

Quest Group of Riding for the Disabled

Trustees Annual Report for the Year to 31 March 2024

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 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

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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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Quest RDA for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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.

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; or
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

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Date 8 May 2024