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CHAIR'S REPORT

This year has been a whirlwind stepping into the role of Chair whilst also carrying out the role of Leisure trustee. It has been a privilege to have the other trustees put their faith in me to carry out the role of Chair for the Society.

At the start of our year (Nov 23) the trustees and management team received feedback from the review carried out about how the Society is managed and governed. We also had the feedback from the members' survey. The information obtained from these two tasks supported our planning meeting in January. All board members and the management team worked tirelessly to plan for the immediate future of the Society. During the year this development has continued with extra working meetings to support the development of our forward planning for the next three years.

There has also been a lot of background work to update policies and procedures. Changing our old registered address to the new, on every document. This seemed like a mammoth task, but it has been achieved. Working collaboratively has helped to strengthen the team in this ever challenging environment. The development of new initiatives must be continuous to support the future of our Society.



At the beginning of February I attended the FEIF Conference and delegates' assembly in Luxembourg. It was an opportunity to meet and engage with fellow chairs from around the world. These are a few of the topics raised, Social License to Operate, The Effect of Rider's weight on the horse, The Future of the

THE SOCIETY'S OBJECTIVES

To educate the public about the Icelandic horse and its origins, preservation and standards in accordance with the standards of FEIF (The Federation of Icelandic Horse Associations).

To improve general standards in the management, use and treatment of horses with particular reference to the special features of the Icelandic horse by the education of breeders, importers, owners, judges, veterinarians, trainers & members of the public.



World Championships, Combating Sexual Harassment, WorldFengur and the next steps.

(<https://www.feif.org/feif/documents/conference/>).

The Society continues to be a 'full member body' of The Showing Council (TSC). I attend the regular meetings held online, with the AGM in person. An advantage of belonging to TSC is often the up to date changes (if any) in UK Law, equine infectious diseases and rider safety.

During the year "Weigh to win" classes have been discussed (Horse Trust/BHS). The development of a 'Producer's code' and insurance policies. (Accident policies Vs Liability policies). Equality and Diversity, another topic discussed. Sport England, UK Sport, BEF and other organisations are leading the way with this. Being inclusive is key to this. "The Charter for the Horse" has been developed with BEF stakeholder groups. The Charter encompasses the essence of the FEI Equestrian Charter, composed by the Fédération Équestre Internationale's (FEI) independent Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission (EEWC). This edition covers international equestrian sport, while the British Equestrian version is there for all in this country who interact with horses, at every level and in any activity for sport, hobby or leisure. This year's AGM was held at The British Horse Society (BHS) headquarters, located at Abbey Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

The BHS Director of Participation gave an informative and enlightening talk about Hat Safety and hat tagging. With explanations regarding which hat standards are "good standards". Her accounts of being in a coroners' court as an expert witness, certainly bring a reality of checking your riding hat/helmet.
<https://www.theshowcouncil.co.uk/>

The Welfare Group has become active in the latter part of this year. Due to my commitments as Chair and Leisure Trustee the meetings have been led by our Youth Trustee. The group has managed to catch up with their meeting schedule after a late start. They have been discussing how to provide more information for members on various related topics. I thank them for their participation and enthusiasm.

Our British Championships went ahead smoothly this year. It seemed very quiet after last year's Royal visit. Nevertheless, everyone attending had an enjoyable event. The virtual competition was not as well received this year, with smaller numbers entering. The Sport's committee worked extremely hard to ensure the smooth running of this event. The IHSGB gazebo as a focal point, with a few extra stalls does bring another dimension to this showcase event.



Our Breeding Show headed North to Scotland, it was held at an excellent venue. This left our Northern members asking for more. We were delighted to support the Scottish Open once again, both financially with a grant and practically. We really appreciate the hard work of the organisers of this event. I regularly attend meetings with the organisers. This event is starting to flourish, from a small acorn the shoots are now starting to grow stronger.



Our Leisure activities have not just been virtual, with a Summer Fun Camp and meeting up at the National Equine show. We've seen online competitions and more.

We have not participated in as many demonstrations this year for a number of reasons. The events themselves are cancelled, illness or a lack of transportation have all been contributing factors. One of our aims is to promote the Icelandic horse. This also creates an increased awareness of the Society. People's perception is paramount to future support. There is no doubt that we create an impression wherever we go. The riders and supporters of such events put in a lot of time and effort. I would like to thank everyone involved.

As in previous years, the Trustees and Management Team members have often had to cover several roles at once. This year was no different. It can make a big difference with more volunteers. People often fear the unknown, please ask about our roles. You may find it's not as bad as you originally thought.



As a Chairperson voted in by the Board of Trustees, it means I have to stand down at this AGM. The enthusiasm and hard work of the Trustees and Management Team is admirable. I humbly thank them all. I must thank You, our members, without your willing participation we would not have a Society.

Martine Bye-Duke Chair - September 2024

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STUDBOOK ANNUAL REPORT

At the time of writing, there are 1054 registered Icelandic horses located in the UK.



