touch Rugby Tournament, which was held on Monday 18th August in the Chapelton Show Field by kind permission of the Clark family. This was a fantastic opportunity for members to take part in something a little different, while it would have been nice to see a little more support from the district - those that attended had fun in the sun and it was great to have West Chair, Anne Craig taking part as a team mate in one of the 4 avondale teams. A massive thank you to Kirsty Ritchie for being our ref for the night and to Robert Young who came along with his camera snapping some amazing action shots. The results were as follows:

- 1st - Carluke
- 2nd - Lesmahagow/Lanark
- 3rd - Avondale 1

The next night it was rugby balls down and rackets up as members headed out to Strathaven Leisure Centre for our annual club badminton tournament. After a fantastic night of some friendly competition, the results were as follows...

- 1st - Sean Dunbar & Rebekah Lennox
- 2nd - Russell Hall & Katie Frame
- 3rd - Amy Clark & Isobel Currie

Yet another jam-packed week for the club members as 6 of our boys headed

to ScotKart on the Wednesday night to take part in the Lanarkshire Go-Karting competition. Team 1 made up of Carter Yuill, Connor Kerr and Callum Watt narrowly missed out on a team ticket but still had the need for speed as Carter walked away with 2nd fastest lap as well as Carter and Connor also both winning their heats. No tickets for team 2 which was made up of Lewis Fleming, Jason Dunn and Alasdair Crawford but the boys had an enjoyable night battling against other clubs!

With our new members from May settling in over the summer, it was time to welcome along another lot of newbies as the club hosted its second New Members Night of the year, this time held at Nether Lethame Farm by kind permission of the Fleming family on Tuesday 26th August. A massive thank you must go to Gavin & Caroline Leggatte who put our teams through their paces as they sent them round the local area on a car treasure hunt. After collecting items, answering questions and trying not to get lost, it was assistant secretaries time to shine as Iona scooped some well-earned Jersey Ice Cream for everyone. Yet again another fantastic night for our fast growing family, the perfect way to show new members exactly what they could be part of. The results were as follows:

1st - Lucy Clark, Layla Peaston, Ann & Jane Fleming
2nd - Lewis Fleming, Alison Glen, Alison Hamilton & Ellen Templeton
2nd - Emma Cuthbertson, Louise Murphy, Emily Stobo & Eloise Kirk
3rd - Erin Smellie, Lynsey McWhinnie, Caroline Hall & Amy Clark

With Mr Chairman's pressure washer going into overdrive - he was ready to welcome his visitors as he opened the gates to host this year's club Stockjudging at Walkerdyke Farm on Friday 29th August. I was feeling confident with the amount of cards I had put together, but very quickly ate my words as Ann & Kirsty scrambled packs together to accommodate the 139 competitors on the night. This event was a huge success but would not have been made possible without a number of people. Our able judge, Mr Jim Frame. James Chapman Butchers for supplying the meat and rolls for Sandy, Jackie, George and Lillias to cook on the BBQ - who all did a fantastic job at keeping our guests well fed. Our marking team round in the kitchen led by yet again our chief marker, Jenna Ballantyne who gathered our list of prize winners who would receive some amazing prizes supplied by the outstanding list of sponsors. A massive thank you must go to these local businesses who supported the club for this event. These prize winners were as follows:

Under 14's

1st - Emma Leggatte
2nd - Tom Gracie
3rd - Cameron Boyd & Jack Donald

Club Junior Ladies

1st - Lily Donald

2nd - Lucy Clark
3rd - Amy Clark

Club Junior Gents
1st - Ben Baillie
2nd - Blair Nimmo
3rd - Ross Jamieson

Club Senior Ladies
1st - Rebekah Lennox
2nd - Lynsey Currie
3rd - Katelyn MacDonald

Club Senior Gents
1st - Robbie Callan
2nd - Archie Watson
3rd - Jordan Cuthbertson

Overall Club Junior - Lily Donald
Overall Club Senior - Robbie Callan

Open Ladies
1st - Alison French
2nd - Caroline Leggate
3rd - Laura Komar

Open Gents
1st - Alan Smith
2nd - Ravb Leggate & Willie Purdon
3rd - Gain Leggate & Jim Dyet

Overall Winner & Sweepstake - Alan Smith

Young Farmers Team Competition
1st - Kim Laird, Amy Laird & Finlay Robertson
2nd - Nicola Waugh, Craig Waugh & Murray Fleming
3rd - Mhairi Hall, Rachel Brodie & Emily Haggart

Side Competition 1 - Alistair Torrance
Side Competition 2 - Iain Cunningham

And finally, the biggest thanks must go to my committee for running after my many requests, manning the bar and filling the tables full of cakes and sandwiches. After ticking off another big event for the club, I headed home and fell into bed for a much needed full night's sleep ahead of what was going to be a very busy week ahead as Saturday 6th September saw the club

heading to Strathaven Show.

