

CROSBY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1074270

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-02-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTS OF THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING A CHARITY REGISTERED UNDER CHARITY NUMBER 244108 ("THE ASSOCIATION") BY PROVIDING DISABLED PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AND/OR CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING IN THE CROSBY AREA.

Activities: TO PROVIDE THERAPUTIC RIDING FOR DISABLED PEOPLE TO PROMOTE THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CROSBY, MERSEYSIDE
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£45,497	£54,057	-	-
2024-03-31	£35,190	£46,108	-	-
2023-03-31	£38,303	£41,288	-	-
2022-03-31	£28,830	£29,842	-	-
2021-03-31	£17,056	£26,732	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Pauline Davies	Chair	2025-11-03
JOANNE WELSH		
James Oliver Hankinson		2023-11-21
LOUISE FRASER		
Meg Tumilty		2025-11-03
Naomi Clarke		2025-11-03
Stephanie Highet		2019-11-06
Val Parry		2016-11-23

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Annual Report Chair 2024

Crosby group riding for the disabled Association, Charity registered number 107 4270 is based at Home farm stables, back lane, Little Crosby, Liverpool L23 4UA.

The trustees for 2023-2024

Joanne Welsh-treasurer

Judith Parsons-secretary

Louise Fraser-chair

Val Parry

Stephanie Highet

Anne Grindy

Pauline Davies

Jim Hankinson

Structure and management

The trustees are responsible for protecting the assets of the charity and ensuring that they are properly used for the groups best interests. Trustees are also responsible for long-term planning, meeting legal obligations and the requirements of our governing body. Riding for the disabled UK. We routinely review the risks that cross the RDA and these include.

- Review of investment and reserve policy

- Analysis of financial risk and regular review of the cash position

- Review of health and safety and risk assessments for operations

- Succession planning

The Constitution for Crosby RDA specifies a maximum of 11 trustees. The current trustees have a range of skills and expertise and experience, including those supporting people with disability (which includes family members of riders.) , administration., Legal, financial, communications, equitation and horse and stable management. We aim to recruit trustees both from volunteers within the group with relevant skills and experience and from outside the group who have a genuine interest in furthering the group's aims and objectives. Trustee are elected by the group members at AGM although they can be co-opted partway through a year to fill a vacancy subject to election at the AGM.

Our ride coaches are responsible for all aspects of rides to include assessments of riders, delivery of ride sessions, training and development of leaders and

sidewalks. coaches meet regularly to consider all aspects of provision of rides and activities for our participants and to review the waiting list.

Horse care is managed by Anne Grindy our horse coordinator and undertaken by our horse carers. All aspect of the operation of Crosby RDA are undertaken on a purely voluntary basis.

Our purpose and activities

Our purpose is to provide therapeutic riding for people with disabilities to promote their health and well-being.

The public benefit Crosby RDA makes a difference. It provides the physical and mental benefits, fun and enjoyment, boosts confidence and increases social interaction to those who live with a disability irrespective of their race, age, religion, sexuality, or gender. We support participants from Sefton and surrounding areas.

We currently have 84 Riders & in the last year had 927 Sessions.

As already mentioned, we rely completely on our wonderful volunteers. We have many volunteers who keep our group going some have just joined us and some have been involved for many years which you will know from the regular long service awards that are received. There are some people who help out on a very regular basis and do a tremendous amount of work there are some who, due to other commitments, are much more time limited, there are some who can only help occasionally and other others who are very regular in their attendance. The group is extremely grateful to all our volunteers. I cannot name anyone individually for fear of missing out somebody who has done a tremendous amount. Without our wonderful volunteers this group could not exist and I am sure that all our riders are grateful to them and I would like to pass on the thanks of all the trustees for all that you have done over the past year.

Tea with a pony is supporting those with Alzheimer's and dementia and is much appreciated by those who attend and their carers.

As mentioned above, we have coaches responsible for the rides and you will have heard the reports from the different sessions held in addition we also have meet and greet for those unable to ride.

Our wonderful treasurer Jo has produced a financial report and you will see that once again our expenditure exceeds our income we had anticipated this and the trustees had made a decision regarding the annual drawdown from our reserves. Everybody is aware of the huge increase in costs for everything you only have to go shopping on a regular basis to find that basic day-to-day food items seem to go up on a regular basis and not just buy a small amount but by 10% in most cases the situation is exactly the same for a horses and it is our responsibility to ensure that they are well cared for and can meet the needs of our riders Anne does a wonderful job in maintaining the health of the horses. We have a wonderful and dedicated fundraising team who work tirelessly to try and raise funds on our behalf and you will be receiving a fundraising report setting out the events for the last year in addition to our usual and much loved events this year a dog show was introduced and it went down extremely well. The dogs who participated all seemed to enjoy themselves as did the owners that they brought with them. We have just had a Brilliant Christmas Fair which many of you attended.

