



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Elisabeth Curtis Centre Riding for the Disabled

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1137217

Charity's principal address

The Elisabeth Curtis Centre

Chestnut Avenue

Bromham, Bedford

Postcode

MK43 8HP

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	Victoria Liston	Chairman		
2	Pearl Farr	Secretary		
3	Kyle Palmer	Treasurer		
4	Al Barnes			
5	Veronica Bradley			
6	Sarah Armstrong			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The charity constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at the AGM, or by the current trustees if appointed outside of an AGM. All trustees then stand for election/re-election 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">• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;• relationship with any related parties;• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	<p>The trustees of the charity form the Management Committee, together with any member of the charity whom the Committee has appointed to fill any gaps in their number. Any member so appointed will retain the position until the next AGM when he/she will be eligible for election to the Committee.</p> <p>All Committee members retire from office together at the end of the AGM after the date on which they came into office but they may be re-elected.</p> <p>Membership is open to persons interested in furthering the objects of the charity and who have paid the annual subscription established by the Committee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 following the winding up of the charity.</p> <p>Risk Management The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the charity are to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), incorporating Carriage Driving, by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride (take part in RDA activities) to benefit their health and wellbeing in the Bedfordshire area.

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)

We can confirm that we have referred to the guidance given in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and give full regard to the public benefit when reviewing, planning and implementing our objectives and aims.

The charity operated primarily during school terms, providing sessions throughout the week for 90 participants through the year. The sessions were operated with the invaluable help of over 100 volunteers, 4 RDA coaches plus 3 coaches in training, plus the support of our grooms.

At the end of the year, the charity owned 7 horses and had 1 horse on loan.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year, a total of 90 participants were actively involved, taking part in a range of activities, including riding sessions, non-ridden activities and competitions, both in-house and the RDA regional and national championships.

The charity has continued to rebuild following the pandemic, and with the re-launch of the Thursday morning sessions, and the launch of a new Thursday afternoon session, we have been able to expand the number of participants we are able to support. By offering some non-ridden sessions, we have also been able to support a wider range of participants.

In addition, we continue to work towards introducing carriage driving at the Centre.

We have continued to build on our fundraising activities, through the efforts of our dedicated fundraising team, who have undertaken a range of different events, which have been well supported by our local community. In addition, we have received a number of grants and key donations, which have supported both in terms of running costs but also to help deliver improvements.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have an established policy of maintaining cash balances of not less than the total expenditure (excluding depreciation) in the previous 12 months.

Whilst the current position is below this, we remain confident that we should be able to improve this position over the coming years as we recover from the impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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)	Victoria Liston	
Full name(s)	Victoria Liston	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair up to July 2023	
Date	07/01/24	

**ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Directors	Victoria Liston Sarah Armstrong Alister Barnes Veronica Bradley Pearl Farr Kyle Palmer
Company Number	7302917 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE CHESTNUT AVENUE BROMHAM BEDFORD BEDS MK43 8HP
Accountants	LEO Bookkeeping Services Ltd 3-4 Britten's Court Clifton Reynes Olney Buckinghamshire MK46 5LG

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
(COMPANY NO: 7302917 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Principal activity

The Objects of the company are to promote the objects of Riding for the Disabled Association, incorporating carriage driving by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride to benefit their health and well being in the Bedfordshire area.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Victoria Liston
Sarah Armstrong
Alister Barnes
Veronica Bradley
Pearl Farr
Kyle Palmer

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Victoria Liston
Director

Approved by the board on: 4 July 2023

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover	116,922	37,805
Cost of sales	(28,408)	(26,366)
Gross surplus	88,514	11,439
Administrative expenses	(71,121)	(51,614)
Other operating income	-	12,186
Operating surplus/(loss)	17,393	(27,989)
Interest receivable and similar income	175	70
Surplus/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	17,568	(27,919)
Tax on surplus/(loss) on ordinary activities	-	-
Surplus/(loss) for the financial year	17,568	(27,919)

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	31,037	37,257
Current assets			
Debtors	5	1,050	8,324
Cash at bank and in hand		93,596	74,132
		<u>94,646</u>	<u>82,456</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(20,054)	(31,652)
Net current assets		<u>74,592</u>	<u>50,804</u>
Net assets		<u>105,629</u>	<u>88,061</u>
Reserves	7		
Profit and loss account		105,629	88,061
Members' funds		<u>105,629</u>	<u>88,061</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 4 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by

Victoria Liston
Director

Company Registration No. 7302917

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Share capital £	Profit & loss account £	Total £
At 1 April 2021	-	115,980	115,980
Loss for the year		(27,919)	(27,919)
At 31 March 2022	-	88,061	88,061
At 1 April 2022	-	88,061	88,061
Profit for the year		17,568	17,568
At 31 March 2023	-	105,629	105,629

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Statutory information

Elisabeth Curtis Centre Riding For The Disabled is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number 7302917. The registered office and principal place of business is ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE CHESTNUT AVENUE, BROMHAM, BEDFORD, BEDS, MK43 8HP.

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Land & buildings	Tack Room: Straight line over 20 years Paddocks/Stables: Straight line over 16-19 years
Plant & machinery	Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures & fittings	Straight line over 5 years

Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds of £18613 form part of the capital and reserves for 2023. This was £25833 for 2022.

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has an established policy of maintaining cash balances of not less than the total running costs (excluding depreciation) in the previous 12 months,

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings £	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation	At cost	At cost	At cost	
At 1 April 2022	75,604	12,660	7,676	95,940
At 31 March 2023	75,604	12,660	7,676	95,940
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	40,441	12,132	6,110	58,683
Charge for the year	4,746	528	946	6,220
At 31 March 2023	45,187	12,660	7,056	64,903
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	30,417	-	620	31,037
At 31 March 2022	35,163	528	1,566	37,257

5 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	468	8,324
Accrued income and prepayments	(26)	-
Other debtors	608	-
	1,050	8,324

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	442	5,324
Taxes and social security	-	15
Other creditors	39	-
Accruals	960	480
Deferred income	18,613	25,833
	20,054	31,652

7 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

8 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 1 (2022: 1).

ELISABETH CURTIS CENTRE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover		
Sales	116,792	37,765
Fees	130	40
	<hr/> 116,922	<hr/> 37,805
Cost of sales		
Other direct costs	28,408	26,366
	<hr/> 88,514	<hr/> 11,439
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	12,242	13,686
Pensions	180	202
Employer's NI	247	-
Temporary staff and recruitment	20,700	13,667
Travel and subsistence	524	98
Entertaining	-	473
Rates	945	539
Light and heat	3,198	1,685
Telephone and fax	629	708
Stationery and printing	392	23
Subscriptions	224	948
Insurance	6,667	4,394
Equipment expensed	602	-
Software	137	60
Repairs and maintenance	15,024	4,981
Depreciation	6,218	6,956
Sundry expenses	695	1,074
Accountancy fees	2,259	1,690
Other legal and professional	238	430
	<hr/> 71,121	<hr/> 51,614
Other operating income		
Other operating income	-	700
Government grants	-	11,486
	<hr/> -	<hr/> 12,186
Operating profit/(loss)	<hr/> 17,393	<hr/> (27,989)
Interest receivable		
Interest receivable	175	70
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<hr/> 17,568	<hr/> (27,919)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Elisabeth Curtis Centre Riding For The Disabled

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1137217

Set out on pages

(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 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all 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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

24/07/2023

Name:

Simon Davies

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

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