

# QUEST GROUP OF RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

England & Wales · Charity number 1156036

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [08779573](#)

**Registered** 2014-03-06

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** To provide riding for disabled children and adults in the Chobham area

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- Surrey

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£123,690	£98,447	-	-
2024-03-31	£55,610	£83,274	-	-
2023-03-31	£88,681	£88,935	-	-
2022-03-31	£77,356	£63,809	-	-
2021-03-31	£20,913	£39,235	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CLAIRE HETHERINGTON		2014-02-27
Caroline Windsor		2025-02-10
Deborah Clark		2025-02-10
Fiona Davidson		2025-02-10
Janet Saunders		2025-02-10
Jonathan Spink		2025-02-10
Julie Jones		2022-01-09
Kim Maher		2025-02-10
Lisa Johnson		2026-03-02
Mechteld Michael		2025-02-10
clare Webber		2026-02-17

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# Accounts

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## Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Trustees Annual Report for the Year to 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number 1156036

Quest RDA is part of RDA UK, a registered charity (244108), it is supported in its objectives by the Regional Chair and the National Board of Trustees. The Group is managed by a committee comprising a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, safeguarding officer, and fundraiser.  
Mrs J Jones – Chair

Mrs C Hetherington – Treasurer

There are other Group members who fulfill other duties for the group. Election of trustees occurs at the annual general meeting; a retiree may be re-elected and where a vacancy arises an appointment may be made by the Committee until the next AGM.

Quest RDA has insurance cover with RDA UK and in line with RDA guidance has a safeguarding policy, a health and safety policy, a data protection policy and risk assessments are carried out regularly to ensure the safety of the group's riders and volunteers. All coaches and many volunteers have up to date first aid certificates. Quest RDA operates from Laris Farm Equestrian Centre in Chobham and provides opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to ride and interact with horses and ponies to promote their physical and mental well-being.

**Financial Review** The group was successful in raising funds of £104,307. Expenses, in common with many RDA groups owning their own ponies are high and 2024-2025 was particularly costly as some ponies continue to require significant veterinary treatment. The group maintains a sensory ride which is valuable to the riders but requires continuous upkeep. The group retains cash reserves of £122,988 and the trustees aim to retain one year's trading costs to maintain the financial stability of the group. In the opinion of the trustees will continue to operate as a going concern.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mrs J Jones Chair November 2025

## Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Year to 31 March 2025

Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled  
Income & expenditure  
account  
Year ended 31 March  
2025

	2025	2024
Riding Fees	18983	17557
Bank Interest	400	382
Fundraising and Donations	<u>104307</u>	<u>37,671</u>
	123690	55610
Livery	38801	36970
Blacksmith	4095	3180
Vet	21996	4719
Arena hire	4000	4000
Fundraising	6650	9115
Sundry	2423	1729
First aid/DBS	1145	557
Sensory ride	868	2437
Insurance	2631	2977
Just giving	216	216
Physio	2210	2422
Tack and saddler	4312	2202
Pony purchase	6500	2750
Defibrillator	1266	0
Competition entries	841	0
Uniform	<u>493</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>98447</u>	<u>73274</u>
Surplus	<u>25243</u>	<u>-17664</u>

## Statement of Assets

Current assets	37,561	26,924
Cash at Bank	<u>137,594</u>	<u>122988</u>
	<u>175,155</u>	<u>149,912</u>

## **Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Quest RDA for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibility and basis of the report

As trustees of the charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out Section 145 of the 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. I

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 130 of the Act;
2. The accounts do not accord with those records

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.

Signed: Mrs V Bowker AAT

Address. 12 Sparrow Close, Wokingham, RG41 3HT

Date 8 September 2025

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# Accounts

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## **Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the Year to 31 March 2024**

#### **Registered Charity Number 1156036**

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The Group is managed by a committee comprising a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, safeguarding officer, and fundraiser.

Mrs J Jones - Chair

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There are other Group members who fulfill other duties for the group. Election of trustees occurs at the annual general meeting; a retiree may be reelected and where a vacancy arises an appointment may be made by the Committee until the next AGM.

Quest RDA has insurance cover with RDA UK and in line with RDA guidance has a safeguarding policy, a health and safety policy, a data protection policy and risk assessments are carried out regularly to ensure the safety of the group's riders and volunteers. All coaches and many volunteers have up to date first aid certificates.

Quest RDA operates from Laris Farm Equestrian Centre in Chobham and provides opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to ride and interact with horses and ponies to promote their physical and mental well-being.

