



Challenges and Opportunities New Strategy

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Challenges

- Using funds effectively to make a ‘value for money’ contribution to UK agricultural engineering.
- Investing in the right people and projects.
- Identifying (and initiating) suitable projects.
- Monitoring progress - ensuring and encouraging delivery.
 - via Trustee mentors.
- Enabling and encouraging collaboration.
- Improving the coordination of research.



“Working to make a difference for UK agricultural engineering”

Involves:

- Selecting the best applicants and proposals. *(Application critical!)*
- Monitoring performance/progress to ensure delivery.
- Ensuring that, where possible, the best outcomes are carried through to practical application.
- Influencing and stimulating the aspirations of those we work with.
- Taking account of changing scenarios.

Plans for the future

- Move from a mainly responsive mode to include an element of initiation and steering.
- Recognise that the agricultural engineering scene is very different from when The Trust was established.
- Make full use of the expertise within The Board of Trustees – with responsibilities!
- Consult and interact with others.
- Define a strategy – using input from ‘horizon-scanning work at Cranfield University.
- Maintain (and increase) the resources and funding to support the work of The Trust.

VISION

“To make a difference for UK agricultural engineering for the sustainable benefit of environment and society.”

OBJECTIVE

“To provide resources to help advance the application of engineering and technology to achieve sustainable agricultural , food, and biological systems for the benefit of the environment and mankind.”

A framework for the next 3 years by fostering:

Skills

Technology

Education

Collaboration



Conclusions

Looking to the future, The Trust will:

- Support projects and people
 - *Lower emphasis on facilities and equipment*
- Define a strategy for support and allocate 50% of funding spend to support this strategy
 - *Identify key topics for support*
- Continue to support travel, attendance at technical events and training
- Continue to support professional qualifications and the image of agricultural engineers in the UK.