



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 RDA

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/2022

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
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[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.

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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.

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Signed:

Michael S Garratt

Date:

15/8/2022

Name:

MICHAEL S GARRATT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT



Charity Name Belvoir Vale RDA	Charity Number 1162970	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from 1st August 2021	To 31st July 2022	

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 £
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A6 Cash funds last year end	16,276	-	-	16,276	8,777
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,591	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Club House	unrestricted	-	-
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	Pony - Tommy	unrestricted	-	-
	Pony - Roma	unrestricted	-	-
	Pony - Alfie	unrestricted	-	-
	Pony - Finn	unrestricted	-	-
	Pony - Puddle	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1ST	AUGUST	2021		31ST	JULY	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

BELVOIR 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 22 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 has increased back to the levels before the COVID pandemic.

Of these volunteers 10 were under 25 years of age and we are delighted that we have been able to welcome back students wishing to complete their volunteering service for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The total number of sessions delivered by Belvoir Vale RDA this year was 860 so we are now back to the activity levels before the COVID pandemic.

This year has been a busy and exciting time for the Group and I'm delighted to report that all the riders who had previously ridden with us and who wished to ride again have returned.

However, The Trustees were conscious that the waiting list for people wanting to join Belvoir Vale RDA was growing so more sessions were opened on weekdays. By the end of the year the Group was regularly running 15 different sessions per week. The weekend lessons were a mix of small group sessions, generally with two or three participants or individual sessions for those riders requiring 2 side-walkers. The weekday sessions were all for individuals.

To support these sessions our amazing Team of regular volunteers steadily grew in number to 22 which includes 10 that are under 25. Belvoir Vale RDA is totally dependent on these selfless individuals who gave up their time so generously.

Our wonderful team of ponies have continued to work their magic and in August we took two of them with 5 riders to join in a Fun Day at Kesteven Rideability near Grantham. This was our first trip away from home since before the pandemic and it was great to be back enjoying ponies with old friends.

The Group were delighted to welcome a new pony recruit to the Team. His purchase was the result of the group's successful bid for funds from a local Trust- The Puddle Lane Trust, The only stipulation was that the pony must be called Puddle. Oscar Puddle joined us in November and quickly became a firm yard favourite.

Our super new Arena Mirrors were installed, paid for by volunteer Natalie's 100k Continuous Trek and have become a very useful tool in helping our riders check their position in the saddle or as a communication aid for our Therapy riders.

Our talented volunteer and qualified physiotherapist, Jennie, sailed through her Group Coach Assessment and has also enrolled on a Hippotherapy Course. This is a very exciting development for Jennie and the Belvoir Vale RDA as it will allow her to work with more severely disabled participants, some of whom would normally be excluded from regular RDA sessions.

This year, for the first time since 2019, the National Championships were to return to Hartpury, Gloucestershire. Belvoir Vale was represented by 12 riders and 4 ponies at the Regionals. All riders rode extremely well with 8 qualifying for the Championships. Unfortunately, due to the extreme heat the Sunday classes had to be cancelled which meant that for 4 of our riders they would no-longer be able to compete This was devastating but horse and participant welfare had to be the main priority.

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For our Saturday competitors there was rosettes all round with Tom on Alfie winning the Overall Championship for the Countryside Challenge. That is 3 times in row that the Group have won this trophy which is remarkable.

It has been a full and varied year and wouldn't have been possible without the continued support of our participants and their families and our regular donors. With the continuing presence of COVID we didn't actively run any fundraising events so the money we received from the Radcliffe-on-Trent Co-op Community Fund helped fill the gap in our finances.

An exciting year was capped off with the Granting of Planning Approval for the new RDA Centre in August- it had taken a whole year for the Council to finally make a decision and it marks the start of a very important period for Belvoir Vale RDA's future.

The builders arrived on site at the beginning of May and the construction is going well. It is envisaged that by the autumn of 2023 the group will be operating from one of the most advanced disabled friendly facilities in the county, providing opportunities for a greater number of participants of all disabilities.

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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)**

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- ☐ the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- ☐ how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Our main source of funds consists of rider's fees and pony sponsorship.

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 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	07/03/2023	



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