#### Financial Review

The group was successful in raising funds £55,610 but there was no fundraising ball or sponsored ride this year. Expenses, in common with many RDA groups owning their own ponies are high and 2023-2024 was particularly costly as some ponies required significant veterinary treatment. The group maintains a sensory ride which is valuable to the riders but requires continuous upkeep. The group retains cash reserves of £122,988 and the trustees aim to retain one year's trading costs to maintain the financial stability of the group. In the opinion of the trustees will continue to operate as a going concern.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Mrs J Jones

Chair

November 2024

# Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled

Year to 31 March 2024

## Statement of Earnings

	2024	2023
Income		
Riding fees	£17,557	£11,820
Interest	£382	£124
Fundraising	<u>£37,671</u>	<u>£76,737</u>
	£55,610	£88,681
Costs		
Livery	£36,970	£30,385
Blacksmith	£3,180	£2,470
Vet	£4,719	£3,624
Arena hire	£4,000	£4,000
Cost of fundraising	£9,115	£16,199
Sundry	£1,729	£5,588
First aid & DBS	£557	£234
Sensory ride	£2,437	£6,385
Insurance	£2,977	£1,428
Just giving subs	£216	£406
Horse physio	£2,422	£850
Tack	£2,202	£3,016
Pony purchase	<u>£2,750</u>	<u>£14,350</u>
	£73,274	£88,935
Loss for the year	<u>£17,664</u>	<u>£254</u>

**Statement of Assets**

Current Assets	26,924	26,924
Cash at bank	<u>122,988</u>	<u>140,652</u>
Total	149,912	167,576

## **Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled**

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Address. 12 Sparrow Close, Wokingham, RG41 3HT

Date 8 May 2024

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# Accounts

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Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Ltd

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Trustees' Annual report and Statement of financial Activity

for the year ended 31 March 2023

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## 1. Reference and Administration details

- a. Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Ltd is a charitable incorporated organisation Registration number 8779573, registered with the Charity Commission on 18 November 2013. The Charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs
- b. The Charity operates from Laris Farm Chobham Surrey
- c. Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity
  - i. Mrs Julie Jones (Chair)
  - ii. Mr Paul Gardner (Fundraiser)
  - iii. Mrs Claire Hetherington (Treasurer)
- d. Bank – Nat West, Woking

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

- a. Governing Document

Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Ltd is a company limited by guarantee.
- b. Charitable objects

As defined in Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Ltd's constitution the charity's objects are to provide therapy to children and adults with physical and mental disabilities through interaction with horses and ponies.
- c. Trustees are selected for their suitability and dedication to the charitable objectives, each trustee is reappointed by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity's trustees. In appointing trustees consideration is given to ensuring they have skills necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with Charity Law. No trustee receives any payment for their services to the charity.

## 3. Activities

The Trustees confirm they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when deciding what activities, the charity should undertake.

## 4. Achievements and Performance

The charity has continued to provide riding lessons to a large number of children and adults in the area local to Chobham. It provides these lessons at a heavily subsidised rate so that the opportunity is available to all. The Charity has been successful in raising funds by attending local events and because of the dedicated efforts of its volunteers and supporters. The year to 31 March 2023 did see an increase in costs which was expected due to the prevailing rate of inflation.

## 5. Financial review

The charity has no funds which are in deficit. The charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances precipitate a short term fall in its income. This served the charity well during the pandemic and it was able to continue to care for the ponies and have them ready to resume work when it was prudent to do so. The charity remains aware that it has no stables, grazing or riding arena of its own and must protect itself against the possibility it may need to move in due course. It is also aware that the horses and ponies suited to the work are rare and expensive. The work is physically demanding on them, and they require the best care in order to meet these commitments. For these reasons the charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 60% of its average annual turnover. It also wishes to retain a sum deemed necessary to affect a potential move to an alternative location should this be necessary. In the view of the trustees the sum currently retained is sufficient to meet this objective. All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefit from their services to the charity. No out-of-pocket expenses were reimbursed during the year. Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled's current resources from unrestricted funds are sufficient to meet its outgoings for the next year and indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future. The Trustees declare that there are no guarantees or debts outstanding.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Mrs C H Hetherington  
Treasurer  
14 November 2023

#### 6a. Report of the Independent Examiner:

##### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

##### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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 by examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Mrs V Bowker AAT

16 May 2023

Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Ltd  
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023  
Statement of Earnings

