

CLEETHORPES & GRIMSBY RDA GROUP



MEETING	Annual General Meeting
MEETING DATE	Wednesday 18 th September 2025
VENUE	Cleethorpes Memorial Hall meeting room
TIME	7pm

PRESENT	
NAME	TITLE
Roy Hampson	Chair
Nicola Townend	Treasurer
Julie Holmes	Trustee
Carol Scott	Trustee
Lisa Griffin	Trustee
Carol Dougall	Outgoing Secretary
Sarah Suddaby	Trustee
Sue Merriman	Trustee
Lisa Brooks	Trustee
Mandy Bentham	Trustee
17 Volunteers, riders and members of the public	
APOLOGIES	
Shirley Kay	Group President
Sarah Dix	Trustee

Minute No	Minute title	Notes
1.	Welcome	Roy welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Apologies	As above, Shirley Kay and Sam Wells, plus volunteers Anne and Sophie, plus Bridget
3.	Minutes of the previous AGM	The 2024 AGM minutes were moved for acceptance by Roy Hampson, seconded by Lis Brooks, and everyone agreed that they were a true record
4.	Matters Arising	There were no matters arising.
5.	Chairman's Report	It has been a difficult year with one thing and another. We were told in October 2024 that we had six months to find a new home. We immediately held a Trustees' meeting and set our stall out to look for anywhere else we could go. Dialogue continued with Cottagers Plot and we came to an arrangement whereby we kept two horses at CP and stabled two elsewhere, and CP were happy with that and said we could stay under those conditions. We continued to search elsewhere and set up a sub-committee of Trustees. They approached practically everyone in the area who had land, stables, or anything to do with horses. We received much sympathy, but their stables were never available, for various reasons. We have kept in contact just in case there might be a possibility in the future. A friend whose daughter worked in one of the biggest solicitors in Grimsby said they were happy to send out our proposal to all of their many agricultural clients, but unfortunately, and to their great surprise, they had no response to this at all. Currently we are advertising

		<p>on Facebook. Initially we hadn't wanted to do this as social media can have a life of its own and we didn't want negative comments. However, Cottagers Plot now know that we are doing this, and it is by now very widely known throughout the horse world in this area what our situation is. We have been bringing our two horses in with the horse box, which will not be sustainable over the winter and long term. Therefore we must continue to look elsewhere.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Trustees for all the work they have put in, on their own time, approaching various stables and organisations. We are still doing everything in our power to find a home for the future.</p> <p>The Chairman also thanked Cottagers Plot, because despite the original 'get out in 6 months', they have since mellowed. They know that it is good for them to have an RDA group based at their property, it was the business side of things that didn't work.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Julie, as without her fund-raising work we would not exist. We have had some donations this year that have been sizeable. This has given us a little leeway and a bit of a safety net. This is through Julie's actions, and through some organisations who have funded us in the past.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Carol D, who is standing down as Secretary. She was thrown in at the deep end a little, as the previous secretary had over-extended herself. Carol was given a bouquet of flowers and a card.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Nicola for taking on the role of Treasurer, and thanked Kevin Brumby for auditing the accounts – and for not charging us!</p> <p>Carol D moved that the Chairman's report be accepted, and was seconded by Sarah S</p>
6.	Treasurer's Report	<p>This is Nicky's first year presenting the accounts for the C&G RDA. She thanked the committee, the volunteers, the riders and donors and supporters, without whom none of what we do would be possible.</p> <p>The year the accounts refer to is from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The year was both challenging and encouraging, and we are reminded how dependent we are on the generosity of everyone involved in keeping this charity going. Receipts overall saw a 10% increase to the previous year, totalling a magnificent sum of almost £30,000. This figure includes rider contributions, donations, grants and fundraising income. Over half was received in donations, including a large anonymous donation of £9000 and also £5000 from the Walmsley Trust. We really are thankful for these generous donations.</p> <p>We also had some amazing fundraising efforts this financial year, raising £2,260. Alice Merriman raised £1208 doing a sponsored marathon – absolutely fantastic. Winsby lottery participants contributed £561 and this continues to bring in a regular sum for the charity.</p> <p>There have been numerous tombolas, name cards, raffles, you name it, throughout the year, all of which make such a difference to our group. A recent car boot sale raised £45 which I am reliably informed will buy 7 bales of bedding, or a month's food, for Cracker! Every penny really does count, and every penny is spent on the horses and their upkeep.</p> <p>On to expenditure: Three horses were on full livery for a significant period of time, as they could not be used by the riding school, so these costs were higher than usual, amounting to £12,300 for the year. Vet bills came in at around £5,000 which was also higher than previously. All other running costs were in line with previous years.</p> <p>We ended the year with bank balances of £20,482.94m which is a healthy sum for our small but mighty RDA. Please keep up the vital fundraising, as we really do depend on it.</p> <p>Nicola ended her report by thanking Dave, our previous Treasurer, for keeping excellent records for such a long time and being on hand to help get Nicola started. He is a tough act to follow. Nicola also thanked the Independent Examiner for reviewing the accounts and finding all in good order. Nicola was happy to take questions after the meeting if required. A copy of the Independent Examiners report is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Lisa Griffin moved to accept the report, seconded by Becky Suddaby.</p>
7.	Coaches' report	<p>Sarah Suddaby presented the report, and started by saying thank you to all our riders, parents and carers for their patience and understanding this year, as we have tried our best to keep everyone riding under the difficult circumstances. Last October, for the first time, we took participants to Scropton to have a go at the Special Olympics. Despite the rain everyone was very friendly and both participants had a fabulous day. This is something we want to look at for the future with more riders.</p>