In terms of country of birth, the population of live horses in the UK is now made up as follows:

Great Britain	533	(50.6%)
Iceland	397	(37.7%)
Germany	35	(3.3%)
Denmark	27	(2.6%)
Netherlands	18	(1.7%)
Ireland	10	(0.9%)
Austria	10	(0.9%)
Norway	8	(0.8%)
Sweden	8	(0.8%)
France	5	(0.5%)
Belgium	1	(0.1%)
Italy	1	(0.1%)
Poland	1	(0.1%)

A total of 16 foals were born and registered in 2023. The number of foals born in the UK was on an upwards trend over the 2018-2020 period, but the 2020 and 2021 breeding seasons may have been affected by Covid-19, reducing the foal numbers for 2021 and 2022. The numbers went up again in 2023, but judging by the number of reported servings in 2023, they are set to drop back slightly in 2024 (please see the table overleaf).



Year of birth	No. of foals registered	No. of different stallions used in the corresponding preceding season
2018	9	11
2019	16	12
2020	19	8
2021	13	8
2022	11	6
2023	16	8
2024	13*	4

* number of servings reported; live births may be less

The studbook office has completed the following work in the August 2023 – July 2024 period. The 2022-2023 numbers are also included for information.

	2023-2024	(2022-2023)
Registration + passport	16	(10)
Duplicate passports	2	(1)
Transfer of ownership	23	(41)
Death of horses	23	(27)
Export of horses	6	(3)
Registration of imports	28	(22)
Change of name / address	14	(9)
Other updates	30	(19)
Total	142	(132)

Freija Glandsdorp Studbook Registrar - September 2024 studbook@ihsgb.co.uk





BREEDING TEAM REPORT



In May this year the breeding team travelled to Scotland for our breeding/competition weekend. Tom Buijtelaar, an international FEIF breeding judge and accomplished sport rider came from Holland, Freija, our studbook registrar and Ellen as breeding leader completed the organisational team, helped by Shona, Liz and Gundula.

Tom proved to be a real find and a good allrounder, as he explained the conformation traits in a very relatable way, helped one participant to find tölt in her horse, and proved to be a popular judge as well.

So what is planned next?

As Tom was so popular, we booked him again, this time for our Young Horse assessment in October, which takes place in Solva/West Wales¹ and Hornblotton/Somerset.



Microchipped and eligible horses will be entered into IceFoal. This is the new, official website for FEIF foal and young horse assessments in all FEIF member countries. The purpose of this website is to host foal- and young horse assessments made with the official FEIF system in order to make it easier for both show

¹ Changed to Connegar Farm/ Dorset due to adverse weather conditions



organizers, judges and horse owners to keep track of the results. One of the purposes with this website is to collect the data to make it possible in near future to estimate the value of these assessments for selection of breeding horses.

In 2025, most probably in May, we plan to return to Scotland for a repeat breeding/competition weekend. We want to build on the success of this year's weekend before then moving to a new location for the following breeding weekend.

We will also keep you updated on the new AI driven Equine Analytics project SmartHorse, a cutting-edge project from Alendis, that leverages computer vision and machine learning to provide real-time insights into horse movement for performance optimization and health monitoring.

Exciting times ahead, so stay tuned....

Ellen Brimble Breeding Leader - September
2024

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YOUTH REPORT

It's hard to remember that the end of the year is fast approaching, with it still being 19 degrees outside with smatterings of rain showers, I appreciate how lucky we have been with the weather at the IHSGB's various events, the sun shining on our youth members more often than not. What a busy year it has been!



The National Equine Show

Although attending The National Equine Show was a planned meet up via Leisure, we often work closely together on things. It was lovely to see Darcy representing the youth members of the IHSGB. On a personal note, it really is a great day out with great shopping!

British Championships and Summer Festival

The British Championships and Summer Festival certainly had a less stressful feel this year due to not having a royal person visiting however, that didn't stop the two youth members in attendance being well presented and volunteering for different 'jobs' over the weekend including helping at the IHSGB stall! A special mention for Ella after a spot of bad luck she conducted herself with the highest level of sportsmanship.

Matha – Figures Test Level 1 Trot, Track & Trail and Best of Four

Ella – Figures Test Level 1 Tölt, Track & Trail, F3, P2, T7 and V5

Displays

Although there weren't as many opportunities for the IHSGB to attend displays this year, mainly due to the ridiculous weather conditions we had/are still having, Ella represented the youth membership at The Grange Equestrian Centre in Okehampton. Thank you, Ella.

Summer Fun Camp

In the middle of September some of us took the risk on the weather to partake in the summer fun camp, thankfully we had beautiful weather and two youth in attendance.



Emma and Sophia joined in with all the activities including a sing-along on Saturday evening.

It was brilliant to see both Emma and Sophia either being supported by other members or supporting other members themselves, they are cracking young riders who also show brilliant horsemanship with both Sproti and Fjola.

Badges

As I'm sure many of you are now aware that I have a 3D printer, some of you may ask why this is relevant to the IHSGB? Well.... after many rejected prints of wonky Icelandic horses, letters not holding shape after printing, I finally managed to produce a (defiantly not perfect) IHSGB Youth Tölting Horse, armed with my glue gun and locking pins these became badges for youth members and to make sure the 'elder youth' didn't feel left out those who attended the British Championships received the elder youth version.

As I see other youth members, they are given a one of a kind bright blue badge, why bright blue? This becomes an identifying marker at IHSGB events the blue being obvious for me to be able to see at a distance and provide support if needed and for youth members to identify other youth or elder youth they can seek advice from.

Trustees, Management Board and Volunteers also received an IHSGB Pacing Horse in silver, I must apologise to some volunteers as I underestimated how many of you wanted one. As I said they are not perfect but my way of showing appreciation and helping to identify who 'we' all are.

