



Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers

Management Meeting

Thursday 23 July 2026, 19:30 for 19:45 Start

County Office, Clitheroe

Present:

Chair – Anna Robinson

Bilsborrow

Holly Barton (Chair), Will Singleton (Vice Chair), Lucy Phillips (Secretary), Molly Thompson (Vice Secretary)

Bolton-by-Bowland

Ed Dickinson (Chair), Ruby Winthrop (Vice Secretary, Morgan Smith (Vice Chair)

Bury

Alfie Naylor (Chair), Anna Haworth

Chipping

Neil Hodgkinson (NFYFC Rep)

Chorley

Clitheroe

Longridge

Parbold

Megan Johnson (Secretary), Isabelle Deacon (Chair)

Pendle

Rainford

Megan Whittle (Secretary)

Samlesbury

Slaidburn

Helena Beattie (Secretary)

Turton

Vale O' Lune

Dan Holley (Chair)

Winmarleigh

Beth Duerden (Vice County Chair), Hannah Rose (Administration Coordinator), Simon Thompson (County President), Sue Davies (Trustees), Liz Seed (Finance), Angela Whitwell (VP)

1. Chairwoman's Opening Remarks and Welcome

Anna welcomed everyone.

2. Apologies for Absence

Becky Sackfield, Rachel Webster, Scott Bennett, Jake Wilson, Isaac Middleton, Annabelle Robinson, Eleanor Fish, James Nairey, Nicola Holden, Isabelle Holden, Moira Roberts, Bert Lancaster, Tom Walker, Tom Boardman, Ella Mason, Liv Gorst, Gary Davies.

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)

Legacy payment, £1,000 from Mary Bailey.

Mary Bailey left LFYFC £1,000 in her will.

Hannah has asked the solicitors dealing with her will to pass on thanks on behalf of all the Lancashire Young Farmers.

There will be a discussion about the best use of the money at a later date.

5. Finance

Liz shared the income and expenditure (Appendix A). She highlighted that it shows deficit right now, but the remaining membership invoices will reduce this. It will be better than initially thought, but LFYFC can't afford to make a loss every year.

Liz mentioned that there seems to be good support for club fundraising events, but members are not supporting county fundraising. She asked members to consider options, such as putting up fees. Currently the money that comes to county from clubs covers Hannah's wages only. There have been some one-off fees, but most is running cost expenses.

National fees are going to go up; this will have an impact as well. Liz questioned why members should pay national more than county, she highlighted this will need to be considered when voting in fees at the AGM. Anna thanked Liz for all her hard work getting things sorted and for the provision and explanation of finances each meeting.

Simon recommended fewer bigger events for fundraising.

6. Competitions Committee Report (Ed Dickinson / J Miller)

Last meeting was held 7th July meeting. It was a quick meeting and the previous and upcoming competitions were discussed.

Looking at Halsteads farm, West Bradford for sheepdog competition.

Swimming is booked for 13th October at Darwen Leisure Centre

Bowling contacted to book, awaiting confirmation.

7. Social, Fundraising and Training Committee (R Hardman/E Mason)

The rota for regions and setting 4 events for the year was discussed.

Anna and Beth proposed that the rota could be decided at the next management meeting and invited the regions to each put forward some ideas. The following were proposed:

Bingo night.

Darts and darts

Pool night/ indoor sports

Quiz night

Junior ball

It was concluded that the final rota will be brought to September meeting for approval.

Hannah mentioned that a selection of dates in October and November had been put forward by the trainer and that she was on with booking venues across the county. She confirmed there would be 3 dates to choose from. Clubs will be invited to book once venues finalised, the cost will be subsidised, and clubs will be able to book a set number of places initially.

There will be a YFC farmers party 21st November at Clitheroe Auction. Beth is working on the bar licence, and further details will be provided.



