

Registered number: NI035855

Charity number: XR 23492

**The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research & Development Council**  
**A company limited by guarantee**  
**Annual report**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2014**

**RSM McClure Watters**

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditors

# The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research and Development Council

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS  
Year to 31 March 2014**

**Trustees**

James Campbell (Chairman)  
David Workman (Vice Chairman)  
William Hanna  
Henry Jordan  
Mervyn King  
Ian Marshall  
John Martin  
Wilbert Mayne (Appointed 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013)  
Mary McCormack  
Oisín Murnion  
Phelim O'Neill  
Douglas Rowe (Retired 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013)

**Registered Office**

Countryside Services Limited  
97 Moy Road  
Dungannon  
Co Tyrone  
BT71 7DX

**Company Secretary\***

David Mark (retired 27 June 2013).  
Jason Rankin (appointed 7 July 2014).

**Project Manager** (senior staff member delegated day to day management)\*

Jason Rankin

**Charity Number**

XR 23492

**Registered Number**

NI 35855

**Bankers**

Danske Bank Limited  
471 – 473 Antrim Road  
Belfast  
BT15 3BP

Ulster Bank  
22 Frances Street  
Newtownards  
BT23 3DP

**Solicitors**

J McKee & Sons  
The Linenhall  
32-38 Linenhall Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8BG

**Registered Auditors**

RSM McClure Watters  
1 Lanyon Quay  
Belfast  
BT1 3LG

\*Secretariat services provided by Countryside Services Limited

## Advisers

### Beef Advisory Committee

Sam Chesney -Vice Chairman  
Ian Dickson (appointed 24 June 2013)  
Ray Elkin  
Albert Johnston (Non-voting CAFRE liaison)  
George McAuley  
Liam McCarthy  
William McIlroy (resigned 24 June 2013)  
Derek Shaw  
John Sheridan  
Dr Raymond Steen  
Ian Stevenson  
James Taylor -Chairman  
Maurice Watson

### Dairy Advisory Committee

Peter Conway  
Harper Doupe  
Albert Foster  
Andrew Magowan  
Ian McCluggage (Non-voting CAFRE liaison)  
Roger McCracken  
Drew McConnell -Vice Chairman  
Gary McHenry -Chairman  
Dr Alan McIlmoyle  
Jonathan Moore  
David Stewart

### Sheep Advisory Committee

Edward Adamson  
Dr Jonathan Birnie  
Barry Brogan (retired 31 March 2014)  
Crosby Cleland -Vice Chairman  
Isaac Crilly (retired 31 March 2014)  
Albert Johnston (Non-voting CAFRE liaison)  
Seamus Maginn  
Dr Raymond Steen  
Campbell Tweed (appointed 1 April 2013)  
David Wallace  
Samuel Wharry -Chairman

### Committee Secretary

Jason Rankin

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## **Trustees' Annual Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2014**

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The Trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014. The information with respect to the Trustees and Advisers set out on pages 1 and 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

'AgriSearch' is the trading name for the Northern Ireland Agricultural Research & Development Council, a charitable company, limited by guarantee with no share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Charitable Company, are appointed by the Council. The Trustees appoint three Advisory Committees to consider and monitor appropriate research projects.

#### **Methods, policies and procedures for recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees**

The Articles of Association indicate that any reference to "the Trustees" means the Directors of the charity. The Trustees of the company during the year to 31 March 2014, all of whom have been Trustees for the whole year ended on that date, unless otherwise stated, are listed on page 1.

Following a review of procedures, a revised appointment process has been implemented since 2007. New Trustees have an induction briefing from the Chairman and/or Company Secretary which provides information and guidelines on their tasks and responsibilities together with an outline of the objectives of AgriSearch. They also receive copies of past Trustee minutes and approved research proposals.

Nominations are received from the Ulster Farmers' Union for three farmer trustees. On behalf of processors (who are levy collectors) DairyUK and NI Meat Exporters Association (NIMEA) nominate one trustee each.

Three farmer trustees are recruited independently with the aim of ensuring that relevant differing aspects of farm husbandry are represented as far as possible and that there is widespread representation across Northern Ireland.

Up to three independent trustees are recruited who are not active farmers but have standing within the agricultural community and have experience of a commercial environment.

