



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 2023

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 2023 were as follows:

- Miss Marisa Bretherton-Mackay – Chair (re-elected Chair 14th January 2023)
- Mrs. Louise Clarke – Treasurer (re-elected Treasurer 14th January 2023)
- Mr. David Ivens – Secretary (re-elected Secretary 14th January 2023)
- Mrs. Alex Cloughton – Participant Representative (re-elected as Trustee 14th January 2023)
- Mrs. Sue Mack – Coaching & Volunteers (re-elected as Trustee 14th January 2023)

The focus during the period under review has been to continue to 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.

Over the past year, careful management of rider groups by the coaches and volunteers has meant that the group has managed to increase its opportunity for activity over the previous 12 months. This has been thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and coaches in attending Spring refresher training in mid-April 2022 and in working to assist new riders 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, a further 4 new participants – all under the age of 11 – were welcomed to LFRDA.

Lowlands Farm RDA Group

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Activities

During the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, LFRDA delivered a total of 632 individual activities – a huge increase on the previous year - consisting of:

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

Participants

- There were 32 registered participants in all
- 19 of our participants were 17 and under
- 13 were over 18 years of age
- There were 4 new participants, all under 11 years of age)

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 late 2022 which proved to be a real morale boost to all involved. LFRDA funds covered the entry fees for each rider's entry.

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.

More proactive fundraising activities will be planned for the next financial year, to provide essential tack, equipment and upgrades. The Trustees will seek to appoint a dedicated volunteer-led working group for this purpose. 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, 28 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 Activity Leader

In January 2023 we were delighted to congratulate one longstanding volunteer on their attainment of RDA Activity Leader status, to support non-ridden activities, following successful training and approval.

The Trustees have approved this report.



Marisa Bretherton-Mackay (Group Chair)

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

27th January 2024

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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 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1169453

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

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:

C. Parr

Date:

24/11/2023

Name:

CRAIG PARR

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

F.C.A. (ICAEW)

Address:

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

LOWLANDS EQUESTRIAN RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
ASSOCIATION

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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	14	-	-	14	8,626
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Fund generation - horse shares	-	-	-	-	-
Fund generation - fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable income - riding income	13,375	-	-	13,375	12,259
Other income	120	-	-	120	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,509	-	-	13,509	20,885
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,509	-	-	13,509	20,885
A3 Payments					
Charitable expenditure	1,167	-	-	1,167	3,035
Cost of charitable activities - coach costs	1,500	-	-	1,500	2,060
Cost of charitable activities - horse hire	9,000	-	-	9,000	8,063
Cost of charitable activities - equipment	542	-	-	542	66
Cost of generating funds - fundraising	81	-	-	81	-
Support costs - repairs & mtncs/computer	1,951	-	-	1,951	600
Support costs - equipment for lessons	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs - volunteers costs	694	-	-	694	505
Support costs - admin & office costs	985	-	-	985	761
Bank and other charges	282	-	-	282	188
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,202	-	-	16,202	15,277
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,202	-	-	16,202	15,277
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,693	-	-	- 2,693	5,608
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,833	-	-	20,833	15,225
Cash funds this year end	18,140	-	-	18,140	20,833

✓ - AGREED TO PY FILES / CC16a

✓ - AGREED TO T.B.

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	18,072	-	-
	Cash in hand/Stripe funds	68	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,140	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Para rider hoist	Restricted	3,846	3,846
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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	

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.