		<p>The riders have all been brilliant over the year with the challenges of riding different horses and having some sessions on George. They have all coped really well and hopefully understand our situation at the moment. Thankfully we currently have the use of a pony called Berry on Thursdays, which allows two more riders to keep on riding.</p> <p>The Coaches then presented Awards:</p> <p>Verity Townend has coped very well with riding Cracker, Blue and George, and was given the Junior Rider Award.</p> <p>Eve Merriman is fantastic on George and has improved tremendously. She was given the Best Improved Rider Award.</p> <p>Clare Stark has been moved from one horse to another and is now on Berry. She is always smiling. She was given the Best Improved Adult Rider Award.</p> <p>Our volunteers receive certificates for years of service, and this year the Ten Year Certificates went to Rebecca Suddaby, Sarah Suddaby and Sarah Dix.</p> <p>The Sonia Briggs award for Most Dedicated Volunteer went to Wendy Pendleton, who has mucked out, ridden Blue, and saved Carol S from having to ride three horses a day, as well as all other volunteer duties.</p>
8.	Election of Officers	<p>Roy Hampson was re-elected as Chairman, Nicola Townend as Treasurer, and Rosy Louis was elected Secretary in her absence. Rosy was only encouraged to apply last week and is very willing to volunteer.</p> <p>The election of all the above was uncontested and agreed by everyone.</p>
9.	Committee Members	<p>We now have 8 Trustees, and all have indicated that they are willing to carry on. There were no new nominees. It was agreed that all other members of the committee would stand en bloc, and this was moved by Roy Robertson and seconded by Becky.</p>
10.	AOB	<p>The Christmas online raffle is running again this year. Any business that would like to donate things for hampers can be approached, and we need donations by Halloween, when the tickets go on sale. On Facebook. Prizes are all donated. We have had donations from places like Yorkshire Wildlife Park in the past, please feel free to donate what you can. We can make mini hampers to raffle, we did 22 last year, including cinema tickets etc.</p>
12.	Date/Time of next meeting	<p>September 2026 at 7pm, date and venue to be arranged.</p>

CLEETHORPES AND GRIMSBY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Receipts & Payments Account for Year Ending 31/3/2025

	Year Ended 31/03/2025	Year Ended 31/03/2024
Bank Balances at 01/04/24	£28,646.74	
Receipts		
Rider Contributions	£9,853.00	£10,367.55
Donations	£15,706.66	£14,124.55
Championship Income	£1,258.40	£488.00
Fundraising	£2,273.56	£1,448.01
Other Misc.	£29.67	£30.00
Interest Received	£396.32	£398.87
Total Receipts	£29,517.61	£26,856.98
Payments		
Cottagers Plot	£12,320.24	£9,989.44
Feed/Livery Costs	£3,427.92	£3,294.75
Horse Transport	£1,734.78	£1,589.49
Coaching/Training Expenses	£234.00	£54.90
Veterinary Expenses	£5,019.44	£1,844.63
Farrier	£880.00	£440.00
Horse medication/supplements/cremation	£140.00	£240.00
Saddlery & Equipment Expenses (George service)	£912.00	£898.00
RDA Subscription/Insurance	£713.00	£681.00
Championship Expenses	£1,547.80	£1,602.00
Other Miscellaneous - pre purchase vet examination	£502.23	£150.00
Depreciation	£0.00 see note 1	£5,354.89
Purchase of Vincent	£10,250.00	
Total Payments	£37,681.41	£26,139.10
Net Receipts/ (Payments)	-£8,163.80	
Closing Bank Balances at 31/3/25	£20,482.94	

Note 1

In previous years, the charity's accounts showed fixed assets and included depreciation. However, this is not necessary for accounts that are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which should only record actual cash received and paid during the year.

From this year onwards:

- Depreciation will no longer be charged (as it is a non cash item)
- Fixed assets and their values will not be shown
- The accounts will only include actual cash receipts and payments, as recommended for smaller charities with a turnover less than £250,000.

This change makes the accounts simpler and clearer.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Cleethorpes and Grimsby Riding for the Disabled

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/3/25, which are set out on page 2

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

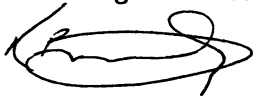
Independent Examiners Statement

Based on 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 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or;
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name of Examiner: Kevin Brumby FCMA

Date: 28th June 2025.