As ever we are extremely grateful to the Blundell Estate for the free stable and tremendous support they provide

We had hoped to have made more progress on becoming a CIO which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and have taken legal advice and are moving on with that and hope to be incorporated within the next year

Riding for the Disabled (RDA)

Crosby Branch

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

2023			2024
£	Income	£	£
7,259	Horse Care		4,002
1,632	Buildings and Maintenance		9,044
16,698	Riding Provision		10,607
12,715	Fund Raising Income		11,537
<u>38,303</u>		Operating Income	<u>35,190</u>
	Expenditure		
27,309	Horse Care	27,058	
6,167	Buildings and Maintenance	10,897	
2,674	Riding Provision	3,100	
5,138	Fund Raising Income	5,052	
<u>41,288</u>		Operating Expenditure	<u>46,107</u>
		Operating	
(2,985)		(Deficit)/Surplus	(10,917)
<u>(3,134)</u>	Depreciation		<u>(1,333)</u>
		(Deficit)/Surplus for the	
<u><u>(6,119)</u></u>		year	<u><u>(12,251)</u></u>

2023		Arena Fund	2024
£			£
55,124	Opening Balance		36,749
<u>(18,375)</u>	Depreciation in Year		<u>(18,375)</u>
<u><u>36,749</u></u>	Closing Balance		<u><u>18,375</u></u>

2023	Balance Sheet as at 31 March		2024
£		note	£
40,749	Fixed Assets	1	21,041
	Current Assets		
164,676	Cash	2	<u>153,758</u>
<u>205,425</u>	Total Assets		<u>174,799</u>
107,675	General fund	3	80,924
36,750	Arena Fund		18,375
45000	General Reserve		49,500
10000	Designated Arena Repair Fund		

		20,000	
<u>6000</u>	Restricted Fund	6,000	<u>174,799</u>
<u>205,425</u>	Total Funds		<u>174,799</u>

I have reviewed the underlying accounting records and the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet and in my opinion they represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the RDA Crosby Branch as at 31 March 2024

Mark Taylor, B.A; A.C.A.
Chartered Accountant

10th November 2024

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Chair's Report

Crosby Group Riding for the Disabled Association is based at Home Farm Stables, Back Lane, Little Crosby, Liverpool L23 4UA. Our charity registered number is 1074270.

Trustees 2022/2023

Lyn Brady – Chair
Joanne Welsh – Treasurer
Judith Parsons - Secretary
Louise Fraser – Safeguarding officer
Anne Grindy
Stephanie Highet
Val Parry
Paul Cook

Structure and management

The trustees are responsible for protecting the assets of the charity and for ensuring that they are properly used for the Group's best interests. Trustees also are responsible for long term planning, meeting legal obligations and the requirements of our governing body Riding for the Disabled UK. The Trustees routinely review the risks Crosby RDA faces, to include

- Review of Investment and Reserves Policy
- Analysis of Financial Risk and regular review of the cash position
- Review of health and safety and risk assessments for operations
- Succession planning

Our constitution specifies a maximum of 11 trustees. The current trustees have a range of skills expertise and experience including those supporting people with disability (including family members of riders), administration, legal, financial, communications, equitation and horse and stable management. We aim to recruit trustees both from volunteers within the group with relevant skills and experience, and from outside the group who have a genuine interest in furthering the groups aims and objectives. Trustees are elected by the group members at AGM although can be co-opted part way through a year to fill a vacancy subject to election at the AGM.

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Horse care is managed by Anne Grindy Horse Coordinator and undertaken by horse carers.

All aspects of the operation of Crosby RDA are undertaken on a purely voluntary basis

Activities and objectives

We started the last 12 months with our Christmas Fair which was held on 4th December 2022. This was a great success and we raised £3,332.00 which was amazing. It was lovely to see so many people dressed in their Christmas jumpers and really embracing the Christmas spirit.

We are currently catering for 104 participants over the year, providing a total 1097 sessions.

Our Tea with a Pony sessions are going from strength to strength and started again on 12th March 2023 .

They are well attended and the waiting list to come and see our superstar ponies is growing. Thank you to Paula and Val for organising these sessions, and of course to all our wonderful helpers, not only for their interaction with our guests but also for baking fantastic cakes which always go down well.

Our lovely boy Buster has now retired and we had a party in the pavilion on 1st April so all his admirers could come and see him and say their goodbyes. He is now enjoying a happy retirement with The Horse Trust.

On Sunday 23rd July we held our Open Day & Summer Fair, in the rain. Despite the weather we still managed to raise an amazing £2,025.00. Expenses for this event were funded from a donation from the Ewins family so thank you very much for your donation which went towards our profit. The horses looked wonderful and our riders were proud to show just what they can do. The rain couldn't dampen their spirits, and that of their family and friends who cheered them on. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful fundraising team who organised the event in their usual enthusiastic way.

Four of our riders had a wonderful holiday at Clwyd Riding Centre at the end of August. Big smiles all round, as usual.

The Meet, Greet and Groom sessions have continued through the year so thank you Paula for organising this.

Our horses are all well and happy. Polo has settled into his role and is proving very popular. Rosie is a gentle girl and she too has a fan club. Ziggy and Emma are both going well too. And of course, we mustn't forget Cindy who is ridden on Saturday mornings by our smallest riders and is always so popular. Thank you very much Ali for allowing our group to have Cindy on Saturdays.

I must thank Steph Highet and her husband for continuing with the ongoing arena maintenance tasks. Most recently we have had a new ramp and veranda on the pavilion which look splendid. The indoor riding surface is still being regularly deep harrowed. Our trained volunteers drive our own quad and harrow in-between the deep harrows to ensure the riding surface doesn't become compacted.

Thank you to all concerned.

Crosby RDA relies totally on donations and funds raised from organised events. We have a wonderful Fundraising Team who work tirelessly to organise these events, last year's Christmas Fair, and this year our Summer Open Day, and they are preparing for this year's Christmas Fair which is on Sunday 3rd December 2023. We have also suggested a minimum amount for our riders to donate when they come for their sessions and this has been adopted by so many, so thank you for your generosity in this regard as it does make a difference.