I have not posted these out to any youth members as I'm not sure the badges would survive posting, but it may take me a while to see you all in person.

FEIF Young Leaders' Event

I pushed last year to introduce the idea of elder youth and this event highlights perfectly why, they are the fast approaching future of the Icelandic horse community. This year's young leaders' event is being held in Stockholm, with the focus on how to integrate young people into the Icelandic horse community. Thank you to Alex and Millie for representing the IHSGB at this event.



Mental Health

I have been including mental health segments in Sleipnir, it is so important to look after ourselves regardless of youth member or adult member status. I would like to continue to do this with the thought that it may aid one member to seek help if they need it.

The below segments can be found in the previous 2024 editions of Sleipnir:

- SAD – Seasonal Affective Disorder
- Cyber Bulling
- Riders Minds Head First campaign – concussion

Policies and Procedures

Some of you may remember from last year I had started to look at policies and procedures, thankfully I am not alone, our fabulous studbook registrar and our amazing treasurer willingly volunteered to start the monumental task of reviewing all the policies and procedures. Thank you both, I appreciate you both.

Welfare Group

I have had the absolute pleasure of being the trustee who also attends the welfare group meetings, the members of the welfare group are awesome forward thinking, positive and driven members, 'we' fit so much into our meetings! Keep an eye out for welfare group created items in the near future.

Harriet Bye 🐎 Youth Trustee - September 2024

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Youth 2024





REPORT OF THE SPORT GROUP

As we close another year for IHSGB sport, I want to begin by thanking Torben Rees, our previous Sport Leader, for his hard work. Torben stepped down due to increased work commitments. We are very grateful for his contributions. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to my incredible Sport Team—Andrew Nickalls, Kirsty Carson, Robyn Philpott, and Crissie Edwards – for their dedication, support, and commitment over the past year. It has been a privilege to lead this team.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

British Championships at Aston Le Walls

One of the crowning achievements of the year was the British Championships (BC), held for the 4th time at Aston Le Walls Equestrian Centre near Daventry. This event was a resounding success, and the overwhelming positive feedback on social media, from attendees, both with and without horses, reflects this. The Championships embodied the spirit of FEIF, uniting our community around the shared passion for the Icelandic horse. While competition was a key element, for many the social side was just as important, bringing together newcomers, seasoned competitors, and recreational riders alike.

We sought feedback from participants through a survey to ensure the BC remains an event people enjoy and we continue to refine it based on this valuable input. We are immensely grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, and judges Carina Heller, Isabelle Mertens, Sandy Carson, and Harriet Vincent, and not least to all the riders and horses, some of whom travelled from incredible distances.



This year's BC saw the introduction of Sport B classes, providing greater opportunities for riders who had not yet gained qualification marks for Sport A. The BC also featured oval track classes with finals for Sport D, C & B classes. Next year we aim to improve the opportunities for Sport A riders so they get to compete on both Saturday and Sunday.

The venue at Aston Le Walls, with its full-size oval track and excellent facilities, is a near perfect facility for our sport, and the Pavilion provided a welcoming indoor space to socialise and enjoy meals catered by Sarah, Linnie, and Jan. Their hard work in keeping everyone fed and hydrated is greatly appreciated.



International Engagement

Mid-European Championships (MEM) 2024 provided another exciting opportunity for British riders to compete internationally. Due to personal circumstances our team was small this year, but Mike Adams and Jemimah Adams represented the IHSGB admirably with their horses. Jemimah and Skirnir achieved a score of 6.43 in the T2, while Mike set a new personal best in the P2 pace event. Despite challenges, the team performed well and gained valuable experience. Special thanks to Andrew Nickalls for crafting the MEM trophies and acting as Team Leader, and to Janina Hetz for capturing these moments in photos.

National, Online and Fun Competitions

The Scottish Open Event at Netherton Equestrian, supported by the IHSGB, was a highlight in the summer, showcasing some outstanding performances with a strong attendance. Additionally, our online competition Spring into Sport, held in May and judged by FEIF international sport judges, was a great preparatory event ahead of the BC. However, we saw only 11 entries, which was disappointing considering the



opportunity for riders to gain feedback without the stress of travelling. We encourage members to make use of the IHSGB Tölt Online platform to practise their tests and receive not only realistic marks but also useful training tips from experienced judges.

A fun winter competition series was run at Ammanford trotting track in South Wales in last autumn/winter. Despite a very wet start to the first competition of the series competitors bravely returned for the second one and much fun was had by all. Sadly, the third competition had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries. This was a great shame and especially disappointing for the organisers. Many thanks to Cristina Edwards and her team for all the work they put into organising this.

Looking Forward

As we look to the future, we aim to continue growing participation, especially through the introduction of new classes at next year's BC and expanding opportunities for online engagement. It is essential we continue to educate riders about FEIF's rules, which are in place for horse welfare and fair competition. The FEIF community works hard to maintain our Social Licence to Operate (SLO), particularly in Britain, where Icelandics are sometimes misperceived as ponies. Ensuring we're seen as responsible and ethical riders is key to the longevity of our sport.

Conclusion

In closing, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone in the IHSGB community – from riders and trainers to volunteers, sponsors, and judges. This year has been a collective achievement, and I look forward to building on this momentum as we prepare for another exciting year of competition and camaraderie.

