BERKSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

80th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on Sunday 16th November 2025, at 2.00pm,
held at Theale Village Hall, Englefield Road, Theale, RG7 5AS.

M I N U T E S

Voting rights are afforded to members of the 2024/25 Executive Committee plus three representatives from each Club.
The County AGM was chaired by the President, Clare Killen.

Agenda is correct at time of printing but may be subject to minor changes in the event of the absence of some report presenters/proposers.

1. President's Welcome and Announcements

The President, Clare Killen, welcomed everyone, extending a very warm welcome to the County Presidents and Life Vice Presidents, as well as those attending to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Federation. A minute's silence was held in memory of those in our Young Farmers community that we have lots in the past year.

2. Apologies for Absence

As noted in attendance record at the end of the minutes.

3. The Minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting, held on Sunday 17th November 2024, were approved and signed by Clare Killen as a true and correct record.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence.

4. Appointment of Tellers

Michael Bowden LVP and Mary Fallon LVP were appointed as Tellers for the duration of the meeting.

6. To receive the report of the President *Presented by: Clare Killen*

Hello and welcome to Berkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs 80th annual general meeting.
I think that deserves a whoop!

I can't be one hundred percent certain that there isn't anyone here who was at the first one in Reading in 1945. But if there is, please make yourself known! What's a little scary for me is the realisation that joined Newbury YFC 50 years ago – how time flies. Now is a good time to remind you that we have a memory book for you to sign today and we invite you to say what being a young farmer has meant to you – now or in the past.

Berkshire used to be a much bigger county – before 1974 it extended very close to Oxford. We are much smaller now. More on that later.

There have been so many wonderful memories made over the years, friends made, experiences had, but the last two years have been a blast and so much fun. Thank you Berkshire YFC for welcoming me to your meetings and your summer camps, for all the conversations at events like the Jesse Matthews and member of the year competitions and for the competitive fun at sports, stockjudging, pageant and other events as well as for sharing your skills and for shining at competitions. It is YOU, the members, that are the inspiration,

and it's been a real joy to get to know you and share your world. I come away from a YFC event invigorated and full of pride for you and all you put yourselves out there to do.

What also brings me great joy is to see you working together as a county – healthy inter-club competition aside, I love how you work together, whether that's for an area or national competition, to arrange a social event or just hanging out together. To me that is special and reflects my time as a member.

Doing so has brought us success at regional and national level. I'll leave the members to talk about their competitions and events but our successes at regional and national level, for individuals and teams, show that no one should under underestimate Berkshire. We may be small, but collectively we are mighty.
Like most youth organisations, there is a large and dedicated backroom team and I'd like to make a few thank yous:

- To Katie Goodman, our county chair. Your energy and organisational skills have been amazing. You've led the way on some difficult tasks with great skill and sensitivity. We've had trustee training and are working on introducing some new operational procedures that we hope will add clarity and improve efficiency. Katie has been very well supported by Toria, Josh, Ethan and Georgie. A formidable team.
- To Steve and to Milly – the Country Fayre and live gig is such an important part of the YFC calendar and contributes significantly to our financial well-being. They are standing down from this now after several years and we thank them sincerely. It's been a huge endeavour.
- To the whole Executive Committee and the Management Team. There are so many things that most people won't be aware of – the legal and policy requirements … this is much more than county organising, it is vital and having a strong and committed team makes such a difference. Thank you.
- To Daisy – where do I start. Her logistical skills and insight are second to none and she repeatedly goes over and above. She keeps us all on track her dedication and attention to detail is amazing.
- I'd also like to thank the efficiency judges who give their time to support the clubs – this is an essential aspect of our safeguarding work so should not be overlooked.
- To Anne (your president elect) and Alwyn for doing an amazing job of the scoring and also to Alwyn and the 200 club team for raising funds for the county.
- I'd also like to thank the Bowyer Family Trust and The Lord Seiff Fund for their continued support. They contribute so much that is of direct benefit to our members and we are so grateful for this.

I'll leave it there so we can hear more from our members – the stars of today.

Clare Killen proposed the adoption of her report, which was seconded by Katie Goodman.

7. To receive the report of the Chair *Presented by: Katie Goodman*

Good afternoon, madam president, members of the committee, ladies, gentleman and fellow young farmers. It is great to see so many members, past and present, here today – thank you for coming.

It has been my absolute pleasure to be your chairman for the past year. When I returned home from university, I knew I wanted to throw myself back into Young Farmers at full speed, and what better way to do that than become Chairman?

This past year has been filled to the brim with meetings, visits and competitions, with each club bringing something different to the table. Watching each club grow and continue to thrive has been an absolute pleasure, and you should all be so proud of yourselves for your hard work over the past year.

The rest of the afternoon (and the accompanying silverware!) will show you just how successful of a year we've had, but some of my personal highlights include: getting to meet members of other clubs, witnessing

IJ's questionable dance moves at the silent disco, but most of all watching Berkshire compete in the big leagues, and hold our own with counties double our size.