For the recruitment of the 'independent' trustees, the posts are advertised in the agricultural press and a selection process is carried out using pre-determined relevant criteria.

Members of the charity are approved at the AGM following nomination by the Trustees.

#### **Name of persons external to the charity who are entitled to appoint trustees**

While nominations for Trustees are received from the Ulster Farmers' Union, DairyUK and NIMEA the final decision as to who to appoint is at the discretion of the members of the charity.

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### **Organisational structure and how decisions are made**

The Board of Trustees meets three times per year and each of the Advisory Committees meets when required to review funding and expenditure proposals. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Company Secretary and Project Manager meet frequently to review the day to day operation and governance of the organisation.

The three advisory committees are made up of farmer members, independent scientific advisors and representatives of the processing sectors. Their role is to identify and evaluate research proposals and recommend projects to the Trustees. Each committee includes one representative of College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) in an advisory capacity.

The trustees review all proposals from advisory committees, taking into account the finances of the organisation and the strategic direction before deciding to approve the recommendations or return them to the relevant committees for further consideration or rejection.

### **Risk management**

A Risk Policy and a Risk Register have been agreed. Under the Policy the Trustees will review annually the major risks to which the charity is subject and how to manage them. The Register is reviewed each year. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a Reserves Policy and its regular review by the Trustees.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that there is an appropriate system of internal controls and that it complies with relevant laws and regulations. The system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. Key features of the system are an annual budget approved by the Trustees, regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, other performance indicators and benchmarking reviews, delegation of authority and segregation of duties and the identification, review and management of strategic, business and operational risks.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Council is to fund research and development in the agricultural industry. The Charity's objectives are to advance education for the public benefit, in particular, by conducting and commissioning research into the improvement and development of sheep, beef and dairy farming and to disseminate and publish the useful results of such research also to promote the improvement of animal health and welfare in sheep, beef and dairy farming in Northern Ireland. The aims and objectives of the charity were revised at a recent Extraordinary General Meeting (held after the end of the financial year), following consultation with the Charities Commission for N.I.

### **Aims including changes it seeks to make through its activities**

The charity is dependent on the goodwill of its levy funders. Given this, the Trustees have put in place a range of systems to try to ensure appropriate research projects are commissioned, that research findings are innovatively disseminated and that feedback and engagement are sought. Innovative research and development is a key strategy within Government targets. AgriSearch is also committed to innovative research and

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development and aims to maximise its influence and impact.

It is also the policy of the Trustees that the return on investment of the funds directed to research is analysed and measured to ensure optimum value for money on behalf of the charity's funders. Increasingly, as research projects reach conclusion, greater emphasis is being placed on the dissemination of findings and the adoption by industry of the key recommendations into every day working practice. Environmental and animal welfare considerations continue to be more significant factors in the sustainability of farming and AgriSearch takes increasing notice of these factors.

#### **Main objectives for the year and strategies for achieving them**

- To engage with DARD on the 2014 Evidence and Innovation call to try to ensure that projects commissioned meet the needs of our farmer levy payers.
- To maximize the leverage of funds from sources outside AgriSearch.
- To increase the knowledge transfer activities of AgriSearch in co-operation with AFBI and CAFRE to improve the dissemination of AgriSearch funded research.
- To engage with other levy bodies in Great Britain and Europe to pool resources, avoid the duplication of research and place ourselves in a position to draw down funding under the EU Horizon 2020 programme.
- To continue with our review of corporate governance.

#### **Details of significant activities for achieving objectives**

- Advisory committees tasked with starting from a "blank sheet" to identify gaps in research.
- Website continually updated and Ezines published at frequent intervals.
- 4 farmer booklets published during the year.
- Maintained profile of AgriSearch in the print media with regular articles in the farming press and local newspapers.
- 1 beef and 4 sheep farm walks held during the year in conjunction with AFBI and CAFRE.
- Conducted survey of dairy farmers to establish research priorities.
- Convened meetings of Dairy Breeding and Dairy Nutrition stakeholder groups to facilitate knowledge exchange with industry.
- Worked with the UK Red Meat Joint R&D Committee to develop a joint research programme on sheep genomics.
- Submitted three Research Challenge Fund Applications.
- Together with applicants from 27 other EU regions submitted an application for funding under Horizon 2020.