Fi Pugh Sports Trustee – September 2024

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Spring into Sport
Online Competition
Entries open 1st May - 27th May 2024
www.toltsenseonline.com

Here is your chance to warm up for the British Championships and Summer Show by trying out as many tests as you like in the privacy of your local arena (or oval track if you're lucky enough to have one nearby!)
Your tests will be marked by 2 qualified FEIF International Sport Judges!

Tests available:
T1, T2, T5, T6, T8
V1, V3, V5
F1, F3

The combination with the highest overall score will have their classes at the BC's sponsored!

What is the purpose of Spring into Sport?
The sport group wish to encourage progress within the oval track tests and the only way to do this is practice!
Our intention is to form a little progress ladder this year starting with Tölt Online, swiftly moving on to Spring into Sport and finally onto the British Championships where we hope you will see progress as a combination, whether that be seen on your scores or as a stronger connection with your horse!



COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING REPORT

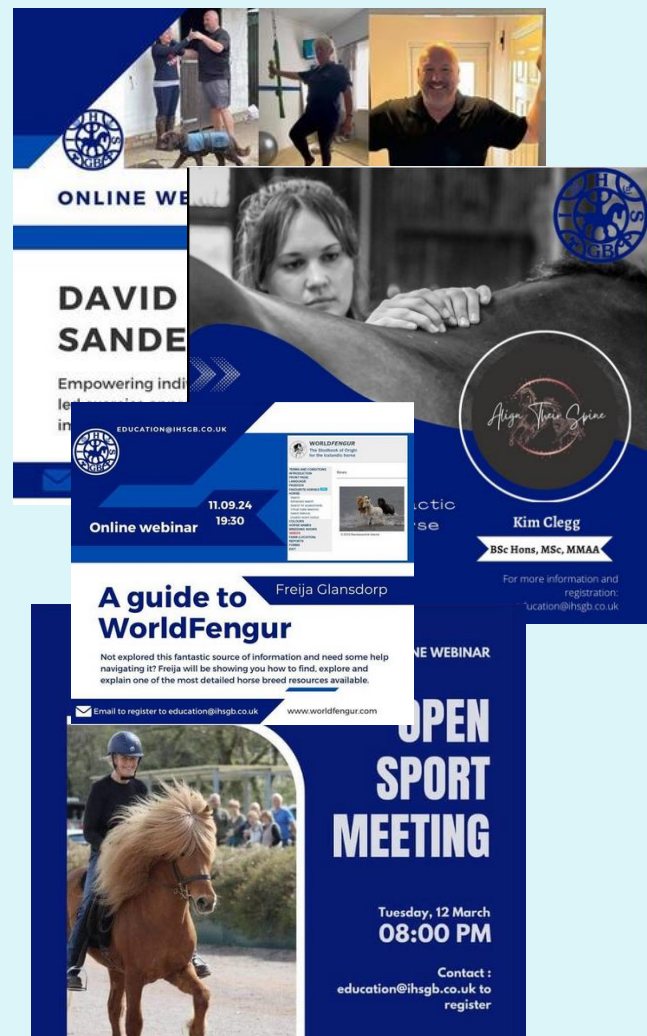
Welcome to the year-end report from your “Communications” trustee 2024. We’ve had a very busy year with all trustees working together to bring as much variety, fun and interest to all our members.

One thing I feel I’ve noticed more this year is the amount of generous help from our members that enables the society to run so many events. We have really felt a difference so the biggest thank you ever to all our amazing members, from very new to very old, that have stepped up and supported in so many ways all through the year. It is massively appreciated!

Throughout the year, we have run extra webinars, we hope you all enjoyed them either live or later when watching the recorded versions. This includes:

- Baldvin Ari Gudlaugsson on breeding and training in Iceland.
- Andrew Nickalls on shoeing the Icelandic Horse.
- Fi Pugh ‘On Your Marks’, help for all those who enjoy competing or would like to start.
- Kim Clegg McTimoney Chiropractic and saddle fitter.
- Dave Sanders, empowering individuals with brain to body lead exercises.
- Freija Glansdorp, on a guide to WorldFengur.

And there’s more to come!





We have had our member Crissie Edwards running some events, 'The Welsh Winter Series'. Although a massive struggle due to our terrible winter, Crissie's enthusiasm and energy for this event at Amman trotting track enabled many of our Welsh members to get out and have fun showing off their horses.

The Scottish Open at Netherton Equestrian Centre is becoming more successful every year which we were delighted to once again sponsor and support. So much care, effort and hard work to bring this together for another year. Congratulations to everyone involved!

The list of events run by IHSGB and members is really impressive for such a small society and it is testament to what can be achieved by supporting each other in every role. A huge thanks to all the fellow trustees, management team and our great members. 2024/2025 looks very busy!

We hope you've all been able to keep up with everything via social media which we now use fully with Instagram, our IHSGB official page, members forum and the IHSGB Team FB page. Our Instagram is now over 400 followers from about 150 a year and a half ago! And we continue to make more impressions.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who put in so much effort to the society this year, we couldn't do it without you.

Your communications trustee,

<mailto:communications@ihsgb.co.uk>

Kathryn Wogan

Communication & Marketing Trustee –
September 2024





FINANCE REPORT

The 2023/24 Financial Year ended with the Society making a small surplus but remember we were aiming to spend more than we received in income in 2023/24 as we built up reserves during the Covid years and have been trying to get these monies back out to our membership. Our surplus was £400 meaning our balance sheet increases by the same amount - the Society is worth £400 more than it was this time last year.