With all the activities set up in the marquee - committee members were geared up for a busy day ahead welcoming show visitors, young and old, to come in and take part. After a day out in the field, it was into the marquee to get set up for the club's annual Charity Speed Shear. A massive thank you to our 3 sponsors for the evening as well as Ewan Cochrane for helping organise and set up the event, Rab and Archie for ably judging and finally to James Hamilton for comparing on the night. With a buzzing crowd, the race was on and the results were as follows:

Junior

- 1st - Samuel Jones
- 2nd - Ben Baillie
- 3rd - Cody Gibson

Intermediate

- 1st - David Cunningham
- 2nd Ewan Cochrane
- 3rd - James Fleming

Open

- 1st - Eilidh Little
- 2nd - Jock Welsh
- 3rd - Cameron Armstrong

It was then over to DJ Garry who got the night started and entertained everyone into the early hours as the committee did an incredible job behind the bar keeping everyone well watered. It's safe to say we were all happy to hear the last song and it wasn't long before we all crawled into bed before experiencing the dreaded sober strathaven show hangover in the morning!

However, the following day moods were quickly picked up as the junior pair of Lucy Clark and Ben Baillie picked up 3rd place at Lanarkshire Beef Cattle Dressing. Then, facebook was a buzz as it was announced that Avondale had won the newly introduced National Digital Video Competition. This was a very well deserved win for assistant secretary, Iona as she slaved over the video for weeks prior, and did an absolutely outstanding job at highlighting what SAYC, and Avondale do!

Next, it was time for Lanarkshire Root & Grain - this year held at Overton farm on Sunday 14th September. I personally think this is a district competition the club could support more having so many members, however, it was good to see some of our junior girls getting involved - hopefully they keep this up over the years! The results came in as follows:

INDUSTRIAL

Senior Article of Craft

2nd - Lewis Fleming

Junior Article of Craft

3rd - Alison Glen

Favourite Apron

3rd - Iona Watson

3rd - Amy Clark

Photography

1st - Alison Glen

Floral Arrangement

3rd - Amy Clark

ROOT AND GRAIN

Whole Barley

3rd - Archie Watson

Baled Silage

1st - David Cunningham

2nd - Robbie Callan

6 Round Potatoes

2nd - Iona Watson

3 Bulb Turnips

2nd - Lewis Fleming

3 Long Rooted Carrots

1st - Amy Clark

3 Onions

2nd - Amy Clark

Overall Industrial Junior

2nd - Alison Glen

3rd - Amy Clark

Overall Root and Grain Junior

2nd - Amy Clark

We also had a foursomes team entered on the day but unfortunately no placings this year. A big well done to everyone who took part!

With summer officially over our members saw the start of a busy winter syllabus - starting with 10-pin bowling on Tuesday 16th September at Hollywood Bowl in Coatbridge. Famous for its tough competition, 33 members battled it out for the king pin title with the results as follows:

Junior Gents

1st - Rory Anderson
2nd - Adam Kirkpatrick
3rd - Charlie Horn

Junior Ladies

1st - Alison Glen
2nd - Maya Orr
3rd - Emily Stobo

Senior Gents

1st - Robbie Callan
2nd - David Cunningham
3rd - Stevie Callan

Senior Ladies

1st - Zoe Frame
2nd - Emma Sutherland
3rd - Emma Cuthbertson

King Pin - Robbie Callan

Our top bowlers then headed to Lanarkshire bowling the following week but unfortunately didn't pick up any prizes - they just enjoyed the mcdonalds that followed!

Sticking with district events, some of our members headed out to Lanarkshire Big Night Out held at Overton farm where they joined 40 other Lanarkshire members for a game of rounders in the sun, followed by some highly competitive team games back in the marquee. This was a fantastic night that allowed our members to mingle with people from other clubs and hopefully it sparked a few new friendships!

