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Our new Wednesday morning class celebrate their end of term with a Certificate of Achievement

About us

2024 and early 2025 was a very busy time for Barnfield Riding for the Disabled charity. We are now running horse riding therapy lessons for four different schools in the Kingston area. They all provide for pupils who have a range of severe and complex learning disabilities (SEND) or with vision and sensory impairment. The majority of our funds that we raise are dedicated to subsidising these lessons. Without grants and generous donations from the public we would not be able to provide this essential service for our community.

Volunteers

We are totally dependent on our volunteers who run the lessons. During Covid our volunteer pool was seriously depleted but we have gradually built up our numbers and have many new volunteers from the local community who are supportive and dedicated. It is important for the children who attend each week to build relationships with our volunteers so we very much appreciate their commitment.



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In most of the classes we run, the teachers help with the volunteers lifting on and dismounting each rider and side walking. The volunteers run the class, lead the ponies and also side walk. For a safe environment we require 3 people to look after 1 rider. Our volunteers also assist the children with the hat/gloves fitting and keeping them safe and occupied while at the Riding School.

Lessons

In 2025 we started a new class for a Kingston based school for children with severe learning disabilities. Their satellite class is located close to Barnfield stables and provides for primary aged children so it is a short journey for the children to visit. It has been a great success and the children are very well behaved and enthusiastic and a joy for all involved!

We are currently subsidising around 40 children each week (we also run classes for unsubsidised children). Expansion is restricted by the number of volunteers available and the amount of funds we can raise each year. Our volunteer pool is now around 30 which is still less than pre Covid. Each child has to be assessed for suitability, qualification for subsidies and regular commitment (as we are run by volunteers we aim for commitment each week as much as possible in order to schedule the classes and notify the stables which horses we require). Each horse has to be individually tacked up then lead by a volunteer for the lesson with side walkers, depending on the severity of each individual disability. The lesson is usually run by a qualified paid instructor. Only small classes with a maximum of 6 children are held due to safety reasons, which is always paramount.



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We provide a unique experience for sensory impaired children

Grants and Fundraising

We continue to apply for grants and run fundraising activities. We now need to raise £35,000 per year, which is a significant increase on costs from last year. This is primarily due to two additional school classes that we are subsidising. We have one asset owned by the charity – that is the Mechanical Horse which was 100% funded by private donations. This allows riders to practice riding techniques on a horse simulator run by a professional RDA trained instructor. We have no employees or overheads from employees, our charity is 100% run by volunteers.

Barnfield stables had a very successful Open Day in September 2024. The funds raised on the day are donated to Barnfield RDA charity. The event allows the local community to visit the stables' premises and for children to have pony rides. We had an amazing selection of stalls selling homemade and homebaked produce.



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We also had a demonstration from our farrier on how to shoe a horse! Our local MP Sarah Olney visited (see below) and we discussed with her the aims and benefits of our charity. She is very supportive of our cause. Unfortunately, due to Kingston Council leasing the majority of the shared car park to the new adjacent nursery we will be unable to hold this event again.



We also participated in Ham Parade Market and Ham Fair and once again we have to thank Ham Polo club who are very supportive of our charity. We had a wonderful fundraising evening at their club house – a chukkers demonstration by their very experience riders and horses, followed by delicious BBQ food and live music.

Our accounts also reflect the success of our campaign to apply for grants and the receipt of private donations. We were awarded restricted grants from local foundations to help fund our lessons' subsidies, in particular the Victoria Foundation and Kingston Nursing Association who we wish to say a special thank you to.

We are totally dependent on the generosity of our BRDA supporters and the general public who we greatly appreciate and would like to thank.

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BARNFIELD RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1073731

Set out on pages

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**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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**


My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 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
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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act
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Signed:



30 August 2025

Name:

Gary Gilmour

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CHARITY NUMBER 1073731

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations Coop	500	2,179
Tesco Groundwork	500	1,440
Kingston Resilience	0	3,978
Victoria Foundation	3,500	1,600
RDA Head Office	0	1,900
KCF Kingston	2,250	1,500
KNA Grant	2,000	0
Horse Sponsorship	3,196	3,586
Total Receipts	£11,946	£16,183
PAYMENTS		
RDA Head Office - BRS Lessons	0	1,900
Horse Sponsorship - BRS	4,295	4,226
KCF Grant - BRS Lessons	1,500	1,500
KNA Grant - BRS Lessons	1,000	0
Coop - BRS Lessons	500	2,179
Victoria Foundation - BRS Lessons	1,000	1,600
Tesco Groundwork - BRS Lessons	500	1,440
Kingston Resilience - BRS Lessons	3,978	0
Victoria - Poles and RDA equipment	1,286	0
Victoria- New Saddles	1,214	0
Total Payments	£15,273	£12,845
Net Receipts/Payments	(3,327)	3,338
Cash funds 31 March 2024	6,465	3,127
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations	20,753		13,731	
Gift Aid	0	20,753	3,522	17,253
FUNDRAISING EVENTS				
Xmas Dinner/Raffle	1634		1530	
Less: Expenses	(1,080)		(1,165)	
Xmas Calendars	0		670	
Less: Expenses	0		(324)	
Open Day	1971		0	
Less: Expenses	(189)		0	
Ham Fair	290		0	
Less: Expenses	(50)		0	
Mechanical Horse	0		1260	
Ham Parade Stall	470		285	
Ham Polo Auction and Tickets	2171		2510	
Xmas Stall	153		0	4,766
Park Road Market	105		0	
Wych Elm Quiz	650		0	
Miscellaneous	60	6,185	0	4,766
NET RECEIPTS		26,938		22,019
PAYMENTS				
Barnfield Riding School	20052		12431	
Less: Linden Lodge contribution	(3,240)		(2,520)	
Less: Strathmore School contribution	(4,970)		(5,060)	
Contribution to Field Rental	0		1,000	
Website	71		0	
Banners and Leaflets	46		0	
Ravendens plc Xmas produce	578		0	
Mounting Block	690		0	
Fundraiser Costs	5143		3885	
Disclosure Services	200		141	
Miscellaneous	47		86	
RDA Insurance & Membership	1064	19,681	1010	10,973
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)		£7,257		£11,046

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2025

CASH FUNDS

	2025		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
At 1 April 2024	£47,824	£6,465	£54,289
Net movement in funds	£7,257	(3,327)	£3,930
Balance 31 March 2025	£55,081	£3,138	£58,219

2024		
Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
£36,778	£3,127	£39,905
£11,046	£3,338	£14,384
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ASSETS RETAINED

	Restricted/ Unrestricted	Cost £
Mechanical Horse & Housing	Restricted	£54,298

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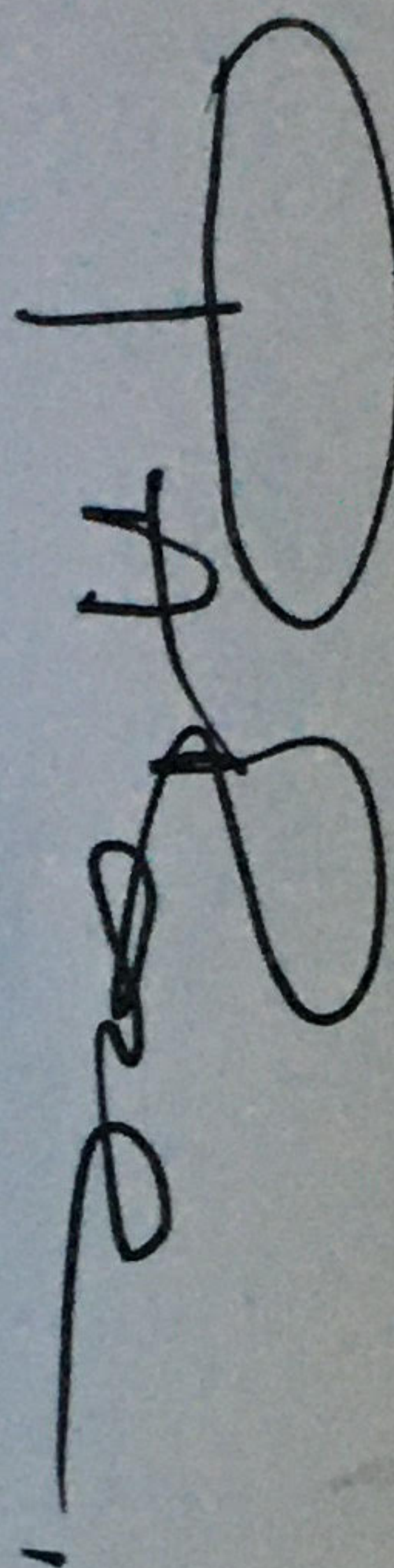
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