



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/22

Period start date To

31/3/2023

Period end date

**Charity name:** Watershed Riding for the Disabled

**Charity registration number:** 1164924

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association, a charity registered under charity number 244208 by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride to benefit their health and well being in the mid-west Gloucestershire area
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Charity provides equestrian services specifically for people with disabilities (both physical and learning difficulties) in order for them to gain therapeutic benefit. These activities include riding therapy and training, training on animal care and stable management, competitions and educational activities.</p> <p>Our group works with adults and children with a range of disabilities and reasons for taking part.</p> <p>The core purpose of the Charity is to benefit the health and well-being of people with disabilities through the delivery of effective and life-enhancing therapy, the opportunity to learn new skills, achieve personal goals and ambitions and the chance to enjoy taking part in a social activity that promotes general well-being.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	During the year to March 2023 whilst conducting the aforementioned charitable work the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p><b>We have in the region of seventy volunteers who carry out a range of vital tasks. For example: volunteer roles or duties can include:</b></p> <p><b>Assisting with rides: each rider can need up to four volunteers supporting them (instructors, leaders, side walkers and followers).</b></p> <p><b>Preparing the ponies for the rides.</b></p> <p><b>General pony care (EVERY day of the week, every day of the year!)</b></p> <p><b>Stable and paddock maintenance.</b></p>
Other		<p><b>Rider and volunteer co-ordination</b></p> <p><b>Fund Raising</b></p> <p><b>Charity administration</b></p>

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Watershed RDA Group has provided 1178 rides for approximately 43 children and adults during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><b>We own or loan on long term five ponies and an additional one (not owned by Watershed) is brought in when required usually on one day a week</b></p> <p><b>We keep our website up to date to provide beneficial sharing of news and events together with Facebook and Twitter pages enhance the promotion and communication of the Group.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The Charity has a total of £143,274 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves are held to cover unexpected expenditure – the vehicle needs replacing in the near future, also all the ponies are quite old and veterinary fees are expensive.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves held - £95,442</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>The majority of our income comes from donations and usually some fund raising efforts with a small amount being generated by a £5 contribution per rider considerably less than the commercial rate for riding lessons</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		<b>The majority of our expenditure is spent on the stables and looking after the ponies – our normal expenditure consists of: Pony care – groom wages, feed, farrier, veterinary etc Rent – premises and grazing land Insurance – vehicle, premises and public liability Paddock and general maintenance Vehicle related expenses – tractor &amp; truck.</b>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution adopted October 2018</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>New trustees are interviewed and appointed by existing trustees, with ratification by the RDA group members at the AGM</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>A minimum of four Trustee meetings are held annually, plus others as required. Further sub committees meetings are normally held for example to discuss fund raising.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>There were seven trustees active for the whole year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>The Group operates under the national umbrella organisation of the Riding for Disabled Association but is a separate and independent charity responsible for its own governance and funding.</b>
Other		<b>To ensure the on going safety of our volunteers, riders and ponies the Group carries out an annual risk assessment. The Group has a number of policies in place to promote good governance and to ensure the safety of our riders, ponies and volunteers</b>

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Watershed Riding for the Disabled
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1164924
Charity's principal address	Watershed Stables, Coates, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 6NS



### 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	Pam Farnsworth	Chairperson		
2	William Lash	Secretary		
3	Sandra McCallum	Treasurer		
4	Kate Beim	Fund Raising		
5	Lorraine Hackett	Pony Care		
6	Kathy Mottershead	Safeguarding		
7	Richard Harrison	Governance		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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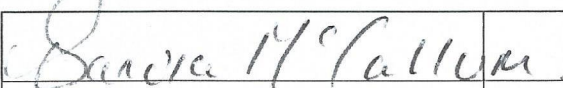
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sandra McCallum	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	

Date

31st January 2024
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**WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Registered charity number : 1164924**

## **WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

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## **WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

### **INFORMATION**

The group was established under its constitution in order to provide disabled people with the opportunity to ride.