Taking on this role, having been a member since 2013, has really opened my eyes to the hoards of volunteers that are required and work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this county running. Which leads me on nicely to my thank you's. On behalf of Berkshire, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Bowyer Trust and the NFU for their continued support and engagement with our members. Without this, our county calendar would certainly look a little lighter.

I think it would go amiss if I didn't thank our wonderful Daisy, for without her, I may have concerns over our executive committee's sanity. From making sense of our hours of rambling at our meetings and always being at the other end of the phone, I know that I speak for the whole officer team and probably the county, when I say we really couldn't do it without you.

Clare, thank you for your steadfast support over the two years in your role; as President, your breadth of knowledge and experience has been invaluable to us, and we hope you have enjoyed it!

The list is endless, but I would also just like to take this opportunity to thank Steve and Milly for their incredible work with the Country Fayre, Steve for his work as Treasurer and just being a general pillar across the County, the Executive Committee for their support over the past year, and listening to me drone on at meetings, the clubs for organising all the wonderful competitions across the year, the officer team, and last but by no means least, all of you, the volunteers and members for keeping this county afloat. I cannot stress the importance of what you all do, and with that being said I am very much looking forward to the year ahead, and I hope you are too.

Katie Goodman proposed the adoption of her report, which was seconded by Clare Killen.

8. To receive the report of the Honorary Treasurer *Presented by: Steve Ackrill*

Good afternoon, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Young Farmers. It is great to see so many people here today for this AGM, I'm sure it's nothing to do with the 80th Anniversary celebration and the amount of cake in the building but we'll have to wait until next years AGM to test that theory.

I will now endeavour to give you a brief run-down of the finances of the County for the past year. I'll start with expenditure and our largest cost as normal is for our staff member and is made up of Salary, pension, NI, mileage etc and amounts to just over £17,000. I know I said this word for word last year but it is as true today as it was then, so I'm saying this again "although this is an increase on last year I for one still think it's a bargain as, having kept the office ticking over myself when we've been between staff members I know the job's not easy and Daisy regularly goes " above and beyond" what we should expect of her and also much, much more than the part time admin role that she signed up to. I, for one, as I'm sure we all are very grateful for all that Daisy does for Berkshire Young Farmers"

The next largest expenditure is to NFYFC for Affiliation, Insurance etc and amounted to just over £8000. We were very fortunate to receive a £1000 donation towards the cost of the affiliation fees from the Bowyer Family Memorial Trust and we are very grateful for their continued support. This support enabled us to keep the fees per member at £35 which I'm sure you'll agree is very good value for money. Whilst mentioning the Bowyer Family Memorial Trust and even though this report is for the financial year ending 30th September 2025 I would like to mention that we have just received confirmation of a donation of

£1500 towards this years fees so if I could urge all clubs to write to the trust to express their thanks for the continued support (I'm sure Daisy will share the address details) .

The use of the space in the office of the Thames and Kennet Machinery Ring seems to be working well, the costs for both the office and the lock up at Milehouse have remained the same since this time last year and total £2100 for the year.

This year there were 7 people needing a DBS check, as previously mentioned the online updates should negate the need for existing people to pay to be checked again, this appears to be working.

During the year we paid for both Daisy and some of the officer team to attend the NFYFC conference.

A Camp this year was hosted by Newbury YFC and County contributed £1720 towards the cost of this. I'm sure this will be mentioned in more detail later in the meeting.

Moving onto income. We received £1220 from the 200 club so thanks must go to all of those involved in the running of this. There will be a report later on from the 200 club but if you don't already take part please do consider it.

The grand draw this year raised an amazing £2550 for the County so thanks must go to Alethea for organising this (as well as to the clubs for selling tickets).

The County Ball took place in October this year with almost all of the transactions taking place before our year end on 30th September so it is showing in these accounts. The event made a profit of just over £2400 so that profit coupled with a good night out it was certainly a success, I also think it should be mentioned and I'm really pleased to be able to say this, the Ball was organised totally by YFC members so us 'old' people could just go along and have a good time, so well done to all involved.

We were again able to benefit from reasonable interest rates throughout the year as we received just over £3900 in interest during the year.

We were very fortunate to receive donations totalling just over £7000 via the employer of a Newbury parent who donated for the hours of volunteering carried out for Young Farmers, we are obviously very grateful for this.

The biggest source of income again this year was the Country Fayre / Music event. I won't mention too much about the Fayre in this report, as you've got the pleasure of listening to me again a little later where I will go into more detail about the events, but I will say that the overall profit on the weekend (without the £2550 from the grand draw) was £15,821.33. This is a brilliant result and what enables the County to function as it does, so thanks must go to everyone involved in making the weekend happen.

You should have found the financial pages of the Trustees report on your chairs, to sum up those figures, during the course of the year there were around 260 transactions on the current account. The current account ended the year on £19,253.66. With the interested received on the deposit account of £3,933.47 the deposit account ended the year on £91,261.14.

The end result of all of the above figures is an increase in unrestricted funds in the year of £10,979.85 which without the £7000 donation goes to show how reliant we are on the various events we hold and especially the Country Fayre.