The next morning committee members were geared up to dump teams as "Hunted" returned for yet another year. With 8 teams taking part a fabulous amount of money was raised for YoungMinds. A massive well done, and thank you, must go to the hunted committee made up of Izzy, Brooke, Angus and Carter who organised the entire event. The winning teams were as follows:

1st - Katelyn, Lynsey & Zoe
2nd - Abigail & Rachel
3rd - George, Christina & Robert

Finally to finish off the weekend, the club hosted a "Demo Day" which was a new event introduced this year in the hopes to bring some new members into the agricultural side of SAYFC competitions. Held at Kittymuir farm by kind permission of the Fleming family, several different experts attended and hosted a short demo for Beef, Dairy and Sheep Dressing and finally stockjudging. This was a great day with the juniors, however it would have been nice to see some more members along. This is definitely an event I would encourage future committees to host again, maybe just earlier on in the year prior to these competitions starting. A massive thank you must go to Boab Ferguson, Gavin Baillie, Daniel Hodge, James Hamilton and Andrew Neilson on the day.

The annual quiz night very quickly came upon us. Held at The Chapelton Inn on Friday 26th September, 13 teams racked their brains in the hopes to claim the top spot. A massive thanks must go to Willie Cuthbertson and Stephen Fleming for being our quiz masters on the night. The results were as follows:

Open/senior

1st - Udderly Brilliant

2nd - We Know Nothing

3rd - Avondale Young Team

Juniors

1st - Emma, Eloise and Amy

2nd - Dum, Dumer and Dumest

3rd - Ross, Jadden and Kai

This set our members up nicely for Lanarkshire quiz night held at Biggar Rugby Club with 2 senior and 3 junior teams in attendance - unfortunately no prizes but it was great to see the club supporting the district event.

Sunday the 5th October held the annual Sheep Dressing afternoon, this year in conjunction with the Lanarkshire competition. Held at High Parks farm by kind permission of Alistair Walker and ably judged by Andy Woodburn, 11 teams clipped away for the top spot with Ann Fleming and Emma Cuthbertson picking up the overall award for club members. Rebekah Lennox and Iona Watson picked up second place in the seniors with Zoe Frame and Callum Watt close behind in 3rd. Ben Baillie and Blair Nimmo picked up the red ticket for the juniors with double act, Lucy and Amy Clark hot on their heels with 2nd place. It was fantastic to have 5 teams competing this year who all did a fantastic job and showed real promise, coming out strong in the Lanarkshire results. Ann and Emma picked up 2nd place in the senior section with Ben and Blair also picking up 2nd place in the junior section, meaning both teams headed to huntly mart for the National competition. After a very rocky start, Ben and Blair didn't let the lack of organisation affect them as they walked away from their first national competition with 2nd place.

Entry forms were in so David and Emma headed out to Strathaven Hotel on the 18th October for Lanarkshire Mr & Miss interviews. After being warned by the inch of his life, David still managed to make a ropery first impression with the judges after being late, as usual, however he clearly has the gift of the gab after managing to pick up 3rd place on the night. Both also headed to The Town Mill on Thursday 4th December for the Lanarkshire Member of the Year competition. After some strong interviews unfortunately there were no placings for the club that night. However, both Chairman and secretary were very proud of what they have achieved for the club, and within young farmers so gave it their all.

Before concert practices began to take over everyone's life, a very excited Angus Bryson headed out to Sandford Hall for his favourite event of the year...carpet bowls. With a fantastic turnout of 24 members, the best we've seen in years, the competition was well and truly on, and this night does not get taken lightly. After several hours of fierce play the results were in...

1st - Izzy Currie, Blair Nimmo, Jordan & Emma Cuthbertson
2nd - Emma Jamieson, Layla Peaston, Ben Baillie & Robbie Callan
3rd - Angus Bryson, Jason Dunn, Rebekah Lennox, Lynsey McWhinnie

Angus, Stevie Callan, Rebekah Lennox and Ben Baillie, then headed to Lanarkshire Carpet Bowls picking up 1st place. With Emma Cuthbertson, David Cunningham, Jason Dunn and Blair Nimmo taking home 3rd place. It was great to see 2 teams of members head along to this event!

On Tuesday 14th October, members invaded myself and Erin's houses as we hosted a brand new event, the Rolling Dinner. This involved members driving to Erin's for starter, before making their way to my house for main course and then finishing off in The Chapelton Inn with dessert. This event was great fun for all involved and is definitely in high demand to return next year. I sometimes feel like it's easy to stick to the same traditional syllabus year in, year out, however I believe it's important to keep introducing new events for members to keep them engaged and active within the club. The success of this night really helped to prove this point and it is something that can be changed up each time to keep it interesting!

