



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	01	08	2024		31	07	2025
From				To			

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	CHAIR		
2	NATALIE MOUNTAIN	SECRETARY		
3	NIKIN PATEL	TREASURER		
4	LOIS CALLAGHAN	SAFEGUARDING OFFICER		
5	LISA LEATHOROUGH			
6	CHARLOTTE WALKER			
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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)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected at the AGM by the Members of the Charity for a three year term. A third of the Trustees retire at each AGM but are eligible to be re-elected if desired. The Chair resigns at each AGM but is eligible to be re-elected if desired.

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.

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 the time.

The Charity works with children and vulnerable people and the Trustees have jointly and individually declared they have carries out all the Trustee eligibility tests that are required by law.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

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.

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)

Belvoir Vale RDA treats each beneficiary as an individual, tailoring its support to their specific requirements. The Charity provides specialist tuition by RDA qualified coaches and supported by trained volunteers without whom most of the participants that the Group works with would not be able to access the equine activities.

The `group offers Riding, Carriage Driving, Equine Assisted therapy- Hippotherapy sessions , Mechanical Horse sessions, Tea with a Pony for Local residents in Care Homes living with dementia and Supported Volunteer opportunities,

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.

Belvoir Vale RDA primarily relies on volunteers to operate, with only one full time and 2 part time members of staff.

During the year the Volunteer Team continued to grow (60+) and the Charity now also has 5 Supported Volunteers. All these valued individuals are bound by their desire to help and support the disabled beneficiaries whether it is within the RDA sessions (over 1950 during the year), helping with the essential yard duties and care for our 12 amazing ponies as well as supporting our Special Events such as Open days and Regional and National Competitions.

Two volunteers have successfully passed their assessments to become Coaches, one in riding and one in Carriage Driving.

The Charity's Chairman and Coach was awarded the RDAUK Volunteer of the Year award in recognition of her voluntary service to the Region and to RDA UK nationally.

Belvoir Vale RDA welcomed a number of Boots employees for a Volunteering Day and were very grateful for their hard work helping to clear the paths around the sensory garden.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year several significant events happened that are noteworthy:

Firstly, in early 2025 we welcomed our first Carriage Driving participant who was quickly followed by 5 others. Our driving pony Bonnie is proving herself very reliable and a valuable asset. The driving team were further expanded with the purchase of a new pony, Bear, who is currently under training, plus the purchase of a new carriage. Bear and the Bennington Carriage were made possible with the group receiving funds from The Postcode Lottery. Later in the year another volunteer qualified as a Driving Coach so the future looks very bright for our Driving Team.

As the Charity now works with 8 school groups attending during the week and over 30 independent riders who mainly attend at the weekends the Centre operates 7 days a week. The total number of ridden/driven sessions for the year increased to over 1950.

Our program for Tea with a Pony has developed over the year with the group hosting 8 sessions for 3 local Care Homes. The group has been loaned a gorgeous if somewhat cheeky Shetland pony, Candy, who now takes a leading role in these sessions.

Following the very generous private donation last year the group took delivery in October of a fully interactive mechanical horse, Roma 11. This amazing piece of equipment has allowed several participants to continue to attend for riding when one of the ponies went lame and was out of work for several months. It has also been very useful in assessments of potential new riders, allowing our physiotherapist and the other coaches to better assess what support they will need in the RDA session particularly in relation to mounting and dismounting. Roma 11 has also been successfully used in some of the Coach Training sessions which were held during the year for the Region.

The number of Hippotherapy (Equine Assisted Therapy) beneficiaries has continued to increase with these specialist physiotherapist led sessions forming an important part of the range of equine related activities that Belvoir Vale RDA provides.

Following the North Midlands Qualifiers in the spring, 15 of our participants qualified for the RDA National Championships. This event, held each year over 3 days at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire, brings together the top RDA riders from across the UK. All of Belvoir Vale riders achieved their own personal goals with 5 becoming National Champions and many more awarded high placings in their corresponding classes. The group is incredibly grateful to the whole team, those that went to support the riders and the 5 ponies at the event, and those that stayed to care for the remaining ones on the yard.

The development of the Centre enabled the group to host several regional events, including the Dressage Qualifier for the RDA Championships and 2 Training days with attendees from many other local RDA groups.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reported surplus reflects the timing difference between receipt of restricted funding designated for the Welfare Centre interior fit-out project. As the Welfare centre was not completed by the year end, the related costs had not yet been fully incurred. The bulk of the surplus therefore does not represent an underlying operational surplus, but rather restricted funds carried forward to complete the project in the subsequent financial year.

The value of unrestricted funds (£41,565) held is in accordance with the Charity's policy for holding a sum equivalent to at least 6 months survival runway to support staff costs and the upkeep of the ponies should a situation arise when our charitable activities can't be undertaken such as during an epidemic.

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.

The Charity experienced a significant increase in income during the year primarily due to a one-off donation (£300,000) received specifically to fund the interior fit-out of the Welfare Centre. This project commenced during the financial year but was not completed until the following financial year. This level of income is therefore exceptional and not expected to recur in the future years.

The Charity was also very fortunate to receive a significant amount of money, £50,000, from the Postcode Lottery 's Millionaire Fund. It is unlikely that this will be repeated in the future.

Excluding these two 'one off donations' the Charity's principal sources of funds were from fees for the provision of RDA sessions, regular monthly donations, fees from the hire of our facilities and provision of livery services to 1 horse.

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)

LA Davies

Full name(s)

Lesley Anne Davies

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

04/05/2026

Belvoir Vale RDA		Charity No (if any)	1162970	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period				
01/08/2024	To	Period end date	31/07/2025	



Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	34,312	359,561		393,873	98,343
Activities for generating funds	84,010	-	-	84,010	61,167
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	118,322	359,561	-	477,883	159,510
Resources expended					
Costs of Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	124,547	-	-	124,547	127,382
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	124,547	-	-	124,547	127,382
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	- 6,225	359,561	-	353,336	32,128
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	- 6,225	359,561	-	353,336	32,128
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 6,225	359,561	-	353,336	32,128
Total funds brought forward	47,790	-	-	47,790	15,662
Total funds carried forward	41,565	359,561	-	401,126	47,790

Section B Balance sheet

	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets (Note 4)	-	-	138,276	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	138,276	-
Current assets				
Stock and work in progress	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-
(Short term) investments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	-	-	290,664	47,790
Total current assets	-	-	290,664	47,790
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note5)	-	-	27,814	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	-	-	262,850	47,790
Total assets less current liabilities	-	-	401,126	47,790
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 12)	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	-	-	-
Net assets	-	-	401,126	47,790
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			401,126	47,790
Restricted income funds (Note 13)	-		-	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)		-	-	-
Total funds	-	-	401,126	47,790

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LESLEY ANNE DAVIES	26/11/25
	LOIS CALLAGHAN	26/11/25

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 3 **Paid employees**
Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

Staff Costs

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind
 Employer's National Insurance costs
 Pension costs

This year £	Last year £
42,485	34,039
-	-
805	621
Total staff costs 43,290	34,660

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	2
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	2	2

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 4**Tangible fixed assets***Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***4.1 Cost or valuation**

	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	138,276	138,276
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	138,276	138,276

4.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-

4.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	138,276	138,276

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Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 5 **Creditors and accruals**

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	27,814	-	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Total	27,814	-	-	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Belvoir Vale RDA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162970

Set out on pages

1 to 7

(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 July 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

26/11/25

Name:

Penelope Jane Williams

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

Chartered Accountant

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