The eagle eyed amongst you may have spotted a change in the value of our cups on the Assets page, The cups were revalued in October last year for insurance purposes. Many thanks to Chris Boreham who carried

out the valuations. It is worth mentioning that the published insurance value does include the cost to replace the engraving should any cups need to be replaced. The total cost to re-engrave all of our cups and trophies would be in excess of £25,000 - hopefully this is not something we'll ever need to do.

The monies from both Reading Jnr and Snr YFC's is still being held in trust for the regulatory 7 years from when the clubs were officially closed back on 15th November 2020. At year end there was £11171.54 held in a deposit account with Lloyds, the term deposit had matured just before year end and raised £656.66 in interest. The money was in the deposit account waiting for the Exec meeting that took place in October so that I could get authorisation to re-invest the money for a further year, this has now happened.

Before I finish, I would like to say a few thank you's, I'm restricting my thank you's to mainly finance related or I could be here all afternoon. Firstly Daisy for keeping the office running and keeping us all in order as I mentioned earlier Daisy does go above and beyond and we are all very grateful. To Milly for authorising all of the payments I set up in the bank and last but by no means least to Jane De-Courcy for the time and effort she puts into examining and signing off these accounts again this year due to the turnover of almost £90,000 we will need to submit full accounts to the Charity Commission.

You should have a copy of the figures on your chairs and there are a few hard copies of the full Trustees report here today that gives a basic breakdown of the Fayre, the Ball and the Grand Draw as well as membership figures so if anyone would like a full copy and you can't see one today please let either Daisy or myself know and we'd be happy to send one electronically.

As always, I'm happy to discuss the accounts in more detail either after the meeting or at another time but before I propose the adoption of my report are there any questions anyone has at the moment?

Steve Ackrill proposed the adoption of his report, which was seconded by Michael Bowden VP.

9. Election of President:

Motion "that Mrs Clare Killen be thanked for her hard work and commitment to Berkshire Young Farmers and that Mrs Anne Smith be elected as President for the forth coming year"

Proposed by: Katie Goodman
Seconded by: Clare Killen

10. Election of Vice Presidents

Motion: "that the following Life Vice Presidents be thanked for their ongoing commitment and support to Berkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs: *Mr M Bowden, Mrs L Bendall, Mrs E Bracey, Mr A Cooper, Miss M Fallon, Mr P Harrod, Mr D Hodge, Mr A Kimber, Mr M Kimber, Mrs C Miller, Miss C Plank, Mr R Plank, Mr D Potter, Miss A Snelling and Mrs S Stanley* and that *Mrs C. Killen* be elected as Life Vice President".

Along with the following current Vice Presidents, who are asked to continue in their roles: *Mr S. Ackrill, Mr D. Bowyer, Ms K. Bunn, Mr S. Carter, Mrs E. Collins, Mrs M. Denton, Mrs C. Graham, Mrs A. Harrod, Mr M. Hathaway, Mr I. Jermey, Mrs A. Keable, Mrs A. Kimber, Mr A. Lawrence, Mr J .Miller, Mr J. Monoghan, Mr S. Pallet, Mr C. Rayner, Mr M. Sell, Mr S. Waters, Mr C .Walters, Mrs J. Walters, Mr P. Walters, Mr R. Watts, Mrs K. Watts ,Mrs C. West, Mr P. Woodley* and *Mrs J. Woodley*

that *Mr P. Bendall, Mrs M. Denton, Mrs H. Donaldson, Miss L. Hayward, Mrs L. Matejicek, Mrs S. Whiting, Mr*

A. Wickens, be re-elected as Vice Presidents until 2029.

Mr S. Pallett wishes not to be re-elected, so we would like to extend our many thanks to him for the support he has given to Berkshire Young Farmers over the years.

Finally, that *Mrs M. Bowyer, Mrs. D Hathway,* and *Mr A. Randall* be elected as Vice Presidents until 2029".

Proposed by: Florence Waite
Seconded by: Victoria Ackrill

11. Election of Independent Examiner

Motion: *"that Mrs Jane de Courcy be thanked for her services as Examiner and be re-elected for the forthcoming year."*

Proposed by: Steve Ackrill
Seconded by: Anne Smith

12. Election of Honorary Treasurer

Motion: "*that Mr Steve Ackrill be thanked for his services as Treasurer and be re-elected as Honorary Treasurer for the forthcoming year."*

Proposed by: Katie Goodman
Seconded by: Jenny Englefield

13. To receive a report from the Lord Sieff Trust Fund Presented by: Andrew Kimber

The Lord Sieff Appeal Fund was set up in 1968 to provide funds for grants and loans for individual members, clubs of the County Federation for specific projects of an educational or personal development nature. The Trustees are Mary Fallon, Derek Potter, Alethea Snelling and Andrew Kimber. The Fund receives a legacy from a fund set up by Miss A. E. Matthews in memory of her sister, Miss Jesse Matthews, the prizes for the competition is sponsored by the fund. This year, we received £115.00 from the proceeds of a raffle held by the 200 Club at their 30th Anniversary lunch.

