

FOREST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1172960

Details

Other names FOREST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-05-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE CIO IS ESTABLISHED ARE TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTS OF THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING A CHARITY REGISTERED UNDER CHARITY NUMBER 244108 ("RDA") BY PROVIDING DISABLED PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AND/OR TO CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AREA.

Activities: Riding for the disabled

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £6,074 | £6,868 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £4,048 | £4,591 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £6,674 | £4,523 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £2,238 | £6,019 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £3,350 | £950 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------|------|------------|
| CAROLE ALISON READER | | 2014-06-01 |
| DOROTHY SMITH | | 2013-06-01 |
| Dr Fiona Anne Davis | | 2019-06-04 |
| Helen Barrett | | 2024-06-13 |
| Janet Peters | | 2020-09-15 |
| Kerry Dummett | | 2024-06-13 |
| Patricia Robinson | | 2023-06-07 |
| Pauline Thomas | | 2023-06-08 |
| Philippa Brimicombe | | 2024-06-13 |

Accounts

Forest RDA Chair's report

Forest RDA has had yet another busy year: We have gained a number of excellent new volunteers, and now have a great team, who all bring different skills, from horsemanship to sign language to cake making. Our coaches continue to provide their valuable and comprehensive volunteer training program before lessons start, and Kerry and Philippa are progressing well towards completing their training.

We were extremely sorry to learn of the unexpected death of our rider Ellie recently. I think that both we and her family and friends were comforted by the fact that she had spent her final afternoon having a lovely time at the RDA Easter egg hunt.

Our riders continue to grow (quite literally!), meaning that those little children who rode our tiny ponies a couple of years ago now need to move on to much bigger steeds. Severnvale have been extremely accommodating and after proper assessment, 2 more of their horses, Dream and Barney, have joined our equestrian team. The review and reorganisation of riders and groups, allowing groups of similar abilities to ride and interact together, has been very successful and is ongoing.

We have been very fortunate with fundraising this year, starting by securing a grant from the Sedbury Trust which has funded a new large mounting block, allowing some of our more disabled riders to continue riding with us as they can more easily access the mounting block with extra assistants. We have also received several significant donations from private individuals, especially the Masons this year, and these have helped with running costs, are paying for lessons for one rider, have funded a new cochlear implant compatible hat for Alice, and have given the riders a free ride each term. Fundraising and promotion of Forest RDA will continue over the summer at local village fetes and a bandstand collection.

Thank you to everyone who has helped over the past year – from the volunteers, coaches, riders, parents and carers, but especially to Severnvale Equestrian and their fantastic horses and ponies!



Dr Fiona Davis

Chair - Forest RDA

4/6/25

FOREST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

| | <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Grants | £0.00 | Membership | £200.00 |
| Donations | £2,900.00 | Insurance | £488.69 |
| Easy Fundraising | £104.32 | Travel | £2,379.16 |
| Gift Aid | £0.00 | Publicity | £0.00 |
| Charity Boxes | £32.36 | Group Expenses | £392.55 |
| Travel Donation | £1,366.36 | DBS | £15.85 |
| Fund Raising Events | £1,001.30 | Subsidies | £0.00 |
| Competition entries | £0.00 | Equipment | £1,588.35 |
| Goods Sales | £39.60 | Competitions | £0.00 |
| Subsidies | £0.00 | Training | £0.00 |
| Sedbury Trust | £0.00 | Holiday grant | £0.00 |

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| Thriving Communities | £0.00 | Wages | £1,702.50 |
| Forest lottery | £630.00 | Thank -you Gifts | £45.00 |
| Net Loss for year | <i>£793.97</i> | Xmas Rosettes | £55.81 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> <u>£6,867.91</u> | | <hr/> <hr/> <u>£6,867.91</u> |

Accounts

Chair's report

Forest RDA has had another busy year. We have gained a number of excellent new volunteers, but have also unfortunately lost some. Chrissie has retired from RDA after many years as a committee member and trustee, and her sterling job manning the RDA camera and sorting out uniform will be greatly missed. Chrissie's husband Mike has run both the Forest RDA Facebook page and website for many years, and we will equally miss his hard work and dedication. We hope they enjoy their afternoon tea voucher at the Tudor Farmhouse that we gifted them. We have however gained a new trainee coach, with Kerry joining our coaching team – well done Kerry!

