

IPSWICH GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1163321

Details

Other names	IPSWICH RDA
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-08-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Providing horse riding activities to disabled people.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,427	£10,038	-	-
2024-03-31	£7,742	£7,662	-	-
2023-03-31	£13,387	£6,645	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,966	£2,199	-	-
2021-03-31	£3,180	£1,881	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Clare Phillips	Chair	2017-04-24
Darren Butt		2024-09-02
Gillian Sylvia Lewis		2022-08-09
Veronica Barlow		2018-06-28

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Ipswich Group Riding for the Disabled Association Annual Return 2025 Trustees Report

A total of 38 different participants rode with our group this year in just over 750 participant 'sessions.' Six (all children) were riding for the first time. Demand was slightly higher than we can meet – mainly because our junior session is a 'closed' session for a school group and we do occasionally get enquiries from other parents who want children to ride with RDA. We have 25-30 active volunteers and 2 coaches. One volunteer is also a coach – in a support role to the 2 regular coaches. We are slightly short of volunteers and occasionally have to run sessions with a minimum number.

We have had 9 equines (which we hire each week) available to our group.

We have a new shed for our equipment – this was funded by a grant from the locality budget of the then Babergh District Councillor the late David Busby.

Our volunteer pool is stable and our Trustees are supportive. We have reviewed the financial contributions made by our riders as our own costs have increased and the new rate will start in September 2025.

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**RDA Ipswich Group
Summary Annual Surplus/(Deficit)**

Year ended 31 March 2025

	£	£	£
Funds at 1 April 2024			18,372.14
Year to date:			
Income			
Tuesday Rider Contributions	3,528.00		
Stone Lodge Contributions	900.00		
Spring Walk	-		
Unidentified	-		
Amazon and Easyfundraising	198.99		
Donations	1,600.00		
Interest earned on deposit account	199.60		
		<u>6,426.59</u>	
Expenses			
RDA Insurance	(477.00)		
DBS checks	(180.00)		
Bentley Riding Centre fees	(6,800.00)		
Instructor fees	(1,625.00)		
Equipment costs	(930.77)		
Misc bank fees	(25.50)		
		<u>(10,038.27)</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit) for period			<u>(3,611.68)</u>
Capital expenditure			-
Overall movement in Funds year to date			(3,611.68)
Total funds 31 March 2025			<u><u>14,760.46</u></u>
Represented by:			
Deposit account			11,258.71
Current account			3,501.75
			<u><u>14,760.46</u></u>

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Governance

Trustees on 31 March 2024:

Veronica Barlow
James Geary (Treasurer)
Alice Moon (Safeguarding officer)
Clare Phillips (Chairman)
Gillian Lewis

Selection and appointment of new trustees is discussed at meetings of the existing trustees. New appointments are made after agreement of the existing trustees.

During the financial year, Iris Justice and Alice Moon became trustees on 19 July 2023. Iris Justice resigned as a trustee on 03 August 2023. Since the end of the financial period Alice Moon and James Geary resigned on 02 September 2024. Darren Butt was appointed a trustee on the same day.

Report on the Group's activities since the previous AGM

Since the date of the last AGM on 19 July 2023 we have continued to hold two sessions a week.

Financial review

The accounts which are prepared on a cash basis, and which are not independently reviewed or subject to statutory audit, are included with this annual report.

During the financial year which ended on 31 March 2024, donations and other money raised marginally exceeded the various expenses incurred in running the Group by £80.17. It should be noted however that fees payable to Bentley Riding Center for the final term in the financial year had not yet been invoiced at the year end. In the view of the trustees, the CIO has adequate financial reserves to cover its anticipated expenses for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the trustees on September 02, 2024

**RDA Ipswich Group
Summary Annual Surplus/(Deficit)**

Year ended 31 March 2024

	£	£	£
Funds at 1 April 2023			18,291.87
Year to date:			
Income			
Tuesday Rider Contributions	3,003.00		
Stone Lodge Contributions	900.00		
Spring Walk	758.00		
Unidentified	-		
Amazon and Easyfundraising	220.16		
Donations	2,780.00		
Interest earned on deposit account	81.33		
		<u>7,742.49</u>	
Expenses			
RDA Insurance	(460.00)		
DBS checks	(38.10)		
Bentley Riding Centre fees	(5,200.00)		
Instructor fees	(1,600.00)		
Equipment costs	(362.42)		
Misc bank fees	(1.80)		
		<u>(7,662.32)</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit) for period			<u>80.17</u>
Capital expenditure			-
Overall movement in Funds year to date			80.17
Total funds 31 March 2024			<u><u>18,372.04</u></u>
Represented by:			
Deposit account			15,059.11
Current account			3,313.03
			<u><u>18,372.14</u></u>

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Governance

Trustees on 31 March 2023:

Veronica Barlow (Safeguarding officer)
Louise Connolly (Secretary)
James Geary (Treasurer)
Clare Phillips (Chairman)
Gillian Lewis

Selection and appointment of new trustees is discussed at meetings of the existing trustees. New appointments are made after agreement of the existing trustees.

During the year, Alison Leyshon resigned as a trustee and Gillian Lewis joined as a trustee on 09 August 2022. James Geary stood down as Chairman, replaced by Clare Phillips and James Geary became Treasurer. Since the end of the financial period, Louise Connolly resigned as a trustee on 03 July 2023 and Alice Moon was appointed a trustee on 19 July 2023.

Report on the Group's activities since the previous AGM

Since the date of the last AGM on 09 August 2023 we have continued to hold two sessions a week.

Financial review

The accounts which are prepared on a cash basis, and which are not independently reviewed or subject to statutory audit, are included with this annual report.

