

LUCKY EWE

**Annual report and accounts
for the period ended 31st March 2021**



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Trustees' report

Board of Trustees and Administration Details

Lucky Ewe was established as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a constitution and recognised as a charity in Scotland (No. SC050034) on the 13th March 2020.

The structure of the charity consists of the members, comprising of:

- the Ordinary Members (resident in the KY and DD6 postcode);
- the Associate Members (representing organisations or residing outside the defined area);
- the Junior Members (individuals aged 12-15).

Ordinary Members have powers to elect Charity Trustees and make changes to the constitution.

The Charity trustees are elected or appointed from the pool of the Ordinary Members (otherwise known as Member Trustees) or co-opted for their specialist skills or expertise (Co-opted Trustees).

The current Trustees, who also served during the year, are Joan Brown, Mary Gibbon, Jill Dawson, Alana Paterson-Brown, Richard Young and Elizabeth Elliot. Christine Macdowel served as a Trustee until February 2021.

The office of the charity is 15 Ceres Road, Cupar, Fife, KY15 5JT.

The Objects of the Charity

The purposes of the charity are:

- the advancement of Education; by fostering and promoting vocational, social, and life skills.

Lucky Ewe provides experiential learning opportunities in land-based food production for people with additional support needs.

- the relief of those in need by reason of ill-health, disability, or other disadvantage. Lucky Ewe placements are open to those with ill-health, disability, or other disadvantage such as care-leavers, history of substance misuse.

The above purposes are carried out to the extent that they are consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development.

Trustees' Annual Report

Since registration in March 2020 as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization (SC050034) our members have created a service at Bonnyton Farm by Leven where our beneficiaries have gained work skills and grown in confidence. Young people of senior school age as well as those aged 16 to 25 have taken up placements this year. We have also made efforts to gain an asset transfer of land at NHS Stratheden. We have raised funds, grown our Partnership and Beneficiary base and employed 3 part time members of staff. This has been achieved through the fantastic voluntary efforts of members, trustees, supporters and friends.

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SCIO Registration

The original plan to establish Lucky Ewe as a 'branch' of Sustainable Cupar, was rejected in favour of setting up a charity in its own right. Lucky Ewe applied in 2019 and then engaged in investigative correspondence with OSCR who needed to make sure we passed the charity test (being entirely for public benefit). Lucky Ewe's SCIO was registered on March 13th 2020. 10 days later we were in 'lock down'!

Membership

The inaugural meeting of Lucky Ewe was attended by friends, family, former work colleagues and members of Sustainable Cupar – 15 people in all. Now at 34, the membership includes employees, active volunteers, Kilmaron School as an associate member, and supporters. There is no membership fee and we enrol members from across Fife who support or benefit from our charitable aims.

Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Request

The membership we agreed to seek the asset transfer of all 26 ha (65 acres) of agricultural land at NHS Stratheden on a 25-year lease. This will bring this publicly owned land back into use for public benefit and end its being subsumed into a private farming business. The long lease will reassure funders that their investment will have long term benefits. The central accessible location of Stratheden and its proximity to CAMHS service for young people with mental health issues will help Fife Health and Social Care Partnership meet some of the targets within their strategic development plan.

We have sought and received strong letters of support from Skills Development Scotland, Local Councillors and MSP amongst others. The CAT request was lodged with NHS Fife on October 5th 2020. However, 5 months later, it has still to be validated.

Fund-raising and Finance

In 2019 Lucky Ewe engaged the fundraising services of Marcscott Consulting and we have been able to fill part time education officer posts (12 hours per week) and administration posts (4 hours per week). In addition, Lucky Ewe Trustees successfully bid for £21k of the Douglas Bader Garden residual monies for setting up costs at new premises. Smaller donations from retailers, and private individuals have also generously supported us.

Beneficiaries and Partners

Trustees put together a questionnaire where partners could register their views on our planned project. 16 questionnaires were returned and the views expressed in them have helped to shape our plans. A more general survey of public views of Lucky Ewe's aims and objectives on our website www.luckyewe.org.uk had 59 full responses, and including 30 seeking to be kept informed of our progress.

Because of Trustees' strong links to a local secondary school we have built a core group of secondary pupils following an alternative curriculum. These Interns are fruitfully pursuing Princes Trust and SQA work experience qualifications. We are also in discussion with 16+, Cupar Youth Café and Apex and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services have also registered interest. Trustees have approached East Fife Riding for the Disabled and Options in Life to publicise our service amongst their members. Working with partners to develop strong local links in the current hiatus (occasioned by Covid regulations) has given us time to strengthen our charity's foundations.

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Publicity: films, poster, website, Facebook

Business Gateway offered to fund (except for VAT) a 2 minute film scripted and created by MBP productions. It features beneficiaries, trustees, half grown lambs, hens and a robin all in the beautiful landscape at Bonnyton. It explains Lucky Ewe's aims and intentions. We created a poster to publicise the Coop community fund on our behalf. Lucky Ewe website took time and discussion to create, but with the pro bono services of Plan B Web Design it was launched in November 2020. All our minutes are there so that that any inquisitive person can read the details of our genesis. Currently during lockdown, we upload a weekly video to keep everyone, especially beneficiaries, informed of what is going on at the farm in the run-up to lambing in April.

