

**Stranraer Happy Hooves RDA Group SCIO**  
**Scottish Charity Number SCO38834**

**Trustees Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts**

**for the year ended 31st March 2024**

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**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024**

**Principal Address**

**Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustee's Annual Report**

**Structure, governance and management**

**Type of governing document**

The Association is a charitable incorporated association whose purpose and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

The structure is one where the members elect a management committee each year and from these the key positions of chair, secretary and treasurer are elected.

These committee members are not trustees with the exception of the chair.

**Trustee recruitment and appointment**

Trustees are appointed for a three year term by the members at the Annual General Meeting. On average, one third of trustees are appointed or reappointed each year.

**Objectives and activities**

**Charitable Purposes**

The purpose of the charity is to promote the objects of the Riding for Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving (Company No. 5010395) a charity registered under Charity Number 244108 ("the Company") by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the Wigtownshire area of Dumfries and Galloway.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

The main activities in relation to our objects were providing horse riding lessons to less able bodied children and adults by our qualified British Horse Society Instructor.

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**Achievements and performance**

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

Stranraer Happy Hooves RDA have continued to deliver riding and horse care sessions throughout the year. This has included our usual groups of riders as well as one-off sessions for Children and Family Social Work in the summer holidays.

We provided additional training for our regular riders to enable them to complete a dressage test, four of whom were successful, which was a massive achievement. Rosettes were awarded to the participants and also to three participants who undertook horse care assessments.

Regular fundraising was conducted including two dog shows, one being our final show at Logan House, and we are very grateful to the Roberts family for allowing us to use this venue over the years. We also hosted bingo nights and a Christmas raffle, all of which contributed to help with our running costs.

Regular training is carried out by our coaches and volunteers, including therapy and medicine and a regional coaching conference.

We held a very successful volunteer recruitment day in May where we enlisted six new volunteers, which is a fantastic outcome for our small charity.

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**Financial Review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We rely upon donations and fund raising activities to fund lessons, equipment and insurance.

We currently have sufficient reserves to finance eighteen months costs. Our cash and bank balances are currently £39736.58.

**Details of any deficit**

None.

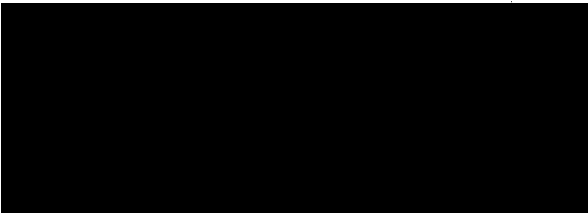
**Donated facilities and services**

We have a team of volunteers on a rota basis who assist during riding lessons.

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Chairperson

Date: 31st October 2024

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**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2024**

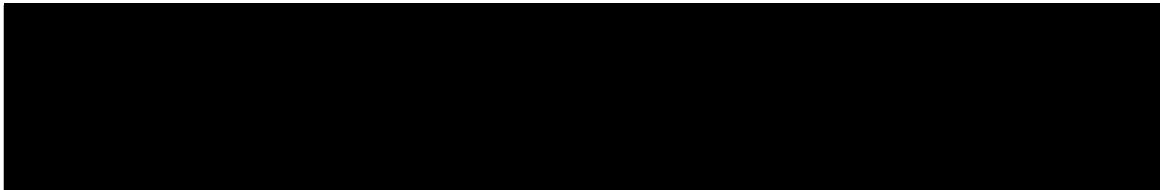
		<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants		0		
Donations	2,291			1,610
Receipts from fund raising activities	3,438			2,421
Gross trading receipts	1,970			4,395
			7,699	8,426
<b>Payments</b>				
Gross trading payments	7,838			8,478
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	604			751
Equipment - Hoist	0			0
DGC Planning costs	0			0
Consultancy	0			0
			8,442	9,229
Surplus/(Deficit) for year			(743)	(803)

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**Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Bank and Cash in Hand</b>		
Opening Balances	40,480	41,283
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(743)	(803)
Closing balances	<u>39,737</u>	<u>40,480</u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	10,047	10,790
Restricted Funds	<u>29,690</u>	<u>29,690</u>
Total Funds	<u>39,737</u>	<u>40,480</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Chairperson

Date: 31st October 2024

Treasurer

Date: 31st October 2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Stranraer Happy Hooves RDA Group SCIO**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that 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 reached.



Date: 4th November 2024