So, once again, how did we get there, what were the key variables and points of note and what does this mean for the future?

We know that activity throughout the Society dipped in the Covid years - we spent less, plans were cancelled and our reserves built up. Whilst holding investments and reserves gives the Society some year on year flexibility there needs to be a robust argument to support this instead of spending such monies on the charitable cause. However trying to reduce these reserves does give us some financial freedoms to do more. For example, in addition to our drive on Education, with the IHSGB subsidizing the cost of courses using home grown and imported FEIF trainers, the IHSGB Bursary Scheme was born. This 3 year scheme has now ended and, in total, we have paid out over £3,000 to our members to help with the costs of training with your Icelandic Horse.

Grants are also available to help with the costs of Member hosted events... but the last event grant applied for was some 3 years ago. Interest earned by The IHSGB Development Fund is used to award these grants - targeted at events and/or training that will further the Society's objectives. There is an application form on the website or <mailto:office@ihsgb.co.uk>

As well as the smaller grants on offer the IHSGB was delighted to be able to offer support for the 3rd Scottish Open Show again with a grant of £500. Help with costs were offered to those on our World Cup Squad and the Society also underwrote our own British Championships.

We were targeting a loss as explained above but, with the valiant efforts of our Trustees, well Martine actually, sourcing £2,600 of sponsorship this year alone (plus a further £1,400 for the rest of 2024 to support our leisure riders, to include the



development of the Summer Camp in September 2024), our coffers are once again in the black for the year. Some of you made smaller donations and, of course, every time you participate in the IHSGB lottery the Society also benefits. The lottery made us £433 this year...with just a handful of players. If you are tempted to gamble for a good cause then please join the IHSGB Lottery! 😊 The payouts aren't huge but there's always the expectation they might be! Thank you. And Gift Aid, which we can claim on your membership subscriptions, also gives us an additional income stream, £1.5k this year, thank you to all those that have signed up.

Our Trustees continued to source and deliver a series of webinars offered free of charge to all members. Our Breeding Leader also organized a Breeding Show and fun sports show in Scotland this year.

Our income streams from Members' subscriptions remain robust but we continue to lose about the same number of members that we gain each year.

The Society's commitment to FEIF continued and we sent two delegates to conference in 2024.

Of note:

- We received £2.725 k of donations & sponsorships in year
- Membership income remained relatively stable. Subscriptions totalled £9,302 (£9,273 in 2022/23).
- A claim for Gift Aid claim brought in £1,502 from HMRC.
- We donated £500 to the Scottish Open and paid out c. £500 in Bursaries.
- The British Championships made a loss of £1.4k but this was more than matched by donations.
- Studbook activities made a surplus of £851.
- The Breeding & Fun Shows made a loss of c. £1.7k - again donations have helped offset this.
- Our investments are held with CAF (the Charities Aid Foundation) and with Lloyds. We received interest totalling £1,064 and a gain in fund value of £743.
- Education ran two subsidised courses with 10 participants on each.
- The IHSGB Lottery made a net £433.
- Leisure awards and fun competitions netted us £356.



As always thank you to the members who have paid their 2024/25 subscriptions – subs become due on the 1st August each year. After that our Membership Secretary, 'H', will have sent you a series of reminders until October 31st when all member benefits will be lost and membership will lapse. We don't want to lose you but, if we have to, then please let us know why and how we could have retained your membership. Chat with Martine, our Chair (chair@ihsgb.co.uk) and provide that feedback loop. Paying your membership gets ever easier as our website allows you to complete membership forms online or renew and update your details with simple links to Paypal or reminders of alternative ways to pay. A sign up to Gift Aid form is also available online.

In summary, the headline figures are:

	2023/24	2022/23
Income	42,229	33,932
Expenditure	41,829	35,375
Surplus/(Loss)	400	(1,443)
Balance Sheet	49,337	48,937

The full accounts & financial report, satisfying the requirements of our 2 separate Charity Commissions and those of Companies House and signed off by your Trustees and our Independent Examiner, Bevan Buckland, is available on the IHSGB website to download or by email to office@ihsgb.co.uk. Hard copy can also be posted out on request.

Looking to the future our subscription rates have not increased since 2011! We weathered the Covid period well and have had the benefit of those reserves to bolster our spending in recent years. We have also been in receipt of generous sponsorships and donations, both corporate and from you - the members. However, once these funds are used up, if we want to continue to offer the level of activities we do from subsidized courses, webinars, camps, grants both small and large plus actually run the mechanics of the Society and all that involves, then we shall need to look long and hard at our subscription rates. This is just a heads up and we will, of course, benchmark ourselves against other similar organisations and continue to look at ways of delivering our objectives whilst keeping costs under control. But budgetary pressures are real, made more so by low uptakes in events such that



income from entry fees falls short of that required to stage an event even with the IHSGB subsidies.

With a wide geographical dispersion and relatively few Icelandic horses across the country (1054) there are always going to be significant challenges for the Society to deliver on Members' expectations. Subscriptions will need to rise. To keep up with the cost of inflation alone since 2011, using the Bank of England's inflation calculator, the cost of a single membership would (should ?) be £52 as at September 2024. Any future Board will continue to assess the level of reserves we hold and, when they are depleted and cannot be used to boost in-year spending, a decision will be made on subscription rates. But for 2024/25 we will ensure that the Education initiative continues and that finances exist to support and underpin both the British Championships and the innovative program put together by the Breeding Team. We will continue to subsidize events for our members and offer grants and begin to plan for our 40th Anniversary year in 2026! Come to our **VIRTUAL** AGM, and join in the discussions - hope to 'see' you there!