Any application should be made using the form held in the County Office and then put before the County Executive Committee for approval. If approved, it is then passed to the Trustees who will discuss and agree on a suitable amount to be granted. Any further costs would have to be met by the member or their family. The Trustees would appreciate plenty of notice when making an application, as making a decision after the event can be difficult.

This year, in addition to the Jesse Matthews Prizes, we sponsored two juniors in their tractor driving course.

Andrew Kimber proposed the adoption of his report, which was seconded by John Miller, VP.

14. To receive a report of the 2025 Country Fayre Weekend *Presented by: Steve Ackrill*

As seems to be the case most years , once the new year is past then before we know it June is here and the Show weekend is upon us.

Having had another successful music event in 2024 with the Wurzels, we were unsure what to follow them

with for 2025; in the end we opted to invite 21st Century ABBA back - they were the Abba tribute band we used in 2023. It certainly seemed to be a good choice as I think most people will agree that you "can't beat a bit of ABBA" and, along with ABBA, we also had a local cover band "the Extra Covers" as well as lights, sound and a DJ set from Moonraker.

Ticket sales were really slow initially, to the extent that we even discussed the viability of continuing with the event. I'm pleased to say we held our nerve and carried on, ticket sales picked up and almost 500 people attended on the night. Due to the ticket sales, we took the decision to move the stage in the building so that we could manage the sheer size of the building better, I think most people agreed the event worked really well that way round and a good night was had by all, as ever thanks must go to the team behind the bar for keeping everyone watered throughout the evening, we were that well watered I needed a swift trip to Arkells in Swindon on Saturday morning for an extra couple of barrels for Sunday. With my other (Newbury Showground) hat on , the change wasn't quite so good as the stage was pointing towards Chieveley and there were a couple of complaints about the noise, but we'll never please everyone……

The showground was a hive activity on the Saturday to get everything ready for the show on the Sunday with trade stands arriving and the building being turned from a party venue into an 'Exhibition Area'.

Sunday morning came and thankfully the sun shone and we had a good number of visitors who were entertained by The Rockets Motorcycle display team, a Falconry Display , vintage and modern machinery display, circus skills, magician, dog show and much more. There were also numerous craft and trade stands to keep both adults and children alike entertained. The Bar was again very popular as despite getting an extra couple of barrels on Saturday morning we ran out of lager by just after lunch, thanks must go to Jo at the Red Lion in Chieveley who lent us another barrel which we also sold….

The YFC classes were organised by Windsor and Maidenhead YFC this year and thanks must go to them for the smooth running of the classes. A special mention must go to Andrew Randall who took the lead on this, if I'm honest I'm not sure Andrew was aware of quite the scale of the task he signed up to but it all came together so well done Andrew. There were a good variety of exhibition and practical classes throughout the day culminating in the Tug 'o' War and the all important Co-operative class. Overall on the day Newbury came out on top, so congratulations to them for 'well and truly ' winning this year. I'm sure IJ would be disappointed with me if I didn't add in that Shefford did win the Co-op though….

I gave the total profit figure from the weekend earlier in my treasurers report, but I thought I would share a few figures from the weekend which will go some way towards explaining my nerves that didn't get any calmer year on year. The total expenditure over the weekend was almost £37,000 with the total income being just over £52,000. The bar for both events made a profit of around £9,000. We took around £16,000 on the gate, the cost for the venue and the marquees + furniture came to around £8,500 with the attractions costing around £7,000. We managed to secure over £4,000 in sponsorship (thanks to Daisy for this). The overall result was a really good weekend and a profit as mentioned earlier of £15,821.33. If anyone has had their calculator out and added up the figures on the sheet on your chairs it will actually show a profit of £16,801.33, this is because there were 2 deposits for the music event totalling £980 that were paid out and showed in last years accounts , I thought I would mention this in case somebody thinks the maths is wrong. As always I'm happy to speak about the accounts for the Fayre in more detail should anyone wish to do so.

This weekend couldn't take place without the enormous effort put in by the small but dedicated committee along with the support of the numerous local businesses that help / sponsor us so thanks must go to all involved. Special thanks must go to Milly West as secretary of the Fayre she puts in a lot of work throughout the year to pull it all together.

As I mentioned last year, this year's show was the last that Milly and I would be at the helm. There is a new team in place that is being headed up by Alethea and I'm sure more details will be shared in due course. From my point of view and I'm fairly sure Millys as well, we are not leaving the country and will still be around if any help or advice is needed , we just felt it was time for others to take the lead.

Steve Ackrill proposed the adoption of his report, which was seconded by Joshua Plank.

15. To receive a report on the 200 Club Presented by: Alethea Snelling

This is a weather-proof fundraising activity for the County Federation which was started in 1995 with 118 members. Thanks go to all those who have supported the 200 Club, not only this year but throughout the previous 30 years. Over that time over £40,000 has been raised for Berkshire Y.F.C. To celebrate, 38 members attended a 30th Anniversary Lunch at Goring and Streatley Golf Club.

This year, the 200 Club had 118 members, and with thanks to some generous donations, was able to donate £1330 to the County Federation. With your help, we hope to do even better in 2026.

