

CARMARTHEN CARRIAGE DRIVERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1167465

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-06-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTS OF THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING (COMPANY NO 5010395) A CHARITY REGISTERED UNDER CHARITY NUMBER 244108 ("RDA") BY PROVIDING DISABLED PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AND/OR TO CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE DYFED AREA.

Activities: We are part of Riding for the Disabled. We operate a group that caters for people with both physical and learning disabilities to give everyone the freedom to experience driving a horse drawn carriage.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,322	£1,108	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,637	£2,845	-	-
2023-03-31	£520	£1,931	-	-
2022-03-31	£59	£1,474	-	-
2021-03-31	£3,552	£2,914	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jane Paula Millward		2026-01-16
Lynne Brooks		2016-09-29
Megan Sophia Jones		2025-01-16
THELMA LYNN JONES BA		2016-02-23

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Trustees Report to AGM Objectives and Activities:

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Annual Review

Over the winter months the trustees met several times but we could not see our ways around the problem of having no horses available. We had one pony in training but it needed assessing and also a lack of trained and qualified coaches. We eventually managed to get Ruby, the new pony, assessed and two new coaches but this was very much later in the year than we had anticipated. Thanks to the Regional Chairs of RDA, we were given a grant of £2500 to help towards getting a horse to the showground so that we could continue. We hoped that Donna would still be able to bring May but her lorry broke down and has not been replaced. Matthew who brings his pony works shifts so we are only able to run two out of every three weeks. We didn't start until August so have tried to keep running until later on in the year. It is still hard to get volunteers and as a lot of us are retired it will get harder to continue. As well as this, we still are desperate to get another horse in order to help run the sessions. We restarted again in February half term and managed a couple of sessions before the start of the new financial year. The owners of Carmarthen Showground themselves a charity, have kindly allowed us to use the showground for our weekly sessions rent free this year which will help considerably.

Financial Review:

The cost of the insurance and venue is normally covered by our weekly income and membership subscription, although this year our membership numbers are down and as we have had to cancel so many sessions, we did not charge the membership fee as it was not worth it for the clients.

The cost of bringing the horse to the showground is now covered by the money we were given by RDA. However, extra costs such as the care of the horse are not covered and is paid for by the volunteers who have funded this for the last thirteen years from when we started, meaning that this may have to be reviewed in this financial climate.

Structure, government and management:

We are managed by 6 trustees- and have regular meetings and we comply with the Charity Commission scheme for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prospective trustees are put forward and voted on if there is an available space. Chair, treasurer and secretary are voted on by the membership at the AGM. The list of trustees is available on the charity commission website as well as at the AGM. We have co-opted one of our members onto the committee.

The current trustees for Carmarthen Carriage Drivers are as follows:

Penny Hopkins: Chair

Thelma Jones: Secretary

Lynne Brooks: Treasurer

Ray Hopkins

Kayleigh Bowen

Amanda Kennedy

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Annual Accounts for period from 1st April 2024-31st March 2025

Bank Balance as at 31st March 2024 £4,423.00

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
NFU Insurance	348.99	Membership and Driving Fees	802.00
RDA Insurance	441.00	Donations	20.00
Assessment	78.30	RDA Grant	2500.00
Safety Catch	49.50		
M Rees Travelling Exp	126.00		
D King Bike parts and repair kit	63.95		
Sub Total	1107.74	Sub Total	3322.00

Bank Balance as at	
31st March 2025	6424.26
Cash in Hand	37.10
Uncleared cheque (Income)	213.00

Final Total 6674.36

Treasurer

Chair

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Trustees Report to AGM 17th January 2025

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Annual Review

Over the winter months the volunteer members undertook training and assessments so that we could be ready to restart in April 2023 which we did. Even so in the past year we have not managed to run as many sessions as we had hoped due to animal health concerns as the weather was either too hot or too windy/wet, and also not enough volunteers to run safely at some others. . We are gradually getting new participants but until we can guarantee we have enough volunteers that are trained and assessed we are going to continue to have problems.

We have a major problem with getting the use of horses for the sessions as the cost of fuel along with the cost of shoeing and feed has gone up considerably and people cannot afford to bring the horses (some over 50 mile return trip) without a contribution to the lorry fuel. We do not take in enough money to pay a mileage allowance so we need to find ways to raise money to cover this otherwise the group will have to close sometime next year as the money will run out. Without encouraging people to bring their horses we cannot continue to run as our stalwart horse Badger is now getting old and will probably not be able to be used again next year.