#### **Public Benefit**

The trustees consider these objectives, activities and goals have a clear public benefit in enhancing the economic welfare of rural communities, improving animal welfare and reducing the environmental footprint of agriculture in Northern Ireland.

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### **Policies for making programme related investments**

Investments in research programmes take into account value for money, affordability and the potential for the research to be adopted in practice on farms in Northern Ireland.

Any research proposal must address at least one of the following key pillars:

- Sustainability / profitability
- Environmental Impact
- Animal Welfare
- Food quality / safety

The Trustees also look for additional external funding in any research projects they approve. This is mainly obtained through the Department of Agriculture's Evidence and Innovation Strategy and Research Challenge Fund programmes. The Trustees are also actively looking at other sources of funding such as the European Union and are liaising with organizations across the UK and Europe to collaborate where appropriate.

### **Explanation of significant use of volunteers in its charitable or income generating activities**

The charity makes significant use of volunteers in the course of its work. In addition to the Trustees the members of the three sectoral advisory committees give freely of their time in attending and preparing for committee meetings as well as supporting AgriSearch in the events that it runs.

In addition many of AgriSearch's research programmes are based on commercial Northern Ireland farms who only receive a nominal payment for the time they spend on these projects and who make their herds and flocks available for research as well as allowing access to farm records and hosting extension events on their farms.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on pages 11 and 12 of this report. The net movement in funds for the financial year is net incoming resources of £15,633 (2013: net outgoing resources of £106,937). During the year AgriSearch agreed to fund ten projects totaling £360,218 on the basis that complementary funding in the region of £1,354,988 would be sought from Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and other sources. When other sources of funding are added, the total expenditure on the related research and development since the formation of AgriSearch in 1997 is over £22.4m.

### **Review of charitable activities explaining performance against objectives**

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPI's is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

### **Investment performance against objectives**

Cash flow and reallocation of funds between accounts has been managed to maximize the limited returns available on deposit accounts. The Danske Bank managed portfolio has returned

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satisfactory performance with an average return of 7.5% per annum. The trustees have reviewed the portfolio and returns and are satisfied with the management of risk and investment income.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Results**

The net incoming resources for the financial year were £15,633 (2013: net outgoing resources £106,937).

##### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the company's 'Free' reserves, being funds not committed to third parties for research should represent at least 12 months management and administration costs. At this level, the Trustees are of the view that the company would be able to continue its activities in the event of a significant drop in funding. The level of reserves held at the year ended 31 March 2014 is £402,499. In addition, in order to ensure continuity of operations, further reserves are held for the ongoing commissioning of research. AgriSearch works with other stakeholders to ensure maximum leverage of funds. Reserves held can vary depending on the timing of decisions made by co-funders. The Trustees consider that the present level of reserves adequately meets these combined objectives.

##### **Principal funding sources and how expenditure has supported key objectives**

Principal funding sources are terms-of-trade levies collected on a voluntary basis by Northern Ireland processors of dairy, beef and sheep.

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

The investment policy is low risk. The majority of funds are held in bank deposits across a number of institutions as agreed by the Trustees. A portion of funds which are not required in the short term are invested within an investment portfolio managed by the Danske Bank with low risk instructions.

#### **PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

##### **Explanation of aims and key objectives and details of planned activities**

- To continue our involvement in the European Cattle Innovation Partnership to avoid the duplication of research and to facilitate drawing down European Horizon 2020 funding.
- To use our new Global Research Officer (recruited through Queen's University) to harvest results of international dairy research and avoid the duplication of research.
- To maintain the reach of our knowledge transfer programme through further on-farm events, seminars and by increasing the circulation of the Ezine and increasing traffic to the website.
- To engage with the Agri-Food Strategy Board to ensure a high priority is given to research and knowledge transfer and ensure co-ordination of research and knowledge transfer activities and maximize synergies.
- To engage in a comprehensive review of AgriSearch's strategic direction and prepare a written strategic plan for the charity.
- To look at the potential of drawing down funding under the UK Agri-Tech Strategy.

