



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st February 2023 To 31st January 2024

Charity name: **Broadlands Group Riding for the Disabled (RDA)**

Charity registration number: **1170398**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide regular year-round therapeutic equine therapy including horse riding and carriage driving for children and adults with disabilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The trustees are dedicated to the public benefit that our charity delivers to children and adults with physical, learning and mental health disabilities. We provide experienced coaches and volunteers, and 11 suitable ponies for riding and driving for our 55 weekly participants. Our activities take place in a tranquil rural 20-acre site surrounded by mature woodland and accessible public byways.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We aim to break-even as a charity with our operating expenses and revenue, and to seek and use externally sourced donations and grants to finance capital improvements and our significant maintenance workload.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers are key. Individual riders and carriage drivers require up to 5 trained volunteers/coaches in attendance for the session.

		Further, our volunteers undertake most of the equine care, feeding and exercise, and we have an estates volunteer team who look after the stables, riding school, paddocks, trees and fences.
Other		n/a

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We provide all our participants with a recurring experience which enables them to achieve physical, social and confidence goals set by themselves and/or our team of coaches and volunteers.</p> <p>We monitor the benefit and progression that equine therapy provides our participants.</p> <p>We keep our volunteers and supporters in touch with activities and developments at the Centre and share our successes with them.</p> <p>With the addition of carriage driving and outreach therapy, we broaden the range of participants we can work with who are limited by location, mobility, age or weight.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>For the year 2023/24, we set and achieved the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financially break-even (or better) on operating costs and revenues. Strengthen Board.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We exceeded our budgets for charitable activity funding, and for capital projects, in the 2023/24 year.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Year-end reserves of £78,645 (Unrestricted) and £40,017 (Restricted), so in total £118,662, an increase of £35,540 over 2022/23.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Post Covid, to build reserves to cover 3-6 months of operating expenses by 2024/25, with 2023/24 70% of this (£15-32k).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Restricted: £40,017 Unrestricted: £78,645
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donation, legacies, and grants 2. Contributions towards riding/driving costs 3. Commercial and individual sponsorship 4. Trading activities 5. Interest
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We do not as a practice hold monies for investment. Our aim is to build reserves to a modest level, to break-even operationally, and to spend restricted grants and donations fully on restricted projects.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Another lock-down 2. Significant illness among our pony stock.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	At each AGM, one third of trustees retire and can be re-elected by the meeting. They retire in rotation, longest serving first.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All trustees are Enhanced DBS checked and receive training on Safeguarding and Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Broadlands Group RDA pays an annual license to Riding for the Disabled, but the two charities are independent of each other.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	At each Board of Trustees meeting, trustees declare any conflict of interest including relationships with related parties, and action is taken accordingly.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Broadlands Group Riding for the Disabled (RDA)
Other name the charity uses	Broadlands RDA. Broadlands Equine Therapy and RDA
Registered charity number	1170398
Charity's principal address	Lower Paice Lane, Medstead, Hampshire, GU34 5PX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Anthony Williams	Chair	Trustee since 2021, elected Chair 26.7.2023	
2	Anne Thomlinson	Treasurer		
3	Suzanne Stratford			
4	Sharon Rafter			
5	Richard Benton			
6	Emma Trotter			
7	Sara Mason	Vice Chair	Resigned 26.4.2023	
8	Nigel Hoppitt	Chair	Resigned 26.7.2023	
9	Emma Mallory		Joined 21.4.2023	
10	Neil Stratford			
11	Ian Gibson		Died 1.4.2023	
12	Sarah Vey		Resigned 25.3.2023	
13	Kim Ottridge		Joined 27.9.2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Timothy Wettone FCCA Retd.	Squirrels Leap, Boyneswood Road, Medstead, GU34 5DY

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Centre Manager Paige Parsons w.e.f 26.4.2023

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Benton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	1.10.2024	



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Broadlands Riding for the Disabled

1170398

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/02/2023

To

Period end date
31/01/2024

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	63,702		-	63,702	60,373
Wellbeing	9,855		-	9,855	6,929
Grants			-	-	-
Sales	1,672		-	1,672	1,996
Collection Boxes	204		-	204	33
Pony Sponsorship	4,125			4,125	6,099
Events	17,032			17,032	5,099
Gift Aid	8,415		-	8,415	4,708
Other	24,606			24,606	9,993
Capital Donations	50,416	12,635	-	63,051	83,936
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	180,027	12,635	-	192,662	179,165
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	180,027	12,635	-	192,662	179,165
A3 Payments					
Horse Upkeep	27,228		-	27,228	16,650
Labour	63,457	6,630	-	70,088	54,267
Property Costs	25,459	11,913	-	37,372	10,144
Bursary costs & other expenses	-	7,245		7,245	-
Fees	3,361	-	-	3,361	2,339
Running Expenses	4,104	-	-	4,104	2,004
Services	3,851	-	-	3,851	3,506
Advertising	899			899	1,147
Events & Conferences	2,975			2,975	525
CAPEX Spend	-		-	-	29,358
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	131,334	25,788	-	157,122	119,940
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	131,334	25,788	-	157,122	119,940
Net of receipts/(payments)	48,693	- 13,153	-	35,540	59,225
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,952	53,170	-	83,122	23,897
Cash funds this year end	78,645	40,017	-	118,662	83,122

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

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Current	Cash in Hand	Total cash funds
Unrestricted funds	78,296	-	78,645
Restricted funds	40,017	-	40,017
Endowment funds	-	-	-
	to nearest £		

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

B2 Other monetary assets

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

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
JOY WILLIAMS
ANNE THOMAS

Date of approval
10.5.24
10.5.24



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

BROADLANDS GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JANUARY 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1170398

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 31/01/2024.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

12/5/24

Name:

TIMOTHY JOHN WETTONE

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

FCCA (RETIRED)

Address:

SQUIRRELS LEAP, BOYNESWOOD ROAD, MEDSTEAD
ALTON GU34 5DY

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.