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ROYAL NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



The AgriFood Charities Partnership (AFCP)

Charities working together to support British Food and Farming

OUR MISSION

More than £3.5m support for skills, education and science comes from at least 150 charitable organizations spanning the food and farming sector. The investment delivers great value to individuals and the sector, but there is an urgent need to do more.

As the UK leaves the European Union, the need to work more closely together is more pressing than ever. British food and farming requires new technical and business skills, education and research to compete with its counterparts across the world.

Each charity within the AFCP has its own set of unique objectives but one common goal unites them – supporting a thriving and resilient British food and farming industry. One that is equipped with the right skills, science and solutions to compete, and adapt, to an ever changing global market.

This central theme underpins the AFCP's remit to provide the charitable organizations in the AgriFood sector with:

- **a common purpose** to collaborate with each other, and industry, to deliver bigger impact
- **a conduit for collaboration** for charities to work together on shared goals, best practice, ideas and processes
- **a hub for individuals** to find charitable funding for their career training, skills and research
- **a collective voice** that supports and influences the whole industry
- **a facilitator** seeking new ways of working, new funding and new partners
- **a communicator** of the successes of the members of the AFCP

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AFCP ACHIEVEMENTS

- **A web portal** providing direct web access to 126 charitable organisations spanning the agricultural and food industry.
- **Regional collaboration** such as East Anglia where charities are jointly funding research on oilseed rape and potatoes
- **Working with industry:**
 - an AFCP Award, jointly funded by charities (including Perry Foundation, Clan Trust, Chadacre, Felix Thornley Cobbold Agricultural Trust and The Morley Agricultural Foundation) and the AHDB, to deliver post-graduate research (soil health and cover crops at the University of Cambridge)
 - connecting charities with the AHDB, BBSRC and Du Pont to deliver new research on oilseed rape
- **New Funding for:**
 - a training programme supported by the Bath and West Agricultural Society for the Fire Service on accidents involving animal transportation
 - RASE Report on the "Current status of soil & water management in England"
- **Annual Forums** - 8 forums addressing key strategic industry issues ranging from professional skills development, stimulating interest in farming in schools to reskilling those already in the industry.
- **Biennial student forums** to raise the profile of the work the charities have invested in and enable networking between students and charities.
- **Education:** financial support from NFU Mutual Charitable Trust explored career pathways and, assisted a teacher-led Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association educational initiative

HOW THE AFCP WORKS

A part-time CEO (40 days a year), supported by a part time company secretary, reports to a chairman and board of directors who provide the following:

- An open access AFCP web site that enables individuals to find funding and funders to find partners
- Annual AFCP Forums, regional meetings and Workshops
- New funding, inter-connections and joint partnerships
- Strategic guidance and alignment to the key challenges facing British food and farming

The AFCP is a facilitator providing support to AgriFood charitable bodies in order to make a significant difference to the future of British food and farming. It does not raise charitable funds operating at minimal costs, which are recouped through membership subscriptions of £300 per year and corporate sponsorship. The AFCP also benefits from goodwill and contributions in kind to stage many of its events, which are carried out at the lowest reasonable cost and charged out on this basis.

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