It's easy to join. For just £20 a year you are allocated a number. There are 6 draws throughout the year, the first being in January and the last at the County AGM in November. First Prize is £100, second is £50 and third is £20 + additional prizes depending on how many members, as half the income is prize money and the other half goes to the running costs of Berkshire Y.F.C.

If you and/or your family would like to take part, please contact the office or email alwynkimber@btinternet.com for more details.

Thanks go to the 200 Club committee Anne Smith, Sharon Stanley, Alethea Snelling, Mark & Diana Hathaway, Mary Fallon and Alwyn Kimber.

Alethea Snelling proposed the adoption of her report, which was seconded by Anne Smith.

16. To receive a report on the County Camp 2025 Presented by: Newbury YFC Members

I am pleased to be writing to tell you about the amazing experience of County Camp this year. We started it off with everyone arriving in good spirits on the sunny Friday afternoon. Those spirits were shortly broken by the frustration of trying to put a tent up, which was harder than expected!

After everyone had settled in, we started off the activities with a night walk where everyone had a competition to see who had the most glow sticks. In the evening of the first night we all enjoyed making our own pizzas with some wacky choices all around. We then all fell asleep whilst catching up.

On the second day of camp, we all woke up feeling energized for the day ahead. We started off the day with some bacon sandwiches which everyone enjoyed. After breakfast a giant inflatable course was delivered which everyone was exited about to show off there inflatable skills. The competitiveness was at a high as everyone fought to see who could get to the end first. Once we had all burned our energy we had a delicious Costco lunch whilst resting for the busy afternoon ahead of us.

Later on, the adults made the mistake of organising a water activity. As we played slip and slide rounders which then turned into a giant slip and slide which was a favourite activity for some people. After the slip and slide, Tim fired up his smoker to make some of the best hog roast and venison that any of us will ever eat! This was much appreciated by everyone and was a highlight of the weekend.

In the evening, a silent disco was hosted where everyone gathered under the tent to dance the night away.

The night was finished with some of the Juniors enjoying some stargazing under the night sky.

On the third and final day, everyone woke up feeling exhausted and ready for a good shower. We started the day by having a lovely cooked breakfast provided by Tim which was very tasty. We then proceeded to take down our tents.

After this, we all sat down and reminisced about what a good weekend it had been and how exited we all were to do it again. Shortly after everyone started to get picked up and we all said our final goodbyes after such a great weekend.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Englefield Family for hosting this brilliant weekend that has provided great memories that we will keep for life.

17. Competitions reports and Presentation of Awards:

i. County Competitions Report 2024/25 *Presented by: Georgina Tuggey*

Good afternoon, Madame President, Vice Presidents, Members and supporters. What a year it has been! Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all our members who have competed at either county, area or national competitions this year. Your enthusiasm, dedication and effort has been fantastic, so keep the hard work up.

This was my first year in this role and I had no idea the range of competitions there are when you get to national level - it was a real eye opener. We are one of the smallest counties but our achievements and presence does not go unnoticed at area and national competitions, so please do give yourselves a pat on the back.

Public speaking

We started off the year with the annual public speaking competitions, kindly organised by Shefford YFC, taking place in early January.

Public speaking is always well attended across clubs and a lovely day well supported by both members and parents. Flo Waite, from Newbury Young Farmers, placed first in the Junior Member of the Year and went on to represent Berkshire at SEA Spring Comps, achieving first place there.

The Junior reading team from Bradfield placed first at SEA, and Lucy Englefield who competed in Situations Vacant also placed first. They all went on to represent the county and SEA at National finals in July.

In the public speaking competition a team from Bradfield YFC placed first. In the senior member of the year competition, Josh Plank placed first in senior member of the year. A huge congratulations to everyone who competed.

Sports competitions

Many thanks to Newbury Young Farmers, who organised the sports competition back in February. All teams entered across the county showed immense teamwork and determination across the different age categories.

The joint Newbury and Shefford team placed first in the Junior Mixed Rounders and had the opportunity to compete at South East Area summer comps in Alton. Here they competed against Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, achieving a well deserved first place. As a result, they went through to Nationals up in Staffordshire at the beginning of August and placed third, which is an incredible achievement.

The women's senior competition this year was ladies netball - we had two teams entered at county rounds. The Shefford team were joined by Lucy from Newbury and were placed first. They trained hard and took part in the spring comps down in Kent at the end of March, which then won again. After that, they then travelled up to Staffordshire at the beginning of August to take part in the Nationals finals when they weren't so lucky (I can say that as I was on the team), and we placed a joint fifth.

At the county rounds we also had a men's football tournament, where we had partial teams entered, but inter club teamwork and support made for a great afternoon of football.

Due to logistics of the competition, Newbury kindly organised the Junior badminton competition later on in February. Two teams were entered, with Bradfield winning to go on to achieve second place in Area qualifiers.

Windsor & Maidenhead were the only club with a Cheerleading team so they automatically qualified to compete at SEA Spring Comps, well done for making the effort and attend SEA, their hard work and dedication paid off as they placed second.

Pre Show

The sun shone down on our members competing at Pre-Show this year. Our members took part in beef, sheep, pigs and horse stockjudging, along with cookery, auctioneering and the fencing.

