



Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers

Management Meeting

Thursday 13 November 2025, 19:30 for 19:45 Start

County Office, Clitheroe

Present:

Chair - Ana Haworth

<u>Bury</u>	Eleanor Fish
<u>Bilsborrow</u>	Molly Thompson, Holly Barton, Richard Prest
<u>Bolton-by-Bowland</u>	Annabelle Robinson, Ed Dickinson
<u>Chipping</u>	Rachel Hardman
<u>Chorley</u>	
<u>Clitheroe</u>	
<u>Longridge</u>	George Ireland, Will Harrison
<u>Parbold</u>	Jack Hepplestone, Rachel Webster, Brooke Faulkner, Meg Johnson, Izzy Deacon
<u>Pendle</u>	Freddie Shorrock, Beth Duerden
<u>Rainford</u>	Megan Whittle, Jake Wilson, Henry Braid
<u>Samlesbury</u>	Scott Bennett, James Nairy, Lucy Bargh
<u>Slaidburn</u>	Ella Mason
<u>Turton</u>	
<u>Vale O' Lune</u>	Daniel Holley, Isaac Middleton
<u>Winmarleigh</u>	Olvia Gorst

Ana Haworth (County Chair), Hannah Rose (Administration Coordinator), Simon Thompson (County President), Steve Morris (x), John Neary (Safeguarding), Michael Rimmer (LVP)

1. Chairwoman's Opening Remarks and Welcome

Ana welcomed everyone to her last meeting as chair.

Simon added that it has been great to come see clubs during the autumn and he has seen some really great things. Many clubs have been welcoming a lot of new and very young members and are doing a fantastic job, he encouraged clubs to keep doing what they are doing.

He did want to mention that at some meetings, he was not acknowledged and worries this is happening to other visitors. He reminded members that it is good manners to introduce people visiting.

He also noted that quite often 'County' had come up in conversations at clubs as if it is separate entity, whereas it is collectively all of us and all the club officers are as an important part of county as county level officers.

2. Apologies for Absence

Eleanor Chew and Clitheroe, Millie Thornber, Helena Beattie, Tom Boardman, Maisie Naylor, Helena Derbyshire, Lucy Annabel, Molly Nicholson, Mia Stott, Becky Sackfield, Anna Robinson, Tom Webster, Lucy Williams, Sue and Gary Davies, Pete Davies, Ailsa Bury, Alfie Naylor and James Oddie.

3. Minutes of the last Management Meeting as circulated

Minutes were approved.

a. Matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda

None raised



4. Correspondence (H Rose)

David of compass fuels asked a question regarding knowledge of any agricultural show taking place near Ormskirk.

Heskins Steam Fair was mentioned and Meg Whittle said she will ring David and let him know.

David has also been looking into companies that might provide club sessions on AI drones in the agricultural sector. If any clubs are interested, please contact Hannah for more info.

NFYFC President's message of the year has been issued – please see Appendix A.

5. MooHundred Club (H Rose)

Haven't been able to access the account yet, so unfortunately Hannah has been unable to progress the agreed plan. It is hoped that as after the AGM all the signatories will need to be changed, access will be gained at this time.

6. Finance

Regular reconciliation of the account transactions is now taking place, with the upload of invoices as we go along. This should aid in more accurate account information.

a. Outstanding debtors list

Refer to Appendix B – Debtors

Clubs were asked to ensure they settle outstanding amounts.

b. Financial Report

Refer to Appendix C – Profit and Loss. There do appear to be some strange groups on Xero reports which Hannah is looking into.

Steve asked to clarify that the approximate profit is for the 2024 – 25 year (it was).

Accounts as sent to Charity commission for 2023-24 will be presented at the AGM and maybe need to consider that there has been a lack of presenting financial information at the AGM for the past 2 years. Ana will ask the accountants to help prepare something to aid in an accurate presentation at the AGM so that members can make informed decisions on things (such as County levy).

Steve recognised that there has been a failing in not holding certain people to account, and that has resulted in the issues around finances. As a holding trustee, he apologised for his part in that. Steve expressed a debt of gratitude to Ana.