8. Regional Reports

Bowland

- Bowland ball tickets now on sale £45
- Regional stockman has taken place
- Regional social has taken place
- Now not meeting until sept

North Lancs

- Longridge's Boot bash is coming up
- Vale raised 9k at the Welly ball
- Winmarleigh's Traffic light do is this weekend

Pennine

- Has been quiet, no major events
- Held a joint meeting with Turton and plan to do more, good turn out from both clubs

South-West

- Parbold held their Foam party
- Chorley's Hoe down is now 18th August (date change)
- Parbold and Rainford are now meeting every other week for summer

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

None

10. Reports from County Committees

a. Safeguarding (E Fish)

No issues

LFYFC are hosting the National Safeguarding Training

b. Management Trustees (S Davies)

Meeting was held Tuesday this week.

Focus has been the finances; Sue gave thanks to Liz. She mentioned that there is still more to do, but we are now a good way there. Trustees hope that members can start to use the figures and give thought to fundraising. It was noted that there had been a regional levy which wasn't reviewed when north lancs region was formed. We are now down to 4 regions, and it might be worth a re-hash. Alternatively, it be more relevant to have a club levy from club fundraising. Trustees wanted to highlight opportunities for budget management to members to ensure the longevity of county. It was noted finances are not the most exciting topic but feel members need to bring same enthusiasm to support county fundraising as club level.

Trustees felt it was good we are hosting the safeguarding course and had discussed the importance of the H&S elements and felt there should be deadlines in place for top table related compliance training. This would be to ensure officers have the knowledge and skills to confidently deal with any situations that might come up and ensures self-protection.

Next meeting is October, but Sue encouraged members to raise any questions they wish. Hannah can forward or provide contact information.



c. Staff Management (J Briggs)

No issues, any problems contact Anna.

11. Health and Safety

Deadlines will be much stricter next membership year. If top table members intend to continue in role, then it is recommended they ensure their safeguarding training and DBS is completed. Next year, elected top table will have until Christmas to complete or they will not be allowed to continue in their role as it is a condition of holding that role.

Anna reiterated.

Dan raised an issue with Bert being unable to get access (he is now sorted), there was a discussion about what issues were occurring and how best to ensure people are getting the info they need.

Hannah mentioned that she had sent out emails informing all newly appointed officers of what to expect along with a welcome to being an officer type letter last year. She agreed that she would revise this and use it again.

Hannah proposed she could do half hour drop-in sessions again, this time on anything rather than just Silo. It was thought this was a good idea

12. County Office Report (H Rose)

a. Weekly update

Going to be insisting top table join the weekly update next member year.

Please ask members to join so they know what is going on across the county.

Can sign up on the website (bottom of contacts page - [CONTACT | LFYFC](#))

b. Membership, Silo App and key dates

Silo will freeze on 03 August, re-open 07 August.

They will be launching a new app, manage membership and card in one place. Can have multiple membership profiles, resources, offers and track where your membership is.

In the future is hoped can be a platform for club and county communications, training courses (moodle) and event booking.

Anna mentioned that there are printed pending lists for clubs at the back of the room, please take and look at lists/ clear the names.

c. Waddow Hall

Went to Waddow hall, 10 min from here. Big outdoor centre like PGL. Want to do junior activity day and follow up with a residential next year. This is to address the lack of county activities aimed at the younger ages.

The proposal we have been sent is as follows:

A standard day visit would schedule in the following way, enabling 3 high-quality instructor-led activity sessions as part of the day visit. Group sizes are limited on certain activities based on instructor to participant ratios, most activities have maximum group size of 15 participants, so 45 attendees would be ideal for a day session as it would allow for 3 groups of 15 to all experience the same number of experiences and stick within our standard day visit programme. As discussed on the phone earlier if you end up with 60 then it may be better to look at an extended day session to allow 4 activities to be offered.