Our treasurer will be able to advise further on donations and any grants we have received this last year.

Our thanks also go to Ormskirk Clocktower Rotary Club who organise a Santa sleigh collection each year and donate 85% of one night's donations to Crosby RDA.

We are so very grateful to all our amazing donors and fundraisers and thank you for your hard work and continued support.

Our converting to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), as mentioned in last year's report, is moving forward. We are awaiting an opinion from a specialist solicitor as to the best way to transfer our assets, to include the indoor arena.

Finally, our group would like to thank the Blundell of Crosby estate for their continued support. We are provided with excellent accommodation and grazing and 1 free stable, all in the most wonderful setting. We are very lucky. They even put up with our Open Days and Christmas Fairs.

We really couldn't operate without all the support I have mentioned, and our wonderful tireless volunteers. Thank you all, you are amazing.

Lyn Brady
Chair

Treasurers Report **For the financial year 01.04.22 – 31.03.23**

Income

Income for the year ending 31.03.23 was £38,302.71 (up £9,472.98 on last year).

Horse Care Income - £7,258.71 (down by £5,226.39)

Sale of Assets

Sale of Leo	£500
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Horse Care Donations

Jan Stirling	£2,500
Charity shop donations	£1,800
Eaglesfield CP School/Crosby Rotary	£ 900*
Rotary Club Ormskirk Clocktower (Santa Float)	£534.61
E. Brown (In Memory of)	£378.60
Soroptomist International	£200.00



B. Jones - plant sale	£175.50
J. Munrow	£135
One off small donations x 5	£105
Tuesday volunteers donation	£30

General donations are credited to horse care income unless they have been donated for specific items which are not for horse care. To note £900* from Eaglesfield School / Crosby Rotary was donated for ride provision items (noticed after auditing of accounts) & has been used to purchase new riding hats, saddle pad, stirrup irons & reins.

Buildings Income - £1,631.80 (down £1,908.20)

Arena (Savings) Account Interest	£731.80
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Building Donations

Blundell Estate – use of outdoor lights	£30.00
Livery Donations	£870.00

No specific building donations received.

Riding Provision Income - £16,697.70 (up £8,717.80)

Anonymous Donation	£6,000.00	Restricted Fund – to purchase horse to replace Buster
Tea with Pony	£365.00	
Crosby Lions	£100.00	
Meet & Greet	£20.00	
Horsebox Account	£20.00	ride money paid into Horsebox Account by rider
Ride donations	£10,192.70	

We were fortunate to receive £6,000 from an anonymous donor to purchase a new horse (Buster's replacement). Tea with a Pony has proved very popular with the people who attend and has raised £365.00. Meet & Greet has continued for some non-riders. Crosby Lions donated £100 for ride equipment & Ride donations were up by £2,252.80.

Funding Income - £12,714.50 (up £7,889.77)

Fundraising - £7,845.55 (up by £4,488.24)

Christmas Fair Takings	£3,565.10	(Profit £3,295.06)
Open Day Takings	£2,409.00	(Profit £2,329.01)
Sale of lock up items	£140.00	
JustGiving	£911.02	(Geoff Hughes – sponsored football match)
Easy Fundraising	£109.43	
Quiz night	£701.00	includes a £196 donation from Boo Ltd
Sale of keyrings	£10.00	(keyrings kindly made by Ben Huyton)

Clwyd Holidays - £4,613.95

Clwyd Holiday	£3,850.66
Regionals	£150.00
Westcoast Clothing	£613.29

Both the Open Day & Christmas Fair in 2022 were well attended and a great success with the Christmas Fair exceeding £3,000 profit & Open Day exceeding £2,000 profit. We continue to

receive donations from JustGiving & Easy Fundraising – Big thank you to Geoff Hughes (parent) who arranged a sponsored football match & raised over £900. The quiz night was as popular as ever (thanks to the quiz master Ed) and with a generous donation from Boo Ltd raised over £700. Ben (one of our dedicated young helpers) made keyrings to sell and raised £10 – thank you Ben.

Clwyd income is the charge collected from participating riders & volunteers to cover the costs of the holiday. The holiday is self-funding and usually doesn't run at a profit or loss. As such this is not true funding that Crosby RDA can use for the upkeep of the rides. The same is true for the Regional Show fees & clothing purchased from Westcoast (RDA polos, sweatshirts & hoodies).

100 Club - £5.00

HSBC did not close 100 Club Account when requested which resulted in Bank Charges being debited from account. Hence, £5.00 fee was refunded by HSBC.

Refund of Horse Deposit - £250.00

£250.00 was paid to secure viewing of new horse on 08.05.22. The horse not suitable & not as described in advertisement, hence deposit paid back by horse owner.

Expenditure

Expenditure for the year ending 31.03.23 was £45,288.20 (up £15,446.68 on the previous financial year).

Horse Care Costs £27,308.54 (up £5,407.45)

Stable rent	£5,880
Feed & Bedding	£9,266.99
Vet, Farrier and Saddler	£10,829.83
Medication	£265.54
Horse equipment	£975.33
Horse transport	£85.85 Pick up Rosie and take Polo to vet
Miscellaneous	£5 Buster's stable cost

Stable Rent has remained the same. Feed & bedding (including supplements) has increased by £3,138.06. Vets, farrier & saddle fee (includes physio & clipping) has increased by £4,984.68. Ziggy & Polo have both required additional vet call outs and both have required a stay at the vets for investigations & monitoring. Purchase of medication was down by £120.89.