We have also had changes in our riders over the past year. Last summer we made the hard decision to stop lessons for the 2 schools that rode with us, due to ongoing issues with non-attendance and poor communication. Lynn and Adam also had to stop riding with us after many years of lessons, and we wish them well in the future. Although we were very sad to see them all go, it has opened up a number of spaces in our lessons for riders who have been on our waiting list for some time, and it is lovely to see new faces. It has also enabled us to reorganise our rides, allowing groups of similar ability to ride together

Fundraising has continued, although not to the scale of previous years. We have invested in a number of new rider helmets to replace old hats, and Roy is currently making us some road signs so that we can incorporate road safety in our lessons. Dorothy and I have just completed a funding application to the Sedbury Trust to fund a new large mounting block, which allow 2 volunteers/coaches to stand on top with a rider. It will also be lighter than our present block and for more easily moved into the school on rainy days. We look forwards to our now traditional day at Ross bandstand, and will hopefully raise more funds there

Back in September we joined Maisemore groups pre-term volunteer training at Hartpury College. It was very valuable, and also really interesting to see how other groups run, and to meet their volunteers.

We have continued with our coffee and dog walking sessions for volunteers although not as many as the previous year - hopefully we will have more soon. This summer I will finally be in the country for the National RDA Championships at Hartpury, and would suggest a group picnic at this lovely day out (weather permitting!) We won't have any riders taking part, but it's a good opportunity for new riders to come and have a look

Thank you to everyone who has helped over the past year – from the volunteers, coaches, riders, parents and carers, but especially to Severnvale Equestrian and their fantastic ponies!

Fiona Davis

Chair - Forest RDA

11/6/24

Forest Riding for the Disabled Summary Accounts 01.03.24

Bank Summary
Year Ended 31st
March 2024

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| Balance Brought Forward | 01.04.2023 | 7492.95 | |
| Payments | | | -£4,082.23 |
| Receipts | | | £3,789.33 |
| Balance Carried forward 1 st March 2024 | | <hr/> <u>7200.05</u> | |

Bank Reconciliation

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| Balance as per statement | .03.2024 | | <hr/> <u>£0.00</u> |
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FOREST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

| | <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Grants | £0.00 | Membership | £200.00 |
| Donations | £697.00 | Insurance | £457.12 |
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| Easy Fundraising | 4 | Travel | £1,929.20 |
| Gift Aid | £0.00 | Publicity | £0.00 |
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| Charity Boxes | 0 | Group Expenses | £3.00 |
| Travel Donation | £ | DBS | £15.00 |
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Forest Riding for the Disabled Summary Accounts 01.03.24

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| Fund Raising Events | 9 | Subsidies | £150.00 |
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| Competition entries | 0 | Equipment | £94.07 |
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| Goods Sales | 5 | Competitions | £24.00 |
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| Subsidies | | £0.00 | Training |
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| Sedbury Trust | 0 | Holiday grant | £0.00 |
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Accounts

Chair's report

Forest RDA has had another busy year and we have finally emerged from the shadow of covid. We have said goodbye to some treasured volunteers: John has moved to Somerset, but left us with the donation of some video equipment from a cider makers charity, which sold for over £900! We have lost 3 committee members and trustees: Terry was one of our longest standing members, and continues to be incredibly busy looking after her own herd of equines. We will miss her greatly as she really has been the backbone of Forest RDA for many years, from coaching, to fundraising, to singlehandedly completing the paperwork that allowed us to open after lockdown. Dawn has also resigned as a committee member and trustee but is keeping up her horse wrangling skills by helping Terry with her herd. I think we can safely say that Dawn raised more money for Forest RDA than the rest of us put together and we will miss her fundraising expertise. Finally, Tricia's knees and the arena surface finally got the better of her, and she also reluctantly left the group. However, we have had a number of new volunteers and we welcome them and look forwards to working with them in the future

Instead of attending the National Championships at Hartpury, we made the decision to enter the Virtual Championships – with great success! Four riders - Freya, Alice, Imogen and Henry - entered a total of 10 classes – dressage, countryside challenge and show jumping – which Dorothy very capably videoed. All riders performed brilliantly and achieved far more than their scores reflected, with Imogen winning her show jumping class! Congratulations to all and thanks to the coaches for making this possible! I think that the virtual championships are far more inclusive than the nationals, and I hope that our success will continue in future years

Congratulations must also go to Janet for passing her assessment and qualifying as an RDA coach. Janet has worked so hard to become a coach and has put a lot of time into both her training and in to Forest RDA as a whole. We are lucky to have her joining our team of fantastic coaches!

Socially we have held some coffee and dog walking sessions for volunteers and these have been great, giving us time to chat and get to know each other a bit better. Last year's summer party was also (apparently!) a great success, and hopefully we will repeat it this year!