Clarification was given on levy, that National levy has not gone up for this membership year.

Simon suggested that members are excellent at raising money and may wish to consider raising money rather than levy.

7. Competitions Committee Report (B Duerden / J Miller)

Held Couty Live and Carcase (live at Taylor's Farm Shop and carcase at Taylor Williams and Sons), which went really well. Pleased to have had a lot of stewards attending and helping, a big thank you to them. It was good to see so many new competitors – particularly younger members.

Swimming at Darwen Leisure Centre, great turn out, including a lot of younger members.

Member of the Year held at County Office, seemed to go well and all ran on time.

Debate is ongoing, bowling is on 25th November, speaking comps will be on 15th January and sports comps will be on 25th January.



8. Social, Fundraising and Training Committee (M Whittle/E Mason)

Nothing to update on events apart from the fact that the New Years' Eve do is cancelled due to some issues with the bar and lack of time to organise.

Fundraising wise, please can all members support Ana's Chairmans Challenge.

Looking at viability of NA Stockman's do (after hosting the NA Stockman competition) to organise. Need to find a venue, so if anyone has any ideas on somewhere suitable then please let Meg or Ella know.

In relation to training, after the AGM, training dates will be organised and circulated.

9. Regional Reports

Bowland

- Bowland Ball took place on 18th October.
- Regional AGM took place last week.

North Lancs

- Regional bonfire hosted by Vale has taken place; it was great and featured a cracking fireworks display.
- Had a regional meeting about mosslands and peat, was interesting.
- Regional AGM took place last week.

Pennine

- Bury had successful Dinner Dance in September.
- Turton tractor run is 7th December.
- Regional AGM will be in December.

South-West

- Rainford dinner dance took place on 25th October, well attended.
- Parbold's bonfire went well and organised.
- Had a regional meeting at the Pumpkin Patch Hightown well attended apart from Chorley.
- Parbold tractor run this coming weekend.
- AGM was on Tuesday just gone, sadly Chorley were also not present.

10. Reports on previous events not covered under Comps/Social reports

None

11. Reports from County Committees

a. Safeguarding (J Neary / E Fish)

Safeguarding officers and their contact info will now be back on the weekly newsletter.

Ellie will be attending the DSO training hosted by National– first part is online and second is in person.

b. Management Trustees (A Holden)

Mostly discussed the accounts.

A new Trustee and a new Clarke are required, so suggestions are welcome.



c. Staff Management (J Oddie)

James has sent his apologies and submitted a report.

All is well. Hannah is growing into the role well through the year, forging good working relationships with members. We have now amended Hannah's hours to accommodate a later working time on Mondays. This is something that was originally asked for, and it is hoped members will utilise this time and communicate with the office on a regular basis. If there is anything else members want that the office is not doing or any issues, please get in touch. Hannah's hours will be 11:30 – 19:30.

12. County Office Report (H Rose)

a. Health and Safety

Work on the risk assessments continues between everything else. Highest priority is office risk assessment completion to include lone working.

b. General

Room Hire – Tom dropped out due to health reasons; he came in the other week as he had a clean bill of health and hoped to rent the room still. He is due to come in on the 17th of November to sign the paperwork. Still not convinced this will go smoothly, so will see how it turns out.

Trophies – Thanks were given for returns, still need a few returned. All the rest are with jewellers for fixing, valuating and engraving where needed.

Club info forms – Thanks to all club secretaries for completing.

Hannah has sent an email and a mailing to all new top table officers. Please let her know if anyone who should have had this

Next week she will be sorting all the enrolment onto Moodle for completing the safeguarding training (all officers) and Silo (as required). If officers have already completed safeguarding training, they do not need to do it again, but they might want to do it for a refresher. It is also worth noting that National have revamped that course, so there are newly produced modules since last year.

There are named envelopes at the back for people to pick up.

