

Bedford Disabled Horse Riding Association Report 2024

At a Trustees' meeting held on 23rd September 2024 at Frosts Garden Centre, Willington, Beds the Trustees discussed the charity's situation.

We are happy to report that our charity continues to thrive. We have a regular number of volunteers, circa 40, and are continuing to ride around 120 children from various special schools in the area. We have also run a special group with aid from Bedford Borough Council.

We have upgraded our outdoor riding arena which cost a substantial amount of money and have applied for planning permission to build a new clubhouse with a classroom facility. We have planted a woodland area at the bottom of our paddocks.

Sadly, one of our most prominent Trustees the Hon Richard Godber died this year, he will be missed but we wish to give thanks for his good counsel and hard work over many years.

We wish to thank the following organisations. The Strangward Foundation, the Friends of BDHRA, The Anders Foundation, The Harpur Trust, The Aesopian Society, The National Lottery, The Wixamtree Trust, The Varrier Jones Foundation and the Panacea Trust.

We continue to look into ways to gain the maximum from our facilities to further help disabled and disadvantaged children in Bedfordshire.

Signed 

Date 20.9.24

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SECRETARY:

Mrs J Bedford

REGISTERED OFFICE:

The Riding Centre
Balls Lane
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:

1068678

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS:

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REPORT OF LONGSTAFF, GENTLE & CO
TO THE TRUSTEES
OF THE BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1068678)

I report on the accounts of Bedford Disabled Horse Riders Association for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 5 as follows.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- 1 examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- 2 to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 3 to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. 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 the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

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MR S.P. SIMPSON

Sheridan Simpson

3 September 2024

Chartered Certified Accountants


BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Land at Cost (incl. Professional Fees)	123159	123159
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Stock	210	220
Tax Debtor	1205	3577
Bank Deposit Accounts	40721	40292
Bank Current Account	28412	48390
Cash In Hand	0	3
	<u>70548</u>	<u>92482</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors	<u>346</u>	<u>332</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	70202	92150
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>	<u><u>193361</u></u>	<u><u>215309</u></u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		
Balance as at 1 April 2023	215309	184682
Add: Surplus /(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for the year	(21948)	30627
Balance as at 31 March 2024	<u><u>193361</u></u>	<u><u>215309</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees of the Bedford Disabled Horse Riders Association on September 3rd 2024

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BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INCOME

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Donations and Memorial Funds	48173	46825
Riders Money	7140	7350
Sales Table	147	325
Income from Functions	4697	7120
Friends of B.D.H.R.A.	7405	16139
	<u>67562</u>	<u>77759</u>
Interest Received	429	76
Total Income	<u>67991</u>	<u>77835</u>

EXPENDITURE

Purchase of Horses	0	2000
Outdoor Menage	58550	0
Purchase of Printed Sweatshirts for Re-sale (Net of Stock Adjustment)	147	60
Function Expenses	275	3063
Horse Expenses (Feed, Shoes, etc)	11217	11439
Insurance	6610	6184
Repairs and Maintenance	6945	21280
General Office Expenses (including website)	6195	3182
	<u>89939</u>	<u>47208</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

- 1.1 The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis under the Historic Cost Convention.
- 1.2 The cost of horses, tack and other wasting assets have been charged in the year in which they have been paid.
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- 1.5 The land used by the Association is partly freehold, i.e. the land on the south side of Balls Lane, Willington (title number BD 174215), and partly leasehold, which lies on the northern boundary of the freehold, for which a peppercorn rent is paid. There is a restriction on the use of both properties to use the land only as riding centre for the disabled. The nominal consideration and the costs associated with the transfer of the properties were written off in the year in which they were incurred. The Association has now purchased 12 acres of land on the east side of Balls Lane, Willington, Bedfordshire.
- 1.6 Amortisation of the lease has been charged against the accumulated funds in the balance sheet. The remaining balance has been written off during the year.

2 TAXATION

On 16th March 1998 the Bedford Association was registered as an independent charity (number 1068678). The income from investments is not liable for tax (ITCA 1988 sec. 505(1)c). By concession the income from trading is also exempt as the proceeds from such trading is applied solely to the benefit of the charity.

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