Thank you to everyone who have helped over the past year – from the volunteers, coaches, riders, parents and carers, but especially to Severnvale Equestrian and their fantastic ponies!

Fiona Davis

Chair - Forest RDA

07/06/2023

FOREST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> | |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Grants | £0.00 | Membership | £230.00 |
| Donations | £2,369.72 | Insurance | £433.32 |
| Easy Fundraising | £161.50 | Travel | £1,597.20 |
| Gift Aid | £360.49 | Publicity | £0.00 |
| Charity Boxes | £0.00 | Group Expenses | £27.50 |
| Travel Donation | £0.00 | DBS | £84.00 |
| Fund Raising Events | £3,046.18 | Subsidies | £132.00 |
| Competition entries | £0.00 | Equipment | £552.25 |
| Goods Sales | £0.00 | Competitions | £120.00 |
| Subsidies | £0.00 | Training | £90.80 |
| Sedbury Trust | £0.00 | Holiday grant | £0.00 |
| Thriving Communities | £0.00 | Wages | £1,215.00 |
| Forest lottery | £736.50 | Thank -you Gifts | £0.00 |
| | | Xmas Rosettes | £40.69 |

Net Profit for the year

£2,151.63

£6,674.39

£6,674.39

RDA

Bank Summary

Year Ended 31st March 2023

Balance Brought Forward

01.04.2022

5341.32

Payments

-£4,522.76

Receipts

£6,674.39

Balance Carried forward 31st
March 2023

7492.95

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per statement

31.03.23

£7,492.95

Accounts

| | FOREST OF DEAN RDA Charity No. 1172960 | |
|---|--|--------|
| | Annual General Meeting Wednesday 8 th June 2022 held on Zoom at 2.30pm | Action |
| | Present: Fiona Davis – Chair, Dorothy Smith - Treasurer (DS), Chrissie Parkes (CP), Carole Reader – Secretary (CR), Terri Jones (TJ), Tricia Cowan (TC), Janet Peters (JP), Dawn Ricketts (DR), Sharron Hill (SH), Pat Robinson (PR) | |
| 1 | Apologies: Pauline Thomas (PT), Rachel Wolverson (RW) | |
| 2 | Approval of minutes of AGM held on 11 th May 2021 on Zoom Proposed: Janet Seconded: Dorothy | |
| 3 | Matters Arising: None | |
| 4 | To receive and if approved, approve the Accounts of the Group for Financial Year ended 31 st March 2022 Accounts approved. Proposed: Carole Seconded: Tricia Fiona to sign. | |
| 5 | To receive a report from the Committee Chairman on Group's activities since the previous AGM. Fiona read out her report. Appended. | |
| 6 | Under Clause 13 of CIO Constitution one-third of Charity Trustees to retire at this AGM. Tricia Cowan retired and was re-elected. Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Chrissie Dawn Ricketts retired and was re-elected Proposed: Janet Seconded: Terri | |
| 7 | To elect for the forthcoming year the following officers (all of whom will be ex-officio members of the Group Committee) namely: a) a Group Chairman – Fiona Proposed: Carole Seconded: Dorothy b) a Group Treasurer – Dorothy Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Chrissie c) a Group Secretary - Carole Proposed: Dorothy Seconded: Janet | |
| 8 | To elect additional members of the Group as Committee Members (subject to the Committee consisting of not more than 11 members including Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) No additional members stood. | |
| 9 | Any other business No members have any change to Conflict of Interest Forms Trustee Annual Checklist completed for the Trustees to satisfy themselves that all the RDA responsibilities for Membership of the Association are undertaken. Returned to RDA HQ with list of Trustees. Insurance No Claims Declaration has been sent. Signatories to Forest RDA cheque book : Dorothy, Carole, Fiona & Dawn | |

FOREST RDA FINAL ACCOUNTS 2021-2022

**FOREST
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FOR THE
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ION**

INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST
MARCH 2022

| | <u>2021-22 Income</u> | | <u>2021/22 Expenditure</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Grants | £0.00 | Membership | |
| Donations | £993.16 | Insurance | |
| Easy Fundraising | £91.83 | Travel | |
| Gift Aid | £199.98 | Publicity | £0.00 |
| Charity Boxes | £0.00 | Group Expenses | £3,148.86 |
| Travel Donation | £300.80 | DBS | |