Bowling is now all sorted, remember to arrive ready for a 19:30 start. Please also remember that it was said the bowling would be the cut off point for membership. Any participants not able to produce valid ID will be fined. The bowling will be invoiced after the fact to include any fines.

Hannah is aware that there are some new officers who have requested silo access but do not yet have it. If this is the case, please send Hannah a list of who has paid and she will sort out the rest.

The changed office hours were re-iterated. From now on we will be trialling later hours on a Monday, the office will now be open 11:30 until 19:30.

Website –The clubs page/s will be built over the coming months.

Debate – Well done to all teams for their progress so far. Hope people feel it has gone well in terms of organisation and communication. Any suggestions are welcome.



Trying to build a bank of volunteers, this will include judges, stewards, chairs and others willing to help in any capacity. So, if anyone has suggestions, please make them known. Hannah will need a full name and either an email or phone number. The priority right now is to make sure we have enough people for Quiz in the new year.

c. Other Communications

Social media – A big thank you to Rachel Webster, who has been doing an outstanding job with the social media after my plea for help at the last meeting.

Ana proposes that we make this an official role again – Social Media Officer. This was discussed as part of the AGM items.

13. Reports from outside organisations

a. NFU

Skipton and Clitheroe NFU offices are trying to get our area of YF clubs more involved, they are hosting lots of events. These will be passed on the Hannah and she will share these.

b. RABI

None

14. Northern Area Report (P Davies)

East Riding took over office; Cumbria took a complaint to National around the lack of things for older members to do.

We are hosting Stockman; County Durham are hosting NA weekend (7-8th March) and Northumberland are hosting Field Day (13th June).

15. NFYFC

a. News from NFYFC Council

Ana attended meeting and there was a long discussion around cuts made as a result of national levy not being raised.

All stood up in support of issues regarding the lack of things for older members to do.

Michael commented that he was concerned about the issue raised by Cumbria around having lots for younger members and not much for older members to do, and the announced losses made by National. On this trajectory it is predicted there are only 6 years until National runs out of money. There is always the option of separating from national if members feel we aren't getting our monies worth from them. Lancashire have got to be vocal about what we want from them if there is something lacking. Is there a recognised value of going and competing nationally? He suggested all members should consider what they want from National – foreign trips, comps, etc.

This feedback should be given to County Top Table.

It was commented that they believe it is highly unlikely that are going to bring back AGM (Blackpool), which appears to be what Cumbria are after, and they do a fair few other options for involvement.

It was mentioned that having had some experience of a travel trip that was cancelled, it was unclear what National trips offer versus what you could just sort yourself. The info and support provided was quite basic.



All members asked to consider this point, and it will be added to the January management meeting agenda so that all feedback can be taken to February area meeting.

b. Agri link representative update

There will be another meeting soon and hope there will be more relevant things to share after this.

16. Any other management business

- A proposal to make changes to Debate for next year was made. Currently the rules state that phones cannot be used, but could they be used during a team's prep time, purely for research purposes. Is this something we should be allowing as a move with the times? The proposer would like this to be considered at the next Comps and Social meeting.
In response it was raised that there is an issue how much info is available online, can't validate it. You could risk losing the debate element as will be too many 'facts' flung around.
It was commented that it does sound like a good idea to link the National way of debating to Lancashire debate. But it is nice to attend a competition where it is all stripped back and it is down to what you can come up with off the top of your head. Current rules are a good way to test one's own knowledge.
This will be discussed at the next competitions meeting and a decision will be made.
- Megan raised that on considering how much the County Chair has to attend and how much it costs to attend all club's dinner dances, she would like to propose that each club set aside 2 tickets to the County Chair/ Vice Chair/ president so they can attend. Is the purpose of the honorarium not to cover this. Megan contoured that not she it is enough to cover this. Rachel can understand is expensive, but don't have to come. Ella said that is sends a good message to county and opens that invitation to have a positive relationship with county. Michael mentioned that he would always want to be invited as president otherwise he would assume not wanted. An invite makes it easier for county officers to attend. Thought it was a nice idea for clubs to consider doing in the future.
- Ana welcomed Annie Collier MA of Blackburn with Darwen Food Alliance Coordinator. Annie gave a brief intro to the food alliance and their work with Locally Organised Communities Across Lancashire. Annie discussed how they are looking into how to make links in this area and looking at how we can get locally produced food from Lancashire into our schools and hospitals etc rather than exporting it. Would like to improve the Lancashire sustainability and will leave details (annie@bwdfoodalliance.org.uk) happy to come visit clubs, have a conversation and see what links can be made. The organisation looks at the entire food production process ([website](#)). The main aim to improve keeping food in the county rather than exporting. With new food strategy coming in for the UK, they want to make connections and improve food connections in our county. Annie's job is very varied and anything to do with food. They are a charity, but all across the UK and are also campaigning regarding food at a gov level. Funding is through Blackburn with Darwen council. But other positions in different parts of the country are funded differently. They want a combined effort and to drive a bottom-up change.
- Demelza from Lowe Maintenance and based in settle but have people come from all across the country./ Do a massive range of courses and certificates by city and guilds. Do have to be 16 years or over to complete courses.