Buildings & Maintenance Costs - £6,167.12 (up £653.78)

Buildings Insurance	£3,207.67
Electricity	£1,484.20
Maintenance	£1,475.25

Building insurance has inevitably increased by £633.70. As has electricity by £274.42. However, the maintenance of buildings has decreased by £253.34.

Ride Equipment & Provision Costs - £2,674.39 (up £1,008.72)

RDA Insurance	£985.00
First Aid	£650.40
Health & Safety & DBS	£236.94



Saddler & Ride Equipment	£552.05
Deposit to view horse	£250.00

RDA Insurance has increased (by £224.50) as expected. First aid has also increased (by £590.40) mainly due to £626.40 being spent on a first aid update course for coaches / volunteers. Health & safety costs (includes DBS) were down this year by £373.52 but saddle & ride equipment rose by a similar amount (£317.34).

Funding Costs - £5138.15 (up £4,376.73)

Fundraising costs	£300.04
100 Club	£5 (bank charge)
Clwyd Holiday	£4,624.88
Bank Charges	£208.23

Fundraising cost have increased (by £202.20) since there was no Open Day in last financial year (July 2021). Clwyd Holiday costs include the holiday as well as Regional & clothing costs and are not true running costs (as explained previously). Bank charges are up (by £181.51) this represents a full 12 month of charges, whereas bank charges were only introduced in January 2022 so last financial year was charged for only 3 months.

Purchase of Assets

Polo purchased for £4,000.00

Overview

This financial year (2022 – 2023) was run at a deficit of £6,985.49. This is a greater deficit than the previous year's (2021 – 2022) deficit of £1,011.79 and we have had to draw down £5,000.00 of reserves from the savings account.

Our hunt for a bank account (current & savings) which offer free banking for charities and either has counter service or can pay in to the account via Post Office continues.

On 25.04.22 the 100 Club Account & Horse box Account were closed since they were dormant & incurring bank charges. Any outstanding money was transferred to the current account.

Reserve, Designated & Restricted Funds

At the last AGM it was decided that a reserve fund based on 12 months expenditure was needed to give the group security for the following year.

General Reserve for 2023 / 2024 - £45,000.00 (kept in savings account)

It also discussed at the last AGM the need for a designated fund to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of the arena.

Designated Fund for 2023 / 2024 (Arena Repair Fund) - £10,000 (kept in savings account)

These funds would be taken from the savings account. Reserve and designated funds will be reviewed annually in March and notified to the Honorary Accountant.

Restricted Funds (Anon Donation) – £6,000 for horse to replace Buster (kept in savings account)

We are currently in the fortunate position of having reserve funds in the savings account, without which we would have not been able to continue our valuable work. Our reserve will not last indefinitely and we cannot continue to run at a loss. A big Thank You to all the parents &



volunteers who have helped with & supported our fundraising events and those who have raised money outside of the group on our behalf. We must also thank the fundraising team who work tirelessly throughout the year to organise out big fundraisers.

Joanne Welsh
Treasurer
21 November 2023

Riding for the Disabled (RDA)

Crosby Branch

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022			2023	
£	Income	£	£	£
12,485	Horse Care			7,259
3,540	Buildings and Maintenance			1,632
7,980	Riding Provision			16,698
4,825	Fund Raising Income			12,715
<u>28,830</u>				<u>38,303</u>
	Expenditure			
21,907	Horse Care		27,309	
5,513	Buildings and Maintenance		6,167	
1,666	Riding Provision		2,674	
761	Fund Raising Income		5,138	
<u>29,848</u>			<u>41,288</u>	<u>41,288</u>
(1,012)				<u>(2,985)</u>
(2,411)	Depreciation			<u>(3,134)</u>
<u>(3,423)</u>				<u>(6,119)</u>
	Operating Income			
	Operating (Deficit)/Surplus			
	(Deficit)/Surplus for the year			

2022		Arena Fund	2023	
£			£	
73,498	Opening Balance			55,124
(18,375)	Depreciation in Year			(18,375)
<u>55,124</u>	Closing Balance			<u>36,749</u>

2022		Balance Sheet as at 31 March		2023	
£		note		£	
58,257	Fixed Assets	1		40,749	
	Current Assets				
171,661	Cash	2	164,676	164,676	
<u>229,919</u>	Total Assets			<u>205,425</u>	
174,794	General fund	3	107,675		
55,124	Arena Fund		36,750		
	General Reserve		45,000		
	Designated Arena Repair Fund		10,000		
	Restricted Fund		6,000	205,425	
<u>229,919</u>	Total Funds			<u>205,425</u>	

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Mark Taylor, B.A; A.C.A.
Chartered Accountant

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Crosby Branch
Balance Sheet

2022		2023
£		£
	Fixed Assets	
58,257	Tangible fixed Assets	40,749
	Current Assets	
171,661	Cash at Bank	164,676
<u>229,919</u>	Total Assets	<u>205,425</u>
	Accumulated Funds	
174,795	General fund	107,675
55,124	Arena Fund	36,750
	Reserve	45,000
	Designated Arena Repair Fund	10,000
	Restricted Fund	6,000
<u>229,919</u>	Total Funds	<u>205,425</u>