During the financial year which ended on 31 March 2023, donations and other money raised exceeded the various expenses incurred in running the Group by £6,645, it should be noted that fees payable to Bentley Riding Center for some of the financial year had not yet been invoiced at the year end. In the view of the trustees, the CIO has adequate financial reserves to cover its anticipated expenses for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the trustees on November 3rd 2023

**RDA Ipswich Group
Summary Annual Surplus/(Deficit)**

Year ended 31 March 2023

	£	£	£
Funds at 1 April 2022			11,646.14
Year to date:			
Income			
Tuesday Rider Contributions	3,199.00		
Stone Lodge Contributions	600.00		
Spring Walk	605.00		
Unidentified	-		
Amazon and Easyfundraising	205.63		
Donations	8,770.00		
Interest earned on deposit account	7.00		
		<u>13,386.63</u>	
Expenses			
RDA Insurance	(460.00)		
DBS checks	(43.80)		
Bentley Riding Centre fees	(4,787.00)		
Instructor fees	(1,450.00)		
		<u>(6,740.80)</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit) for period			<u>6,645.83</u>
Capital expenditure			-
Overall movement in Funds year to date			6,645.83
Total funds 31 March 2023			<u><u>18,291.97</u></u>
Represented by:			
Deposit account			4,657.66
Current account			13,634.31
			<u><u>18,291.97</u></u>

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Governance

Trustees at 31 March 2022:

Veronica Barlow (Safeguarding officer)
Louise Connolly (Secretary)
James Geary (Chairman)
Alison Leyshon (Treasurer)
Clare Phillips

Selection and appointment of new trustees is discussed at meetings of the existing trustees. New appointments are made after agreement of the existing trustees. During the period Nick Kitching retired as a trustee and Louise Connolly became a trustee.

Report on the Group's activities since the previous AGM

The Group re-opened following the Covid-19 pandemic in June 2021 for Stone Lodge riders and sessions for adult riders commenced again in October 2021. We have expanded Tuesday sessions to three groups of five riders in each group.

Financial review

The accounts which are prepared on a cash basis, and which are not independently reviewed or subject to statutory audit, are included with this annual report.

During the financial year which ended on 31 March 2022, donations and other money raised exceeded the various expenses incurred in running the Group by £767, however it should be noted that fees payable to Bentley Riding Center for some of financial year had not yet been invoiced at the year end.

No significant fundraising events were held during the financial year, however the Group entered the pandemic in good financial shape and a successful Spring Walk was held in April 2022. Accordingly, in the view of the trustees,

the CIO has adequate financial reserves to cover its anticipated expenses for the foreseeable future.

Approved by the trustees 9th August 2022

**RDA Ipswich Group
Summary Annual Surplus/(Deficit)**

Year ended 31 March 2022

	£	£	£
Funds at 1 April 2021			10,879.21
Year to date:			
Income			
Tuesday Rider Contributions	1,127.00		
Spring 22 Walk	120.00		
Other income	-		
Donations	1,718.58		
Interest earned on deposit account	0.35		
		<u>2,965.93</u>	
Expenses			
RDA Membership fee & Insurance	(381.00)		
RDA CRB checks	(54.00)		
Bentley Riding Centre fees	(1,240.00)		
Instructor fees	(500.00)		
Misc	(24.00)		
		<u>(2,199.00)</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit) for period			<u>766.93</u>
Capital expenditure			-
Overall movement in Funds year to date			766.93
Total funds 31 March 2022			<u><u>11,646.14</u></u>
Represented by:			
Deposit account			3,978.66
Current account			7,667.48
			<u><u>11,646.14</u></u>

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Governance

Trustees at 31 March 2020:

Veronica Barlow (Safeguarding officer)
James Geary (Chairman)
Nick Kitching
Alison Leyshon (Treasurer)
Clare Phillips (Secretary)

Selection and appointment of new trustees is discussed at meetings of the existing trustees. New appointments are made after agreement of the existing trustees. During the period Barbara Wilbraham retired as a trustee and was not replaced. Since the end of our financial year, Nick Kitching has also retired as a trustee.

Report on the Group's activities since the previous AGM

Since 14th July 2020, the date of the last AGM, due to the pandemic the Group did not carry out any riding sessions until re-opening for Stone Lodge riders only in June 2021. It is expected that sessions for adult riders will commence again in October 2021.

Financial review

During the financial year which ended on 31 March 2021, donations and other money raised exceeded the various expenses incurred in running the Group by £1,299.

During the pandemic, the Group has been unable to carry out any significant fundraising activities, however our expenses have been kept under strict control. Accordingly, in the view of the trustees, the CIO has adequate financial reserves to cover its anticipated expenses for the foreseeable future. Further fundraising events will be planned when possible.

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Approved by the trustees 7th September 2021

RDA Ipswich Group
Summary Annual Surplus/Deficit

Year ended 31 March 2021

	£	£	£
Opening Funds at 1 April			9,580.47
Income			
Tuesday Rider Contributions	-		
Stone Lodge Contributions	-		
Autumn Walk	-		
Other income	-		
Quiz Night	-		
Donations	3,177.55		
Interest earned on deposit account	2.19		
		<u>3,179.74</u>	
Expenses			
RDA Insurance	(230.00)		
RDA Membership fee & Insurance	(220.00)		
RDA CRB checks	(6.00)		
Bentley Riding Centre fees	(1,050.00)		
Instructor fees	(375.00)		
Misc	-		
		<u>(1,881.00)</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit) for period			<u>1,298.74</u>
Capital expenditure			-
Overall movement in Funds year to date			1,298.74
Total funds 31 March 2020			<u><u>10,879.21</u></u>
Represented by:			
Deposit account			3,474.31
Current account			7,404.90
			<u><u>10,879.21</u></u>