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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	29	11	2023	To	28	11	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Latheron Agricultural Society		
Other names charity is known by	Latheron Show		
Registered charity number	SC 035164		
Charity's principal address	The Cottage		
	Nottingham Mains		
	Latheron		
	Postcode KW5 6DG		

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	Joanne Gunn	Secretary		
2	Raymond Gunn	President		
3	Jonathan Gunn	Vice Chair		
4	Tamara Sinclair	Treasurer		
5	Maureen Coghill	Horse Steward		
6	John Grant	Sheep Steward		
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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

We are governed by a constitution – adopted at each AGM. Most recently in 2026.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees and Management Committee members are recruited from the Society's membership and wider local community making up the show committee. Nominations are invited prior to and during the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is held annually. Trustees are elected by the membership in accordance with the Society's Constitution. The Committee seeks to maintain a mix of experience, local knowledge and practical skills relevant to the operation and development of the Society and Latheron Show.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Society exists to organise and promote the Latheron Agricultural Show for the benefit of the community.
We work to preserve, promote and celebrate agriculture, crofting, rural heritage, traditional crafts, enhance rural skills and community participation within Caithness and the surrounding area.
The Society encourages participation from all ages and background and promotes inclusion and diversity while holding onto the roots of the show. We aim to continually improve and find new ways to encourage paying it forward so that everyone benefits from our events.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Activities include organising the annual agricultural show, livestock and equestrian competitions, floral and home industrial sections, educational demonstrations, heritage activities, children's entertainment, trade stands and community engagement activities which encourage participation, education and the promotion of rural culture and traditions. We host local groups such as Highland Dancing competitions, Vintage tractor Club, Floral groups, nursery groups, young farmers clubs, mental health and wellbeing charities and support them in their fundraising activities.
In recent years we have welcomed the Glasgow Vikings, Lifesize Dinosaur puppeteers with an interactive show teaching prehistoric history in Caithness, hosted rural skills demos and have a go sessions of willow weaving, spinning and dyeing, jewellery making, using vintage tools,

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Achievements and performance

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

Our show is going from strength to strength and last year's show broke all our records, including visitor numbers, livestock entries, entries and competitors, we seen lots of new exhibitors, showing livestock for the first time because we are a smaller show and provide advice before the show, we had a full heritage section with back to back workshop, educational engagement with main ring acts, stationary demos like exotic animal handling and strongman sessions.

We made accessibility improvements, improved show safety, introduced a new parking setup to improve public safety and promote better biosecurity. We saw a large increase in new sponsors and support from local businesses, we expanded entertainment which brought visitors from all over the county, Ross shire, Inverness and Orkney.

Our rural skills preservation helped adults and children access activities they would normally do and have something to take home free. We also have stone masonry, flower demonstrations, baling demonstrations and pony gymkhana lessons available.

Our new Health and Wellbeing marquee had some amazing feedback with reps reporting serious health issues being able to be discussed in a private and calm environment, one example was a lady recently diagnosed with cancer that hadn't/couldn't tell her family sought support from the Highland Cancer team, a person feeling very low spoke to the team that supports suicidal thinking and wellbeing and a struggling mum got support from a school charity that helped her with her high school child.

Our family marquee provided a welcoming and safe space for kids to let off some steam in our soft play while the parents were able to sit, meet new people and enjoy show in a relaxed setting.

We are proud of what we have achieved and very much pay it forward to visitors, local businesses and anyone needing help when we can.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society currently runs the show with available funds being used to support the annual running costs and activities of the Show. The Committee will continue to review the development of a suitable reserves policy as part of future financial planning

Details of any deficit

The Society did not record a financial deficit during the reporting period and continued to operate within its available income and resources

Donated facilities and services (if any)

The use of the show field grounds on each year is kindly donated. We have access to community equipment and share with marquees and toilets from a neighbouring show. We share cattle and sheep gate with our County Show neighbours; we use tables and chairs from a local village hall. We have local charity group volunteers that support the show through stewarding, equipment and machinery, help with set up and site clearance.

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Tamara Sinclair	<i>Joanne Gunn</i>
Full name(s)	Tamara Sinclair	Joanne Gunn
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	27/05/2026	27/05/2026