Debbie Ede Treasurer (Management

Team) – September 2024

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EDUCATION REPORT

IHSGB EDUCATION HUB

We have been able to offer two IHSGB Education courses in 2023-24; Baldvin Ari Gudlaugsson from Iceland was in Wales by kind invitation of Peter and

Katherine Heathcote in September 2023 which was as successful as always. Additionally, there was a course with Johan Haggberg from Sweden at Connegar Farm in October 2023, which all riders really enjoyed and asked for more! Many IHSGB courses in the past have been oversubscribed and waiting lists made, so it is evident that these courses are well received.

I had hoped to run a course in the North, which was advertised in Sleipnir a few times, however it continues to be difficult to find willing volunteers and therefore venues to organise courses with the IHSGB, so it has not yet come to fruition. I reiterate that it is up to you if you'd like to help organize or host an IHSGB course in your area, I can help make it happen but I need you to help me with new or tried and tested locations, especially if you feel you don't have the opportunities to attend an IHSGB education course or you feel they have always been at the same locations. Now that we have IHSGB Regional Coordinators in a couple of areas, we hope that this will help:

North Scotland/Highlands at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3684140425189558/>

and

Wales at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/509559571665701/>.

Don't forget you can also apply for a grant to help towards costs of member-run events. We need active people to make things happen in more areas!





IHSGB TOLT ONLINE

IHSGB Tolt Online continues to be a rather under utilised tool for IHSGB members (and non-members) - we have had 3 entries in the last membership year. Being online, it means that riders of all abilities can ride a test of their choice and receive feedback and a score from an internationally qualified Icelandic Horse judge and trainer on their gaits, it is not just about riding tests even though it is interchangeable!

The IHSGB Sport group also used ToL for their Spring into Sport competition in May 2024, to help riders practice leading up to the British Championships. We hope that this platform continues to help riders train themselves and their horses from afar.

IHSGB TRAINING AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS

In the last year, we have had interest from one young rider in the level 3 badge, which is under review in association with the Youth Trustee. It would be amazing if more young riders out there got involved so don't hesitate to contact the Youth Trustee!

Jem Adams

Education Trustee – September
2024

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LEISURE REPORT

This is my second annual report as Leisure Trustee, I am passionate about this role. All members of the Society are Leisure riders. Some pursue sport whilst others may prefer to hack and join in other activities at their leisure.

The AGM was the starting point for our first Leisure event of the year. The draw for the Crafty Pony with a tack starter kit. This did raise a lot of interest and perhaps something to repeat in the future.

The website, Leisure tab has been updated, it now shows the opportunities available for members.

At the start of the year we also had a trial run of an online showing show. This was so well received that a League of Showing Shows was developed. Three shows with a league table for points.

The dark and wet, very wet early months in the New Year, allowed thinking time. Considering a majority of our members are Leisure Riders, by offering a variety of online and in person opportunities this is developing an inclusive approach for more of our members, regardless of location, and ability.

We also had another meet up in March at The 2nd National Equine show held at the NEC. Three trustees were in attendance and a number of members came along to meet up. We spent the day chatting, shopping and listening to talks.

The International Day of the Icelandic Horse. (Breed Appreciation Day = BAD 1st May), is always something to celebrate.

This was an opportunity for members to take part in a mini competition, celebrating the breed in the form of craft, food technology or writing. The efforts some members make to participate are amazing.

Leisure riders often participate in different activities, including dressage.





We have a dressage class and a Figures Test via Tölt Online (TOL). This is a great way to help you and your horse improve your bond. Do not be put off by this activity being listed in 'sport', it has been available all year. Have you ever tried it?

The IHSGB exists to promote interest in the breed, plus other areas. (FEIF 'is to promote the pure-bred Icelandic horse throughout the world & to improve recognition of the Icelandic horse').

To recognise that some of our members participate in other activities and promote the breed within the UK. The Achievement award rosette recognises this level of achievement in non-Icelandic areas, showing, endurance, Trec, working equitation, dressage or any other competition/activity where you are promoting the breed. (We like Sleipnir reports to show your participation).

The FEIF Virtual Ride is just that: real riding on your horse along a virtual route from your home to the flagship events of the Icelandic horse calendar. This is not a competition but something to unite people across the world.

A few members did email me to register an interest with the Distance Awards (11th Nov 2023 – 31st Oct 2024). I wait in anticipation to see their mileage results.

The Challenge Cup has not had any entries for the past few years. I know there are a number of members that perhaps do not realise they have participated in a number of activities/tasks that would gain points towards the challenge cup.

The Leisure Awards were introduced to offer members something that would recognise their knowledge and understanding. They are for anyone who may want recognition for the knowledge and skills that you already have or wish to extend or improve. Although a few people have shown an interest in these awards there have not been any participants at this stage.

The Summer Fun Camp at the beginning of September was the first of its kind. The emphasis was on fun. This was a social event offering members opportunities to





participate in various activities, from formation riding, track & trail, fancy dress, beer tölt, pairs performance to gymkhana style activities and more.