Day Schedule

PROGRAMME SUMMARY		
Time	Programme Item	Selected Activity / Option
09:15 – 09:30	Arrival, welcome, toilets	
09:30 – 09:40	Safety briefing and group split	
09:40 – 11:10	90-min Activity 1	Instructor-Led Activity
11:10 – 11:20	Changeover / short break	
11:20 – 12:50	90-min Activity 2	Instructor-Led Activity
12:50 – 13:20	Lunch	Packed Lunch
13:20 – 14:50	90-min Activity 3	Instructor-Led Activity
14:50 – 15:15	Pack up, toilets, group review, departure	

Available activities

Water

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Raft Building

Land

- Zip Wire
- Archery
- Axe Throwing
- Cave - Instructed
- Code Breaker (Escape Rooms)
- Crate Challenge
- Fencing
- Jacobs Ladder
- Nightline
- Obstacle Course
- Pioneering
- Team Building
- Tree Climb
- Bushcraft
- Campfire
- Egg Drop
- Mini Olympics
- Night / Bat Walk
- Wide Game
- Orienteering
- Game Zone
- Grass Sledging



It was mentioned it would be run as a fun competition day.

Initial thoughts were for a Saturday in September or October. It was suggested it could be done in conjunction with a junior ball.

Cost would be £72 each

Anna asked if it was thought juniors will go?

Hannah will do a Jotform to go out to parents, she will get a date and get it sent out. Hope there is then enough interest.

Anna also discussed her visit to Myerscough and her chat with Wes Johnson, they are keen to get involved with and support YFC. They have everything we need for stockman comps and happy to accommodate sports etc.

If clubs want clothing sponsorship then contact them, same for club night talks.

It was mentioned that it is being considered as a Might do comps meetings and will allow use for free.

d. Club AGM's and revised club info forms

Will be a revised version this year so clubs can check previously given information and make any changes required.

13. Reports from outside organisations

a. NFU

Farm safety event was really good, good turn out from Lancashire.

b. RABI

The free FarmersAid App can be downloaded, more info here - <https://farmersaid.org.uk/>.

FarmersAid is a long-term initiative from RABI, designed to strengthen emergency preparedness across the farming community. It has been developed with clinical and frontline expertise to ensure guidance is accurate, practical and usable in real on-farm conditions.

The FarmersAid app is designed for use in high-stress situations and can be accessed on any smartphone. Guidance is structured, clear and easy to follow, helping people act confidently until emergency services arrive.

14. Northern Area Report (A Haworth)

Didn't go to last meeting as was day after stockman. Field day was well attended and went well. Stockman went well (we hosted). Simon added that he thought it was a credit to the county.

15. Any other management business

Moohundred (Beth)

Going to be revamped for new member year. Was 12 a year, she mentioned she was not sure what prize money was but does not remember it being a lot. Try to look at bridging deficit in the budget. £30 per 200 entries could make 3,600 a year. This would be with a monthly draw and prizes of £100, £60, £40 (total £2,400 prize money given over the year).

Would need to push at club level and would need help to spread the word to ex members and legacy members. A poster will be produced and would need to get the poster as far and wide as possible.

All in attendance seemed happy with the proposal.

Launch 1st September and have 2 months to get entries in. Would be online and linked to a stripe account.

Could add more numbers if needed.



Possible events (Meg)

Rainford are having a paddle for pints evening, pub crawl on the canal. The person they are using is £350 for 40 people. Ask Meg for contact if fancy doing something similar. Ribble Bank Field Sports (clay shooting) are doing half price for YFC members too.

Megs show next year will be a discount code and then will give donation back and info to follow.

Mark Stanton – Future Gen Renewables

Gave an induction to the company and his drone work.

Happy to come to give club talks.

The range of work for drones is large and allows access to areas that are dangerous or hard to get to. Can clean things and spray fertilisers etc. Can seed without tram lines.

Can help with jobs that are deemed dangerous.

50kg and 90l of water on the large drones. New one coming in for bracken control along with new grants.

Getting some really good successes with germination rates as well.

Mark brought a drone with him and invited questions.

Always check licencing when using drone companies.