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Sponsorship, donations and events	£76,737.00	66,152
Riding Fees	£11,820.00	11,201
Bank interest	<u>£124.00</u>	<u>3</u>
	£88,681.00	77,356
Expenses		
Charitable activities		
Livery	£29,385.00	27,886
Veterinary fees	£3,624.00	14,394
Tack and saddler	£3,016.00	2,088
Website, Virgin money & just giving costs	£406.00	289
RDA HQ	£980.00	760
Sensory ride & maintenance	£6,385.00	1,835
Blacksmith	£2,470.00	1,635
Training, prizes and sundry	£4,988.00	3,877
DBS	£234.00	186
Printing	£0.00	550
Physio for ponies	£850.00	735
Costs of the Ball	£16,199.00	801
Arena Hire	£4,000.00	5,000
Purchase of ponies	£14,350.00	
Schooling and clipping	£600.00	
Covid protection	£0.00	142
Uniform	£0.00	1,843
Horse insurance	£448.00	302
Rug cleaning	£0.00	393
Additional feed	<u>£1,000.00</u>	<u>1,093</u>
	£88,935.00	63,809
Surplus/(loss) for the year	<u>-£254.00</u>	<u>13,547</u>

Statement of Assets

Stock	£25,424.00	25,424
Tack	£1,500.00	1,500
Deposit account	£28,587.00	28,587
Current account	<u>£112,065.00</u>	<u>112,319</u>
	£167,576.00	<u>167,830</u>
Earnings b/f	£167,830.00	154,283
surplus/loss for the year	<u>-£254.00</u>	<u>13,547</u>
	£167,576.00	<u>167,830</u>

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Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activity

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  - i. Mrs Julie Jones (Chair)
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  - iii. Mrs Claire Hetherington (Treasurer)
- d. Names of Advisors and senior members of staff  
  
None
- e. Bank  
  
Nat West, Woking

## 2. Structure, Governance and Management

- a. Governing Document  
  
Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Ltd is a company limited by guarantee
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- c. Trustees are selected for their suitability and dedication to the charitable objectives, each trustee is reappointed by resolution and a properly convened meeting of the charities trustees. In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring the trustees have skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law. No Trustee receives any payment for their service to the charity.

## 3. Activities

- a. The Trustees confirm they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit on deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

## 4. Achievements and Performance

The Charity has recovered well after the restrictions imposed on its activity during the prior year due to the Covid pandemic. Most of the riders have returned to the Charity and those who have not have been replaced from the waitlist. The charity remains incredibly well supported by its volunteers and by sponsors and donors.

## 5. Financial review

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit. The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances precipitated a short term fall in its income. This served the charity well during the pandemic and it was able to continue to care for the ponies and have them ready to resume work for the charity as soon as prudent to do so. The Charity remains aware that it has no stables, grazing or riding arena of its own and must protect itself against the possibility it may need to move in due course. It is also aware that the horses and ponies suited to this work are rare and expensive. The work is physically demanding on them and they require the best care in order to meet these commitments and for these reasons the charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 60% of its average annual turnover. It also wishes to retain a sum deemed necessary to effect any potential move to an alternative location should this be necessary. In the view of the trustees the sum currently retained is sufficient to meet this objective.

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefit from their services to the Charity. No out of pocket expenses were reimbursed during the year.

Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled's current resources from unrestricted funds are sufficient to meet its outgoings for the next year and indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees declare that there are no guarantees or debts outstanding.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Mrs C H Hetherington

Treasurer

## 6a Independent examiners report

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Ms V Bowker

Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled Ltd  
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022  
Statement of Earnings

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Sponsorship, donations and events	66,152	19,394
Riding Fees	11,201	1,507
Bank interest	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>
	77,356	20,913
Expenses		
Livery	27,886	24,420
Veterinary fees	14,394	4,319
Tack and saddler	2,088	1,361
Website, Virgin money & just giving costs	289	825
RDA HQ	760	975
Sensory ride maintenance	1,835	1,769
Blacksmith	1,635	2,365
Training, prizes and sundry	3,877	1,975
DBS	186	12
Printing	550	0
Physio for ponies	735	474
Costs of the Ball	801	0
Arena Hire	5,000	0
Covid protection	142	194
Uniform	1,843	0
Horse insurance	302	546
Rug cleaning	393	0
Additional feed	<u>1,093</u>	<u>0</u>
	63,809	39,235
Surplus/(loss) for the year	<u>13,547</u>	<u>-18,322</u>
Statement of Assets		
Ponies	25,424	25,424
Tack	1,500	1,500
Deposit account	28,587	28,587
Current account	<u>112,319</u>	<u>98,772</u>
	<u>167,830</u>	<u>154,283</u>
Earnings b/f	154,283	172,605
Surplus/loss for the year	<u>13,547</u>	<u>-18,322</u>
	<u>167,830</u>	<u>154,283</u>