Fun and lots of laughter was the aim, this was definitely achieved by seventeen riders and horses, with four people on foot.



Activities that have been available to you:

Online	In person
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crafty pony draw ● Online Showing show ● Online League of showing shows ● International Day of The Icelandic Horse-competition ● Icelandic Dressage class and a Figures Test via Tölt Online ● FEIF Virtual Rides ● The Distance Awards ● The Leisure Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet up at the National Equine show ● Summer Fun Camp ● The Achievement award rosette ● The Challenge Cup (Virtual & in person)

A review of the activities and your participation is an indicator for the way forward. If you do not participate in an activity, it is clearly not wanted by you, the members. It



can be removed as an opportunity, so we can develop new ideas for your participation. If you want me to talk through ideas please let me know.

Thank you for entrusting me with this role. I have really enjoyed developing the Leisure aspect of our Society.

Martine Bye-Duke Leisure Trustee - September 2024

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*The Summer Camp Organisers Plus
Harriet, Martine & Mic! 😊*





FINANCIAL POSITION (abridged)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IHSGB LIMITED COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alun Evans FCA

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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 16.10.2024



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies		13,982	-	-	13,982	12,858
Charitable activities						
Promotion, welfare and care		26,440	-	-	26,440	20,177
Investment income	2	<u>1,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>980</u>
Total		<u>41,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,486</u>	<u>34,015</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		<u>41,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,829</u>	<u>35,375</u>
Total		<u>41,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,829</u>	<u>35,375</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>743</u>	<u>(83)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		167	-	233	400	(1,443)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		<u>42,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,601</u>	<u>48,937</u>	<u>50,380</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>42,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,834</u>	<u>49,337</u>	<u>48,937</u>

The notes from part of these financial statements*



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	7	-	-	-	-	24
Investments	8	<u>15,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,834</u>	<u>21,880</u>	<u>27,041</u>
		15,046	-	6,834	21,880	27,065
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	9	4,395	-	-	4,395	8,838
Cash at bank		<u>28,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,957</u>	<u>23,982</u>
		33,352	-	-	33,352	32,820
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,895)	-	-	(5,895)	(10,948)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>27,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,457</u>	<u>21,872</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES						
		<u>42,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,834</u>	<u>49,337</u>	<u>48,937</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>42,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,834</u>	<u>49,337</u>	<u>48,937</u>
FUNDS						
Unrestricted funds	11				42,503	42,336
Endowment funds					<u>6,834</u>	<u>6,601</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>49,337</u>	<u>48,937</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2024.

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The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

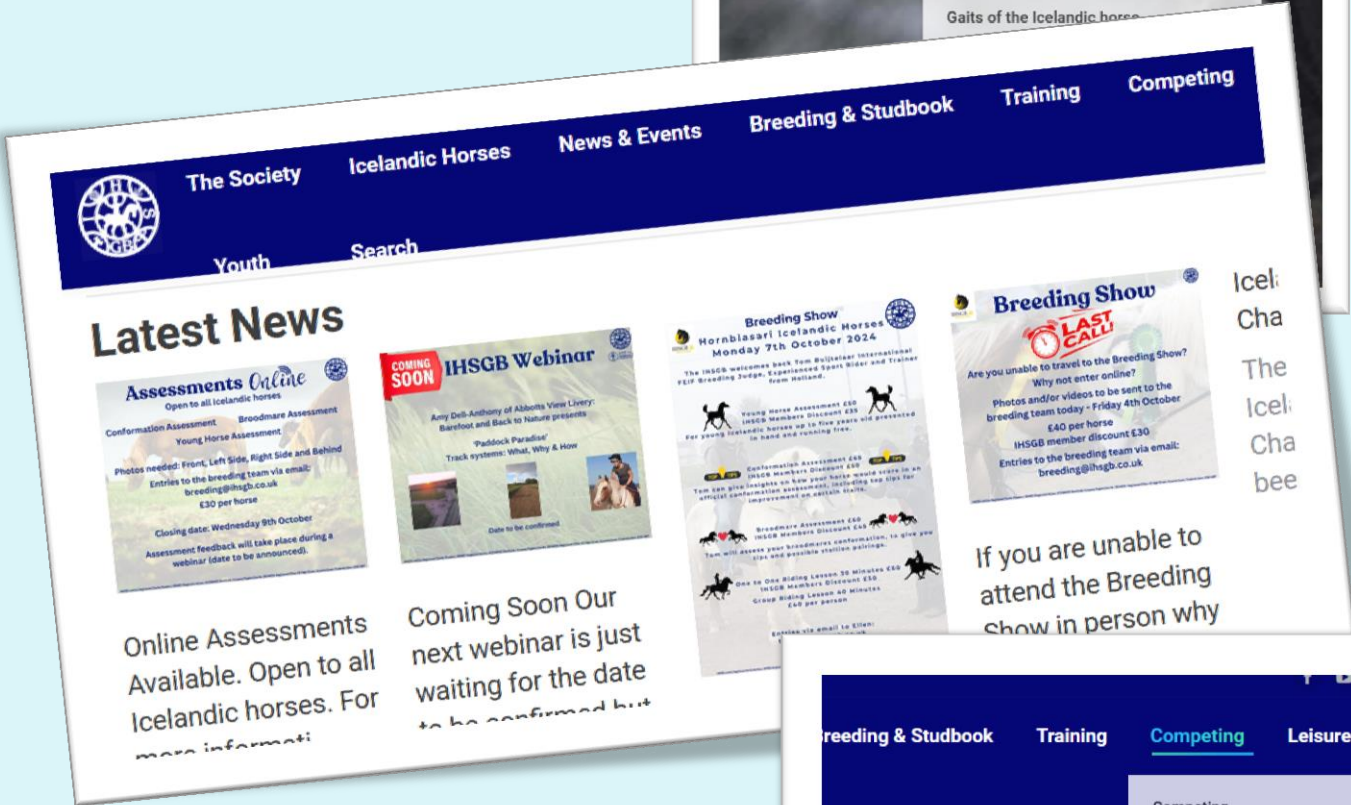
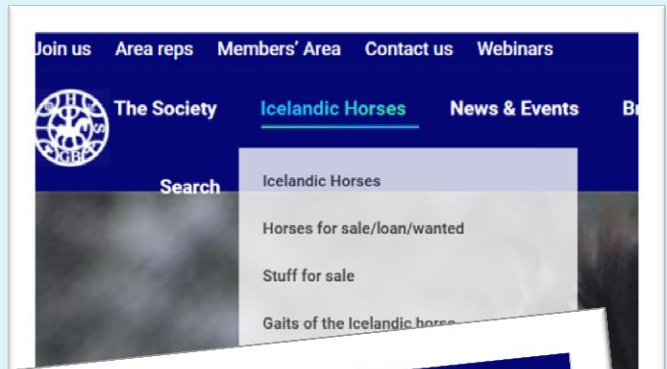
- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes from part of these financial statements: continued...*