Next up was the club's next charity event, this year hosting a Race Night & Live Auction in the Strathaven Scout and Guide Hall. With committee members on the bar and Janette Foster serving up some food the race was on and compare Wilson Frame got the crowd digging deep and placing their bets. 6 races with the traditional horses lead to a very entertaining final heat on the mini bikes, with Andy Baillie taking the winning step on the podium. It was then over to our auctioneer for the night, Charlie Reid, who did a great job selling off all our items. Once again, a massive thank you must go to the local businesses and individuals who supported our event by providing us with auction items. A shout out to our charity committee for the year made up of Ann Fleming, Chloe Alexander and Lewis Fleming who did a tremendous job putting this event together, your efforts did not go

unnoticed with an outstanding sum of £4,056.73 raised.

After months of hard work and hours of dedicated time from this year's Speechmaking trainers Lucy, Ann and Jane Fleming, our 6 juniors who formed the Red and Blue team headed out to the Town Mill on Thursday 30th October. After impressing the crowd with their speeches on Extra Curricular's and Cycling Safety, our amazing young girls picked up 1st and 2nd place!! Avondale Blue consisting of Maya Orr, Alison Glen and Emma Jamieson took the top spot home, with Avondale Red consisting of Layla Peaston, Cara Maclean and Katie Smith coming in close second. Katie Smith picked up Best Speaker out with the winning team and Cara picked up Best Vote of Thanks. Due to a number of mistakes at Regional level, and a lack of organisation at the West Area competition on the 9th November, our girls placed 3rd and 4th, meaning one team would not progress through to the next stage. However, a unanimous decision from the club committee led to a formal complaint to SAYFC being filed. After much discussion, both teams were confirmed places at the National competition on Saturday 6th December. And deservedly so after the Red team finished off in true Avondale style, walking away with 1st place!! This was an absolutely outstanding result on the day and I couldn't be more proud of all 6 of these girls for their hard work and achievements throughout the entire process. Being so young and experiencing this lack of support from SAYFC is a hard situation to find yourself in, but our members held their heads high and carried themselves very maturely. Each girl was taking part in this competition for the first time and should be very proud of themselves for having the confidence to try something new. I cannot wait to see what these girls will be capable of in the future after such a successful first run.

Saturday 8th November saw the return of our Split meeting, this year organised by Iona and Gail. Our girls travelled into Glasgow for a classy afternoon at Boozy Brushes while the boys enjoyed themselves at Bubble Football. After their afternoon activities everyone gathered back at The Chapelton Inn for some manzil pizzas and a good old social night while watching the rugby.

The following Tuesday night Sandford Hall was a buzz as the seats filled for our Annual Whist Drive. David quickly learned the rules before taking the spotlight to run what is always a very tense event. After some competition round the tables, it was time for cakes and sandwiches provided by our committee yet again before the results were announced:

Pink Cards

- 1st - Robbie Callan
- 2nd - Margaret Morton
- 3rd - Jannette Smith

White Cards

- 1st - Marjorie Lamb
- 2nd - Nancy Bryson
- 3rd - Brooke Hart

Overall - Marjorie Lamb

Wooden Spoon - Janet Purdon

A quick raffle and prize giving finished off the night before we all headed home with a sigh of relief after the night ran smoothly.

Next up in the calendar saw Lanarkshire Country Cooks as the junior team of Amy Clark and Eloise Kirk whisked their way into 2nd place - showing up the senior team of Iona Watson and Ann Fleming. Maybe Amy and Eloise are needing to replace the girls in the ice cream van at Nether Lethame after that result.

Well into November now, our members headed along to Lanark market for a highlight of the winter calendar - Livescot. Junior member Ben Baillie was carrying the club this year as the only member to enter the Lanarkshire calf rally competition and managed to pick up 3rd place in his class. A great achievement for his first time competing. This is definitely a competition that I would love to encourage more members to take part in, however I do believe the lack of support could be due to members not having the knowledge of how the event runs, which is a point next year's committee should consider.

Members took full enjoyment in this year's winter syllabus as a number of different meetings took place. A concert DVD night held in The Chapelton Inn saw great laughter as members watched last year's concert while enjoying some pizzas from the manzil. Another Friday night in The Chapelton Inn saw a new Board Game Night where members worked their way round the tables challenging each other at different games. 22 members headed to kelburn castle for a spooky walk round "The Nightmare" for our halloween meeting. A Macdonald's stop was definitely needed for Mr Chairman after he earned himself the biggest scream title. And finally the last Tuesday night meeting involved 24 members heading to Laser Quest in Glasgow for a night of friendly, or not so friendly, competition where young guns Jason Dunn seemed to find a hidden talent.