Financial Review:

The cost of the insurance and venue is normally covered by our weekly income and membership subscription, although this year our membership numbers are down and as we have had to cancel so many sessions we have a shortfall although there is enough in the account to cover all the bills we will struggle beyond a couple of months driving next year without a great increase in our revenue. The detailed accounts are available at the AGM, or on request for the financial year to 31st March 2024 We are very grateful for donations received during the year.

The costs of the horses, shoeing, travelling etc are covered at the moment by volunteers who have funded this for the last thirteen years when we started, this will have to be reviewed in this financial climate. We have no paid staff

Structure, government and management:

We are managed by 9 trustees- and have regular meetings and we comply with the Charity Commission scheme for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prospective trustees are put forward and voted on if there is an available space. Chair, treasurer and secretary are voted on by the membership at the AGM. The list of trustees is available on the charity commission website as well as at the AGM.

The current trustees for Carmarthen Carriage Drivers are as follows:

Penny Hopkins:

Thelma Jones: Secretary

Lynne Brooks: Treasurer

Ray Hopkins

Maggie Eaton Joint chair

Michael Eaton Joint chair

Donna Harries

Kayleigh Bowen

Amanda Kennedy

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Annual accounts for period 1st April 2023-31st March 2024

EXPENDITURE

NFU Insurance	315.98
Carriage Service (2) Cash	160.00
Shaft Alteration Cash	20.00
RDA Insurance	200.00
Assessment Cash	45.00
Under Halters Cash	35.00
P. Hopkins	1126.00
Corvus (Deposit Meals)	190.00
Showground Hire	564.00
Volunteers Gifts Cash	190.00

Sub Total £2845.98

Bank balance at

31st March 2024 £4423.00

Cash in hand 51.75

Final Total £7320.73

INCOME

Membership &	
Driving Fees	1035.00
Donations	50.00
Car Boot Sale Cash	110.00
Fundraising Cash	141.40
Giving Machine	30.98
Deposits for meal	190.00
Raffle/Auction Cash	80.00

Sub Total £1637.38

Bank Balance as 31st March 2023 £5632.55

Cash in Hand 50.80

£7320.73

Signed by Chairperson _____

Treasurer _____

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Trustees Report to AGM 5th December 2023 (for April 2022- October 2023)

Objectives and Activities:

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Annual Review

As there were no sessions held between April 2022 and April 2023 this report also covers April 2023 to October 2023

From April 2022 until April 2023 no sessions were held for participants because for the first 6 months the showground was still being used as a vaccination and testing centre for Covid19.

Over the winter months the volunteer members undertook training and assessments so that we could be ready to restart in April 2023 which we did. Even so in the past year we have not managed to run as many sessions as we had hoped due to animal health concerns as the weather was either too hot or too windy/wet, and also not enough volunteers to run safely at some others. Our participant numbers have also dropped this year on previous years, some not attending as still worried about COVID and others have moved on. We are gradually getting new participants but until we can guarantee we have enough volunteers that are trained and assessed we are going to continue to have problems.

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Financial Review:

The cost of the insurance and venue is normally covered by our weekly income and membership subscription, although this year our membership numbers are down and as we have had to cancel so many sessions we have a shortfall although there is enough in the account to cover all the bills we will struggle beyond a couple of months driving next year without a great increase in our revenue. The detailed accounts are available at the AGM, or on request for the financial year to 31st March 2023. We are very grateful for donations received during the year.

The costs of the horses, shoeing, travelling etc are covered at the moment by volunteers who have funded this for the last thirteen years when we started, this will have to be reviewed in this financial climate. We have no paid staff

Structure, government and management:

We are managed by 5 trustees plus one co-opted member and have regular meetings and we comply with the Charity Commission scheme for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We urgently need more people to become trustees. Prospective trustees are put forward and voted on if there is an available space. Chair, treasurer and secretary are voted on by the membership at the AGM. The list of trustees is available on the charity commission website as well as at the AGM.

