

Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers

Management Meeting

Thursday 24 July 2025, 19:30 for 19:45 Start County Office, Clitheroe

Present:

Chair - Ana Haworth

Vice Chair - Anna Robinson

Bury Alfie Naylor

<u>Bilsborrow</u> Eleanor Myers(T), Viki Clarke (C), Lucy Phillips (S), Emily Thompson (NorthL Sec)

Bolton-by-Bowland

<u>Chipping</u> Rachel Hardman (Bow Sec), Neil Hodkinson, Sam Gornall (C)

Chorley
Clitheroe
Longridge
Parbold

Pendle Jade Huggett (S)

<u>Rainford</u> Tom Webster (C), Jade Wilson (VS)

<u>Samlesbury</u> Annabelle Robinson, Scott Bennett (S), Peter Jackson (Bow C)

<u>Slaidburn</u> Ella Mason

Turton

Vale O' Lune

Winmarleigh Liv Gorst (S), Tom Boardman (C)

Gary Davies (Vice President), Bill Bradley (Guest), Alice Bradley (HLV President), Sue Davies (Trustee/ VP), Fred Mason (Life Vice President), Ian McTurk (Guest Speaker), Hannah Rose (Administration).

1. Chairwoman's Opening Remarks and Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to July's management meeting. She thanked all that helped at the Royal Lancs show, a successful weekend which raised approximately £200. Congratulations to all who competed at Field Day, came home with selection of prize card, including first place gurning. Congratulations to those who competed nationally for Dairy Stockjudging, special note for Liv Gorst who placed second in under 21's. Congratulations to Lucy Robinson who competed in Situations Vacant nationally and placed fifth.

2. Apologies for Absence

Moira Roberts, Pete Davies, Isabelle Deacon, Becky Sackfield, Isable Deacon, Millie Thornber, Freddie Shorrock, Simon Thompson Steve Morris, Mike Rimmer, Meg Goring, James Oddie.

3. Minutes of the last Management Meeting as circulated

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

None raised



4. Correspondence (H Rose)

<u>Meeting with Leoni Purdy of RABI</u>, she is the maternity cover for our area. She is planning on attending the September meeting to talk about what we can do with them moving forward and rejuvenating the relationship.

<u>Contacted by Smelt Mill staff about promoting their outdoor centre</u>. It is run by Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue. They can host weekend groups with 2 team members, do self-catering or pay for food, have 30 beds in bunk rooms. They provide team building activities, climbing and other games. They offer a mountain rescue challenge weekend with activities around principles of mountain rescue ending in a rescue simulation.

Prices were confirmed as follows:

Can offer activities on an evening. 2-night self-catering weekend, no activities provided - £840. If activities are provided there is an extra charge of £140 per instructor

For a non-residential weekend. We have a policy that all weekend bookings are to be charged at the standard rate of a full 2-night residential weekend i.e. £840 unless very short notice booking. A single day midweek would be £130 per day.

An evening midweek would be £65.

Catering can be provided but there will need to be advanced notice so we can arrange this.

Thought perhaps a little pricey considering users from LFYFC would not live that far from the venue but perhaps offered good option for evening meeting activity option for clubs nearby.

Lancaster Uni and requested support for funding application support. Contacted by a team from the university who are applying for funding to run a project aiming to address the cultural barriers affecting youth participation in agriculture and design practical interventions that can empower the next generation of farmers in the UK and Indonesia. They want a letter of support from us by 4th Aug. Our involvement would be requested in terms of them wanting to talk to young farmers in the area, possible use of land for activities and there would be opportunities for an exchange with Indonesian farmers.

There are some concerns, primarily that they have put together a project centred around young farmers without talking to us first (are the aims based on assumptions?) and now are approaching for our support with a very short deadline. Rang national office to speak to Sarah Palmer (AGRI) about this, and she shared my concerns and also stated that there are lots of people doing quite similar projects — will it tell us anything new. Sarah has submitted a very general letter of support.