Notes to the Accounts

2022		2023	Arena	Horses	Equipment
Total	Fixed Assets	Total	5%	33%	25%
385,896	Cost at start of year	385,896	367,492	12,400	6,004
-	Additions	4,000	0	4,000	0
-	Disposals Leo	(2,400)	0	(2,400)	0
<u>385,896</u>	Cost at end of year	<u>387,496</u>	<u>367,492</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>6,004</u>
306,853	Depeication at start of year	327,638	312,368	9,266	6,004
20,786	Charge for the Year	21,509	18,375	3,134	0
-	Disposals and Adjustment	(2,400)	0	(2,400)	0
<u>327,639</u>	Depeication at end of year	<u>346,747</u>	<u>330,743</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>6,004</u>
<u>58,257</u>	Net Book Value 31 March	<u>40,749</u>	<u>36,749</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	Net Book Value 1 April 2022	58,257	55,124	3,134	-
	Cash at Bank				
9,760	General Purposes	3,327			
105	Horse Box account	-			
159,617	Arena	161,349			
2,179	100 Club	-			
<u>171,661</u>		<u>164,676</u>			
	General Fund				
178,217	Opening Balance	174,794			
	Transfer to General Reserve	(45,000)			
	Transfer to Designated Arena Repair Fund	(10,000)			
	Transfer to Restricted Fund	(6,000)			
(3,423)	(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(6,119)			
<u>174,794</u>		<u>107,675</u>			
	Arena Fund				
73,499	Opening Balance	55,124			
(18,375)	Depreciation in Year	(18,375)			
<u>55,124</u>	Closing Balance	<u>36,750</u>			
	General Reserve	45,000			
	Designated Arena Repairs Fund	10000			
	Restricted Fund	6000			
		61,000			
<u>229,919</u>	Total Funds	<u>205,425</u>			

no depreciation in year of acquisition

Polo	Buster	Emma	Leo	Ziggy
2022	pre 2018	2018	24/08/2019	03/03/2020
	3,000	4,000	2,400	3,000
4,000				
			-2,400	
<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Polo	Buster	Emma	Leo	Ziggy
0	3,000	2,666	1,600	2,000
		1,334	800	1000
			-2,400	
<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<u>4,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
bought29/7/22			sold 2/8/22	

Riding for the Disabled (RDA)

Crosby Branch

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022		2023
£		£
	<u>Income for the Year</u>	
	<u>Horse Care</u>	
0.00	Sponsorship	0.00
	Sale of Horse (Leo)	500.00
12485.10	Donations	6758.71
<u>12485.10</u>		<u>7258.71</u>
	<u>Buildings</u>	
0.00	Sponsorship	0.00
0.00	Arena Fund interest	731.80
3540.00	Donations	900.00
<u>3540.00</u>		<u>1631.80</u>
	<u>Riding Provision</u>	
40.00	Donations	6485.00
	Horsebox	20.00
7939.90	Riders donations	10192.70
<u>7979.90</u>		<u>16697.70</u>
	<u>Funding</u>	
3357.31	Fund raising	7845.55
1185.00	Clwyd Holiday	4613.95
112.00	100 club	5.00
170.42	Refund of Horse Deposit	250.00
<u>4824.73</u>		<u>12714.50</u>
<u>28829.73</u>	<u>Total Income for the year to 31 March</u>	<u>38302.71</u>
	Costs for the Year	
	<u>Horse Care</u>	
(5880.00)	Stable Rent	(5880.00)
(6128.93)	Feed & Bedding	(9266.99)
(5845.15)	Vet, Farrier & Saddler	(10829.83)
(386.43)	Medication	(265.54)
(1012.80)	Horse Equipment	(975.33)
0.00	Transport & Travel	(85.85)
(2647.78)	Miscellaneous	(5.00)
<u>(21901.09)</u>		<u>(27308.54)</u>
	<u>Buildings and Maintenance</u>	
(2573.97)	Building Insurance	(3207.67)
(1210.78)	Electricity	(1484.20)
	Maintenance (inc Fire	
(1728.59)	Extinguishers)	(1475.25)
0.00	Transport & Travel	0.00
<u>(5513.34)</u>		<u>(6167.12)</u>
	<u>Ride Equipment and Provision</u>	
(760.50)	RDA Insurance	(985.00)
(60.00)	First Aid	(650.40)
(610.46)	Health & Safety & DBS	(236.94)
(234.71)	Saddler and Ride Equipment	(552.05)
0.00	Deposit on Horse	(250.00)
0.00	Transport & Travel	0.00
<u>(1665.67)</u>		<u>(2674.39)</u>
	<u>Funding Costs</u>	
(97.84)	Fund raising costs	(300.04)
(15.00)	100 club	(5.00)
(495.00)	Refunds and Horse Box	0.00
(126.86)	Clywd Holiday and Website	(4624.88)
(26.72)	Bank Charges	(208.23)
<u>(761.42)</u>		<u>(5138.15)</u>
<u>(29841.52)</u>	Purchase of horse (Polo)	(4000.00)
	<u>Total costs for the year to 31 March</u>	<u>(45288.20)</u>
(1011.79)	<u>Excess of Expenditure over Income</u>	(6985.49)
0.00	Add back Capital Expenditure	4000.00
	Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>(2985.49)</u>
(2411.00)	Less Depreciation	(3134.00)
<u>(3422.79)</u>	<u>Total (Deficit)/Surplus for the year</u>	<u>(6119.49)</u>

