Donkey Breed Society
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Trustees	Mrs R A Clarke - Chairman of Council Mr R Sims - Vice Chairman of Council Mr W G Tetlow - President Mrs T Affleck - Chair of Education & Youth Committee Mrs E Barrett - Regional Representative Ms S Booth - PR Officer (resigned 02/07/2024) Ms J N Boyce - Chair of Shows & Judges Committee (appointed 08/04/2024) Ms A Brown - Regional Representative Ms E O Brown - Chair of Driving Committee (resigned 27/11/2024) Mr N J Glover - Chair of Finance Committee Mrs J Goodchild - Regional Representative Mrs P Moon – National Representative (appointed 27/11/2024) Mrs A Roberts - Regional Representative Mrs B Roger - Regional Representative (resigned 16/11/2024) Mrs R M Stronge - Regional Representative Mrs E C Wright - National Representative Mrs M E Taylor - National Representative (appointed 11/04/2024) Mrs C A Travell - Chair of National Show Committee Mrs A Turner - Regional Representative Mrs K Young - Regional Representative Ms M Newson - Regional Representative (appointed 17/03/2025)
Society Secretary	Mrs C E Morse
Society Treasurer	Mrs B J Whale FCA
Legal Advisor to Council	Mr T Oddy
Veterinary Advisor to Council	Ms A Harrison BVSc BSc CertWEL MSc IAWEL AFHEA MRCVS
Charity Number	292268
Company Number	01903405
Registered Office	The Hermitage Pootings Edenbridge Kent TN8 6SD
Independent Examiner	Mr G John FCA Young & Co St Ethelbert House, Ryelands Street Hereford HR4 0LA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Pall Mall Branch 8-10 Waterloo Place London SW1Y 4BE

Note:
The full report and financial statements can be obtained from the Secretary on request; they have been prepared in the usual manner. However, some changes in presentation are coming as appropriate software will have to be used to make digital filings with Companies House. More information on this will be made available during 2026.

The Active Donkey Award Scheme (ADA)/Active Donkeys Do Award (ADDA)

The ADA Scheme closed in 2023 and a new scheme, ADDA, , is now operating as its replacement to encourage members to carry out varying activities with their donkeys. So far take up has been encouraging with awards due to be presented in 2025 for the first year of operation.

Education

A full range of proficiency tests related to donkey care are available for all ages to download from our website, with DBS members passing the tests being awarded a rosette. It is these members who through their engagement with the general public pass on the standard of care required for a healthy donkey to live out its life to maximum potential.

Our educational leaflets are aimed for use in group events, specifically for our club membership which are often attached to schools, although they are equally useful for individuals. Our range of other educational material includes the creation of online talks, which are then recorded and made available via YouTube. Monthly E-News emails to members, who have provided their email addresses, were launched at the end of 2023, which include opportune educational materials.

We continue to maintain an Educational Bursary fund that is open to students, of any age, to assist with the acquisition of books and publications or tools and equipment that would enable the student to improve the welfare of donkeys, primarily in the United Kingdom but also throughout the World.

Our shop sells books and pamphlets concerning the care of donkeys, all of which are valuable tools to support the welfare of the animal. We recognise that education of the public is so fundamental to ensure a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle for donkeys, both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Driving

Competitive driving shows were again limited however members took their donkeys out for pleasure driving events as well as participating in events organised by local groups and other Societies.

Young People

We continue to look for new ways to increase the membership of young people. We no longer include their own dedicated pages in our 'Bray Talk' publication but instead look to the regions to communicate directly with them. Items of interest to our younger members are also included in the monthly E-News including challenges, which once completed lead to the awarding of certificates and also contribute towards ADDA. We also maintain separate pages on our website for young people and encourage them to take part in competitions regionally and nationally.

Showing

We have continued to see a good number of shows taking place, with some being new ones replacing others which have ceased. 2024 was the second year of our revamped Showing Points and it is pleasing to note that we have seen an increase in the number of donkeys and their owners in the running for prestigious rosettes and certificated. The Society's own Supreme Championship Show took place once again at Moreton Morell with a reasonable number of entries and willing volunteers, without whom the show could not happen. However, the number of competitors attending has been less than hoped and volunteers are difficult to recruit, giving challenges for the future.

Public Benefit

2024 was another active year. The London New Year's Day Parade once again went ahead members and their donkeys in attendance. Donkeys had a prominent position in the 2024 Wisbech Rose Fair Parade. Palm Sunday, Nativity services, Parades, many Shows and a great number of local events have gone ahead and been well supported. Attendance at 'Your Horse Live', a prestigious three-day event held in Stoneleigh has become a regular event, enabling interaction with a large number of the public, including talks by experts in various donkey-related fields.

Financial Review

As disclosed in the accompanying accounts, Society funds fell in 2024 by £2,355 from £186,277 to £183,922 after reflecting investment gains of £2,600.

The market value of investments still substantially exceeds their cost. Excluding investment gains and losses the regular society activities reported a deficit of £4,955, compared with a £35 surplus in 2023. The 2023 result was assisted by a £5,049 legacy from the estate of a long-time member and previous Chairman of Council, but there was no comparable legacy in 2024.

The level of deficit arising in 2024 is one that the Trustees consider to be acceptable at this time, though measures have been taken to improve the financial position in future years through the introduction of an increase in subscription rates in 2025, the first in many years as we seek to erode some of the current inflationary effects on the Society operations. Additionally, digitalisation is increasing costs across the board; what was the cost of a few pieces of paper and a biro together with free time by volunteers is now a more expensive software cost.