To round off an amazing winter syllabus, the club held its very first Christmas Dinner in the form of a pot luck. After I allocated each member a course, they got thinking of what dish to bring along to Sandford Hall on Friday 12th December. With the table set and the crackers out, everyone sat round the table very excited to try out everyone's cooking skills - and what a feast it was! Once bellies were full, a few games were played before heading home. This night truly was a highlight of my year. Sitting at the table and looking round at the 30 members of our club all laughing and forming strong friendships with each other was really something special. I think this event really highlighted the meaning of young farmers to me because it's sometimes very easy to get caught up in the extremely busy schedule that we put on throughout the year so it's important to take a step back and enjoy these kinds of events.

Keeping up with the festivities, our senior members headed out to the ROC on the 23rd for our annual Christmas Jumper Dance - a night for our committee to let loose and enjoy themselves after a busy year.

Now into the new year it was all things concert!! Our producers Stuart Anderson and Gayle Allan were working extra hard behind the scenes, with new addition, Fraser, always at Gayle's side. This year's concert was entitled "Avondale Put Their Best Foot Forward" and was held in East Kilbride Village Theatre from Wednesday 21st - Saturday 24th January. With a cast of 54, and 18 new members, it was set to be a busy stage as Stuart hit us with all his weird and wonderful ideas - but they sure did pull it off tremendously. The club is extremely lucky to have a long list of people ready to jump in and help when it is needed and this year's concert was no different. Firstly a big thanks to our scenery builder, Jordan Cuthbertson, who yet again put the different sets together and took charge on concert week. To our stage manager, Willie Cuthbertson, who jumped into the role last minute and had the time of his life behind that desk. Not everyone can say their dad was backstage for the concert. Our ticket convenor, Iona Watson, who did a tremendous job at getting bums on seats, and nearly selling out every show. Our programme convenor, Isobel Currie, who worked tirelessly to pull together our programme this year alongside Anne Anderson, and I think we can all agree it looked fabulous. A special mention to Heather Meikle, who once again snapped our cast photos, to Heather Ewart and Jimmy Anderson who gave up a lot of personal time coaching our choir and getting us sounding like a Broadway cast. To our concert secretary Rebekah Lennox who had a tough job keeping things organised, booking halls, planning practises and sorting costumes. With assistant secretary Lynsey McWhinnie by her side and learning the ropes for next year. Both girls did a tremendous job and worked very hard over the 5 months of practises. A final massive thank you must go to this year's choreographers Katie Frame, Emma Sutherland and Madeleine Wright Kerr who did a fantastic job keeping everyone's 2 left feet moving in the right direction, I think it's safe to say I can definitely retire from this role. This week was by far my favourite concert week and one I think myself and David will remember forever. Our members sang and danced their hearts out from start to finish and the reviews definitely confirmed that! Every member on that stage wanted to be there and friendships were stronger than ever by the end of the week. The week was finished off in the real life Cluedo house as Stevie Callan hosted all 54 cast members for an after party.

Still raving about the events from this week, the newly appointed 2026 talent spot cast headed into Ashgill Hall on Tuesday 3rd February for the start of the process. Stuart and Gayle broke down their ideas and the cast got to work on what was set to be a fantastic 10 minute performance. After a long day of preparations in Paisley everyone eagerly awaited the final results. Firstly, after their concert performances Isobel Currie picked up Senior Musician of the Year with David, Robbie, Craig and Jason winning the Front of Curtain Competition and progressing through to West Area on the 4th April. Nominated for Best Act - Mark, Lewis, Katie and Emma picked up Reserve for their performance as the "4 robbers". Finally, our talent spot

performance entitled "The Jewel of the West" picked up 3rd place - with Stuart and Gayle heading onto stage to collect the certificate, cast members were celebrating up in the gods. This was a fantastic outcome and very well deserved after the time and effort our members put into the concert and talent spot. We can't thank Stuart and Gayle enough for all their hard work in getting us to this point.

Back in February, club members got spruced up and headed to Strathaven Hotel for our Annual Dinner Dance. With a fantastic number of 80 tickets sold, the tables were filled and dinner was served. This was a fantastic night bringing everyone together to celebrate the many achievements from over the years, everyone enjoyed having a look through Iona's scrapbook before hitting the dance floor for some well loved ceilidh dancing. After dinner we heard from our guest speaker Robert McKechnie who provided us with, yet again, a fantastic toast to the club. David then presented this year's prizes, which were as follows:

Junior Ladies Points

- 1st - Lucy Clark
- 2nd - Layla Peaston
- 3rd - Emma Jamieson

Junior Gents Points

- 1st - Ben Baillie & Blair Nimmo
- 2nd - Rory Anderson
- 3rd - Ross Jamieson

Senior Ladies Points

- 1st - Isobel Currie
- 2nd - Rebekah Lennox
- 3rd - Ann Fleming

Senior Gents Points

- 1st - Robbie Callan
- 2nd - Jordan Cuthbertson
- 3rd - Steven Callan

Overall Ladies Points - Isobel Currie

Overall Gents Points - Robbie Callan

Ladies Attendance - Iona Watson

Gents Attendance - Lewis Fleming

With good food, good company and good tunes from DJ Garry this was the perfect way to round off a fantastic year for AYFC.