There were a huge number of entries, 180 across the individual classes (including an extraordinary 50 entries in beef classes) and 16 teams in fencing and cookery.

In Stock judging, there were lots of individual achievements, but well done to Shefford for winning the Lever Beef, Bradfield Cattle and Breakspear Sheep trophies, Windsor & Maidenhead for winning the Harris Bacon and Nita Bucknell Horse trophies and Bradfield for winning the WRAA YFC Dairy Trophy.

Congratulations to Bradfield for winning the John Bucknell Rosebowl for Overall Stock judging points achieved (with Windsor & Maidenhead placing second and Newbury third).

Eight of our members went on to compete in the Area Young Stockjudge-of-the-Year qualifiers and four in the Stockjudge of the Year qualifiers, held at the South of England Show.

Congratulations to Josh Plank for achieving a perfect 100% in the Pig Stockjudging Class. Overall, Berkshire did brilliantly as a team, achieving the highest combined score in 3 of the 4 animal categories judged.

Maisie and Bradley (both from Bradfield YFC) both achieved a brilliant individual 2nd Place in their competitions (Young Stockjudge-of-the-Year and Stockjudge-of-the-Year, respectively) to qualify for the National Finals.

Will (Windsor & Maidenhead) won our Auctioneering County round, to qualify for Area Qualifiers, where he was placed first.

Unfortunately, neither Maisie, Bradley nor Will were able to compete in the National Finals due to prior commitments, however well done to them for qualifying!

And well done to everyone for representing us at Area so well!

Following their success in the Dairy classes at Pre Show, Flo (Newbury), Bradley (Bradfield) and Annie (Shefford) made the long journey up to the Great Yorkshire Show to represent Berkshire in the National Dairy Stockjudging Finals in July. It's a real step up from our County rounds, at a very prestigious show, so well done to all three!

Clay shooting was held on a separate day, joint with Oxfordshire YFC which worked really well. George (Newbury) and Tristan (Windsor & Maidenhead) both won their age categories and went on to compete in the clay pigeon shooting at Nationals. George was placed 9th out of 27 in the 28 & under competition and Tristan placed first to become the national champion in the 17 & under age category. A huge well done - it is an incredible achievement reflecting on your commitment, determination and hard work.

Now for a run down of the big day (Show day in June), I would just like to say a massive thank you to Windsor & Maidenhead for writing , organising and running the show class schedule for our show this year. Like with Pre-Show we had a phenomenal amount of entries this year, which made scoring even more challenging, so a big thank you to Anne, Clare and Alwyn for scoring.

The show is always a highlight for our members to be able to showcase their hidden (or unhidden!) talents and have a bit of fun with not just their clubs but across the county which is always lovely to see. A well done to Newbury who won the Maidenhead trophy for overall points achieved.

Lastly, I would just like to say a thank you to the team behind organising the summer trophy presentation at Newbury Showground it was lovely to have a county get together to celebrate the show once the storm had passed should we say.

Country spotters
Thank you to Bradfield YFC for organising this year's country spotters competition, well done to Emma & Polly (Shefford) and George & Caitlin (Newbury) for winning their age categories this year.

National Floral Art & Cookery
Following on from pre-show cookery competition, Newbury's winning team of three competed at in the National Finals at Malvern Show at the end of September.

Representing Newbury, Lucy, Luke and Henry prepared and presented a three course celebration meal for two. Their hard work and team work truly paid off and placed 17th in a field of tough competition from across England and Wales.

During the same weekend, three members from Shefford - Tabitha, Alicia and I - took part in the National Floral Art competition. Each one of us created a unique display based on their age category themes. Tabitha placed 15th, Alicia placed 14th and we can brush over my result but let's just say I wasn't behind all of them!

Berkshire did incredibly well as they were competing against professionals and seasoned finalists.

Jesse Matthew's & Quiz
It was Shefford's turn to organise both competitions and they took place on 24 October at Brightwalton Village Hall.

We had a high volume of entries across both age groups (Junior & Senior), which was great to see. The winning junior team was Newbury and the winning senior team was Shefford.

Additionally, there were also a huge amount of entries for the Jesse Matthew's competition, the results of which will be announced later on.

It is now time to call the 2024/25 season to a close. I would just like to say a huge congratulations and well done to those who have competed in a competition this year. Keep up the good work and we're looking forward to what the next year brings.

Georgina Tuggey proposed the adoption of her report, which was seconded by Victoria Ackrill.

ii. Presentation of County Cups *Presented by Clare Killen*

Clare Killen presented the following trophies and certificates to the winners or their Club representatives.

