



Charity Number 1167465

Trustees Report to AGM 17th January 2025

Objectives and Activities:

Aim: To bring people with disabilities into sport and outdoor activity with Carriage Driving and competing where able.

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 .

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

RDA/CARMARTHEN CARRIAGE DRIVERS; Charity Number 1167465

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 _____