



Registered Charity No. SC021896

Report Of the Management Committee 2025-2026

The management committee submit their report for the year ending 28th February 2026.

Organisation and Activities

Kilmaurs and District Young Farmers Club is an unincorporated charity. As governed by our constitution, the club provides 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 the Chief Executive, Young Farmers Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh, EH28 8NE, 0131 333 2445 quoting the club name.

Management Committee

The members of the management committee during the year were as listed hereafter.

All the members were elected at the AGM, held on Monday 3rd March 2025, and held office throughout the year, unless otherwise shown.

Chairman	Glen Smith
Vice Chairman	Adam Smith
Treasurer	Iain Shepherd
Secretary	Karen Shepherd
Assistant secretary	Emily Burns
Committee members	Ian Goldie, Jack Reid, David Goldie Sophie Simpson, Lucy Nelson, Lynn Smith
Co-opted members	Jane Hamilton Lynne Carrick
Club leaders	Lizzie Burns Allan Struthers
Honorary presidents	Neil Sands, Alistair Borthwick, Janice Shepherd, Anne Smith

Accounts

The management committee have elected to produce the alternative form of accounts, and the receipts and payments account, and statement of balance for the year to 28th February 2026 disclose a surplus of £1,667.

The accounts have been examined by Mr Douglas Shanks BA CA.

This club has made a surplus this year due to us changing our New Year's Day Dance to a Summer Foam Party dance which was very well supported. We also attended local shows which were all very well supported from the community and had little outgoings.

Review of the Year

The calendar was kicked off in March with the Ayrshire Talent Spot where our cast performed 'Nashville nights and Neon lights', a brilliant performance by all and thank you to our production team, the club also won concert of the year, a trophy that is becoming a familiar sight for Kilmaurs.

The March madness continued, as we held a baking night alongside Beith as well as our concert DVD night. Ayrshires AGM also took place which seen Lynne Carrick and Emma Shanks complete their year as secretary and treasurer and Glen going on as the districts vice chairman for the year ahead. The team of Karen Shepherd, Holly Smith, Ewan Jackson and Katie Donald also headed along to national curling, finishing in top place on the day and becoming national champions.

In April we held our Mock Auction and Valuation at Merryhagen Farm by kind permission of Michael Woods. This was a very well attended event and got our new committee into the swing of things! Karen then represented the club in the rally queen competition taking third place. Then it was our Clay Pigeon Shoot at Cowan's Law in Moscow, and from this Ross Raseide and Steven Arthur went on to represent the club at the Rally competition bringing home second place. We also had our Football and Netball tournament in conjunction with Beith Young Farmers. Our teams saw fantastic results all the way through the summer, with the girls placing second at Rally Netball and members going on to achieve successes at the district competitions. Next up was Kilmaurs Show, a very busy day with our stand, stock entries and of course at the bar.

Onto our sports and driving nights held at High Langmuir farm. We had a fantastic turnout of members come along to take part in races, car, ATV and tractor driving. Our hockey team then placed first at the rally competition as well as plenty of certificates through the long jump and cross country. To finish the April madness, we had our committee night out in Glasgow as well as some of our members heading along to West AGM which seen the club comfortably win west participation points from the previous year. An amazing achievement for the club.

May was a very busy month for the club with multiple shows and rally competitions. To kick off the month we held our stock demo evening in conjunction with Crossroads YFC. Sophie Simpson was also part of the girl's team who came third at National Rugby 7s with Alison McCall coaching the team on the day. At Ayr show our handicrafts team picked up third

place in the est area competition.

Rally day was next up, there were too many certificates won by Kilmaurs members on the day however a notable mention must go to James Stalker who won best shown animal on the day, a tremendous achievement for James as well as the girls TOW team taking home first place. We also hosted multiple club events such as our stockmanship demo day by kind permission of the Montgomerie's at Assloss Farm, as well a rounders night at Lochside Farm and a visit to the driving range in Irvine.

June seen us host our club BBQ night to celebrate the club's efforts at the rally competition the weekend before as well as our hockey tournament in conjunction with Crossroads and a Come and Try Rugby evening at Irvine beach, where Alison McCall brought her Canadian Exchange to come visit Kilmaurs YFC.

The Highland Show was then upon us, with our handicrafts team being placed second in the national competition as well as Megan brown winning the special prize for her shop sign. Our junior team also competed in the handicrafts with Caitlin Montgomerie winning the special prize for her cocktail. The dynamic duo of Karen and Iain Shepherd also took to the stage at the Food for Thought theatre for a demo following their National country cooks win earlier in the year. Alexander Mitchel was part of the Ayrshire team who won the Glasgow Herald Trophy and our very own Katie McCall won Junior Young Farmer of the Year.

During the months of July and August, the club held its, Car Dumping, Car Treasure Hunt, Slip and Slide Night and Ten Pin Bowling and Go-Karting competitions, with fantastic turnouts at all. Our club gazebo was also put to good use with stands at both Fenwick Show and Kilmaurs Gala Day to raise awareness of the club and support our local community, as well as at AAYFC's 80th anniversary Family Fun Day, where our held a craft tent for the future members of the district. We also held our first very Foam party at Jocksthorn which seen over 150 people through the door. We then headed over to Arran show for a club day out alongside Ayr Young Farmers, a great day was had by all, and it was lovely to meet the newly reformed Arran Young Farmers.