Lucky Ewe Facebook page promotes Lucky Ewe activities and proved invaluable in during our recruitment period in the autumn, directing top quality job applicants to us. Page activity in the past year has accelerated, from 86 followers to 193. Recent photos and video updates provided by Lucky Ewe staff and volunteers have been well liked (a recent video had 329 viewings). This suggests that there is a genuine interest in Lucky Ewe activities and by continuing to update the page we can continue to raise awareness in the community.

Employees

Following a careful recruitment procedure last year through the Job Centre, we have appointed 2 part time education officers and 2 part time administrators who started to work for Lucky Ewe at the turn of the year. Work on pay-roll, policies and procedures were set up and education officers working started mainly directly with beneficiaries.

Farm activities include sheep feeding, freshening hay and water, checking of general health of the animals, weighing or dosing them with any required medicines; mucking out of the poly-tunnel; planting of trees, pruning, mulching and maintenance of new plants. Working together allows for a relaxed form of team-building. Tasks on the farm are fun and tailored to suit the needs/abilities of Interns at Lucky Ewe. It has been easy to see their confidence growing in relation to sheep care and general farm work. The small working groups allow for plenty to do for every Intern and the opportunity to get to know one another, building a safe, supportive and trusting work environment.

Acknowledgements and thanks

Thanks go to Christine MacDowel as she stands down as a trustee for personal reasons. Pete and Susan Beaver and their family have helped in so many practical ways since us coming to Bonnyton Farm in October 2019. Tanks to Lucky Ewe Dairy for access to their livestock and equipment. Ali McLean and son Ben, Cuparmuir, Morwyn Potter, Denbrae, and Amanda Fawzie, Springfield, have all given grazing to Lucky Ewe when grass has been in short supply.

Simon Howell has created and hosts our website. Lorna Hirst kindly keeps our Facebook page lively and bright and Graham Dawson has set up our farm safety management system. We have had help from Fife Voluntary Action, Community Ownership Support Service and Fife Business Gateway amongst others.

However, the most important thanks and acknowledgements go to our members. Our Trustees, Mary, Jill, Alana, Christine and Joan have worked hard to get Lucky Ewe this far. Thanks go to our active volunteers, Richard, Heather, Trish, Graham, Stuart, Mary Ellen, Pete and Susan, as well as our generous supporters, Norma, Hugh and Rhona, Ian and Victoria, Christine and Ian, Mary, Isobel and Diane.

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Financial review

The accounts were prepared for a period between 13th March 2020 to 31st March 2021. At the period end cash funds stood at £23,509, of which £21,401 were restricted. The charity's policy is to hold reserves equivalent to 6 months running costs. The Board aims to build up sufficient unrestricted funds in line with this policy.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Signed 

Date: 24/11/2021

Dr Joan Brown

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lucky Ewe charity

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 6 – 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date: 03/12/2021

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Receipts and payments account for the period ended
31st March 2021

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2020/21 £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants	29,115	994	30,109
Donations	-	1,375	1,375
Total receipts	<u>29,115</u>	<u>2,369</u>	<u>31,484</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Fundraising expenses:			
Administrative costs	1,216	-	1,216
Payments for charitable activities:			
Staff salaries	3,462	-	3,462
Consultancy	1,215	-	1,215
PPE	128	131	259
Equipment	99	-	99
Farm consumables	172	-	172
Insurance	772	-	772
Marketing	650	130	780
Total payments	<u>7,714</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>7,975</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for year	21,401	2,108	23,509
Cash funds brought forward	-	-	-
Cash funds carried forward	<u>21,401</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>23,509</u>

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Bank and cash on hand

	2020/21
	£
Opening balances	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	23,509
Closing balances	23,509

Assets

	2020/21
	£
Estimated gift aid	338
Tax refund due	552

Liabilities

	2020/21
	£
Liabilities	-

Restricted funds

	Balance at 13/03/2020	Received	Paid	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2021
Foundation Scotland (1)	-	4,678	(1,096)	-	3,582
Foundation Scotland (2)	-	4,160	-	-	4,160
Awards for All	-	9,656	(1,509)	-	8,147
Business Gateway	-	650	(650)	-	-
Comic Relief	-	9,971	(4,459)	-	5,512
	-	29,115	(7,714)	-	21,401

Foundation Scotland (1)

A grant awarded to cover salary and running costs.

Foundation Scotland (2)

Funding awarded to construct a polytunnel and improve outdoor facilities.

Awards for All

A grant awarded to cover salary and running costs.

Business Gateway

Funding received for producing a video to promote the charity's work.

Comic Relief

A grant awarded under #ShiftThePower funding programme to cover salary costs.

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Related party transactions

The members of the Board did not receive any remuneration or expense reimbursements in the period.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf

Signed 

Date: 24/11/2021

Dr Joan Brown