It was felt that it was very short notice to give support for something for which there was very little information and some concern that we would be dragged into something with very little benefit to the young farmers of Lancashire. It was agreed that Hannah would submit a general support letter similar to that from NFYFC, but would not promise any assistance without further information.

<u>Daisybeck Studios regarding a CBBC proposal</u>. Hannah read they email received:

I'm a Development Researcher at Daisybeck Studios who have made many farming/animal shows for Channel 5 including The Yorkshire Vet, Springtime on the Farm, Winter on the Farm, Our Great Yorkshire Life and have made children's shows for Milkshake! such as Animal Care Club and Show Me How.

We have recently been chatting with commissioners at CBBC who are interested in making a new show based around the lives of young farmers.

After seeing the Clitheroe club being spotlighted as Club of the Month in March 2025, I thought it would be great to see if you would be open to chat about featuring one of the groups within your county to follow their lives as young farmers on their family farms and within the club.

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The idea of the show is to be as authentic as possible and to celebrate our young farmers as they juggle the daily lives of school, work and their farm whilst also having fun and getting involved in club activities. I would love to know if this is something you would be interested in chatting more about this as we think it would be a great way for other children who don't belong to farming communities to learn what it entails from children and young adults themselves.

Initial feelings are that this seems to be a little more wholesome than some of the requests that have come through. Hannah asked if Officers could relay this info to younger club members and let her know if anyone is interested. She will also put it in the weekly update.

<u>Compass fuels would like to do a photo presentation at the office</u> with a big cheque for the money raised at Great Eccleston Show. It would be during the day on a weekday.

Ana will come over from work and Ella would be happy to come over from the Auction.

5. MooHundred Club (H Rose)

Proposal prepared and circulated prior to the meeting for discussion. Hannah read the proposal. £12 per number proposed, as this is what had been charged previous. There was also a suggestion to increase to 15. There was a discussion about affordability and how the was some disparity between what older generations and active members could afford. It was agreed to keep it at £12 per number for now and review again in a year after launch. The proposed schedule for the draws (and them taking place at the management meetings) was agreed.

Hannah will progress getting the system set up for launching. The trustees will progress getting access to the MooHundred bank account so the finances can be managed for the new system and those who paid previously be managed appropriately. Hannah will secure the licence.

6. Finance

a. Outstanding debtors list

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b. Financial Report

The accounts for year-end have been submitted and circulated. A quick overview show donations and legacies are down (could be due to lack of staff), investment and income is down to £59,000 from £87,000 last year.

Charitable activities increased from £76,000 to £83,000 giving a loss of £21,000. Membership was down significantly, and this might be an explanation, along with the roof repair. Any questions or comments?

Gary commented that it struck him that if you look at accounts from last year there is a £30,000 difference. One of things we can do is to generate money through donations. Apparently, this is in staff members remit but is in the remit of all members. He urged all members to be looking at raising money to cover running large event. He suggested the Chairman's Challenge could be organised to raise money as well. Donations should not be sole job of staff.

Alice Bradley suggested the list of sponsorship activities could be sent round, so club members could approach businesses near them to see if they would be happy to take us up on any. Ana mentioned that sponsorship was secured to cover most of NA weekend.

Sue mentioned the trustees reviewed the accounts and were concerned by overall loss but, could see how this came about. They are looking at the Finance Officer role but would like to understand what members think should be reported at management meetings. She noted we have got out of the habit of reporting finances and would be good to have the updates throughout the year.



She asked officers if they were worried about what is in the bank? It was suggested that the report should include a rolling amount in bank and a summary of what has been spent and coming in, that it should be modelled on a quarterly business report.

It was relayed that Hannah would be doing Xero training early August.

Members asked to email Hannah if they know anyone out of age who might be interested in Finance Officer role.

Hannah will provide some finance report templates to review at next meeting so can decide on a final report version

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

Result available for

Meeting was well attended.

Sheepshearing went well.

Senior to compete please.

