

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1ST	AUGUST	2020		31ST	JULY	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

BELVLOIR VALE RDA

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1162970

Charity's principal address

4, HALL GROUNDS DRIVE

COLSTON BASSETT

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Postcode

NG12 3FX

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	LESLEY DAVIES	CHAIRMAN		
2	CATHERINE BRIGHTMAN	TREASURER		
3	JANE NUTHALL	SECRETARY		
4	ABIGAIL WALKER			
5	LYNSEY JONES			
6	VALERIE CLIFF			
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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

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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)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted

(eg. trust, association, company)

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)

Trustee selection methods

(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are elected by the members of the charity for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- ☐ 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.

To promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving. A charity registered under charity number

244108 (RDA) by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or drive to benefit their health and well-being in the Belvoir Vale area.

The charity works with children and vulnerable people and the trustees have jointly and individually declared they have carried out all trustee eligibility tests that are required by law.

Risk Management is covered in the RDA 'Essentials of Membership' which sets out the standards and procedures by which the charity operates, including the minimum standard of qualification of the people responsible for the activity at any time.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Charity provides disabled people with the opportunity to ride to benefit their health and wellbeing.

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)

The Charity provides equestrian opportunities specifically for children and adults with physical, sensory and learning disabilities in order for them to gain therapeutic benefit and have the chance to achieve.

These include riding therapy and training, competitions, training on horse care and stable management, and educational activities; and specific projects aimed at providing therapy including Hippotherapy.

Belvoir Vale RDA treats each rider as an individual, tailoring its support to their specific requirements. The Charity provides specialist tuition by RDA qualified coaches and supported by trained volunteers with-out whom most of the people that the group works with would not be able to access the riding activities.

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.

The Belvoir Vale RDA group is entirely run by volunteers including the coaches, trustees, pony leaders and side walkers. For the period of this report there were 17 individuals drawn from a range of backgrounds and ages. All are bound by their desire to help and support the disabled participants.

The number of volunteers was reduced compared to previous years by having to limit the number of individuals on the yard due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Of these volunteers 7 were under 25 years of age. Unfortunately, this year due to the COVID restrictions, we were unable to host students wanting to work towards their The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We do hope that this scheme can be reinstated next year as these younger volunteers are the future of the group.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our financial year runs from the beginning of August to the end of July and, like the year before, this year has been heavily influenced by the forced cessation of our sessions due to the pandemic for a total of 4 months- November then again in January to April. When we were allowed to re-open, there were strict operating restrictions around social distancing & mixed households.

The total number of sessions delivered by Belvoir Vale RDA was 433, about a 50% reduction compared to the pre-pandemic year 2018-2019. This figure was however very much larger than the average for RDA groups nationally with only about 15% of the groups around the country restarted after the first lockdown in early 2020.

At the beginning of August 2020 we had 11 riders able to ride within the restrictions and by the end of July 2021 this figure had risen to 20. Unfortunately, we were still unable to work with those riders requiring side-walkers.

Belvoir Vale RDA is very proud that they have been able to provide riding opportunities to over 77% of their regular participants during a very difficult time and will strive to get all their riders back when the Covid restrictions allow.

Our wonderful team of ponies have continued to work their magic and Fin, who was bought at the end of January 2020, has settled very well into his new role enabling several of the younger riders ride off the lead rein for the first time.

Notable events that happened within the year included 14 of our participants taking part in the Regional Qualifiers in Dressage and Countryside Challenge which were held virtually for the first time. Filming was spread over 8 days to allow as many riders as possible the chance to compete. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up yet more time to support the riders, prepare the ponies ready for the competition and to film the rounds. We subsequently found out that 5 riders are through to the National Championships in October.

In early summer, Banjo, a horse jointly owned by Abi and Lesley, was assessed to be suitable to be used within RDA sessions and he is a great addition to the team being slightly bigger than Tommy so able to carry our bigger adults.

In July one of our fabulous volunteers completed The Continuous 100k Trek in the Derbyshire Dales lasting over 24 hours. The weather was appaling at the start but Natalie managed to raise over £2300 for our group. This money will be put towards the installation of arena mirrors which are a valuable aid to develop rider awareness of their position.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's cash fund are sufficient for the Group to continue to operate. Our policy of participants paying 'up-front' has allowed us to forward plan more effectively and has reduced the number of 'wasted' sessions due to unexplained absences by riders. The reserves we hold are needed to support ponies even when we are unable to run sessions, such as during the pandemic lockdowns and to meet unexpected costs such as veterinary bills.

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.

Our main source of funds consists of rider's fees and pony sponsorship. We are very grateful that many of our riders continued to support us financially even during the lockdowns in recognition that we still need to pay livery and veterinary costs.

In addition, the Co-op store in Radcliffe-on-Trent have continued to support us through their Local Community Fund. This money has been used to support our new pony Fin.

Section F Other optional information

In August 2021 a planning application to build a purpose-built RDA Centre and associated welfare facilities was approved on land owned by the group's chairman and her family. When built, this new facility will be offered to the group for their use and offers a great opportunity for the group to extend their activities to more riders and volunteers as well as for other disabled groups in the local community.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LESLEY ANNE DAVIES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	29/03/2022	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

BELVOIR VALE ROA

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1162970

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

[Signature]

Date:

29/07/2021

Name:

MICHAEL S GARRATT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCA (retired)

(if any):

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Blank area for disclosure details.



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st August 2020	To	Period end date 31st July 2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
uniform	245	-	-	245	338
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Fundraising	-	-	-	-	4,319
Riding Lessons	7,035	-	-	7,035	9,942
Gift Aid/Misc	3,137	-	-	3,137	5,889
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,189	-	-	29,189	35,242
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
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A3 Payments					
Hire Of Equestrian Facilities	4,465	-	-	4,465	8,310
Livery/Horse Care Costs	13,281	-	-	13,281	13,900
Horse Purchase	2,000	-	-	2,000	4,000
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Net of receipts/(payments)	7,499	-	-	7,499	777
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,777	-	-	8,777	8,000
Cash funds this year end	16,276	-	-	16,276	8,777

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

Details

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to nearest £

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Cash at Bank

16,276

-

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Total cash funds

16,276

-

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(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

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to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

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B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

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Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

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unrestricted

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Pony - Tommy

unrestricted

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Pony - Roma

unrestricted

-

-

Pony - Alfie

unrestricted

-

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Pony - Finn

unrestricted

-

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Pony - Cleo

unrestricted

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B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

C. Brightman

CELIA ANNE BRIGHTMAN
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Pony - Finn
Pony - Cleo

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When due (optional)

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

C. Brightman

CELLEY ANNE DAVIES
CATHERINE ANN BRIGHTMAN

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