Back in March the newly appointed committee picked YoungMinds as Avondale's chosen charity for 2025/26. This is a charity that provides

support and resources to young people and families affected by mental health. In the concert back in January the cast formed a choir that sang "You Will Be Found" helping to spread the message that sometimes the people you least expect can be struggling and that you are really not alone. This was a very touching moment within our concert and a message the club is proud to support. After all of the efforts listed the club have raised an amazing £7,983.04 for YoungMinds.

CLUB TROPHIES

NETBALL SHIELD - Avondale

FOOTBALL SHIELD - SSS

GOLF TROPHY - East Kilbride

CAR TREASURE HUNT - The Donald's

WHIST DRIVE - Marjorie Lamb

GREGOR LAMB MEMORIAL QUAICH - Ann Fleming & Emma Cuthbertson

CONCERT ENDEAVOUR AWARD - Steven Callan

BEST FIRST TIME PERFORMER - Amy Clark

TRACTOR & ATV DRIVING - David Cunningham

ROBERT STRUTHERS - Robbie Callan

TOM STERN - Lily Donald

GALLOWAY & MACLEOD - Alan Steele

Avondale & EK Football and Netball Tournament

Netball:

1st - Avondale 1

2nd - Avondale 2

3rd - Bathgate

Football:

1st - SSS

2nd - Biggar

3rd - Annandale

Avondale and Carluke Volleyball Tournament

1st - East Kilbride 1

2nd - East Kilbride 2

3rd - Avondale Red

Lanarkshire Netball

1st - Avondale

West Area Netball

1st - Avondale

East Kilbride Mixed Netball Tournament

1st - Avondale

Lanarkshire Tug of War

2nd - Avondale A Girls

West Area Tug of War

1st - Avondale A Girls

National Tug of War

2nd - Avondale A Girls

Car Treasure Hunt

1st - The Donald's

2nd - Charlie Craig and Co

3rd - The Fortune Seekers

Mock Auction

Club Junior:

1st - Blair Nimmo

2nd - Alison Hamilton

3rd - Lucy Clark

Club Senior:

1st - Robbie Callan

2nd - Steven Callan

3rd - Angus Bryson

Open Section:

1st - Robert Hamilton

2nd - Christopher Thompson

3rd - James Fleming

Side Competition - Ann Fleming

Tractor and ATV Driving

Gents Tractor

1st - David Cunningham

2nd - Craig Fleming

3rd - Robbie Callan

Girls Tractor

1st - Isobel Currie

2nd - Lynsey Currie

3rd - Emma Cuthbertson

Gents ATV

1st - Ben Baillie

2nd - William Currie

3rd - Jordan Cuthbertson

Ladies ATV

1st - Ann Fleming

2nd - Isobel Currie

3rd - Emma Cuthbertson

Overall Gent - David Cunningham

Overall Lady - Isobel Currie

Side Competition - Craig Fleming

Club Stockjudging

Under 14's

1st - Emma Leggatte

2nd - Tom Gracie

3rd - Cameron Boyd & Jack Donald

Club Junior Ladies

1st - Lily Donald

2nd - Lucy Clark

3rd - Amy Clark

Club Junior Gents

1st - Ben Baillie

2nd - Blair Nimmo

3rd - Ross Jamieson

Club Senior Ladies

1st - Rebekah Lennox

2nd - Lynsey Currie

3rd - Katelyn MacDonald

Club Senior Gents

1st - Robbie Callan

2nd - Archie Watson

3rd - Jordan Cuthbertson

Overall Club Junior - Lily Donald

Overall Club Senior - Robbie Callan

Open Ladies

1st - Alison French

2nd - Caroline Leggatte

3rd - Laura Komar

Open Gents

1st - Alan Smith
2nd - Rab Leggate & Willie Purdon
3rd - Gain Leggate & Jim Dyet

Overall Winner & Sweepstake - Alan Smith

Young Farmers Team Competition

1st - Kim Laird, Amy Laird & Finlay Robertson
2nd - Nicola Waugh, Craig Waugh & Murray Fleming
3rd - Mhairi Hall, Rachel Brodie & Emily Haggart