CUP	COMPETITION	1ST	2ND	3RD
County Public Speaking Competitions				
Reading Mercury Challenge Cup	Junior Public Reading	**Bradfield** *(Zara Plank, Max Chapple, Willow Aston-Jay)*	**Windsor & Maidenhead** *(Wilfred Manderfield, Florence McArdle, Anjola Oduleye*	**Newbury** *(Toby May, Jack Carlton-Carwana, Francesca Knight)*
Oxford Times Cup*	Individual under 13 achieving most overall in Public Speaking competitions	**Max Chapple** *(Junior Public Reading National Finalist)*		
Reading Mercury Challenge Cup	Junior Public Speaking	**Bradfield** *(George Heslop, Maisie Manston, Izzy Brown)*	**Windsor & Maidenhead** *(Oliver Sell, George Randall, Payton Underwood)*	**Newbury** *(James Englfield, Harry Keable, Florence Waite)*
Reading Mercury Challenge Cup	Intermediate - Brainstrust	**Bradfield** *(Maisie Manston, Bradley Collins, Stephen Webber)*	**Newbury** *(Florence Waite, Deia Alexander, Jess Elliott)*	-
Reading Mercury Challenge Cup	Senior - MACE Debating	No entries in 2024/25		
Ian Clarke Cup 1978*	Situations Vacant (Intermediate)	**Lucy Englefield** **(**Newbury)		
DJ Moore Cup	Junior Member of the Year 2024/25	**Flo Waite** (Newbury)	**Maisie Manston** (Bradfield)	
Hewlett Packard Cup	Member of the Year 2024/25	**Josh Plank** (Bradfield)	-	-
FA Cox Perpetual Challenge Cup*	Auctioneering	**Will Rowe** *(Windsor & Maidenhead)*	**=2nd Thomas Precious-Quinn** *(Windsor & Maidenhead)* **=2nd Edward Denton** *(Shefford)*	**Wilfred Manderfield** *(Windsor & Maidenhead)*
NFU Mutual Trophy*	Highest Achieving Team in NFYFC Performing Arts Competitions	**Windsor & Maidenhead – Cheerleading team** *(Jacques Antony, Emily McArdle, George Randall, Isla Randall, Emily Rayner, Thomas Rayner, Evie Rowe, Payton Underwood)*		
County Sports Competitions				
BFYFC Sports Challenge Shield	Achievement in National Sports Competition – 3rd Place at National Finals!	**Mixed Rounders Team** *(Deia Alexander, Jack Carlton-Carwana, Flo Waite, Poppy Clint, Toby May, Jess Elliott, James Englefield, Minnette Brown, Harry Keable, Tilly Wilson)*		
BFYFC Junior Football 5-a-Side*	NFYFC Sports Competition – Junior *Badminton (10-11 year olds)*	**Bradfield** *(Mollie Catlin, Rory Timms)*	**Windsor & Maidenhead** *(Andrew Mitchel-Bunby, Oscar Ross)*	-

No cup allocated this year, due to age divisions at National level, however this team were recognised with the BFYFC Sports Challenge Shield.	NFYFC Sports Competition – Junior Mixed Rounders (13-15 year olds)	**Newbury & Shefford** *(James Englefield, Jack Carlton-Carwana, Harry Keable, Harry Dolman, Jess Elliott, Emily Denton, Florence Waite, Deia Alexander, Eddie Pool, Lily Clayton)*	**Windsor & Maidenhead** *(William Burrows, Joe Swankie, Emily Rayner, Evie Rowe, Florence McArdle, Oliver Sell, George Randall, William Garrett, Logan Davies, Heath Tunstall, Archie Bowden, Jacques Antony)*	**Shefford** *(Freddie Hiscock, Tilly Wilson, Oscar Brown, Peter Thomas, Eddie Pool, Lily Clayton, George Clayton, Rufus Brown, Minnie Brown, Hattie Brown, Charlie Hayes, Georgia Evain)*
Streatley/ Saunders Shield*	NFYFC Sports Competition – Intermediate *Netball (16-28 years old)* *(this is a clear exception this year due to age/gender divisions at National level)*	**Shefford** *(Victoria Ackrill, Alicia Bosley, Poppy Bowdler, Annabel Goodman, Katie Goodman, Louisa Hayward, Georgina Tuggey, Lucy Englefield)*	***Windsor & Maidenhead + Bradfield*** *(Phoebe Matthews, Rebekah Kellock, Matilda Clarke, Emily Philp, Zoe Webber, Harriet Adams, Hannah Webber, Amy Matthews)*	-
Goodenough Football Challenge Shield*	NFYFC Sports Competition – Senior *5-a-side Football (16-28 years old)* *(clear excpetion this year due to age/gender divisions at National level)*	**Newbury + others** *(Luke Lawrence, Ethan Keable, George Walters)*	**Windsor & Maidenhead** *(Dominic Sell, Tristan Sell, William Rowe, Charlie Carey, Tom Bilton-Sanderson, Oliver Beckford, William Kearley)*	**Bradfield + others** *(Josh Plank, Bradley Collins, Chris Butler, Stephen Webber, Peter Hewison)*
Country Spotters Competition				
Nita Bucknell Memorial Cup	Country Spotters – Junior	**Shefford** *(Emma Legh-Smith, Polly Addison)*	**Bradfield** *(William Plank, Mollie Catlin)*	**Newbury** *(Jess Elliott, Deia Alexander)*
Grundon Cup*	Country Spotters – Senior	**Newbury** *(George Walters, Caitlin Reynolds)*	**Bradfield** *(Bradley Collins, Harriet Adams)*	**Bradfield** *(Kate Perry, Skye Collins)*
County Quiz				
Astor Cup	Junior Quiz	**Newbury** *(Flo Waite, Poppy Clint, Deia Alexander)*	**Newbury** *(James Englefield, Harry Keable, Immy Waite)*	**Shefford** *(Eddie Pool, Harry Mant, Lily Clayton)*
Benyon Cup	Senior Quiz	**Shefford** *(Katie Goodman, Toria Ackrill ,Annie Goodman)*	**Bradfield** *(Rachel Wale, Hannah Webber, Josh Plank)*	**Newbury** *(Ethan Keable, Jude Handoll, Luke Lawrence, Lucy Englefield)*
Stockjudging				
NADAS Inkpen Challenge Cup	Stockjudging at The Newbury Show '25	**Lucy Englefield** *(Newbury)*	**Harriet Adams** *(Bradfield)*	**=3rd Bradley Collins** *(Bradfield)* **=3rd Katie Goodman** *(Shefford)*
Mr & Mrs A Cooper Challenge Cup	Junior Stockjudging at The Newbury Show '25	**Florence Waite** *(Newbury)*	**Harry Keable** *(Newbury)*	**Imogen Waite** *(Newbury)*
Hambleden Cup*	Most Points Achieved individual aged under 18 across all YFC stockjudging competitiosn in 2024/25	**Florence Waite** *(Newbury)*	**Harry Keable** *(Newbury)*	**Jessie Egarr** *(Windsor & Maidenhead)*
Thimbleby & Shorland Salver	Most Points Achieved by individual aged 18 and over across all YFC stockjudging competitions in 2024/25	**Bradley Collins** (Bradfield)	**Katie Goodman** (Shefford)	**Josh Plank** (Bradfield)
Jesse Matthews Competition				
[Financial Prizes, courtesy of the Lord Sieff Trust]	Jesse Matthews	**Harry Keable** – Junior Boy **Maisie Manston** – Junior Girl **Lucy Englefield** - Intermediate **Joshua Plank** - Senior		