#### **Officers**

Chairperson	Pam Farnsworth
Secretary	Bill Lash
Treasurer	Sandra McCallum
<b>Trustees</b>	Pam Farnsworth Bill Lash Sandra McCallum  Kate Beim Lorraine Hackett Kathy Mottershed Richard Harrison

#### **Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Registered number** 1164924

Charity law requires the trustees of the Association to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. In addition the trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



## WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

### Statement of assets and liabilities

#### Cash funds

#### Bank Accounts

	<u>31.3.23</u>	<u>31.3.22</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Current Accounts	11,145	74,317
Deposit Account	132,129	71,325
	<u>143,274</u>	<u>145,642</u>
Restricted Funds		
Mess room fund	17,000	17,000
Pony fund	20,470	29,700
Machinery and vehicle fund	19,900	35,385
Yard manager	23,665	28,081
Bursary & Sensory	14,407	16,015
Restricted Funds total	<u>95,442</u>	<u>126,181</u>
Unrestricted Funds	47,832	19,461
	<u>143,274</u>	<u>145,642</u>

The accounts on pages 2-5 were approved by the Group Executive Committee and Managing Trustees on 25 Sept 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

P J Farnworth  
Chairperson

Sandra McCallum  
Treasurer

#### Notes to the accounts

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities. As such, no adjustment has been made for accruals, prepayments, debtors and creditors at the year end.

## WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

### Receipts and payments accounts

			Year ended <u>31.3.23</u>	Year ended <u>31.3.22</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year	50,710	-	50,710	53,081
Total payments for the year	18,643	34,434	53,078	28,339
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	32,066 -	34,434 -	2,368	24,742
Cash funds at 1st April	19,461	126,181	145,642	120,900
Debtors settled			-	-
Creditors settled			-	
Net surplus for the year	32,066 -	34,434 -	2,368	24,742
Cash funds as at 31st March	51,527	91,747	143,274	145,642

# WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Receipts and payments - detail

			Year ended <u>31.3.23</u>	Year ended <u>31.3.22</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Card Sales	468		468	879
Donations	31,381		31,381	35,574
Insurance Claim	-		-	
Friends Scheme	2,752		2,752	3,232
Fundraising	2,926		2,926	
Gift Aid	-		-	1,909
Grants	-		-	
Holidays (Income)	-		-	
Interest	864		864	12
Legacies	4,500		4,500	
Mess Room Fundraising		-	-	
Mess Room Donations		-	-	
 Mileage @45ppm	-		-	
Muck Sales	145		145	150
Pony Sale		-	-	
Riders' Contributions	6,573		6,573	4,041
Sales of Saddlery and Tack	267		267	75
Sales	425		425	128
Share of Hay	-		-	
Other	409		409	7,081
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50,710</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,710</b>	<b>53,081</b>



# WATERSHED RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Receipts and payments - detail

			Year ended <u>31.3.23</u>	Year ended <u>31.3.22</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>	<u>funds</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank charge	73		73	96
Bedding	446		446	378
Capital Equipment		19,180	19,180	3,695
Catering/Outings	243		243	57
Cleaner	458		458	548
DBS applications	192		192	24
Electricity & water	1,013		1,013	668
Farrier	1,539		1,539	1,504
Feed	48		48	98
Fundraising expenses	488		488	725
Groom		4,416	4,416	4,442
Hay	938		938	750
Holidays (Outgo)	-		-	
Legal and professional fees	25		25	
Maintenance	640		640	1,724
Mess Room Expenditure			-	
Paddock Maintenance	805		805	806
Pony purchase		9,230	9,230	
Sensory Trail		1,608	1,608	3985
Premis & Empl Insurance	881		881	757
Rates	243		243	123
RDA	675		675	538
Rent	972		972	987
Saddlery and Tack	933		933	502
Stationery & postage	791		791	170
Tractor	188		188	151
Training	-		-	
Vehicle fuel	667		667	566
Vehicle Insurance	1,419		1,419	449
Vehicle Service	28		28	297
Vehicle Tax	450		450	275
Veterinary	3,784		3,784	1,308
Welfare			-	
Other (expenditure)	706		706	2,718
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>18,643</b>	<b>34,434</b>	<b>53,078</b>	<b>28,339</b>



# 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

WATERSNEI RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st MARCH 2023.

Charity no  
(if any)

1164942

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 MARCH 2023

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) 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:

*Anna Williams*

Date:

29/11/23

Name:

Anna Williams

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

CIMA

Address:

Poachers Cottage, Dacorum  
Cirencester GL7 9AE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.