

Charity no 1073553

A Member of the Riding for the Disabled  
Association incorporating Carriage Driving  
Registered under Charity no: 244108  
President: HRH The Princess Royal, KG GCVO



New Lodge Centre

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## **New Lodge Riding for the Disabled Association Charity No 1073553 Annual Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

New Lodge RDA operates at the New Lodge Riding Centre, Mottingham Lane, Eltham, SE9 4RW.

The charity is governed by a committee of three Trustees with a working committee of a further five members who are not trustees but are involved with the day to day running of the charitable activities. The daily responsibility of running the charity and looking after the horses is assigned to Hilary Crawford and Amy Clark. Committee meetings are held quarterly and the working committee report to the Trustees at these meetings.

Trustees and committee members are nominated and elected by the voting members of the charity at the AGM.

The charity is governed by the terms of the constitution adopted on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1998. The charity is affiliated to the National Riding for the Disabled Association, charity number 244108 and is governed by the terms set out in the constitution. New Lodge RDA benefits from use of policies and guidance provided by National RDA. The charity is also covered by their insurance policy and receives training opportunities for staff and volunteers.

Trustees:

Dot Johnson – Chair

Hilary Crawford – Treasurer

Amanda Green – Secretary

In accordance with the terms of the constitution Hilary Crawford stood down at the last AGM but was willing to stand for re-election. There were no other nominees so Hilary Crawford was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer.

Working committee members:

Hannah West

Kathryn Catwright

Amy Clark

Hannah Ward  
Annabelle Evans

The accounts are examined and prepared by:  
Myke Flynn  
Association of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (retired)  
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The object of the New Lodge RDA are to promote the objectives of the National Riding for the Disabled Association (a registered charity under no 244108) by providing disabled people the opportunity to horse ride as therapy and in order to benefit their health and well-being.

The vision of New Lodge RDA is to enrich the lives of all disabled people through horses.

Our purpose is to ensure all our participants get an excellent experience with New Lodge RDA according to their specific needs.

In order to achieve these objectives New Lodge RDA provides riding five days a week throughout the year. New Lodge RDA is an inclusive organisation catering for riders from a wide range of ages and disabilities both intellectual and physical. We have a large group of riders on the Autistic Spectrum. The Centre is situated in the borough of Bromley but we also take riders from all the surrounding boroughs including Royal Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark and Bexley. Riders and volunteers come from all walks of life and ethnicities.

We are currently not at full capacity due to the difficulty in recruiting qualified instructors. Our long-term instructor has health issues and is not able to carry out as many rides as before. She is giving enough rides to keep the Centre running and training two new coaches with the hope they will be able to take over some of the duties soon. The weekends are our busiest times and we have private lessons on the remaining three days. We have one college group who have returned since Covid attending on a Wednesday afternoon.

The Contract with Greenwich short breaks has ended. We will be starting a new contract going forward with VCS through Greenwich. Unfortunately this is a much reduced budget and we have had to cut the service in line with this. It will allow us to continue to offer some sessions for less well off at a very reduced rate over the next four years of the contract.

Our riders generally attend weekly either long term or for a block such as a term. We run progressive courses tailored to the individual's needs. We cater for an average of 40 riders a week and offer one off courses throughout the school holidays. Our riders gain great benefits both physically and mentally. Their confidence and self-esteem grows throughout the sessions. During this year we had a total of 85 riders attending 70 under 18. 46 riders

attended for the first time during this year. A total of 1476 sessions run this year. The Centre had to close for rides for five weeks in August and September when our instructor had to take time off for surgery. She resumed rides as soon as she was able.

New Lodge RDA relies on a band of volunteers to run the sessions and we currently have 28 volunteers on our books. These volunteers lead on the rides and support the riders as well as seeing to the horses after the rides. Volunteers come from schools, colleges, the local community and several retired people. New Lodge RDA has two part time staff who are responsible for the care of the horses. Many of the younger volunteers participate in order to gain D of E awards. We run fundraising events throughout the year where all riders, parents, carers and volunteers can get together and socialise.

The Trustees are aware of their duty to have regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant.

### **Financial report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

The total income for this year was £29,735 and the total outgoings was £37,575. This left a shortfall of £7,840 which was covered from existing reserves held in the bank. The extra expenditure was in large part due to the purchase of a new horse. Cash funds in the bank at the end of this year were £10,896.