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### **AUDITORS**

In accordance with the Company's Articles, a resolution proposing that RSM McClure Watters be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

### **TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also directors of The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research and Development Council for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Statement of disclosure to auditors**

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the Board on 15 September 2014.

**James Campbell**  
**Chairman**  
**The Northern Ireland Agricultural and Development Council**

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## **Independent Auditors' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2014**

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We have audited the financial statements of The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research and Development Agency for the year ended 31 March 2014 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and the requirement of the Financial Reporting for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company's and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2014 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006;

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### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**D W Gray FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**Date:** 15 September 2014

**For and on behalf of RSM McClure Watters**

**Chartered Accountants**

**Statutory Auditors**

**Number One Lanyon Quay**

**Belfast**

**BT13LG**

**The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research and Development Council**

**Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)  
For the year ended 31 March 2014**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	
		2014	2013
		£	As Restated £
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>			
<b>Voluntary Income</b>			
Milk income		315,602	323,123
Beef income		77,089	79,243
Sheep income		22,307	20,663
Sheep Income – Contribution from Livestock and Meat Commission		35,000	20,000
Grant income (DARD Research Challenge Fund)		56,895	31,322
Dissemination income		1,606	-
		508,499	474,351
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>7</b>	24,963	23,393
Total incoming resources		533,462	497,744
<b>Resources expended</b>			
<b>Costs of charitable activities</b>			
Direct programme expenditure		405,091	499,957
Dissemination costs		43,222	41,843
<b>Governance costs</b>			
Management and administration	<b>2</b>	69,516	62,881
Total resources expended		517,829	604,681
Net movement in funds for the year	<b>3</b>	15,633	(106,937)
Fund balance brought forward at 1 April 2013		386,866	493,803
Fund balance carried forward at 31 March 2014	<b>13</b>	402,499	386,866

All amounts above relate to continuing unrestricted operations of the company.

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**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net Movement in funds for the year	15,633	(106,937)
Prior year adjustment	(113,630)	-
Total gains and losses recognised since last financial statements	(97,997)	(106,937)

There is no material difference between the net outgoing resources and the funds for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 14-19 form part of these financial statements.

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## Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 As Restated £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	-	-
Investments	7	402,328	401,947
		402,328	401,947
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	229,177	112,300
Cash at bank and in hand	9	556,536	726,824
		785,713	839,124
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(639,801)	(632,026)
<b>Net current assets</b>		145,912	207,098
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		548,240	609,045
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	(145,741)	(222,179)
<b>Net assets</b>		402,499	386,866
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		402,499	386,866
Total funds	13	402,499	386,866

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements on pages 11 to 13 were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 15 September 2014 and signed on their behalf by:

**James Campbell**  
Chairman

**Company Registration number: NI035855**

The notes on pages 14-19 form part of these financial statements.

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## Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2014

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### 1. Accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005, the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The principal accounting policies are set out below.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Computer equipment - 20% straight line

#### Investments

Investments are valued at Open Market Value as at 31 March 2014. Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis and arises from interest bearing deposit accounts.

#### Incoming resources

Income represents all monies, on an accruals basis, collected on behalf of the Company by its agents. The levy rates charged to producers are as follows:-

- Milk - 0.02p per litre
- Beef - 20p per head
- Sheep - 5p per head

Included within sheep income in the year is a contribution of £35,000 from the Livestock & Meat Commission.

#### Grants receivable

Grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which they are receivable. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfill conditions before becoming entitled to it, or where the funder has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

#### Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

#### Direct programme expenditure

Direct programme expenditure represents research and development grants approved for payment. These are charged as expenditure in the year in which the commitment is made and are carried forward as a liability until paid or until a change which requires restatement.

#### Management and administration expenditure

These represent costs incurred in the management of the company's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and other support functions.

#### Value Added Tax

The Company is not registered for VAT purposes; therefore expenditure in total is shown gross of VAT.

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## Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2014

### Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are amounts received or generated and which are expendable at the discretion of the Company in furtherance of its objectives.

### 2 Management and Administration

	2014	2013
	£	£
Promotion, publications and advertising	8,125	8,082
Administrative costs	61,391	54,799
	69,516	62,881

### 3 Net incoming (outgoing) resources

	2014	2013
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration	2,250	2,250

### 4 Trustees' emoluments and expenses

The chairman received an honorarium of £6,375 during the year (2013: £6,250). No other emoluments or pension costs were accruing to trustees in either year.