Not the first thing people want to do when regulatory. From a farming background and understand the cost implications, but the qualifications do last a lifetime.

Sheep scab discussions still have a bit of controversy around them and trying to promote positive discussions around sheep scab. Want to stop the shame around it since it is inevitable rather than something to be ashamed of. Injections have been seeing immunity and advice is to stop as they are no longer working and go back to dipping. When disposing of dip, only two people taking dip waste and recommended to pay to dispose of on land. Working on improvements to the dip and to aid in disposal. If nowhere to send waste then can cause welfare issues. Don't use sprayers, will be fined. If keep using those methods will result in resistance and there is nothing else being developed.

If all dipped for the same 2 weeks then could have a chance of eliminating scab. Have provided some packs with info for people to take.

Question was asked about Defra and if they are onboard with enforced rules, but they are not. When dipped some people have dyed them at the same time, so they can passively aggressively shame their neighbours for not doing it at the same time.

- Hannah asked about communication and the messenger group. She suggested a group chat on WhatsApp rather than messenger– approved.
- Ana asked if people could please support her skydive and share the online posts. Dunbia have agreed to double whatever Ana raises.

17. AGM

No additional motions were posed.

Ana proposed we re-instate the social media officer and nominate Rachel Webster. Ella seconded. This will be included at the AGM.

Ana went through the list and edited as appropriate, this will be shared with Officers once typed up. Signatories should be elected at the AGM.

Simon encouraged attendance to the AGM.

Rochdale Townhall is a lovely building, the National President and Rochdale Mayor will be attending.

18. Date of next meeting - Thursday 25 September 2025, at County Office.

19. Close Meeting at 21:28



Appendix A

From my first days as a member of Newton St Cyres YFC to now serving as NFYFC's President, being part of this organisation has truly made a difference in my life.

There's something very special about being part of the YFC family – it gives you an instant network of contacts across the country, and in my case, the world, simply by being a member.

You very rarely need to ask twice for help; someone will always have your back. I have personally been grateful for the support I have received over the years.

That spirit of support extends far beyond YFC itself, reaching into our rural communities and the wider agricultural industry — making a difference on an even greater scale.

Recently, we shared the social value of Young Farmers' Clubs. Your activities generate £4.51 in social good for every £1 NFYFC invests – adding up to over £10 million in value for people and communities.

Club and county officers should feel incredibly proud of that achievement. It highlights how, as volunteers, you are creating safe, supportive environments for young people while also benefiting the communities you serve.

The many acts of kindness delivered by YFCs make a real difference — not only for those receiving support, but also for those giving it. Volunteering is a powerful force for good, offering meaningful rewards to everyone involved.

As NFYFC begins its journey towards its centenary in 2032, I encourage you to start recording your acts of kindness so we can showcase the impact YFCs make when we celebrate 100 years. We already know how much we do to support others — now it's time to shout a little louder about the difference we make.