Side Competition 1 - Alistair Torrance

Side Competition 2 - Iain Cunningham

Lanarkshire Stockjudging

Junior Ladies

3rd - Lucy Clark

Senior Gents

1st - Robbie Meikle
3rd - Archie Watson

Senior Ladies

3rd - Isobel Currie

Overall Team - Robbie Meikle, Archie Watson, Mark Bryson, Callum Watt, Isobel Currie and Zoe Frame

Side Competition - Robbie Callan

Senior Lanarkshire Stockman of the Year

1st - Mark Bryson
3rd - Robbie Meikle

Junior Lanarkshire Stockman of the Year

3rd - Alison Hamilton

West Area Stockjudging

Junior:

2nd - Alison Hamilton & Lucy Clark

Senior:

3rd - Robbie Meikle

National Stockman of the Year

3rd - Robbie Meikle

Golf Tournament

1st - Andrew Brown, Harry Mulvey & Jamie Baird
2nd - Adam Kirkpatrick, William Currie & Charlie Horn
3rd - Alan Hall, Mhairi Hall, David Hall & Graham Kerr

Closest to the Pin - David Hall
Longest Drive - Alan Hall

Lanarkshire Golf Tournament

3rd - Adam Kirkpatrick, Lewis Fleming and Rebekah Lennox

Outdoor Bowls

1st - Jane Fleming, Emma Jamieson & Ben Baillie
2nd - Emma Cuthbertson, Ross Jamieson & Emily Stobo
3rd - Iona Watson, Ann Fleming & Neil Jamieson

Big Build Touch Rugby Tournament

1st - Carluke
2nd - Lesmahagow/Lanark
3rd - Avondale 1

Badminton

1st - Sean Dunbar & Rebekah Lennox
2nd - Russell Hall & Katie Frame
3rd - Amy Clark & Isobel Currie

Lanarkshire Go-Karting

Fastest Lap
2nd - Carter Yuill

New Members Night

1st - Lucy Clark, Layla Peaston, Ann & Jane Fleming
2nd - Lewis Fleming, Alison Glen, Alison Hamilton & Ellen Templeton
2nd - Emma Cuthbertson, Louise Murphy, Emily Stobo & Eloise Kirk
3rd - Erin Smellie, Lynsey McWhinnie, Caroline Hall & Amy Clark

Charity Speed Shear

Junior
1st - Samuel Jones
2nd - Ben Baillie
3rd - Cody Gibson

Intermediate

1st - David Cunningham
2nd Ewan Cochrane
3rd - James Fleming

Open

1st - Eilidh Little
2nd - Jock Welsh
3rd - Cameron Armstrong

Lanarkshire Beef Cattle Dressing

3rd - Lucy Clark and Ben Baillie

National Video Competition

1st - Avondale

Lanarkshire Root and Grain

INDUSTRIAL

Senior Article of Craft
2nd - Lewis Fleming
Junior Article of Craft
3rd - Alison Glen

