

East Mainland Young Farmers Club

Secretary's Report 2025/26



Wow! What a year we have had as a club, one of our strongest yet. We have done plenty activities this year and it has never been short of a laugh or a caper!

Just before the AGM the overwintering was held with many East entries taking part! Well done to both Josie and Abbey for their successes. There is 16 EMYFC members entered in the competition next week which is a real highlight to boast that we have the highest percentage in the competition by far! Good luck to all those competing next week.

The summer program included events such as agri skills days, the hup float, BBQs, a trip to Sanday, St Andrews & Holm Galas, Sauna session, Waterslide, Paintballing, Stromness Float and Raft, the Show tents and Rally sports practices. I was really chuffed of the club that we also covered a massive 21 silage pits over the summer which boosted both the club morale and bank account!

The effort at rally took a real increase this year and we were rewarded with many more trophies coming our club's way, special mention to Anne, Ava and William for winning the team with most points in reason giving and stockjudging combined and to Anne for winning 4 or 5 cups just to herself.

The club enjoyed a successful show season where I believe we made the most money we have ever made on our East Mainland Show stand. I still haven't forgiven you all for gunging me and I can still sometimes smell it to this day. We really pushed helping in the community this year with our pit coverings, getting to both the Hup Sports day and Stromness Shopping Week with floats, the walk of the entire coastline of South Ronaldsay, painting signs for the Hup Show, both Holm and St Andrews galas and our Awards night just to name a few. This was a real benefit in our club of the year application as they commended our effort within our community. Keep it up next year!

Both Seeds and Roots and our Awards Night were successful occasions that welcomed the public! The Seeds and Roots show also raised the most we ever have, and the entries were in large quantity. It would be great to see even more next year! The club put some of our hard-earned money into rewarding ourselves with a supper and dance to the Gablos. Huge thank you to President Inga for doing a speech and handing out our trophies. And as always thank you to the tea convenors Siobhan, Finlay and Olivia. You are the unsung heroes for keeping us all fed!

Winter programme had the usual pool and darts, bowls, clay pigeons and most recently our concert. The concert was a huge effort by everyone and although the result didn't go our way the buzz of our room, on stage and afterwards on Saturday night was something I won't forget in a hurry. I might shake the toothless Tam nickname soon. The concert has brought the club closer than ever as it always does, which is a great position to be going into next year! That is why we were voted Orkney Districts Club of the Year this year.

I hope next years committee can keep building on the huge progress and effort of everyone this year and continue pushing and encouraging all members of EMYFC and look to retain our club of the year status next year. Thank you to this year's committee for continuing to help whenever they could, even when I am causing a problem without realising it.

It has been some year, and I can only look forward to what we can do in years to come and the strength and potential of the club as a whole. The work Iona has put into the club this year has seen a real reward in what has come out of it. Good luck to all members this year and the committee going forward! Bring back some trophies to where they belong. All I am left to say is "That's why it's East Mainland or Nothing!"

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Secretary (2025/26)