



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 2024

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 2024 were as follows:

- Miss Marisa Bretherton-Mackay – Chair (re-elected Chair 14th January 2024)
- Mrs. Louise Clarke – Treasurer (re-elected Treasurer 14th January 2024)
- Mr. David Ivens – Secretary (re-elected Secretary 14th January 2024)
- Mrs. Alex Cloughton – Participant Representative (re-elected as Trustee 14th January 2024)
- Mrs. Sue Mack – Coaching & Volunteers (re-elected as Trustee 14th January 2024)

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. Also under focus has been the continuation of the strengthening of the relationship between Lowlands Equestrian Centre, and the Lowlands Farm RDA Group.

Over the past year, careful management of rider groups by the coaches and volunteers has once again 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 responding to enquiries about the charity's services and working with session planning to open up rider opportunity for these applicants within the group session structures. As a result, a further 11 new participants, including an adult within the 60 – 70-year age group, were welcomed to LFRDA. 5 of the new riders were aged 18+ and the remaining 6 were aged 17 years or younger.

Lowlands Farm RDA Group

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

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Activities

During the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, LFRDA delivered a total of 676 individual activities – across the 39 weeks we were open (with a further 84 sessions having to be withdrawn due to client cancellation, or stoppage due to bad weather conditions. In summary, these activities comprised:

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

Participants

- There were 32 registered participants in all
- 22 of our participants were 17 and under
- 10 were over 18 years of age
- There were 11 new participants – included in the numbers above

Competition:

In addition to scheduled ridden sessions on Saturdays, we were proud and delighted to be able to successfully enter 11 qualifying LFRDA participants to the RDA UK National Championships for Countryside Challenge and Dressage in July 2023, at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire,

Fundraising

As in previous years, loyal supporters/private donors once again provided personal and fundraised donations during the year, which were most gratefully received, and which enabled the continued delivery of our services. Ongoing, proactive fundraising is still needed, in order to meet the continued operational costs – some of which have increased considerably, beyond the Trustees' control.

Service 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 (contractor) 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, 25 volunteers, who are now also Members of the Group, provided riding, administrative and fundraising support to enable the group to carry out its prime charitable objectives.

New Activity Leader

We have been delighted to congratulate one further 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

2nd January 2025

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

LOWLANDS FARM RDA

No (if any)

1169453

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
1/4/23

To

Period end date
31/3/24

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	723	-	-	723	14
Charitable Income - Riding Income	12,482	-	-	12,482	13,375
Other Income	-	-	-	-	120
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,205	-	-	13,205	13,509
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,205	-	-	13,205	13,509
A3 Payments					
Charitable expenditure	355	-	-	355	1,167
Cost of charitable activities - coach costs	1,400	-	-	1,400	1,500
Cost of charitable activities - horse hire	9,898	-	-	9,898	9,000
Cost of charitable activities - equipment	1,376	-	-	1,376	542
Cost of generating funds - fundraising	-	-	-	-	81
Support costs - repairs & mtnc/computer	3,078	-	-	3,078	1,951
Support costs - equipment for lessons	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs - volunteers costs	285	-	-	285	694
Support costs - admin & office costs	-	-	-	-	985
Bank and other charges	266	-	-	266	282
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,658	-	-	16,658	16,202
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,658	-	-	16,658	16,202
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,453	-	-	- 3,453	- 2,693
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,140	-	-	18,140	20,833
Cash funds this year end	14,687	-	-	14,687	18,140

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	14,560	-	-
	Cash in hand/Stripe funds	127	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,687	-	-

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(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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

Clarke

LOUISE CLARKE

17/12/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
LOWLANDS FARM RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2024

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 31/3/2024

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:

Date:

11/1/2025

Name:

CRAIG PARR

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

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Address:

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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.