We had another trip over the water was for our club exchange to Moycraig Young Farmers in Northern Ireland. What a weekend was had: we had some great farm tours, a day trip to a Lake Kilrea which is an outdoor adventure and waterpark, some pub golf and a night out at a BBQ! It was a great weekend had by all, and one we won't forget anytime soon. We finished off the summer syllabus with our beef cattle dressing at Brocklie Farm, Craigie in conjunction with Ayr Young Farmers.

In September we hosted our Open Pub Quiz Night, as well as our New Members Games Night, with members old and new coming along for a fun filled night. We also held our beef and sheep stockjudging competition in conjunction with Crossroads which seen James Young walk away with top spot on the night. The team of Adam Smith, Paul Smith and Alexander Mitchell then went on to place 3rd in the Ayrshire competition. We also headed to Go-Ape in Aberfoyle for a club day out swinging in the trees with Beith Young Farmers. September also saw more success at district level with the 11 members being part of the hockey teams which placed first and second at West. We finished off the month with our annual Root and Industrial competition, including a very interesting talk from Zoe Wilson and Jane Hamilton about their travel experiences within SAYFC.

Heading into October we had our club Dairy Cattle Dressing competition which seen Paul Smith and Dylan Young winning the club competition and then going onto place Second in the juniors at the Ayrshire competition the following weekend. Jamie Simpson and Karen Shepherd then headed along to Maybole Town Hall to represent the club in the Ayrshire Mr and Miss Young Farmer competition, which seen Karen take top spot brining Ayrshire miss young farmer back home to Kilmaurs! We also had two teams head along to Ayrshire Quiz which seen the team of Karen Shepherd, Emma Shanks, Frazer Sands and Lynn Smith place third. We then picked up multiple certificates at Ayrshire Root and Industrial before having our come and try speechmaking night judged by Drew and Alison Wilson.

To finish off October we had our club Badminton night before six pairs headed along to the West Area Competition at the end of the month. Karen Shepherd then headed along to the garage in Glasgow with a large following behind her and managed to walk away with first place in the West Area Mr and Miss competition, bringing West Area Miss Young Farmer back home to Ayrshire but more importantly to Kilmaurs!

We kicked started November in full swing, firstly seeing two tables of members head along to the Ayrshire 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance. A great night was had by all and it was great to see so many past and present Kilmaurs members celebrate the district. It was then time for the return exchange leg. The Kilmaurs convoy headed to Cairnryan to pick up members of Moycraig Young Farmers. Tours of the Coo Shed and Ve-tech, a visit to Crossroads' concert and dance, as well as an afternoon paintballing and brunch at the Weston Tavern meant that it was a jam-packed weekend.

We also held an evening visit to Armour Vets in Mauchline as well as a day visit to Murrayfield alongside Mauchline Young Farmers to watch Scotland vs Argentina. To finish off November we had our Hypnotist Night to raise club funds. We also held our Afternoon Tea and Fashion show in conjunction with Ayr and Mauchline Young Farmers to raise money for SAYFC's Big Build, and thanks to all the local businesses that sponsored the day, as well as over 120 people who were in attendance we managed to raise £3,149.66!

By December concert practices were in full swing, and we managed to have an evening visit to East Kilbride for some ice skating. We also hosted our Christmas Charity Coffee morning, raising funds for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, and we also donated home baking to local care homes in Kilmaurs, Kilmarnock and Fenwick.

January seen our Senior Speechmaking team of Karen Shepherd, Adam Smith, David Goldie and Lynn Smith being placed third at Ayrshire, with Karen winning Best Proposer and then it was time for our Annual Variety Concert. This year's concert seen a new production team of Jack Kerr and Glen Smith leading a cast of 32 members to hit the stage in Troon for our concert entitled 'From the Scheme to the Summit.' We had 13 members of the cast who had never performed in a concert before, and everyone put on such an amazing performance.

In February, it was time for our secretary Karen Shepherd to compete in Ayrshire Member of the Year, where she walked away with first place. We then had an evening visit to Bounce Station in Irvine with Crossroads Young Farmers. Two teams also went along to support AAYFC's 80th quiz event, with one of our team placing second. It was then time for our open Volleyball Tournament, which had a phenomenal turnout of 15 teams from across the West! It was then time to for our Stockjudging and Reasons Giving Competition in conjunction with Crossroads at High Langmuir Farm by kind permission of the Smith family.

At National Competitions Weekend in Inverness, it was great to see Kilmaurs pick up certificates once again with Karen Shepherd placing third in the National Member of the Year competition and some of our members winning National Hockey in the Ayrshire Team.

It has been a busy and fun-filled year and our members really are a credit to the club and thank you to all who have supported us this year!

Future Developments

The club will continue to organise activities, which meet the objectives of the club, by order of the management committee.

Glen Smith

Karen Shepherd

Chairman

Secretary

3rd March 2026