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Crosby Branch

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022			2023
£	Income	£	£
12,485	Horse Care		7,259
3,540	Buildings and Maintenance		1,632
7,980	Riding Provision		16,698
4,825	Fund Raising Income		12,715
<u>28,830</u>		Operating Income	<u>38,303</u>
	Expenditure		
21,907	Horse Care	27,309	
5,513	Buildings and Maintenance	6,167	
1,666	Riding Provision	2,674	
761	Fund Raising Income	5,138	
<u>29,848</u>		Operating Expenditure	<u>41,288</u>
(1,012)		Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	<u>(2,985)</u>
(2,411)	Depreciation		<u>(3,134)</u>
<u>(3,423)</u>		(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u><u>(6,119)</u></u>

2022		Arena Fund	2023
£			£
73,498	Opening Balance		55,124
(18,375)	Depreciation in Year		(18,375)
<u>55,124</u>	Closing Balance		<u>36,749</u>

2022	Balance Sheet as at 31 March		2023
£		note	£
58,257	Fixed Assets	1	40,749
	Current Assets		
171,661	Cash	2	<u>164,676</u>
<u>229,919</u>	Total Assets		<u>205,425</u>
174,794	General fund	3	107,675
55,124	Arena Fund		36,750
	General Reserve		45,000
	Designated Arena Repair Fund		10,000
	Restricted Fund		6,000
<u>229,919</u>	Total Funds		<u>205,425</u>

I have reviewed the underlying accounting records and the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet and in my opinion they represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the RDA Crosby Branch as at 31 March 2023

Mark Taylor, B.A; A.C.A.
Chartered Accountant

CROSBY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1074270

Accounts

Annual Report 2022

Crosby Group Riding for the Disabled Association is based at Home Farm Stables, Back Lane, Little Crosby, Liverpool L23 4UA. Our charity registered number is 1074270.

Trustees 2021/2022

Lyn Brady – Chair

Joanne Welsh - Treasurer

Louise Fraser – Secretary and Safeguarding officer

Judith Parsons

Anne Grindy

Stephanie Highet

Val Parry

Paul Cook

Structure and management

The trustees are responsible for protecting the assets of the charity and for ensuring that they are properly used for the Group's best interests. Trustees also are responsible for long term planning, meeting legal obligations and the requirements of our governing body Riding for the Disabled UK. This has included the review of our policy and procedures for COVID safe operations. The Trustees routinely review the risks Crosby RDA faces to include

- Review of Investment and Reserves Policy
- Analysis of Financial Risk and regular review of the cash position
- Review of health and safety and risk assessments for operations
- Succession planning

Our constitution specifies a maximum of 11 trustees. The current trustees have a range of skills expertise and experience including those supporting people with disability (including family members of riders), administration, legal, financial, communications, equitation and horse and stable management. We aim to recruit trustees both from volunteers within the group with relevant skills and experience, and from outside the group who have a genuine interest in furthering the groups aims and objectives. Trustees are elected by the group members at AGM although can be co-opted part way through a year to fill a vacancy subject to election at the AGM.

Ride coaches are responsible for all aspects of rides to include assessment of riders, delivery of ride sessions, training and development of leaders and side walkers. Whilst COVID restrictions remained in force coaches also ensured that safe COVID procedures were in place during RDA activities. Coaches meet at least 4 times a year to consider all aspects of provision of rides and activities for our participants and the waiting list.

Horse care is managed by Anne Grindy Horse Coordinator and undertaken by horse carers.

All aspects of the operation of Crosby RDA are undertaken on a voluntary basis

Activities and objectives

We have had a very busy 12 months starting off with the Christmas Fair in December 2021. This was a scaled down event due to COVID, with us only taking up half of the indoor arena and fewer stalls, but it was well attended, and even Santa came to see us. We had a successful, fun afternoon and everyone left feeling a little more Christmassy.

Crosby Group Riding for the Disabled Association Registered charity number 1074270

A member of Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving Registered company No. 5010395 Registered charity number 244108 President HRH The Princess Royal KG KT GCDO QSO

Rides resumed in early 2022 and rider numbers have increased. We are now averaging 50 riders each week.

On 22nd May 2022 RDA North West held its Regional Show at Warren Farm in Formby. It was a beautiful day and those riders chosen to take part in the Countryside Challenge and in Dressage all did brilliantly. Not only did they ride really well but they all looked so smart and each received at least one rosette which was thoroughly well deserved. Our horses looked rather splendid too and this was all down to the horse carers and their hard work from early morning. It was a very busy, full day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of taking part and soaked up the wonderful atmosphere. The weather was good too. A huge success all round. Well done to Team Crosby!

Also in May was the first of two riding holidays held at Clwyd Riding Centre. The second holiday was at the end of September this year. Clwyd Centre is set in beautiful countryside and has wonderful accommodation and facilities. Our riders receive tremendous support and enjoy spending time with and making new friends. These holidays wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the ride coaches and volunteers from Crosby RDA who attend Clwyd with our riders, not only to instruct them as they do here, but in organising the catering and providing full, fun packed days and creating special memories. The smiles on the recent photographs say it all.

The Open Day on 3rd July 2022 was a huge success, in fact many thought it was our best one ever. We had glorious sunshine which is always a bonus. There was the usual array of stalls, face painting, burgers, games, and of course our wonderful riders demonstrating their riding skills and having fun, with family and friends watching and cheering. It really was a lovely atmosphere and a great time was had by all.

New this year have been our Summer Sessions. These are the perfect opportunity as an introduction to meet our horses and experience riding for disabled riders. They enable us to offer rides, albeit on a short-term basis, to people on our waiting list. One of our major challenges is that demand far outstrips what we are able to offer in terms of numbers of participants. There are also the Meet, Greet and Groom sessions for those who would rather not or aren't able to ride but still want to interact with a horse.