Our continued participation in the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show will be reviewed in next meeting. Comps coming up...

Information will be sent to Hannah for the calendar, get entries in on time please. Next meeting will be in September.

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

Made just over £1,000 at Great Eccleston Show. Need some more volunteers for this show and looking at doing again with Compass Fuels next year. Would like 2 people per club to get involved next time so we can make money.

Royal Lancashire was quite low on numbers of helpers and last minute on securing the final people who will help again. Will review this show at the next meeting, if we commit to doing it again, could we get some bigger space?

Looking for ideas around a New Years Eve party proposal at Lancashire Auction Mart to raise money. The Mart have offered a marquee and £300 donation. Already looking at the licence options and thinking about £60 per ticket with food and drink at additional cost.

First aid training will be organised.

Silo training will be organised September/ October for new Officers.

Meeting was held at same time as Comps committee meeting and more people turned up, venue worked better but was a bit loud. Traders Arms was suggested as it is very close but has a separate room and it was agreed will trial this venue for the September meeting.

9. Regional Reports

Bowland

Quiet but members competed at NA and the Great Ecc and Royal Lancs Shows. Have a pub crawl on the 9th, seems to not be too many going so would like to open this up across county, speak to Scott if interested. Regional stockman on 14th Aug, Bowland Ball 17th (message Rachel), 7th Oct is Regional quiz.

North Lancs

Not had much going on, Vales Welly Ball was well attended

Bilsborrow had meeting attended by all regional clubs. Bilsborrow Dinner Dance 30th Aug, Longridge Boots Bash 6th Sept and Vale Dinner Dance 27th Sept.

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Pennine

Had some joint meetings with Turton. There is Bury's Dinner Dance 20th Sept, tickets left. Turton Tractor run will take place, not sure on dates yet. Turton looking for joint meeting if anyone can help and invite to things as are a very young club and could do with some support.

South-West

Has been quiet. The Chorley hoe down went well and Comedy night on 7th Oct, please see the Facebook event page.

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

NA Field Day Feedback:

There were some issues with scoring. It was felt the weighing in was odd, members were not happy with it being in the middle of everyone and Johnny (Neary) did mention at the time that it was a safeguarding issue.

The day seemed to be a bit rushed at and a bit chaotic.

Dairy at GYS Feedback:

It was a shame a number of the cows had left so only did about half the judging. It was well run. Parbados – event was cancelled as didn't sell tickets, and those that were sold were to underage members so wasn't viable as wouldn't make any money on the bar. It was asked why they didn't host a foam party this year, and it was felt that they would have a break from it. It was felt by some that a foam party might have been more appealing.

11. Reports from County Committees

a. Safeguarding (J Neary / E Fish)

Nothing to report, please keep doing DBS checks please.

b. Management Trustees (A Holden)

Meeting was held 15th July, and it was confirmed the new photocopier and alarm have now been installed. The terms of reference for sub committees and structure of organisation are out for review and will be shared with sub committees. It is hoped theses will now focus on responsibilities. Trustees reviewed the finance report. They are still keen still to get a Finance Officer but want to get the accounts for this financial year done very soon after year end and then have clean handover to new person in post. Jess is resigning as now has 4 children, so they are looking for secretary for trustees, needs to be out of membership age, but if anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please let a trustee know. There was a discussion on office maintenance and repairs, it was agreed there was nothing pressing. Andrea Gardner involved at Myerscough raised an issue as at county rally had some suggestions for next time and was disappointed with rubbish left and that ran out of food. She will send in letter but felt helpful to improve moving forward and when letter comes in could share at committee meetings. Needs some accounts at trustees moving forward, It was agreed the next meeting would be earlier so that the end of year accounts can be reviewed and a date will be set for September.

c. Staff Management (J Oddie)

James has sent apologies but submitted the following report: Good Evening Young Farmers,



My apologies for not being attendance this evening, I am currently learning how to raise a young farmer of the future, Robert James was born in the early hours of Sunday morning, and like a lot of quality pedigree stock he was an emergency side for job.

