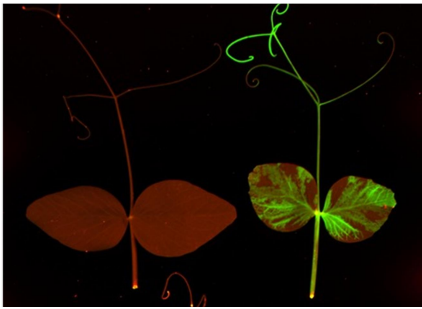




# AgriFood Charities Partnership Annual Review 2024

Promoting education and science relating to the practice of agriculture and production through collaboration of charities and other funders.



Credit: Elena Bidash

## Our Members

We are continuously working to foster deeper engagement and open dialogue, creating opportunities to support synergies between AFCP and its members, as well as among the members themselves.

Thank you to our charity and research partner members who have helped support our work, individually, collectively and collaboratively.

We held a Charity Member Webinar in June, looking at possible funding opportunities through the LEAF Caroline Drummond Scholarship for innovation in sustainability.

## Communication

Effective communication is essential to successful collaboration. We remain committed to maintaining and enhancing our open-access search-based website, providing individuals and charities with a valuable tool to connect with potential funding partners.

AFCP has issued a range of newsletters and event/activity communications, transitioning our mailings to a new system. The AFCP [LinkedIn](#) page continues to build a following, whilst sharing blogs and opinion pieces alongside the work of AFCP and our members. Topics have included: cattle behaviour; the PhD journey; oilseed rape cabbage stem flea beetle; net zero; school visits; modelling GHG emissions from UK dairy farms; and the new WRO archive.

The AFCP Student Forum this year was kindly hosted by NIAB and brought together 15 student presentations and 20 student posters. All students are funded, or part-funded, by AFCP charity members.

We hosted three webinars this year, looking at oilseed rape cabbage stem flea beetle, modelling GHG emissions, and novel crop breeding in legumes.

The AFCP website is being refreshed and we look forward to sharing this with you next year.



AFCP Student Forum Session 1 Speakers: Rebecca Hoyle, Alexandra Milliken, Ana Prada Barrio, Beth Evans, Adam Peter, Laura Giminez Molina, Bethany O'Sullivan,

## Catalyst and Facilitator



Dr. Fern Baker

Elena Bidash continues an AFCP joint research project collaboration with the University of Cambridge within the Crop Science Centre focusing on virus-induced gene silencing and editing in soybean with a view to the outcomes being used across other crops in future work.

Fern Baker has been formally awarded her PhD, joint funded by AFCP and AHDB, on carbon emissions in cattle.

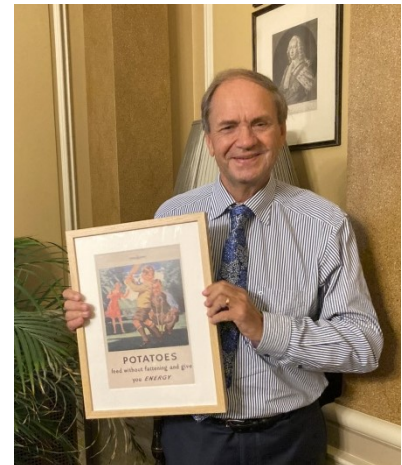
We are currently working towards a number of projects including a joint-funded MRes looking at mapping carbon tool evidence.

## Governance

The AFCP AGM was held in November 2024. Attendees heard from Lord Curry of Kirkhale, AFCP Patron on the Agricultural Transition, leading to lively discussion and questions on a broad range of areas.

We are delighted that [Prof. Stuart Reid](#), President & Principal of the Royal Veterinary College, was elected as AFCP Chairperson from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

Prof. Graham Jellis will stand down as Chairperson, and from the AFCP Board, at the end of 2024. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to Graham for his engaged and committed service to AFCP over the last 14 years as a Board Member, Vice-Chair and Chairperson.



Prof. Graham Jellis

## 2025 and beyond

AFCP will formally launch our Strategy for 2025 to 2030. We look to continuing to create opportunities for collaboration in the agrifood sector.

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