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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Year
From	01	January	2025	To	31	December	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	East Lothian Ploughing Association
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC043547
Charity's principal address	Pefferburn Cottage Markle Mains East Linton Postcode EH40 3EB

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Craig Macdonald	Chairman		
2	Brian Tait	Vice Chair		
3	Margaret Macdonald	Secretary		
4	Ian Bathgate	Treasurer		
5	James Armstrong			
6	John Bathgate			
7	Neil Riddell			
8	Frank Blyth			
9	Barry Falgate			
10	Robert Kennedy			
11	Rupert Kinch		Appointed 16 March 2025	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The charity, a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and was recognised as a Scottish charity with effect from 7 November 2012. The charity is administered in accordance with the terms of its Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Appointment and removal is in accordance with the constitution. Trusteeship is open to any individual who is a member of the organisation. There appointment will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by the charity's membership. Under the constitution there should be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 Trustees. At each AGM 4 of the charity trustees must retire from office but they can be reappointed.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The purposes of the charity are as set out in Object 4 of the Constitution, in particular are to advance the knowledge of farming heritage by promoting and encouraging the skills of ploughing the land by traditional and modern ploughs, in East Lothian and the surrounding areas.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

We ran another Charity Tractor road run covering approximately 40 miles over lovely East Lothian countryside, with many sizes of tractors taking part. We are active on social media promoting our event throughout the year.

We attend Haddington Show promoting our match. Our ploughing day saw over 50 competitors taking part and support from local dealerships.

Our Facebook page was kept up to date with all of our events and is proving a good media source for the public to be able to contact us and find further information.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The unrestricted funds represent income earned and donations received but not yet utilised in supporting charitable activities.

As a result of the surplus for the period the Association has unrestricted funds of £14,175 (2024: £12,981). The Trustees consider these funds are sufficient to enable the Association to continue for the forthcoming year.

Details of any deficit

N/A

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Trustees donate their time and attend Haddington Agricultural show to promote the annual ploughing match. They also help to mark out the field before the match day and to tidy up afterwards. The trustees also donate raffle prizes for our raffle on the match day. No trustee received remuneration in respect of their services as trustee and one trustee (2024: two trustees) was reimbursed expenses of £831 (2024: £1,554).

Margaret Macdonald, one of the trustees, received £350 in the year for administrative, financial and secretarial services to the charity.

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Other optional information

The Association is a membership organisation and in 2025 the membership was 25 (2024: 21).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Craig James Macdonald	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Chair	
Date	18 March 2026	