Congratulations on everything you have achieved over the past membership year. Let's continue to aim high as we move towards our centenary. We have so much to celebrate – and so much more we can do to demonstrate the positive impact of our organisation.

John Lee OBE DL

NFYFC President 2025-26



Appendix B – Debtors list

As at 24/09/25

Debtor	Due date	Invoice number	Total
Bowland Region			
15 Aug 2025	16 Sep 2025	INV-0317	16.95
Total			16.95
Chorley YFC			
10 Oct 2024	20 Nov 2024	INV-0230	2,603.04
Total			2,603.04
Clitheroe YFC			
14 Feb 2024	28 Feb 2024	INV-0206	958.09
10 Oct 2024	20 Nov 2024	INV-0231	1,262.08
06 Feb 2025	06 Feb 2025	INV-0246	60.00
04 Mar 2025	18 Mar 2025	INV-0267	638.70
05 Aug 2025	16 Sep 2025	INV-0287	30.00
05 Aug 2025	16 Sep 2025	INV-0301	1,741.30
Total			4,690.17
Longridge YFC			
05 Aug 2025	16 Sep 2025	INV-0288	170.00
05 Aug 2025	16 Sep 2025	INV-0302	79.15
Total			249.15
Parbold YFC			
14 Feb 2024	28 Feb 2024	INV-0208	1,352.49
Total			1,352.49
Pendle YFC			
27 Mar 2023	10 Apr 2023	INV-0174	12.66
Total			12.66
Samlesbury YFC			
10 Oct 2024	20 Nov 2024	INV-0234	1,104.32
Total			1,104.32
Southwest Region			
15 Aug 2025	16 Sep 2025	INV-0318	16.95
Total			16.95
Winmarleigh YFC			
23 Sep 2024	20 Oct 2024	INV-0221	1,735.36
06 Feb 2025	20 Feb 2025	INV-0257	163.80
06 Feb 2025	06 Mar 2025	INV-0251	60.00
Total			1,959.16



Appendix B – Report example provided

Profit and Loss

Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs For the year ended 31 August 2025

2025

Turnover

Club Sundry Sales	69.75
Competitions Sponsorship	400.00
County Ball - Other	1,949.50
County Ball Tickets	8,554.00
County Competitions	277.47
County Levy	30,665.00
Event Income	553.88
Event Sponsorship	150.00
Mics Revenue	15,301.81
NA Sponsorship	1,300.00
National Levy & Insurance	11,428.35
Northern Area Income	2,036.16
Northern Area Sales	3,785.53
Room Hire	347.50
Sales	749.13
Total Turnover	77,568.08

Cost of Sales

Chairman's Honorarium	1,500.00
DBS Checks	90.30
First aid	622.99
Stationery	126.92
Total Cost of Sales	2,340.21

Gross Profit

75,227.87

Administrative Costs

Attendance Assistance	1,120.00
Audit & Accountancy fees	353.70
Building Safety	1,589.41
Building utilities	2,795.44
Cleaning	530.00
Club Supplies	267.60
Communications - Phone & Internet	950.49
Competition Judges Costs	135.00
Competition Resources	1,626.23
County Ball Costs	500.00
Employers National Insurance	5,248.91
Event and YFC Advertising	997.31
Event Costs	158.77
Fines	91.00
Gift	40.78



	2025
Insurance	6,421.84
IT	2,853.99
Legal Expenses	738.00
Member Training	225.00
Misc Operation Expenses	79.94
Northern Area Costs	4,092.87
Pensions Costs	1,313.13
Postage, Freight & Courier	14.46
Rates	1,197.03
Repairs & Maintenance	481.14
Salaries	24,892.85
Sanitary Contracts	218.30
Staff Travel	119.21
Trophies	179.97
Tug of War Licencing	20.00
Uniform	94.99
Yearbook Costs	200.00
Total Administrative Costs	59,547.36
Operating Profit	15,680.51
Other Income	
Donations	2,107.45
Member Fines	675.00
Total Other Income	2,782.45
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	18,462.96
Profit after Taxation	18,462.96