The Trustees received expenses of £2,188 during the year (2013: £3,134) for travel.

### 5 Taxation

The company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

### 6 Fixed assets

	Computer Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014	12,713
Accumulated depreciation	
At 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014	12,713
Net book value	
At 31 March 2013 and 31 March 2014	-

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## Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2014

### 7 Investments

Investments purchased during the year are primarily held to provide an investment return for the charity.

The movements in investments in the year were

	<b>2014</b>
	<b>£</b>
Market Value at 1 April 2013	401,947
Change in Market Value	381
Market Value at 31 March 2014	402,328

Income generated from these investment amounted to £24,963 (2013: £23,393)

### 8 Debtors

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors – levy debtors	125,619	102,387
Prepayments and accrued income	56,346	9,913
Other Debtors	47,212	-
	229,177	112,300

### 9 Cash at bank and in hand

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank	556,536	726,824

### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>As Restated</b>
		<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	22,878	91,232
Other creditors - committed expenditure (note 12)	562,778	529,375
Accruals and deferred income	54,145	11,419
	639,801	632,026

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## Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2014

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2014	2013
	£	£
Other creditors — committed expenditure (note 12)	145,741	222,179

### 12 Committed Grant Expenditure

	2014	2013
	£	As Restated £
Committed expenditure at 1 April 2013	751,554	686,929
Prior year adjustment	-	113,630
Committed expenditure at 1 April 2013 as restated	751,554	800,559
Further commitments during the year	360,218	491,148
Increased Project in year	1,785	-
Amounts owing from DARD	47,212	-
Paid during the year	(452,250)	(540,153)
At 31 March 2014	708,519	751,554

### 13 Reconciliation of movement in accumulated funds

	2014
	£
At 1 April 2012 as previously reported	607,433
Prior year adjustment	(113,630)
Balance at 1 April 2012 as restated	493,803
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year 2012/13	(106,937)
At 31 March 2013	386,866
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year 2013/14	15,633
At 31 March 2014	402,499

#### Prior year adjustment- Project Funding

Research Challenge Fund projects approved by the Trustees are initially funded in full by AgriSearch and with provision for third party support usually amounting to 50% of the project cost. These provisions should be cleared when external funds are received but in a number of cases these funds were not specifically identified to the projects to which they related but rather were credited directly to income. Consequently, the reserves had been overstated by £113,630 and an adjustment has been made to reflect this correction.

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#### **14 Share capital limited by guarantee**

The Northern Ireland Agricultural Research & Development Council is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of the members is limited to an amount not exceeding £1.

#### **15 Related Party Transactions**

During the year there were members of the AgriSearch advisory committees and Board of Trustees who were involved as farmer co-researchers in projects which AgriSearch co-funded. The advisory committees are in place to review funding and expenditure proposals. In one case this involved the receipt of payments from AgriSearch for the service provided, based on estimated time spent on the research project on the farm, as follow:

- Drew McConnell who is a member of the Dairy Advisory Committee received £1,726 during the financial year for his participation in the RCF-03 & RCF-05 projects.

The following members of the Sheep Advisory Committee, Samuel Wharry, Seamus Maginn, Crosby Cleland, along with the following member of the Board of Trustees, John Martin, were involved in on-farm sheep research and received payments from the research provider (AFBI) for the project, however no payments were received from AgriSearch.

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## Management and Administration Expenditure Year Ended 31 March 2014

<b>Management and Administration Expenditure</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Annual report publication	793	1,021
Advisory support costs	7,332	7,061
Management charge: Countryside Services Limited	27,205	21,381
Audit and accountancy fees	2,250	2,704
Insurance	2,553	2,554
Miscellaneous expenses	3,341	3,084
Web Design and Upkeep	163	111
Venue costs	450	-
Computer software support	734	816
Chairman's honorarium	6,375	6,250
VAT costs	12,426	11,347
Postage	414	716
Rental Fee	5,000	5,000
Bank fees	480	836
	<b>69,516</b>	<b>62,881</b>