Now back to the staff management report,

As a committee we met on the 3rd July,

Hannah has settled well in to her new role, and has now passed her probationary period with flying colours.

Hannah's been busy over the last few months, she has been actively involved and taken a key role in delivering a successful county rally and northern area weekend.

She has attended multiple national and northern area meetings, making key contacts and building relationships across the young farmers community.

She has also been focused on getting the office back in to shape, contract renewal of the commercial business equipment, facilitating the new security and alarm system and progressing the letting of the office rooms.

A fantastic first 6 months and I hope the start to a long successful career with lfyfc. I would like to pass on, our thanks to Hannah for all her hard work during this time from all of the staff management committee.

As always if the members have any questions or issues, please get in contact with me All the best James Oddie

James would like to step down in January. Will need a new post holder, preferably with experience and out of age. If anyone suitable is known please suggest them (Ana, Anna, Trustees).

12. County Office Report (H Rose)

Grounds – Thanks were given to Simon who has kindly cleared a section out the front and moved the branches left by the people who installed the new Auction Mart fencing. A question as to what the officers would like to do about the grounds moving forward. Options were discussed in terms of what was required and the frequency. Ella Mason will be following up with her brother, if this is not an option Hannah will consult the Auction Mart and make arrangements for the company they use to also do ours.

Ant infestation – There was an issue with an ant's nest under the window of the main office within the building. This has now been dealt with.

New alarm has been fitted and is operational. The cameras are in-situ and working Some teething problems with the use of the fobs and this will be monitored. There is now a function where the alarm can be remotely operated from an app on the LFYFC phone, which means that access to the building is not reliant on knowing a code and members can call Hannah to sort the alarm and get the code for the keys to gain access much easier than previous.

Room hire – we have a long-term hirer of the smaller meeting room with the understanding that we may still need use of the room on occasion. His name is Thomas Lemmon, and he is a councillor/ therapist. A hire agreement is with trustees for approval and hopefully the arrangement will go well.

New photocopier – machine has been installed and is operational. Hannah is currently building a webpage to offer community printing at low prices that will still make us a profit. Clubs will get printing at cost price but based on all of Bolton-by-Bowland's Rounders printing only coming to about 11p, clubs will only be



invoiced once the charge goes above £1. The printer is able to produce booklets, pamphlets and flyers to a high standard. Contact Hannah if any more info is needed.

Carrs Billington Foundation - we were sadly unsuccessful in receiving the funding, feedback has been requested.

Silo – has a new look! Members can now earn member badges for achievements that can be tracked through Silo. 24/25 membership will close 4th Aug. County membership is currently at 593. All clubs are urged to sort their membership by this date otherwise we will lose our duel representation at NA and National level. Memberships will open for 25/26 on 8th August.

Achiever Awards – Have been commended for having 9 nominations for Lancashire members. Considering other counties have rallied and ensured they have had a certain number of entries (and Hannah didn't realise this was allowed!), this is really good representation for Lancashire. Hannah will confirm when nominees are likely to hear if they have been successful.

Placing cards – Hannah provided draft prints for approval and asked if all are happy for One Ash to sponsor and cover all the printing costs again. After some discussion the drafts were approved and it was agreed that One Ash sponsorship would be happily accepted.

Club AGM dates - Please can each club let inform Hannah of where and when their AGM will be by 31st August. Hannah made all aware there will be a new 'new officer form' which will be due by the end of October.

H&S – Will now add H&S to every meeting.

Other Communications

Will need to decide what to do with Great Eccleston Show money raised alongside Compass Fuels. It was posed that we use it towards prizes for Royal Lancs Stockjudging as are having issues getting the prize money for Royal Lancs Show, it hasn't materialised again this year. It was discussed that it is awkward as they offer the prize money as a gift, but are having issues generally with communications and they didn't deliver on this last year either. It was reiterated that we need to assess whole show and LFYFC participation for next year. It was suggested that we give 2 weeks to see if money materialises and then consider using the money raised at Great Eccleston Show. But, it was also felt that we maybe shouldn't be suing money raised at one show to fund another. Beth will follow up with Royal Lancs and the Great Eccleston Money will just go in LFYFC funds until a decision on it sue is made.