Income from passport issuing and transfer fees fell by almost 13% compared with 2023 but still provided a positive contribution to Society funds after costs were taken into account.

Subscription income, inclusive of Gift Aid, fell in 2024 with over an 8% decrease against 2023, reflecting a fall in the number of members and a reduction in the value of gift aided tax recovered. Efforts were made to contain expenditure across a number of lines of activity including administration, but costs continued to rise compared to 2023.

Donation income rose in 2024 however much is allocated to restricted or designated funds reflecting expected specific future spend.

Transactions with Trustees and Key Personnel

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

Mrs R A Clarke was paid, with the approval of the Charity Commission for work undertaken in the administration of equine passports issued by the Society. In 2024 she received £0 (2023 - £1,686).

Expense payments are made to trustees, and others where they undertake other voluntary roles within the Society. Five individuals undertook such roles in the year (2023 - 5) and received payments totalling £1,428 (2023 - £1,539).

Additionally, three key roles within the Society, that of a secretariat, the provision of equine passport administration and a bookkeeper are outsourced to members who have the required facilities as the Society does not have any premises. These three people were paid £21,950 in 2024. (2023 - £19,437). These values include amounts paid to the trustee Mrs R A Clarke when she acted as the equine passport administrator.

Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

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		2024				2023
		General	**Designated**	**Restricted**	**Total**	**Total**
Income						
Bursary fund	Investment income		108		108	98
Educational fund			0		0	0
Emergency fund			0		0	0
L W Morris Bequest	Investment income		34		34	31
Regions	Donations		457		457	476
	Events & fund raising		6,341		6,341	4,144
	Investment income		12		12	11
Society committees	ADDA		141		141	197
	E&Y				0	0
	S&J		900		900	665
	SCS		3,555		3,555	2,552
General Fund	Advertising	1,202			1,202	953
	Breeding standards	70			70	48
	Donations	3,570			3,570	3,080
	Investment income	8,928			8,928	8,132
	Legacies	0			0	5,049
	Memberships	17,822	210		18,032	19,694
	Passports	12,812			12,812	14,711
	Shop	2,810			2,810	3,212
Statue Fund	Events & fund raising			738	738	0
	Donations			438	438	0
Summerhays	Investment income			110	110	104
		47,214	**11,758**	**1,286**	**60,258**	**63,157**
Expenditure						
Bursary fund	Grants		0		0	0
Educational fund	Grants		0		0	0
Emergency fund	Grants		0		0	0
Regions	Administration		822		822	1,558
	Donations		771		771	533
	Events & fund raising		5,384		5,384	3,018
	Publications & Publicity		1,470		1,470	1,367
Society committees	ADDA		117		117	-188
	E&Y		278		278	227
	S&J		1,186		1,186	1,447
	SCS		2,640		2,640	4,299
General Fund	Administration	19,598			19,598	16,900
	Breeding standards	8			8	280
	Donations	1,202			1,202	135
	Passports	11,858			11,858	13,157
	Professional charges	1,176			1,176	1,210
	Publications & Publicity	15,229			15,229	15,054
	Shop	3,324			3,324	4,025
Statue Fund	Donations			0	0	0
Summerhays	Awards			150	150	100
		52,395	**12,668**	**150**	**65,213**	**63,122**
Net before fund transfers and investment results		**-5,181**	**-910**	**1,136**	**-4,955**	**35**
Investment Changes		**2,563**		**37**	**2,600**	**-2,400**

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Funds

			B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/fwd
*	General Fund		**146,399**	**49,777**	**-52,395**	**-1,673**	**142,108**
	Bursary fund		2,786	108			2,894
	Educational fund		18,455				18,455
	Emergency fund		2,784				2,784
	L W Morris		845	34		-34	845
	Regions		12,863	6,810	-8,447	602	11,828
	Society committees	ADDA	0	141	-117	-24	0
		E&Y	0	210	-278	68	0
		S&J	0	900	-1,186	286	0
		SCS	205	3,555	-2,640	775	1,895
			37,938	**11,758**	**-12,668**	**1,673**	**38,701**
	Statue Fund		0	1,176			1,176
*	Summerhays		1,940	147	-150		1,937
			1,940	**1,323**	**-150**	**0**	**3,113**
Total Funds			**186,277**	**62,858**	**-65,213**	**0**	**183,922**

Represented by:

	Equipment	679	Two laptops at book value	439
**	Investments	99,732		102,332
	Stocks	5,607	Shop goods, rosettes and badges	5,041
	Debtors	5,229	Primarily Gift Aid Tax and Donkey Sanctuary	4,996
	Cash at bank and in hand	87,243	Including 9 regional accounts	80,844
	Creditors	-7,226	Bills not paid at the end of the year	-7,131
	Deferred income	-4,987	Primarily the remaining 4 year memberships	-2,599
Net Assets		**186,277**		**183,922**

* Income includes gain in investment values

**	6950 M&G Charifund units are held - cost	48,091	48,091

Payments to Members, Trustees and Officers Included Above

	2024				2023
	General	**Designated**	**Restricted**	**Total**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Outsourced Services					
Secretarial services	16,150			16,150	14,351
Passport services	4,800			4,800	4,086
Bookkeeping	1,000			1,000	1,000
Other Services					
Expenses and travel reimbursed	678	750		1,428	1,539
	22,628	750	-	23,378	20,976

Signed by Mrs R A Clarke on behalf of Council as a true extract from the financial records of the Society. The financial statements, which include these numbers were approved by Council on 08 September 2025

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