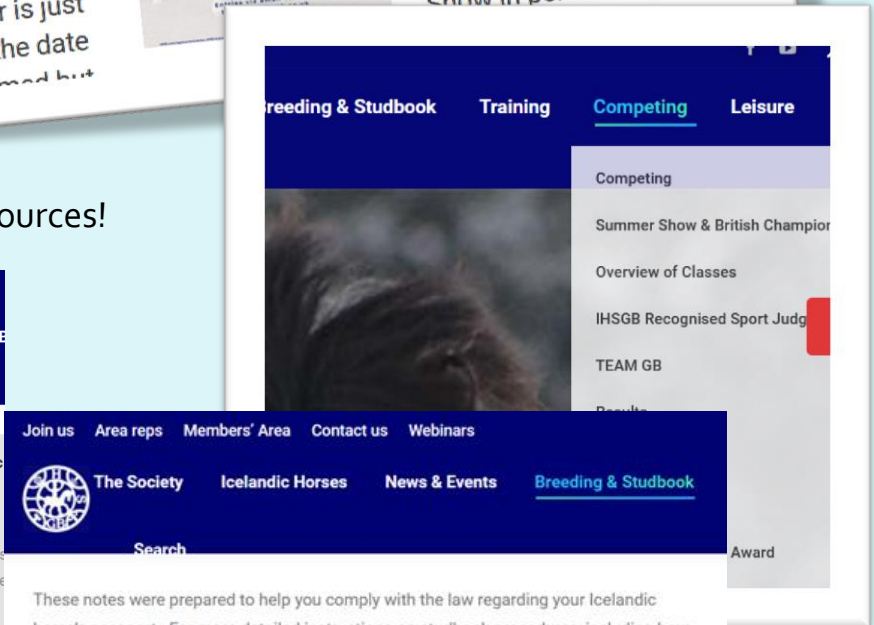
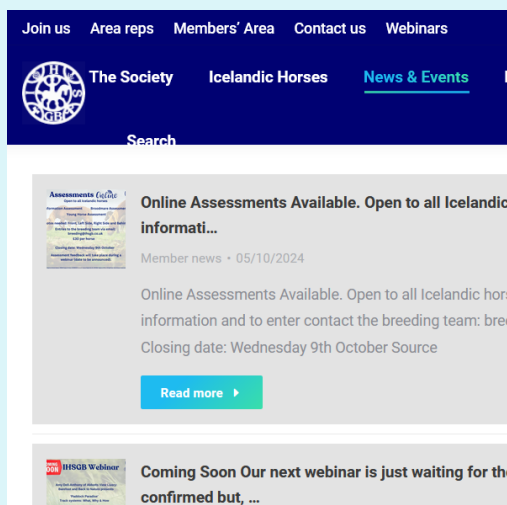
*... The full financial report signed off by your Trustees and our Independent Examiner, Bevan Buckland, is available on the IHSGB website to download or by email to office@ihsgb.co.uk



CHECK OUT THE IHSGB'S WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST NEWS & WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR MEMBERS IN 2025



Lots of information and resources!



These notes were prepared to help you comply with the law regarding your Icelandic horse's passport. For more detailed instructions on studbook procedures, including how to apply for a passport for your Icelandic foal (passport applications to be received within 6 months of birth or by the 30th November of the year of birth, whichever is the later), please see the [Studbook "How To" Guide](#).

Note regarding SIHA passports: SIHA (Scottish Icelandic Horse Association) stopped functioning in 2009, and all old SIHA passports are now managed by the IHSGB. If your horse has an old SIHA passport, please simply follow the instructions in the Studbook "How To" Guide for registering a transfer of ownership, death etc.

Note regarding horse passports without "human consumption" section (medicinal treatment): Under the current law, a horse passport is only legally valid if it contains a