Other Cups				
Reading Perpetual Challenge Platter* *(Inaugral presentation of a new rally cup)*	Club achieving highest points in craft, creative writing, metalwork and woodwork Exhibition Classes	**Newbury**	**Windsor & Maidenhead**	**Shefford**
John Wilder Cup	NADAS Ploughing Match	**Tilly Wilson**		
Ludd Tankard	2024/25 Chairman	**Katie Goodman**		
Sir Ralph Glyn Cup	Club Efficiency Competition	**Newbury YFC**		

iii. iii) Presentation of AGM Cups

Presented by: Clare Killen

County Cup	Awarded for..	Winner 2024/25
Osbourne Shield	Continued Individual Support to Berks YFC	**Milly West** for her role as Secretary of the County Fayre Committee, putting in many hours of work to organise all aspects of the 2025 Country Fayre.
Miss V Moore Platter	Most Dedicated Member over Club Age	**Steve Ackrill** for the huge amount of time, experience and knowledge he has given to the County in his roles as Chair of the Country Fayre Committee, Honorary Treasurer and Chair of the Management Committee.
Camp Hopson Challenge Cup	Club who supports County most	**Newbury YFC** for leading the organisation of and hosting the County Camp 2025 and their support of County at Newbury Show and the NADAS Ploughing Match this year.
Wantage YFC Cup	Most Meritorious Individual Achievement	**Tristan Sell** – for becoming the 2025 National Champion in the NFYFC Junior Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition *With an honourable mention to Josh Plank for achieving a 100% score for Senior Pig Judging at the South of England Show.*
Heather Cantlay Memorial Award	Individual of member-age who has devoted their energies to supporting our members' needs and interests and who helps others to achieve their YFC goals.	**Georgina Tuggey** for her support and encouragement of our members taking part in Area qualifiers and National finals this year.

iv) Report on Efficiency Competition

Presented by: Efficiency Judges

On behalf of James Monoghan (Bradfield) and himself, Peter (Dudley) Cooke (Newbury) gave a short report on the 2024/25 Efficiency Competition, highlighting the importance of the process, which ensures Clubs are being run properly and effectively, and gives County opportunity to offer support where necessary. The results of this year were:

Newbury: Gold with 894.4 points and the winner of the trophy
Shefford: Gold with 829.6 points
Windsor & Maidenhead: Gold with 787.8 points
Bradfield: Silver with 680.6 points

18. The 200 Club Draw

The winners of the sixth and final 200 Club draw of 2025 were:

£	Number	Name	Club
100	31	Ms F. Wise	Windsor & Maidenhead
50	118	Mr & Mrs J. Gent	Shefford
50	67	Mr C. Walters	Bradfield
50	61	J. Holland	Reading
30	27	M & D Hathaway	Reading
20	29	Mrs P. Phillips	Bradfield

19. The Chair confirmed the date of the 81st Annual General Meeting to be Sunday 15th November 2026.

Grace was read by Clare Killen and all attending stayed after the meeting to enjoy a Tea Party in celebration of 80 years of the Berkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Refreshments were kindly provided by County Supporters and Bradfield YFC.