



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **24/04/2023** Period start date To **24/04/2024** Period end date

Charity name: **High Hopes Riding for the Disabled**

Charity registration number: **1074146**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The purpose of the charity is to provide horse riding sessions and equine related activities for children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities and sensory impairments</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>The main activity is volunteer supported horse riding sessions, training horse care and knowledge and coaching for competitions. Also included for adult participants are volunteering activity and preparation for employment</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>High Hopes RDA group benefits the public by virtue of a protected characteristic i.e. Disability. High Hopes follows the rules and guidance provided by the nation organisation Riding for the Disabled Association in deciding who may participate in and benefit from the activities provided</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>High Hopes is a volunteer led charity. All activities are initiated and supported by volunteers. This includes day to day care of the horses, support for riders and fundraising</b>
		<b>The trustees and volunteers are made up</b>

Other		of parents, carers and friends of the beneficiaries. The High Hopes charity is based in South Yorkshire and is supported by local businesses and retailers
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	High Hopes is a well established charity and provides opportunities for children and adults to experience sporting and recreational activity outside of their every day lives. Riders range in age from 4 years to 65 years and there is a good gender and ethnic balance amongst participants. In the reporting period there were 39 riders, comprising 17 children and 22 adults. Volunteer numbers for the reporting period are 30. These are generally able bodied adults who care for the horses, support rising sessions and coach riders for competitions. The number of sessions delivered was 326. This number was affected by the restriction imposed by Covid 19. (In the period 2018-2019 the number of sessions delivered was 730). The period under review was affected by the second wave of Covid and this restricted the number of riders/volunteers on the premises and the level of community activity or the group. High Hopes lost a number of bigger organisations for example; Special schools, who had previously sent larger groups of riders to participate during term time.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Income: £65,927</b> <b>Expenditure: £42,901</b> <b>Balance/Reserve: £23,026</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves are held so that monthly payments of premises rental, utility bills, horse feed and bedding, vets fees and subscription and insurance payments to the RDA group are covered</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£23,026</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>The principal source of funds are donations, fund raising activities such as sales, raffles, collections in local retail outlets.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Unincorporated association</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Prospective trustees are invited to attend the AGM. Where specific posts are vacant applicants are encouraged to state their interest and are then proposed and seconded into position by the existing trustees</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>A committee is formed from the trustees and this meets monthly to discuss the day to day running of the charity, fundraising activities, financial, health and safety, RDA guidance/information and equestrian competitions</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>High Hopes operates under the guidance and rules provided by the Riding for the Disabled Association. This is the overall governing body and it provides, at additional cost to the charity, insurance, advice and training for coaches and volunteers</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	High hopes RDA
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1074146
Charity's principal address	The Stables Aston Lane Aughton Sheffield S26 3XA

**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	Marjorie Sheppard			
2	John Richard Halliday			
3	David Hewitt			
4	Josie Southwell			
5	Chris Blagden			
6	Mel Hartley			
7	Christine Gummer			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>J R Halliday</i>	
Full name(s)	John Richard Halliday	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	22/03/2025	



**HIGH HOPES RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP**

Charity No. 1074146

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

For the year 25th April 2023 to 24th April 2024

	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	
Donations	13,824		11,380	
Grants	44,400		-	
Riders contributions	6,953		9,356	
Vehicle Sale	750		-	
<b>Total Income</b>		65,927		20,736
 <u>Expenditure</u>				
Rent & Rates	12,044		10,229	
Light & Heat	668		883	
Motor & transport	4,185		800	
Feed & Bedding	8,534		7,132	
Veterinary & Farrier Fees	4,393		5,153	
Events & Show Expenses	2,938		116	
Subscriptions	18		438	
Insurance	988		675	
Telephone	5		214	
Equipment Hire & Replacements	880		4,760	
Licence	-		20	
Repairs & maintenance	1,109		298	
Sundry	939		121	
Consultancy	3,600		-	
Horse Box Purchase	2,600		-	
<b>Total</b>		42,901		30,839
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for the year</b>	£	<u>23,026</u>	£	<u>(10,103)</u>
Cash at bank at 24th April 2023		92		
Cash at bank at 24th April 2024		23,118		
Cash in hand at 24th April 2024		-		
	£	<u>23,026</u>		
		(0)		

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all records and information for their preparation.



Shirley Hudson - Treasurer



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

HIGH HOPES RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1074146

Set out on pages

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

(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 24/04/2022.

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:

P Dearden

Date:

28/2/2025

Name:

PETER DEARDEN

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

FFA / FIPA

Address:

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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.