



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Kesteven Rideability

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1074079

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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:

Date:

04/06/2025

Name:

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

AAT

Address:

1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, 28 MARKET PLACE, GRANTHAM, LINCS, NG31 6LR



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.

N/A





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

KESTEVEN GROUP RDA

1074079

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

### 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>					
SALES	19,685	-	-	19,685	22,644
DONATIONS/FUND RAISING	30,681	-	-	30,681	28,376
GIFT AID	1,837	-	-	1,837	2,107
GRANTS	-	-	-	-	-
INTEREST	391	-	-	391	396
OTHER INCOME	584	-	-	584	880
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>53,178</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,178</b>	<b>54,403</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
SALE OF ASSETS	480	-	-	480	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,658</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,658</b>	<b>54,403</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
ADMIN	1,238	-	-	1,238	908
COMP EXPENSES	198	-	-	198	187
REPAIRS/EQUIP	3,202	-	-	3,202	1,859
TRAINING	-	-	-	-	769
PONY COSTS	24,976	-	-	24,976	25,967
FUNDRAISING COSTS	435	-	-	435	-
STAFF COSTS	20,459	-	-	20,459	27,452
OTHER/HOLIDAY	-	-	-	-	-
ACCOUNTANCY	300	-	-	300	300
OTHER EXPENSES	1,182	-	-	1,182	858
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>51,990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,990</b>	<b>58,299</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
ASSET	6,236	-	-	6,236	2,288
LIVESTOCK ASSET	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>2,288</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>58,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,226</b>	<b>60,587</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,568</b>	<b>- 6,184</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,061</b>	<b>33,169</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>21,493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,493</b>	<b>26,985</b>

### 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>	BANK	500	-	-
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SAVINGS BANK	20,994	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

## B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

## B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-

## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-
EQUINE SIMULATOR	UNRESTRICTED	27,050	-
SIMULATOR CONTROL	UNRESTRICTED	350	-
TEMPORARY FENCING AND GATE	UNRESTRICTED	912	-
RATTAN TABLE AND CHAIR SET	UNRESTRICTED	340	-
HORSE-LIVESTOCK	UNRESTRICTED	3,000	-
CARRIAGE COVER	UNRESTRICTED	505	-
HAY SOAKER	UNRESTRICTED	339	-
BANANA PARASOL	UNRESTRICTED	99	-
LAWNMOWER	UNRESTRICTED	350	-
SADDLE	UNRESTRICTED	2,095	-
SADDLE	UNRESTRICTED	1,995	-
HORSE-LIVESTOCK	UNRESTRICTED	7,000	-
DRIVING CONES	UNRESTRICTED	301	-
SHOW JUMPS	UNRESTRICTED	471	-
PERGOLA	UNRESTRICTED	569	-
SADDLE	UNRESTRICTED	654	-
Harness for Elsa	UNRESTRICTED	605	-
Saddle for Fudge	UNRESTRICTED	654	-
2x Jumping Poles	UNRESTRICTED	284	-
Bench	UNRESTRICTED	395	-
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## B5 Liabilities

Details	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
<i>G. Hatton</i>	GAY HATTON	8.10.25
<i>C. Hargreaves</i>	C Hargreaves	8/10/25





# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date	To	Period end date

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name	KESTEVEN RIDEABILITY
Other names charity is known by	KESTEVEN RDA
Registered charity number (if any)	1074079
Charity's principal address	Lodge Farm, Frieston Road Hough on the Hill, Grantham, Lincs Postcode NG32 2BE

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicola Webber	Chair		
2	Sharon Watson	Secretary		
3	Gill Smith			
4	Karen Thompson			
5	Claire Honeywood			
6	Clare Brown			
7	Elizabeth Jones			
8	Susan Ashton			
9	Emily Johnson			
10	Gay Hatton	Treasurer		

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Thea Hood	28 Market Place, Grantham, Lincs NG31 6LR

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Standard Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated group
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Individuals are nominated for post and voted in by the membership at the AGM



# Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>There is a child protection policy in place and all volunteers actively involved in sessions are DBS checked on a three yearly basis.</p> <p>Kesteven Rideability is a member of Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving which provide useful advice and training on governance issues for the trustees.</p> <p>Kesteven Rideability is a member of HEIR through their RDA membership.</p> <p>Kesteven Rideability is an active member of North Midlands region RDA and takes up opportunities for training of trustees and volunteers.</p> <p>The trustees regularly revise the charities policies and undertake risk assessments of all riding sessions.</p> <p>The charity also takes insurance from RDA National which includes trustees' indemnity insurance</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>To promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving by providing disabled people in the Kesteven and North Midlands area with the opportunity to ride or participate in riding/driving and other equine related activities to benefit their health and well-being.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)</p>	<p>Established in 1988 and based in the Lincolnshire village of Hough on the Hill we are an independent charity and member group of the Riding for the Disabled Association offering a range of riding and equine therapy activities for disabled adults and children. In a safe and supportive rural setting, we provide an inclusive and exciting outdoor activity and the chance to interact with our horses and ponies in a positive and beneficial way.</p> <p><b>Education</b></p> <p>Working alongside the National Curriculum and local schools to provide education whilst benefitting from the interaction with horses and volunteers. Developing literacy and numeracy in a fun, innovative way whilst improving core stability and co-ordination through riding.</p> <p><b>Recreation</b></p> <p>Learning to ride in a relaxed setting, making new friends and sharing experiences. Providing a happy atmosphere where riders can progress at their own pace, enjoy interacting with volunteers and benefit from the therapeutic qualities of horse riding.</p> <p><b>Competition</b></p> <p>Supporting riders who set themselves a competitive challenge at local, regional or national level. Empowering riders to meet their chosen goals with first class coaching on school master horses.</p> <p><b>Carriage Driving</b></p> <p>This activity is suitable for people who can no longer ride due to their disability or who prefer a different kind of equine challenge. It's a fun way to learn new skills and enjoy the beautiful countryside around the stables. The sessions last for 30 mins and includes a practical driving session.</p> <p><b>Public Benefit</b></p> <p>The trustees reviewed the guidance on public benefit from the Charity Commission to ensure all activities fall within the guidelines.</p>



<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy on grantmaking;</li> <li>• policy programme related investment;</li> <li>• contribution made by volunteers.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Volunteers</b></p> <p>The number of volunteers actively involved in the group is 18 individuals who form a strong united team to help to run riding, driving and therapy session.</p> <p>The volunteers consist of Trustees on the committee, riding session helpers and people who help with the riding holiday, National competitions etc.</p> <p>We are extremely grateful for the time freely given by volunteers when helping keep the group running smoothly.</p> <p>We also have five coaches within the group who often give their time freely to help with the running of the group when not coaching.</p> <p>In May our volunteer Sharon was nominated for the Radio Lincolnshire Make a difference award. The awards recognise individuals and groups who make life better for people in our communities. Our charity relies hugely on our wonderful volunteers and we would be lost without each and every one.</p>
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## Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

### Riders

Our client numbers have remained steady and we now offer sessions on Tuesday all day and evening, Thursday and Saturday morning. The majority of clients are between 7 and 25 years old but we do support older riders. Sully, our simulator, continues to enable us to provide therapy sessions and is also an alternative when the weather is unsuitable for outdoor sessions. Carriage Driving is popular and our new dual purpose carriage driving pony, Elsa, is doing very well.

### Achievements

Each year we present awards to our adult and junior riders. For 2024 the winner of the Fronerthig Delyn Aur Trophy for the Most Improved Junior Rider was Grace for improving her riding skills. The award for most improved senior rider went to Frazer. Both had worked hard to improve their riding skills over the past 12 months.

Riders took part in the Riding for the Disabled Virtual Championships and were successful across a variety of disciplines.

All participants achieve within their sessions, setting goals with help from our coaches and their progress is tracked by a variety of awards, proficiency tests and competition results.

Participants were able to take part in competition through the RDA Virtual Championships. We had clients entered in many classes including carriage driving, dressage, countryside challenge and jumping. Many of our riders came first with more achieving second and third places.

In November 2024 we were a finalist in the charity section of the Equestrian Business Awards. All the trustees attended the dinner where the winner were announced. We didn't win but it was a real treat to be there and we had a lovely time meeting up with the other nominees.

Elsa our dual purposes pony passed her Driving Assessment test for RDA in August 2024. This means she has completed her basic training and can now move on to more complex work and begin to increase her experience of carriage driving. She has learnt many voice commands and is a very willing partner and is doing really well in her work. During the early part of 2025 we also received our new Bennington Fun Bug carriage which was very exciting. This was only possible because of generous funding from a variety of sources; Rotary Club of Grantham, Rotary Club of Grantham Swimathon, Say Hello and F.F.N Lincoln. This carriage will be easier for our clients to access as well as being better suited to our carriage driving pony.



