

Bedford Disabled Horse Riding Association

Annual

Report 2025

At A Trustees` meeting held on 5th December 2025 at The Garden Centre, Willington, Beds the trustees discussed charity`s situation.

We are happy to report that our charity continues to thrive. We have a regular number of volunteers around 40 and we continue to ride approximately 136 children from various special schools in the area. We have also run a special course for Bedford Borough Council.

We have gained planning permission to build a new clubhouse and are in the process of raising funding for this project.

We wish to thank the following organisations The Harpur Trust, The Strangward Foundation, the FRIENDS of BDHRA, The Anders Foundation and the volunteers who make the charity possible.

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

Signed



Dated

5th December 2025

J.M. Bedford	49 Church Road, Willington, Bedford MK44 3PU
J. Godber	Abbey House, Ravenstone MK46 5AR
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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
Willington
Beds
MK44 3PT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:

1068678

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS:

Longstaff, Gentle & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
61 Harpur Street
Bedford
MK40 2SR

REPORT OF LONGSTAFF, GENTLE & CO
TO THE TRUSTEES
OF THE BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1068678)

I report on the accounts of Bedford Disabled Horse Riders Association for the year ended 31 March 2025, 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

Stephen Simpson

1 October 2025

Chartered Certified Accountants

BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Land at Cost (incl. Professional Fees)	123159	123159
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Stock	210	210
Tax Debtor	5155	1205
Bank Deposit Accounts	41175	40721
Bank Current Account	43028	28412
Cash In Hand	0	0
	<u>89568</u>	<u>70548</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Creditors	<u>360</u>	<u>346</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	89208	70202
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>	<u><u>212367</u></u>	<u><u>193361</u></u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		
Balance as at 1 April 2024	193361	215309
<u>Add:</u> Surplus /(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for the year	19006	(21948)
Balance as at 31 March 2025	<u><u>212367</u></u>	<u><u>193361</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees of the Bedford Disabled Horse Riders Association on October 1st 2025

Nick Kier
Trustee

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BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

INCOME

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Donations and Memorial Funds	18363	48173
Riders Money	10410	7140
Sales Table	28	147
Income from Functions	6068	4697
Friends of B.D.H.R.A.	18990	7405
	<u>53859</u>	<u>67562</u>
 Interest Received	 454	 429
 Total Income	 <u><u>54313</u></u>	 <u><u>67991</u></u>

EXPENDITURE

Purchase of Horses	0	0
Outdoor Menage	0	58550
Professional Fees	9240	0
Purchase of Printed Sweatshirts for Re-sale (Net of Stock Adjustment)	0	147
Function Expenses	1074	275
Horse Expenses (Feed, Shoes, etc)	9807	11217
Insurance	6459	6610
Repairs and Maintenance	5603	6945
General Office Expenses (including website)	3124	6195
	<u>35307</u>	<u>89939</u>

Surplus/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure for the year	<u><u>19006</u></u>	<u><u>(21948)</u></u>
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BEDFORD DISABLED HORSE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

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- 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 now freehold, i.e. the land on the south side of Balls Lane, Willington (title number BD 174215), and land, which lies on the northern boundary for which a peppercorn rent was previously 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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