

Deer & District JAC
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. SC016270
MANAGEMENT REPORT 2024-2025

ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITIES

Deer & District is a charitable unincorporated organisation. As governed by our constitution, the club provides activities which further the personal development, cultural education and training of young people and make rural life more attractive to the young members of the community.

A management committee who are appointed or elected at the AGM of the club administers the club.

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Club, to whom the affiliation fees are payable

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The members of the management committee are listed hereafter. All members elected at the Annual General Meeting held in March 2024 and held office throughout the year unless otherwise shown.

Chairperson – Bruce Shand
Vice Chairperson – Lee Gillanders
Secretary – Natalie Rae
Vice Secretary – Jennifer Hall
Treasurer – Anna Craig
Club Leader - Andrew Beattie
Club President – Kirsty Finnie

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

We started off the year with a new member's night at Linx Ice Skating Aberdeen with a new member's night on the 28th March, where we had a couple new members appear, this was an easy first meeting to ease in the new committee. We then had a tour of RNLI Fraserburgh lifeboats depot on 23rd April. May saw us beginning rally preparations with industrial meetings, and football practices. We then attended the rally eliminations for the football on the 10th of May at Turriff Playing fields where our team came 2nd and got through to the rally. Ropemaking on 12th May at Drumwhindle Mains, where we unfortunately didn't have any teams get through to the rally. 14th of May we were asked for a tour round Ugie Valley Feeds by Turriff & District JAC. We were very kindly invited to stockjudging at Hilton of Clush by Keith & District YF on the 28th May to brush up on our skills before the rally. Strichen then kindly invited us to a machinery valuation at Downieshill Farm on the 29th of May. We had final preparations under way for the Rally held at Keith showground on the 8th of June, where the club managed to place 2nd small club for the 2nd year running which is quite a big achievement for us. We had a few members taking part in the stockjudging at the local New Deer show and getting placed. We then had the Field Night & BBQ on 26th June, hosted by Udney JAC where we placed 2nd.

We Invited Strichen JAC onto our Annual Day out this year to the summer race day at Perth races on the 4th of July, and then back to the station hotel at Maud for food and the rest of the day out, which was a day very much enjoyed by all, definitely something that needs to be arranged every year.

We had a break over the summer and started our winter syllabus on the 17th of October with A Pizza & Quiz Night at the station hotel at Maud, where we had multiple new members came along to join in. We had a few committee meetings in between to discuss the preparations of the produce sale. 4th of November was Brains of the north where 3 teams competed but unfortunately didn't get placed. Our scavenger hunt was on the 14th of November, Our yearly trip to the HMT Aberdeen Panto and Night out was 11th of December which we had a good turnout.

We then had full preparations for our produce sale the week up to 14th and the 15th of December, this is a great fundraiser for us through the year and is great for getting younger members involved, and we had a Successful weekend raising £3651 which is the most the club has ever made at the produce sale. The First leg of the harbrow stockjuding was held at Netherthird hosted by the Stephen Family on the 16th of December this was well attended by members, We had a short break over Christmas and New Year and began the year with our first meeting on the 23rd of January with a Tour round Stewart Trailers at Daviot we had full attendance of the 20 spaces that were given. Angus Riddoch from Udny JAC kindly came and gave us a talk on Farm Safety which was very interesting. Finally we rounded of our year with our 2nd Ladies day at Maud Hall we successfully made a profit of over £6k profit within the club. There was a huge effort put into this by the committee members of the club to make it as successful as it was. Finally we had the last district meeting which was the 2nd leg of the Harbrow Cup which was kindly hosted by New Deer YF on the 2nd of March, This brings us to our AGM on the 13th of March at Maud Village Hall.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

We have had a great year this year, and have managed to fundraise huge amounts for Maud Village Hall and ANCHOR. In future we would like to carry on our fundraising efforts, and give back to some more charities. We would also like to utilise some of our money to further the club and its activities, i.e. funding some more expensive trips. We have had a few new members this year, so we would like to actively keep members, and encourage some younger members to take on committee roles.

I believe that we have achieved last year's targets of organising a larger variety of meetings, and giving back to our members to show our appreciation, so we hope to continue this on for another year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our reserves have decreased from £21,940.66 in 2023/24 to £17,339.13 in 2024/25 this was due to having less income from our fundraising events during the year. We will work to improve on this in the 2025/26 year.

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs, contactable through:

SAYFC
Young Farmers Centre
Ingliston
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The accounts for the year are attached, and form part of this report.

The management committee approved of this report.

Signed on behalf of the management committee.

Bruce Shand

Club Chairperson