## Section E Financial review

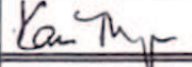
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We hold unrestricted funds in a community bank account which are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure such as pony replacement, vet's bills and repairs to horse simulator.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	
Further financial review details (Optional information)	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);</li> <li>how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li> <li>investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.</li> </ul>	<p>Our main source of funds consists of rider's fees, pony angels, fundraising events and donations from the local community and other organisations.</p> <p>The main source of expenditure are costs associated with the upkeep of the ponies owned by the group, coach fees and giving riders the opportunities to participate in events at local, regional and national level</p>

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	G.H.M. Hutton		
K Thompson	Full name(s)	G.H.M. Hutton		
Group ORGANISER	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer.		
	Date	08 - 10 - 2025		



**Minutes of AGM for Kesteven RDA**  
**8<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

		Action																											
<b>Present</b>	Gay Hatton, Karen Thompson, Claire Honeywood, Clare Brown, Sue Ashton, Liz Jones, Gill Smith, Sue Hesketh and Ros Wentworth																												
<b>Apologies</b>	Nicky Webber, Emily Johnson, Sharon Watson and Ian Selby																												
<b>Welcome</b>	Karen Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting.																												
<b>Approval of minutes from AGM held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and Matters Arising</b>	Approved by Clare Brown, seconded by Gay Hatton. No matters arising.																												
<b>To receive and approve the Annual Report</b>	Annual Group Report was emailed round before the meeting which everyone read. Gill Smith approved, and Sue Ashton seconded the report.																												
<b>To receive and approve the Annual Group Accounts</b>	<p>The annual accounts were emailed round before the meeting which everyone read. Sue Ashton approved them, and Claire Honeywood seconded.</p> <p>Gay Hatton read out the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The opening balance on 01/04/2024 was £26,061</li> <li>• The closing balance on 31/03/2025 was £21,493</li> <li>• Income for the year from Client Fees, Fundraising, Donations and Gift Aid was £53,555</li> <li>• We received donations from Charlotte Hogg, Say Hello, The Swimathon, Gilly Worth, Cath Brightman, Tryac and Andy Honeywood.</li> <li>• Expenditure for the year which includes Pony Costs, Staff Costs, Administration and Insurance was £59,469</li> <li>• All these are itemised in more detail in the Accounts for this period.</li> <li>• Although the balance is decreasing, we have a plan going forward.</li> <li>• We have agreed the sale of the Simulator with another RDA Group. They have raised the funds, and it will be moving to them in early November. This will top up our reserves significantly.</li> </ul>																												
<b>Retirement of existing Trustees in accordance with Clause 6.4 the Group Constitution &amp; Election of Trustees (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Additional Committee Members)</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Retiring</th><th>Re-Election</th><th>New Trustees</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Karen Thompson</td><td>Nicky Webber</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Sue Ashton</td><td>Clare Brown</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Sharon Watson</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Gay Hatton</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Gill Smith</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Liz Jones</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Claire Honeywood</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Emily Johnson</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All other officers stood down and were re-elected into their current positions.</li> <li>• Re-election of Karen and Sue - proposed by Liz, seconded by Gill and all approved.</li> </ul>	Retiring	Re-Election	New Trustees	Karen Thompson	Nicky Webber		Sue Ashton	Clare Brown			Sharon Watson			Gay Hatton			Gill Smith			Liz Jones			Claire Honeywood			Emily Johnson		
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<b>Appoint Auditor or independent examiner of the Group</b>	We are going to continue to use our current auditors (Hood & Parkes).																												
<b>Review Lesson Prices</b>	<p>It was agreed that lesson prices will stay at the current rate and be reviewed again next year: Nov 2025</p> <table> <tr> <td><b>Riding or Driving:</b></td> <td>Private session</td> <td>30 mins £30 45 mins £45</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Riding:</b></td> <td>Group session</td> <td>30 mins £15 45 mins £20</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Simulator:</b></td> <td>Individual session:</td> <td>Up to 20 mins £18 30 mins £25</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Riding or Driving:</b>	Private session	30 mins £30 45 mins £45	<b>Riding:</b>	Group session	30 mins £15 45 mins £20	<b>Simulator:</b>	Individual session:	Up to 20 mins £18 30 mins £25																			
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<b>Plans for 2026</b>	The riding holiday in August 2026 has been booked and a deposit paid with 6 riders currently expressing an interest in taking part.																												
<b>AOB</b>	None																												



Closure of meeting

Meeting closed at 7.20pm.