Compass fuels want to be our main sponsor. A lot of discussion was had and the following points raised:

- They have helped us raise over £1,000 at The Great Eccleston Show and we wouldn't be able to be there without them.
- Their lead person is a good person to go to for help, but is it a big ask for £1,000 per year to be main county sponsor versus what other sponsors are paying just for one event and comparatively little in return
- With the extra's offered and repeat partnership fundraising at Great Eccleston Show, it would be more like £2,000 a year.
- Felt we would need to be made clear that we get main sponsors for different events and they would need to be acknowledged properly too. Must make sure our long term sponsors are looked after moving forward.

It was agreed that we need to go back to him with clear response on what is ok, that we appreciate the offer, but if want to main supporter will possibly need a little more from them. Hannah will arrange a meeting, Ana and Hannah will attend.

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13. Reports from outside organisations

a. NFU

Beth unable to attend, but submitted following report:

I haven't heard back from Aarun yet so it's unlikely that I will by this evening, but I'll forward anything on if he does. He usually always mentions the NFU student and young farmer membership (30 years and under), there is more on the NFU website if anyone is interested but can you discounts, training and even legal advice. Also ask clubs to get in touch with their local NFU offices regarding sponsorship for dinner dances etc, if they haven't already, I know the uptake on this can vary from office to office but always worth an ask! If anyone has any questions regarding the NFU/NFU mutual they can email me at elizabeth_baldwin@nfumutual.co.uk and I can pass them onto Aarun.

All are invited to the first NFU Lancashire Harvest Ball on Saturday 27th September at Stanley House Hotel, more info will be shared in the weekly update.

b. RABI

None



14. Northern Area Report (P Davies)

Had meeting 2 weeks ago: NA levy increase to 160 per county next year All over 18 will need second form of ID and need pc Suggestions on tug of war changes.

15. NFYFC

a. News from NFYFC Council

Last meeting at start of June on teams.

Steering grp discussed, particularly what will look like moving forward.

Nation levy was confirmed as £35 per member

b. Agri link representative update

None

16. Any other management business

a. Ian McTurk - Lancashire/ Cumbria Rotary

lan gave some history on himself and proposed a fundraising idea for Lancashire Young Farmers. He will also be taking the idea to Cumbria YFC. Hannah will consolidate the proposal and ask for feedback and comments from Officers.

17. AOB

Neil – Chairmans Challenge money will be donated to cancer research. Hannah agreed to help organising getting the money to them.

Ella – Stranraer and Rhins YFC would like to organise a club exchange, details will be circulated. A reminder of the Bolton-by-Bowland rounders event was given.

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

NB – November meeting will be a week earlier (13th November) to accommodate the AGM.

The AGM will be held at County Office 27th November 2025

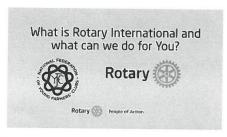
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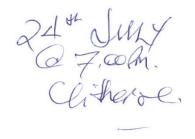


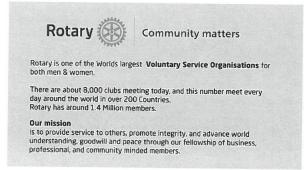
Presentation from Ian – Raising money through memorial tree planting

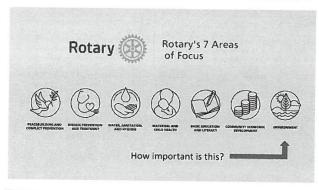
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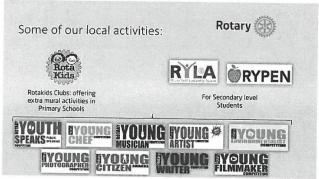
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Rotary & Agriculture are inextricably linked with are concerns for the local communities and our environment.