The benefits of being with horses are amazing, both physically and mentally. They are very trusting and gentle and are used as therapy animals the world over. This is true for our own horses here at Crosby too.

On 23rd August we held our pilot Tea with a Pony session which was organised by one of our ride coaches Paula Huyton and Linda Lawson from the Alzheimer's Society, Sefton. A wonderful spread of homemade cakes, and tea served in fine china, all set out on tables draped in pretty tablecloths. These tables were set out on the gallery in the indoor arena and 4 participants with their carers arrived and took their seats. There was also a support worker from the Alzheimer's Society. Paula gave a brief introduction and then two of our horses, Buster and Ziggy, were led into the arena and paraded around for all to see. These boys do like to be admired. There was the opportunity for those who wished to meet the horses to come into the arena and stroke them

or brush them. And for those seated in the gallery, they too were able to give the horses a stroke if they wished when our horses were led over to them and their heads were just the right height for a quick tickle and a chat. It was such a success that there is now a waiting list which seems to be growing rapidly. We have held two more sessions since and there is another one coming up in December. Thank you again to Paula for setting this up, the hosts who support those at the tables, the horse helpers, and of course we mustn't forget the bakers. We have had such lovely comments from the Alzheimer's Society as everyone is enjoying coming to meet the horses and it is having such a positive impact on the participants in so many ways.

This year we have had a couple of changes with our horses. Leo has moved on to pastures new and we have bought Polo as a replacement. We also have Rosie who is on loan to us. Both are doing really well and after their initial training they are now being used regularly on the rides and becoming firm favourites with so many of our riders. Ziggy and Emma are working well too. Buster is getting ready for well deserved retirement after all his hard work over the years. Our smallest riders just adore Cindy so I have to thank Ali for allowing Cindy to be ridden on Saturday mornings.

I must thank Steph Hight who is not only a trustee and ride coach but has also taken on the role of arena maintenance champion. With the help of her husband they have organised various repairs this last year including having a cowl fitted over the heavy sliding door to protect it from rainwater and stop it warping. The indoor riding surface is now regularly deep harrowed. We have our own quad and harrow too so in-between the deep harrows our trained volunteers can harrow the surface more regularly to ensure it doesn't become compacted and put a strain not only on the horses' legs but everyone walking with the horses. Thank you to all concerned.

As Crosby RDA relies totally on donations and funds raised from organised events, I have to say a massive thank you to our wonderful Fundraising Team. They organised our Summer Open Day, a marvellous quiz night, last year's Christmas Fair, and are in the final stages of sorting out this year's Christmas Fair which is on Sunday 4th December 2022. I know for a fact that Santa is coming and his elves will be there too to help him out. These events are a lot of hard work and our thanks go out to you for all that you do throughout the year. I must also mention individual fundraising organisers, one being Geoff Hughes who organised a charity football match between North West Ambulance Service and Liverpool Royal Hospital staff and raised £935.00 for our group. Our thanks also to Maghull & Aughton Rotary who organise a Santa sleigh collection each year and present us with a cheque at their annual presentation night.

We are so grateful to all our amazing fundraisers and thank you for your hard work and continued support.

Moving forward, Crosby RDA as we currently stand, is an unincorporated registered charity and not a legal entity. All liabilities and assets are held by our 8 trustees. The Trustees have decided that we will convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is a legal entity, will still have trustees and must operate in accordance with Charities legislation. This change won't affect the running of the group as it will still be run exactly the same way. We will remain compliant with our RDA membership and will adopt the form of constitution agreed between RDA National and the Charity Commission.

Finally, as always, our group would like to thank the Blundell of Crosby estate for their support. They continue to provide fantastic accommodation and grazing and 1 free stable, and the estate shows its support in so many other ways, such as accommodating the disruption of our Open Days and Christmas Fairs.

We really couldn't operate without all the support I have mentioned, and our wonderful tireless volunteers. We are so very grateful to you all.

Treasurers Report 01.04.21 – 31.03.22

Income for the year ending 31.03.22 was £28,829.73 (up £11,773.32 on last year). This was mostly due to the weekly rides getting back to normal capacity plus a rise in general donations compared to the previous year.

Ride donations were up by £6,014.90

General Donations were up by £6,027.96

Whilst we continue to receive a monthly donation of £150 from the Charity shop we have not received any Horse Sponsorship this financial year.

General Donations

Edith Steen (In memory of)	£3,000
Anonymous Donation	£3,000
Community Foundation	£2,500
Betty CM	£1,000
H F Ewins	£500
Crosby Rotary	£500
Cargills	£500
Eaglesfield CP School / Crosby Rotary	£400
A E Green	£350
Maghull & Aughton Rotary	£350
Rotary Club Ormskirk Clocktower	£312.99
W Cox	£200
Soroptimist International	£200
T Hight & D Cai	£200
Lloyds Bank	£190
Eva Parr (In Memory of)	£125
M Silcock	£100

Fundraising

Fundraising income was £3,357.31 which remains similar to last year

Christmas Fair Takings	£1,235 (Profit 1,203)
Sale of lock up items	£1,025
JustGiving	£422.12
Bike Ride (cash)	£235
Easy Fundraising	£193.26
Sale of unwanted equipment	£116
Sale of Books	£83.63

Funds also raised by sale of uni student items & RDA collection box

Refund - £1,185.00 - Clwyd Holiday payments

100 Club deposits - £112.00

Miscellaneous - £170.42 (includes interest on savings account £20.42, £120 ride money paid into the Horse Box account by mistake, £30 paid for Robocop – later refunded)

Expenditure for the Year

Expenditure for the year ending 31.03.22 was £29,841.52 (up £3,109.10 on the previous financial year).