Favourite Apron

3rd - Iona Watson
3rd - Amy Clark

Photography

1st - Alison Glen

Floral Arrangement

3rd - Amy Clark

ROOT AND GRAIN

Whole Barley

3rd - Archie Watson

Baled Silage

1st - David Cunningham
2nd - Robbie Callan

6 Round Potatoes

2nd - Iona Watson

3 Bulb Turnips

2nd - Lewis Fleming

3 Long Rooted Carrots

1st - Amy Clark

3 Onions

2nd - Amy Clark

Overall Industrial Junior

2nd - Alison Glen

3rd - Amy Clark

Overall Root and Grain Junior

2nd - Amy Clark

10-pin Bowling

Junior Gents

1st - Rory Anderson

2nd - Adam Kirkpatrick

3rd - Charlie Horn

Junior Ladies

1st - Alison Glen

2nd - Maya Orr

3rd - Emily Stobo

Senior Gents

1st -Robbie Callan

2nd - David Cunningham

3rd - Stevie Callan

Senior Ladies

1st - Zoe Frame

2nd - Emma Sutherland

3rd - Emma Cuthbertson

King Pin - Robbie Callan

Hunted

1st - Katelyn, Lynsey & Zoe

2nd - Abigail & Rachel

3rd - George, Christina & Robert

Quiz Night

Open/senior

1st - Udderly Brilliant

2nd - We Know Nothing

3rd - Avondale Young Team

Juniors

1st - Emma, Eloise and Amy

2nd - Dum, Dumer and Dumest

3rd - Ross, Jadden and Kai

Lanarkshire Mr and Miss

3rd - David Cunningham

Lanarkshire Sheep Dressing in conjunction with Avondale

Club Junior

1st - Ben Baillie and Blair Nimmo

2nd - Lucy and Amy Clark

Club Senior

1st - Emma Cuthbertson and Ann Fleming

2nd - Iona Watson and Rebekah Lennox

3rd - Zoe Frame and Callum Watt

Overall Club - Ann Fleming and Emma Cuthbertson

Lanarkshire Junior

2nd - Ben Baillie and Blair Nimmo

Lanarkshire Senior

2nd - Ann Fleming and Emma Cuthbertson

Carpet Bowls

1st - Izzy Currie, Blair Nimmo, Jordan & Emma Cuthbertson

2nd - Emma Jamieson, Layla Peaston, Ben Baillie & Robbie Callan

3rd - Angus Bryson, Jason Dunn, Rebekah Lennox, Lynsey McWhinnie

Lanarkshire Carpet Bowls

1st - Angus Bryson, Rebekah Lennox, Steven Callan & Ben Baillie

3rd - Emma Cuthbertson, David Cunningham, Jason Dunn & Blair Nimmo

You will be glad to know we are at the end of the 22 pages that looked back over the year, and I hope you all agree that the club has continued to go from strength to strength over this period. The attendance has been fantastic at every event and it is amazing to see such a large group of young members who joined at the start of the year, and have continued to attend ever since. I believe this is down to this year's committee working hard to encourage and support these young people, whether it was simply offering lifts or as far as creating friendships. I would say in the past I have seen the club being split into different groups, however I take pride in saying this year has been very inclusive to everyone and it has certainly created one big family.

At last year's AGM it was suggested that the club need to provide the junior

members with more in terms of subsidising events, as it was feared all of this money was only benefiting the senior section. So throughout the year, the club has subsidised a number of tickets/events and buses - all of which were benefiting all club members. We believed as a committee the club stands in a very strong financial position and it is only right that its members benefit from that. I hope future committees continue to do this, and continue to have the ability to do this, as I do believe it has made some difference to showing members that they will get back from the club what they give.

All of this being said, there are a number of people who have supported myself and David throughout our year in the top seats. Firstly, our committee, who has been outstanding. You are all a credit to the club and your help and support has not gone unnoticed. It is great to see so many people care so deeply about the club and its members and I hope you all continue to do so.

Lewis, our money man for the year. Treasurer is no easy job but you have taken it all in your stride, and not to mention having to provide the vote of thanks throughout the year as you filled in for vice-chair, Gail. Avondale is very lucky to have you and I can't wait to see how far you will take the club. I have no doubts you will do a tremendous job as chairman.

My assistant secretary, Iona. You are an absolute asset to this club who was always there in a heartbeat to help me out, and with a smile on your face. I couldn't have done this year without you behind me every step of the way and I can't thank you enough for the support you have provided me. I have absolutely no doubts in my mind that you will smash the secretary role. Thank you again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our management committee for the year. You have all been on the other end of the phone ready to provide us with help and advice when it was required, and we are all grateful for your knowledge and experience you continue to provide to the club. A special mention must go to Boab, who has gone out his way to help myself and David multiple times this year, your support is so greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank my chairman, David. I don't know what's been busier this year, me or my phone - because David was never off it. But I couldn't be more grateful to have done this with someone who has dedicated such a big portion of his life to this club, and his love for it doesn't go unnoticed. Always there to listen to my complaints, but I'm sure you did a better job at winding me up than calming me down. You have been such a great role model to all the young ones coming through and this club is very lucky to have you. Thank you for making my year so much easier, I am grateful to have done it with you. And don't worry, you get one more year of post meeting pints in Chapelton.

And that's it, officially at the end. I think I'll probably be the first secretary to get emotional while writing a management report, and it's not because of the 9,000 words I have just had to type, but it's because I have had the

chance to look back on the amazing year we have all just lived. Sitting in the secretary seat for Avondale Young Farmers has been something I knew I wanted to do since joining the club at the age of 14, but I never imagined it to be anything like the year I have just experienced. This club has given me the most amazing opportunities, skills and friendships and these are things I will forever be grateful for. Joining young farmers is something I would encourage anyone to do because this organisation has shaped me into the person I am today and I couldn't be more thankful for it. It has saved me in more ways than one and I hope that the people sitting in front of me take every single opportunity it gives them and make the most out of them. I am proud to finish my year knowing I have put my heart and soul into this job, but I wouldn't have done it any differently because I owe everything to Avondale Young Farmers.

Yours sincerely,
Emma Cuthbertson
Club Secretary 2025/26

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Cuthbertson', written over a horizontal line.