

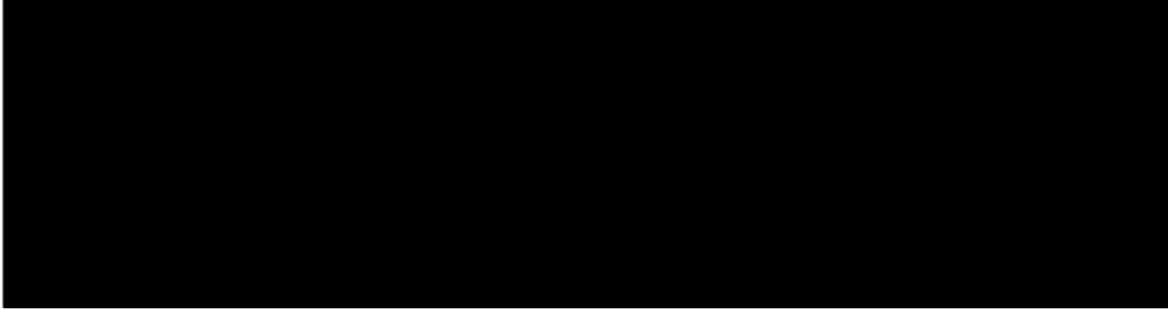
Etrickbridge and Dryden RDA Group
Scottish Charity Number SC050535
Year Ended 31st March 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

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Trustees



Contact address

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Type of governing document

The charity is governed by it's Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution.

Charitable purposes

The purpose of the charity is to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving, a charity registered under Charity Number 244108 ("the Association") by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and well being in the Edinburgh and Borders area.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objects

The Charity provides riding for people with a range of physical and learning disabilities and autism to help develop their motor and social skills, boost confidence, improve communication skills and enhance their quality of life.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The charity normally provides riding lessons for three groups of riders – a group of adults, one from the local high school and one from the primary school support classes. These riders are able to take part in a range of activities but most of all improve their core stability, movement and communication as they meet helpers and ponies. They can play mounted games and go for rides outside and often they cannot do this with wheelchairs or limited movement.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period (cont.)

We started back to RDA at the end of August 2023 for our Primary School Group, the Academy Group plus Adult Group. The Primary School Group comprised 6 children. We had 2 Groups from the Academy. Group 1 had 3 students and Group 2 had 7. The adult riders also returned in August with 5 participants.

In September we started up again with 'Tea with a Pony' which has been a huge success.

The Christmas party was another huge success with Peter Pepper being the entertainment. He was his usual charismatic self. Fun was had by all with lots of delicious food being consumed and lots of smiley faces.

Over the year we held a number of events to raise funds. We held our Bridge Afternoon in November. As always it was well supported and everybody was very appreciative of the Afternoon Tea. Our next Fundraiser was a talk from [REDACTED] about her trip to Kara Creek Ranch, Wyoming which is a working ranch. It was a very successful evening. We had a Quiz night at Quins Restaurant in Galashiels which was well supported with many of the professional quiz goers attending. We are very grateful to our volunteers for organising and running these events and to our supporters who attended.

[REDACTED], one of our much valued volunteers and Trustees had to resign as a Trustee as she was moving to be closer to family. However, we have recruited a number of new volunteers and Trustees which is very encouraging.

Two of our young riders took part in the Selkirk Ride on 29th May 2024. They had such fun and this is evident from the wonderful pictures on Facebook. Again we must thank the volunteers who organised and attended the event. It is a worthwhile PR exercise for the local community to know about us.

Once again we have had a successful year with our riders making good progress and we have a lot to be proud of.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

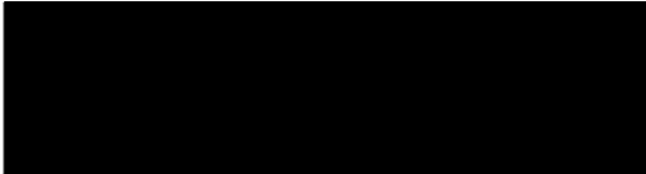
The unrestricted funds represent income earned but not yet utilised in supporting charitable activities. At 31st March 2024 the charity held £25,210 at the bank and the Trustees consider this to be appropriate to allow them to meet their charitable objectives.

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Position Chairman.....

Date 7.1.25.....

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Independent Examiner's Report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

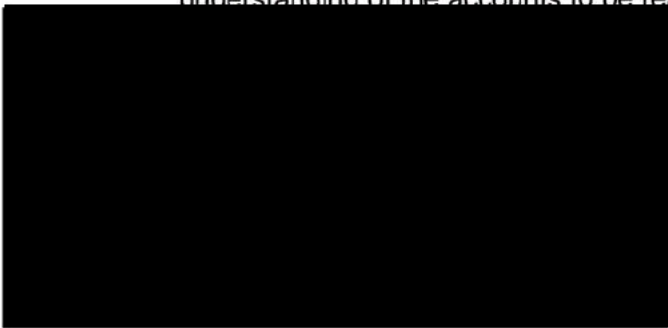
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date 11/12/2024

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Receipts & Payments Account

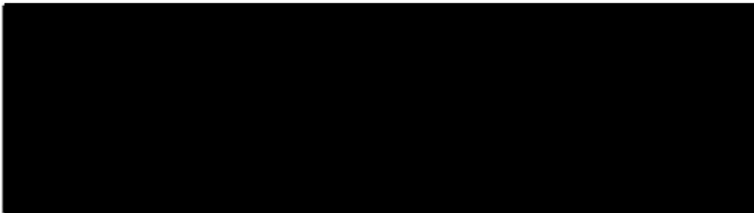
	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Receipts			
Grants and donations	665	665	2,376
Receipts from fundraising activities	2,509	2,509	2,772
Gross trading receipts	680	680	720
Income from investments other than land and buildings	415	415	280
	<hr/> 4,269	<hr/> 4,269	<hr/> 6,148
Payments			
Donations	-	-	-
Expenses for fundraising activities	82	82	170
Gross trading payments	-	-	307
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	5,002	5,002	4,001
	<hr/> 5,084	<hr/> 5,084	<hr/> 4,478
Surplus	<hr/> <u>(815)</u>	<hr/> <u>(815)</u>	<hr/> <u>1,670</u>

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Statement of Balances

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
Cash Funds			
Balances at 1st April 2023	26,025	26,025	24,355
Surplus for the year	(815)	(815)	1,670
Balances at 31st March 2024	<u>25,210</u>	<u>25,210</u>	<u>26,025</u>

Approved by the trustees on7.1.25.....and signed on their behalf by:



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Notes

1. Nature and purpose of funds

All funds are unrestricted and are used for the purposes of advancement of health and education and providing recreational facilities for the young, elderly and disabled individuals.

2. Trustee remuneration

There was no remuneration paid to trustees during the year.

3. Trustee expenses

During the year a total of £124 (2023 - £120) was paid to 2 trustees (2023 - 1 trustee) in respect of reimbursement of expenses paid on behalf of the charity.

4. Analysis of Receipts and payments

4.1 Donations received

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Donations from individuals	195	195	646
Other donations	470	470	1,730
	<u>665</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>2,376</u>

4.2 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
RDA Membership	460	460	460
Hire of Ponies	4,080	4,080	3,200
Tea with a Pony Costs	211	211	-
Social and education	227	227	320
Disclosure checks	24	24	21
Secretarial expenses		-	-
	<u>5,002</u>	<u>5,002</u>	<u>4,001</u>