The current trustees for Carmarthen Carriage Drivers are as follows:

Penny Hopkins: Chair

Thelma Jones: Secretary

Lynne Brooks: Treasurer

Ray Hopkins

Maggie Eaton

Co-opted member Donna Harries

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Statement of accounts for period 1st April 2022-31st March 2023

Bank Balance as at 1st April 2022 £5,968.11

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
NFU Insurance	301.56	Car Boot Sales	220.00
RDA Membership	400.00	Bank Compensation	300.00
Assessments	79.20		
Bank Charges	24.00		
Sub Total	£804.76	Sub Total	£520.00
			£5,683.35

Bank Balance as of 30th March 2023

Credit £5,632.55
Cash in hand £50.80

Final Total £5,683.35

There are two uncleared cheques outstanding plus and outstanding bill of £85 for assessments, payable to P Hopkins in th sum total of £1126.

This is as a result of Natwest bank incorrectly freezing the Society's account. It is interesting to note that although the bank acknowledged their error and paid £300 in compensation, they still charged £24 for stopping the cheques and refused a donation from the giving machine in the sum of £15.98.

These accounts have been prepared from 1st April 2022-31st March 2023

Signed by Chairperson

Treasurer

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Trustees Report to AGM 25th November 2022 (for 2021-2022)

Objectives and Activities:

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Achievements: People being able to hold the reins, steer and negotiate cones etc. Sense of freedom and enjoyment. Meeting other people and socialising. Working towards awards for competency and Endeavour . This past year we have not managed to run any sessions because of COVID19, the venue we use is again still occupied by the NHS as a testing and vaccination centre and we also store our carriages there. When we last ran we had six under the age of 25 participants and 14 over the age of 25. We won't know how many we have until we re-open.

Financial Review:

The cost of the insurance and venue is covered by our weekly income and membership subscription, although this year we haven't been able to run due to COVID19 so we haven't had any subscriptions..Our only expenditure this year has been insurance and membership of the RDA. Other fundraising covers the extra costs although we do need to do more fundraising as our costs will have increased when we are able to restart. The detailed accounts are available at the AGM, or on request for the financial year to 31st March 2022 We are very grateful for donations received during the year.

The costs of the horses, shoeing, travelling etc are covered at the moment by volunteers who have funded this for the last twelve years when we started. We have no paid staff

Structure, government and management:

We are managed by 10 trustees and have regular meetings and we comply with the Charity Commission scheme for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prospective trustees are put forward and voted on if there is an available space. Chair, treasurer and secretary are voted on by the membership at the AGM. The list of trustees is available on the charity commission website as well as at the AGM.

The current trustees for Carmarthen Carriage Drivers are as follows:

Penny Hopkins: Chair

Thelma Jones: Secretary

Lynne Brooks: Treasurer

Ray Hopkins

Helen Stevens (resigned)

Bob Stevens (resigned)

Maggie Eaton Vice Chair,(resigned) Mike Eaton (resigned)

Sally Weale (resigned)

Hilary Penny (resigned)

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Full year accounts for period 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

Balance brought forward from 31st March 2021 – Credit £6533.40

Expenditure		Income	
RDA Insurance	330.00	Giving Machine	34.12
NFU Insurance	294.41	M&M Eaton	25.00
Harness	850.00		
Sub Total	£1474.41		£59.12

Bank Balance as at 31st March 2022 = £5968.11

Cheque to be issued to P Hopkins in respect of harness purchased in the sum of £850

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Trustees Report to AGM 18th May 2021 (for 2020-2021)

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Financial Review:

The cost of the insurance and venue is covered by our weekly income and membership subscription, although this year we haven't been able to run due to COVID19 so we haven't had any subscriptions..Our only expenditure this year has been the container hire and insurance. As we managed to get two grants from RDA we have managed to buy the container outright so no longer have to pay for the hire and the grant enabled us to pay the insurance. Other fundraising covers the extra costs although we do need to do more fundraising as our costs will have increased when we are able to restart. The detailed accounts are available at the AGM, or on request for the financial year to 31st March 2021. We are very grateful for donations received during the year.

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Sally Weale

Hilary Penny

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Full YEAR ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1ST April-2020- 31st March 2021

Balance brought forward from 31st March 2020.....Credit £ 5894.90

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

Venue Hire (2019)	252 .00
Container Hire	360.61
RDA Insurance	390 .00
NFU Insurance	311.46
Container Purchase	1599.60

RDA SW Grant	1750.00
RDA GRANT	1750.00

Donations	52.17
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SUB TOTAL £ 2913.67

£ 3552.17

Bank balance as at 31st March 2021 £6533.40

(Two uncleared cheques totaling £191.20 to be cancelled and reissued)