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|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fund Raising Events | £0.00 | Subsidies | |
| Competition entries | £0.00 | Equipment | £0.00 |
| Goods Sales | £75.00 | Competitions | £0.00 |
| Subsidies | £0.00 | Training | £10.00 |
| Sedbury Trust | £0.00 | Holiday grant | £0.00 |
| Thriving Communities | £0.00 | Wages | |
| Forest lottery | £577.50 | Thank -you Gifts | £110.00 |
| Net loss for the year | £3,780.30 | | |
| | <u>£6,018.57</u> | | <u>£6,018.57</u> |

RDA
Bank Summary
Year Ended
31st March
2022

Balance
Brought
Forward

01.04.2021

£9,121.62

Payments

-£6,018.57

Receipts

£2,238.27

Balance Carried
forward 31st
March 2022

5341.32

Bank
Reconciliation

Unpaid cheque
Helen Powell

£152.00

Balance as per
statement

£5,493.32

Accounts

| | FOREST OF DEAN RDA Charity No. 1172960 | |
|---|--|--------|
| | Annual General Meeting Tuesday 11 th May 2021 held on Zoom at 2.30pm | Action |
| | Present: Fiona Davis – Chair, Dorothy Smith - Treasurer (DS), Chrissie Parkes (CP), Carole Reader – Secretary (CR), Terri Jones (TJ), Tricia Cowan (TC), Janet Peters (JP), Dawn Ricketts (DR), Pauline Thomas (PT), John Hickman (JH) | |
| 1 | Apologies: Sharron Hill (SH), Nerys Vizard (NV) | |
| 2 | Approval of minutes of AGM held on 15 th September 2020 on Zoom Proposed: Dorothy Seconded: Tricia | |
| 3 | Matters Arising: None | |
| 4 | To receive and if approved, approve the Accounts of the Group for Financial Year ended 31 st March 2021 Accounts approved. Proposed: Carole Seconded: Terri | |
| 5 | To receive a report from the Committee Chairman on Group's activities since the previous AGM. Fiona read out her report. Appended. | |
| 6 | Under Clause 13 of CIO Constitution one-third of Charity Trustees to retire at this AGM. Sarah Gault and Vicki Richardson have stepped down. Terri Jones retired and was re-elected. Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Dorothy | |
| 7 | To elect for the forthcoming year the following officers (all of whom will be ex-officio members of the Group Committee) namely: a) a Group Chairman – Fiona Proposed: Carole Seconded: Dawn b) a Group Treasurer – Dorothy Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Chrissie c) a Group Secretary - Carole Proposed: Dorothy Seconded: Dawn | |
| 8 | To elect additional members of the Group as Committee Members (subject to the Committee consisting of not more than 11 members including Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) No additional members stood. | |
| 9 | Any other business No members have any change to Conflict of Interest Forms Trustee Annual Checklist completed for the Trustees to satisfy themselves that all the RDA responsibilities for Membership of the Association are undertaken. Returned to RDA HQ with list of Trustees. Insurance No Claims Declaration has been sent. Signatories to Forest RDA cheque book : Dorothy, Carole, Fiona & Dawn | |

FOREST RDA Final Accounts 2020-2021

FOREST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

| | <u>2020-21</u> <u>Income</u> | | <u>2020/21</u> <u>Expenditure</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Grants | £500.00 | Membership | £220.00 |
| Donations | £1,224.26 | Insurance | £417.04 |
| Easy Fundraising | £169.22 | Travel | £62.40 |
| Gift Aid | £198.04 | Publicity | £0.00 |
| Charity Boxes | £0.00 | Group Expenses | £0.00 |
| Travel Donation | £0.00 | DBS | £0.00 |
| Fund Raising Events | £104.29 | Subsidies | £0.00 |
| Competition Entries | £0.00 | Equipment | £0.00 |
| Goods Sales | £75.00 | Competitions | £0.00 |
| Subsidies | £0.00 | Training | £60.00 |
| Sedbury Trust | £0.00 | Holiday grant | £0.00 |
| Thriving Communities | £0.00 | Wages | £190.00 |
| Forest lottery | £539.00 | Thank -you Gifts | £0.00 |
| Gibson Bursary | £500.00 | Xmas Rosettes | £0.00 |
| Net Profit for the year | | | £2,399.64 |
| | <u>£3,309.81</u> | | <u>£3,349.08</u> |
| Bank Balance as per reconciliation | £9,121.62 | | |

RDA
Bank Summary
Year Ended 31st March 2021

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|-------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Balance Brought Forward | 01/04/20 | £6,721.98 |
| Payments | | -£950.17 |
| Receipts | | £3,349.81 |
| Balance Carried Forward | | <u>9121.62</u> |

Bank Reconciliation

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| Balance as per statement | £9,121.62 |
| Less Outstanding Cheques | |
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