Mark Stanton stanton.mark@outlook.com

07976 380527

16. Date of next meeting - Thursday 24 September 2026, at County Office.

17. Close Meeting at 20:57



Appendix A – Finance report

BUDGET 1st September 2025 to 30th August 2026
Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs
For the year ended 31 August 2026

Account	Budget 2026	Actual 2026	Notes
Turnover		UPTO 19.07.26	
County Fees	26920	23040	As at 19.07.26 673 members, second membership invoices still to invoice
NFYFC Fees per member	23555	20160	
National Insurance per member	2880	2465	
County Fees Insurance per club	2457	2457	
Clothing sales		865	
Competitions Sponsorship	1500	550	£250 for Rural Skills Day £300 County Rally- given to SW for the event
County Competitions	840	840	
NA sponsorship		1350	NA Stockman sponsorship
County Level Sponsorship	3700	4715	£1000 clothing sponsorship
County Ball Fundraiser	9740	9379	
Fundraiser	1000	12	Race Night cancelled due to lack of ticket sales 1 more ticket to refund
Chairman's Challenge - Promise Auction	2000		
Event Sponsorship		-24	Error from previous year
Mics Revenue	-302	-302	Error from previous year
Room Hire		663	
Room Hire - long term	1200	900	£150 per month plus ad hoc rental
Sales	365	243	
Grants	10000	3000	£3000 grant received
Donations		60	
Total Turnover	86856	70373	
Cost of Sales			
Chairman's Honorarium	2600	2600	2 years Chairman's Honorarium in this year
DBS Checks	864	390	60 DBS checks for the year
Stationery	133	149	
Clothing Sales		739	
Total Cost of Sales	3597	3877	
Gross Profit	82268	66495	
Administrative Costs			
Attendance Assistance	150	150	
Audit & Accountancy fees	1396	2223	One off Xero training £685
Building Safety	436	436	Fire and Pat testing
Building Security	514	534	ADT
Building utilities	2900	1665	E'ON and Water £100 per month Kerosene 500 annually
Cleaning	870	569	£150 cost of deep clean prior to King's visit
Club Supplies	281		
Communications - Phone & Internet	876	766	Mobile 13 BT 60
Competition Judges Costs	142	45	
Competition Resources	2653	1356	£300 County Rally sponsorship tfrd to SW County Rally costs covered by SW region
County Ball Costs	5838	5821	
Employees Tax and National Insurance	5450	4926	Should be added to Salary costs 11/12 months
Equipment & Machinery Hire	830	776	Grenke £180 per qtr. £110 Annual fee equipment protection
Event costs	800	686	£686.40 room hire 2025 AGM
Fines	320	320	£320 fines for Field Day 2025
Gift	200	201	
Grounds Maintenance	38	38	No cost in 2025
Insurance for Office	1648	1597	
IT and copier charges	1118	1141	Printing costs approx £50/mth Domain and Email £252 Wix £232.60 Lawdepot £33.00
Member Training	185	185	
NFYFC National Levy	21430	21430	Paid in Sept on previous years membership
NFYFC National Insurance	5072	5072	Paid in Sept on previous years membership
Northern Area Costs	150	778	NA stockman
Pensions Costs	1663	1525	
Postage, Freight & Courier	40	34	
Rates	830	967	Includes £301 waste removal costs
Repairs & Maintenance	505	493	
Sanitary	218	218	
Salaries	23600	21728	11/12 months
Staff Training	50	14	
Staff Travel	125	227	
Trophies	1000	2132	Trophy repairs, engraving and cleaning
Tug of War Licence	20	20	
Uniform for staff		59	
Total Administrative Costs	81347	78130	
Operating Profit	912	-11635	

Notes for July meeting

Income

County Fees - now 673 members second membership invoices to be raised early August (total £7690)
NA Stockman £1350 sponsorship covered costs of event
Clothing sponsorship of £1000
Race Night was cancelled which will result in a small loss
All County rally costs covered by sponsorship and monies raised by SouthWest Region

Expenses

One off costs for 25/26
£1300 Chairman's honorarium from 2024/25
Additional £1000 on trophy repairs/engraving/cleaning
Xero training of £685 for Hannah Rose
£686 for AGM room hire

There will be approx £7,000 income from investments for the year