Horse Care Costs

Horse care costs (£21,901.09) have remained similar to the previous year (up £2,628.52)

This rise was mostly due to maintenance costs incurred to Buster's stable (£2,647.78)

Building & Maintenance Costs

Similarly building & maintenance costs (£5,513.34) have remained similar to the previous year (up £774.19). This year we have provided quad training at a cost of £535.

Ride Equipment & Provision

Ride equipment & provision costs (£1,665.67) was down from last year by £155.03.

Fundraising Costs

Fundraising costs (£761.42) were also down from last year by £138.58.

The financial year (2021 – 2022) was run at a deficit of £1,011.79. This is a great improvement from the previous year's (2020 – 2021) deficit of £9,676.01 and we have not had to draw down any reserves from the savings account.

From January 2022 HSBC started to make charges on all their business accounts. Within this financial year bank charges have been £26.72 (for 3 months). Trustees are looking to transfer all accounts to a bank which offer free banking for charities.

Proposal for Reserve & Designated Funds

In March this year trustees discussed the need for a reserve fund based on 12 months expenditure. This would give the group security for the following year. (Expenditure for year end 31.03.20 was £41,118).

Proposed reserve for 2022 / 2023 was £42,000.

Trustees also discussed the need for a designated fund to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of the arena.

Previous maintenance spends have been as much as £6,565.74 in 2019 / 2020 and since expenses relating to the arena are likely to increase **a designated fund of £10,000 was proposed for 2022 / 2023.**

These funds would be taken from the savings account. Reserve and designated funds would be reviewed annually in March and notified to the Honorary Accountant.

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Crosby Branch

Balance Sheet

2021		2022
£		£
	Fixed Assets	
79,043	Tangible fixed Assets	58,257
	Current Assets	
172,673	Cash at Bank	171,661
<u>251,716</u>	Total Assets	<u>229,919</u>
	Accumulated Funds	
178,218	General fund	174,795
73,498	Arena Reserve	55,124
<u>251,716</u>	Total Funds	<u>229,919</u>



Notes to the Accounts

no depreciation in year of acquisition

2021		2022	Arena	Horses	Equipment
1 Total	Fixed Assets	Total	5%	33%	25%
385,896	Cost at start of year	385,896	367,492	12,400	6,004
	Additions	0	0	0	0
-	Disposals	0	0	0	0
<u>385,896</u>	Cost at end of year	<u>385,896</u>	<u>367,492</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>6,004</u>
285,534	Depeciation at start of year	306,853	293,994	7,466	5,393
21,319	Charge for the Year	20,786	18,375	1,800	611

KC	Buster	Emma	Leo
	pre 2018	2018	24/08/2019
	0	3,000	4,000
	0	3,000	4,000
horse 1	0	3,000	4,000
	0	3,000	1,600
			800

	Disposals and Adjustment	0	0	0	0
306,853	Depeciation at end of year	327,639	312,368	9,266	6,004
79,043	Net Book Value 31 March	58,257	55,124	3,134	(0)
	Net Book Value 1 April 2020	79,043	73,498	4,934	611
2	Cash at Bank				
10,434	General Purposes	9,760			
480	Horse Box account	105			
159,597	Arena	159,617			
2,162	100 Club	2,179			
<u>172,673</u>		<u>171,661</u>			
3	General Fund				
192,638	Opening Balance	178,218			
(14,420)	(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(3,423)			
<u>178,218</u>		<u>174,795</u>			
	Arena Fund				
91,873	Opening Balance	73,499			
(18,375)	Depreciation in Year	(18,375)			
<u>73,499</u>	Closing Balance	<u>55,124</u>			

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Crosby Branch

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2022

2021			2022
£	Income	£	£
6,451	Horse Care		12,485
3,809	Buildings and Maintenance		3,540
1,925	Riding Provision		7,980
4,872	Fund Raising Income		4,825
<u>17,056</u>	Operating Income		<u>28,830</u>
	Expenditure		
19,273	Horse Care	21,901	
4,739	Buildings and Maintenance	5,513	
1,821	Riding Provision	1,666	
900	Fund Raising Income	761	
<u>26,732</u>	Operating Expenditure	<u>29,842</u>	<u>29,842</u>
(9,676)	Operating (Deficit)/Surplus		<u>(1,012)</u>
(4,744)	Depreciation		<u>(2,411)</u>
<u><u>(14,420)</u></u>	(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		<u><u>(3,423)</u></u>

2021	Arena Fund	2022
£		£
91,873	Opening Balance	73,498
(18,375)	Depreciation in Year	(18,375)
<u>73,498</u>	Closing Balance	<u>55,124</u>

2,021	Balance Sheet as at 31 March	2021
£	note	£
79,043	Fixed Asses 1	58,257
	Current Assets	
172,673	Cash 2	<u>171,661</u>
<u>251,716</u>	Total Assets	<u>229,919</u>
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I have reviewed the underlying accounting records and the Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet and in my opinion they represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the RDA Crosby Branch as at 31 March 2022

Mark Taylor, B.A; A.C.A.

Chartered Accountant