



LOWLANDS FARM RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

Registered under Charity Number 1169453

(A Member Group of Riding for Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving,
Registered under Charity number 244108)

Trustee Annual Report Financial Year ended 31st March 2022

Lowlands Farm Riding for the Disabled Association became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 3rd October 2016.

The Constitution is the standard CIO Constitution of the Riding for the Disabled Association adopted at a meeting on 8th July 2016.

The aim of the Charity is to provide disabled children and adults in Shrewley and the surrounding areas with the opportunity to ride and experience equestrian activities, to benefit their health and wellbeing.

The Charity's correspondence address is Lowlands Farm RDA Group, Lowlands Equestrian Centre, Old Warwick Road, Shrewley, Warwickshire, CV35 7AX. The activities of the Group take place at this address.

The Charity's bankers throughout the year were NatWest Bank, Royal Priors, 59 The Parade, Leamington Spa CV32 4ZX, as in previous years.

The Trustees during the year to 31st March 2022 were as follows:

- Miss Marisa Bretherton-Mackay – Chair (re-elected Chair 29th January 2022)
- Mrs Louise Clarke – Treasurer (re-elected 29th January 2022)
- Mr. David Ivens – Secretary (re-elected Secretary 29th January 2022)
- Mrs Alex Cloughton – Participant Representative (elected 19th January 2020)
- Mrs Sue Mack – Coaching & Volunteers (elected 19th January 2020)

The focus during the period under review has been to continue to develop post-COVID and build on the sessions on offer to our participants and to enhance our overall services; streamlining our practices and making the best use of the facilities, equines and resources available.

Due to being able to return to activity comparatively early compared to many RDA Groups around the UK, post COVID (in early Autumn 2020) meant that during the period of this report, the group has managed to return to ridden activity at a level almost comparable to pre-COVID months. This has been thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and coaches in attending Spring refresher training in mid-April 2021 and in working to assist riders who were not able to return initially to be gradually welcomed back, and to start to consolidate each week's sessions into more goal-based rider groups. This has meant a steady improvement in overall experience for existing riders but has also been invaluable in identifying possible vacancies in each session that might accommodate new participants to benefit from our services. As a result, 8 new participants – far in excess of LFRDAs expectations for growth – were welcomed to LFRDA.

Lowlands Farm RDA Group

Lowlands Equestrian Centre, Old Warwick Road, Shrewley, Warwick CV35 7AX

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Activities

During the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, LFRDA delivered a total of 289 individual activities, consisting of:

- 289 shared riding sessions, held on Saturdays, with up to four registered riders in each.

Competition:

In addition to scheduled ridden sessions on Saturdays, we were delighted to be able to enter a number of LFRDA participants to the RDA UK National Virtual Championships for Countryside Challenge and Dressage in September 2021 – the first competition opportunity post-COVID – which proved to be a real morale boost to all involved. LFRDA funds covered the entry fees for each rider entry.

Participants

- There were 28 registered participants in all
- 16 of our participants were 17 and under
- 12 were over 18 years of age
- There were 8 new participants, across both age bands (1 over 18, 7 under 17)

Fundraising

Several loyal supporters/private donors once again provided donations during the year, but due to the lingering effects of lockdown during COVID, their fundraising activities had also been limited and impaired.

It is expected that more proactive fundraising activities will be planned for the next financial year, to provide essential tack, equipment and upgrades. Servicing and maintenance of Charley (the 'mechanical horse') and the hoist - which are assets of Lowlands Farm RDA Group - is currently paid for, by agreement, with the RDA National Training Centre (LEC) in return for access for use by the centre's own clients, at times when not in use by LFRDA Group.

Employees

The Charity has no employees but pays one self-employed coach per session on a service agreement basis (beginning September 2019) and is otherwise entirely reliant on voluntary helpers who are trained on a regular basis, according to RDA UK standards and policy.

Volunteers

During the year, 26 volunteers, who are now also Members of the Group, provided riding and fundraising support to enable the group to carry out its prime objectives.

New Coaches

In December 2021 we were delighted to congratulate three longstanding volunteers on their attainment of Group Coach status, following successful training and assessment against the RDA UK Coaching pathway.

The Trustees have approved this report.



Marisa Bretherton-Mackay (Group Chair)

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

13th January 2023

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

LOWLANDS FARM RIDING FOR THE
DISABLED ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1169453

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/3/2022

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:

C. Parr

Date:

15/11/22

Name:

CRAIG PARR

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

F.C.A. (ICAEW)

Address:

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WARWICK
CV35 7HY

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

LOWLANDS FARM RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
ASSOCIATION

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,626	-	-	8,626	5,436
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fund generation - horse shares	-	-	-	-	-
Fund generation - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable income - riding income	12,259	-	-	12,259	846
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,885	-	-	20,885	6,281
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,885	-	-	20,885	6,281
A3 Payments					
Charitable expenditure	3,035	-	-	3,035	2,101
Cost of charitable activities - coach costs	2,060	-	-	2,060	480
Cost of charitable activities - horse hire	8,063	-	-	8,063	1,038
Cost of charitable activities - equipment	66	-	-	66	-
Cost of generating funds - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs - repairs & mtncce/computer	600	-	-	600	874
Support costs - equipment for lessons	-	-	-	-	101
Support costs - volunteers costs	505	-	-	505	366
Support costs - admin & office costs	761	-	-	761	1,031
Bank and other charges	188	-	-	188	10
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,277	-	-	15,277	6,000
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,277	-	-	15,277	6,000
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,608	-	-	5,608	281
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,225	-	-	15,225	14,944
Cash funds this year end	20,833	-	-	20,833	15,225

✓ - Agreed to P.Y. Files
✓ - Agreed to T.B.

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest current account	20,594	-	-
	Cash in hand/Stripe account	240	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,834	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement: Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Stripe funds not yet paid out	240	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Para rider hoist	Restricted	3,846	3,846
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	