Apart from our regular donors, calendar sales, sponsor a pony scheme and fundraising events the following contributed to the income this year:

Royal Greenwich short breaks contract

Waitrose

Lesley and Max Davies

Hywell Davis

Dr A Timothy

Greater London RDA

We are also grateful to Hannah Ward and Marco Chardi with his son all of whom organised sponsored events to raise funds.

The main expenditure for this year includes purchase of a New Horse, purchasing the weekend rides under the Greenwich contract, staff wages, hay and feed, National RDA subscription, veterinary fees, first aid training, maintenance and fencing and utilities.

The charity has assets all used to provide the service. These include stables, tractor, fencing, hard standings, security containers, horses, tack and hand washing station. The New Lodge RDA currently has the use of 12 horses and ponies either owned by the charity or on long term loan. The horses cover a wide range to cater for all of our rider's needs.

The Charity works in partnership with New Lodge Riding Centre. The charity uses the premises free of charge. The Riding school uses the horses on their weekend rides but also

invites the more advanced RDA riders to join these rides. The Riding school pays a share of the cost of keeping the horses and provides the instructor for RDA rides free of charge. This is a long term agreement which has proved very successful over many years.

The New Lodge RDA has a waiting list and no shortage of applications from new riders wanting to access the service. The restriction on the number of rides is currently the lack of coaches but we will hope to expand and increase numbers as soon as possible.

Signed: Hilary Crawford

Hilary Crawford  
Treasurer

Date: 28/11/23



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
NEW LODGE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSN

No (if any)  
1073553

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.04.2022	To	Period end date 31.03.2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

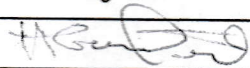
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
DONATIONS / MISC.	13487 -	-	-	13487 -	6504 -
ROYAL GREENWICH CHILDRENS	15248 -	-	-	15248 -	15248 -
GIFT AID	-	-	-	-	3653 -
RD & GRANT	-	-	-	-	1000 -
GREATER LONDON GRANT	1000 -	-	-	1000 -	-
YOUTH UK	-	-	-	-	3120 -
Co-op	-	-	-	-	3448 -
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	29735 -	-	-	29735 -	32975 -
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	29735 -	-	-	-	32975 -
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
VEH FEES / FEES / MEDICINES	10867 -	-	-	10867 -	11601 -
TELEPHONE / ELECTRIC	411 -	-	-	411 -	439 -
INSURANCE / SUBSCRIPTION	985 -	-	-	985 -	975 -
WAGES	10339 -	-	-	10339 -	12699 -
TRAINING	5725 -	-	-	5725 -	6410 -
MAINTENANCE	2113 -	-	-	2113 -	196 -
GENERAL EXPENSES	365 -	-	-	365 -	58 -
<b>Sub total</b>	30805 -	-	-	30805 -	32378 -
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
HORSE (DOLLAR)	6770 -	-	-	6770 -	-
SAND SCHOOL	-	-	-	-	4200 -
<b>Sub total</b>	6770 -	-	-	6770 -	4200 -
<b>Total payments</b>	37575 -	-	-	37575 -	36578 -
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	(7840) -	-	-	(7840) -	(3603) -
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	18736 -	-	-	-	22339 -
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	10896 -	-	-	10896 -	18736 -



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CASH AT BANK	10 896 -	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	10 896 -	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	HARDSTANDING/SAND SCHOOL	RESTRICTED	33491 -	-
	FENCING/ROAD SURFACE	RESTRICTED	98809 -	-
	SEPTIC TANK/PORTABLE TOILET	RESTRICTED	10353 -	-
	STORAGE CONTAINER	UNRESTRICTED	587 -	-
	STABLES	RESTRICTED	34203 -	-
	COMPUTER/SECURITY CAMERA	UNRESTRICTED	1349 -	-
	BARN ROOF/MOUNTING BLOCK	UNRESTRICTED	5744 -	-
	TRACTOR	UNRESTRICTED	865 -	-
	HORSES	UNRESTRICTED	13802 -	-
	HAND WASHING STATION	RESTRICTED	954 -	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	HILARY CRAWFORD	28/11/23



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

NEW LODGE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1073553

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

M. J. Flynn

Date:

30.08.2023

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN FLYNN

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES (RETIRED)

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.