No doubt, there will be various Agroforestry projects available in different parts of the Counties.

Naturally, there will be mutual benefits, with increased pollination, as well as maintaining a wonderful landscape for future generations.

The Country relies upon you guys for food production, but clearly you are also expected to be conservationists. So, can we help.

As custodians of the Land, you know how important our Environment and Landscape is?



So, here's an idea for you to consider, as a club or your County or District

Have you considered 'shadow planting' or 'complimentary planting' of trees! Our traditional Landscape in North West England is disappearing rapidly through no fault of Agriculture



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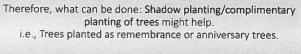
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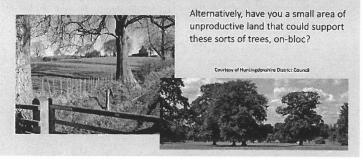


Farmers & Landowners would have a huge audience to draw upon via Rotary, the Agricultural fraternity, Walkers, Cyclists, Hunting Societies, the Association of Ramblers, etc.



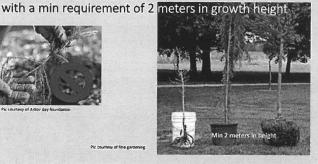


Where would you plant? - in Hedgerows and old hedgerow boundaries, parkland or permanent pasture.



Shadow planting with decent sized, mixed varieties of trees, to suit the soil type and location;





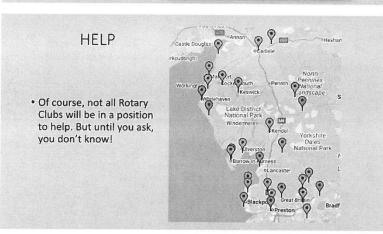
The details to be worked out & agreed, with farmers & Landowners who would like to participate. (Possibly with MOU)

- > Cost to be considered of say £300/tree, for the farmer or Landowner.
- > Planted in areas where trees are dead or dying; hedgerows or specimen trees (Where they might have been previously in a hedgerow) e.g. Borders of fields on roadsides, lane sides, bridleways, or footpaths, etc.
- > An agreement on types of tree to match soil types, and local climate; perhaps taking advice from the Woodland Trust.
- ➤No metal/plastic plaques or other potential hazards for livestock
- > Landowner's agreement to fence appropriately against livestock damage; say for min 3 years.

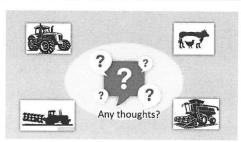


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further thoughts; Plaving in mind some farmers in very isolated areas may have limited human contacts and limited social circles. Could Rotary assist by facilitating some form of networking via Zoom, during the winter months. Evening Supper clubs



Accrington (meet on Thu)
Ambleside Kirkstone (meet on Tue)
Appleby (meet on Wed)
Bacup (meet on Tue)
Barmoldswick & Earby (meet on Thu)
Barrow-In-Furiness (meet on Tue)
Bassenthwate (meet on Mon)
Blackburn (meet on Wed)
Blackpool Palatine (meet on Tue)
Blackpool Sunrise (meet on Wed)
Burnley Pendleside (meet on Wed)
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Carlisle Castle (meet on Thu)
Carlisle Castle (meet on Thu)
Carlisle Castle (meet on Thu)
Clitheroe (meet on Thu)
Clitheroe (meet on Thu)
Clitheroe (meet on Thu)
Cockermouth (meet on Fri)
Colne Noyna (meet on Tue)
Darwen (meet on Mon)
Fleetwood (meet on Wed)
Furness (meet on Wed)
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Stranraer and Rhins YFC

Looking for Young Farmer's clubs keen to participate in a Club Exchange Please message the club Facebook page for more info if your club is interested! Always a fun-filled weekend in the S&R YFC calendar!



STRANRAER & RHINS YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

EXCHANGE CLUB WANTED!

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