

# WILBY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

England & Wales - Charity number 1173610

## Details

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Other names	WILBY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED TRUST, Venture RDA - The Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating carriage driving
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-06-29
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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 [NORTHAMPTONSHIRE] AREA.

**Activities:** To provide disabled children with the opportunity to ride so as to benefit their health and wellbeing

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- Northamptonshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£53,523	£36,851	-	-
2024-08-31	£86,126	£25,212	-	-
2023-08-31	£17,662	£17,004	-	-
2022-08-31	£13,733	£20,297	-	-
2021-08-31	£12,252	£15,942	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>CLAIRE STUART-HIVES</b>	Chair	2017-06-29
JD Hives		2021-07-01
Karen Mackaness		2017-06-29
Karen Vessey		2023-03-16
Kevin Hives		2017-11-07
Krassy Bell		2023-11-20
Sarah Hedgecock		2023-11-20
Wendy Spillane		2023-03-16

**WILBY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING**

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 September 2024  
To 31 August 2025

Period start date  
Period end date

Charity name: Wilby Riding for the Disabled incorporating Carriage Driving  
working name Venture RDA

Charity registration number: 1173610

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Venture RDA is set up to work across the spectrum of disabilities, age range, social status and rural and urban environments. The focus of the work is to ensure that each individual has the chance to derive therapeutic benefit and opportunity to achieve personal goal.
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	Venture RDA offers regular riding sessions for children with a variety of needs. The sessions in corporate activities that encompass the following skill sets; pony care, riding skills, physical development, cognitive support, speech and language skills, self esteem and confidence and relationship building. These skills show the children empathy and care through looking after the ponies. They allow children to try new things whilst building physical and inner strength. The focus on the child as an individual gives them a voice, a voice that can be heard. The families meet like minded others, who face the same day to day difficulties which gives them a network and subsequent strength as well. Venture RDA offers skills to the children and families that can open new doors when at times the families and children may feel many are closing.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the	Para 1.18	Trustees have ensured that guidance is read and understood.

Charity Commission on public benefit		
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## 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><b>A Year of Growth and Achievement</b></p> <p>September 2024 to August 2025 has been an exciting and transformative year for Venture RDA, marked by significant milestones, increased engagement, and a renewed commitment to delivering positive outcomes for our community.</p> <p><b>Official Launch of the Mechanical Horse</b></p> <p>In March, we celebrated the official opening of our new mechanical horse, a milestone event that highlights our ongoing dedication to innovation in therapeutic riding. The occasion was made even more special by the presence of our new patron, Piggy March, who graciously led the ceremony. The launch drew together the entire Venture RDA community, including our team, trustees, volunteers, participants, and supporters, underscoring the collective effort that drives our success.</p> <p><b>Riding Sessions and Participation: By the Numbers</b></p> <p>This year, Venture RDA delivered a total of 934 riding sessions, benefitting 136 children. This represents a notable increase from the previous year—an additional 184 sessions and 30 more participants. This growth reflects not only the increasing demand for our services</p>

		<p>but also our capacity to meet the needs of more children, expanding the reach and impact of our programmes.</p> <p><b>Progress Towards Our Core Outcomes</b></p> <p>At the heart of Venture RDA’s mission are our three most important outcomes, which continue to guide our activities and strategic direction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Enhancing Physical Wellbeing:</b> Our riding sessions and therapeutic activities are designed to support the physical development of our participants, improving balance, coordination, and strength.</li> <li><b>2. Promoting Emotional and Social Development:</b> Through riding and the supportive environment we foster, children develop confidence, resilience, and meaningful connections with peers, volunteers, and horses.</li> <li><b>3. Fostering Inclusion and Opportunity:</b> We are committed to ensuring that children of all abilities have access to high-quality equestrian experiences, breaking down barriers and enabling everyone to thrive.</li> </ol> <p>We are immensely proud of what we have achieved together over the past year and remain dedicated to building on this momentum in the months ahead. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and support to Venture RDA’s ongoing journey.</p>
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## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Income from riding has almost doubled from circa £4.5k pa in 23/24 to £8.4k in 24/25, reflecting the continued growth in service provision, as discussed above.</p> <p>The Charity also continued to fund-raise in order to complete the Mechanical Horse project this year, raising additional funds of almost £40k. This meant that we were able to expand service delivery even further from March 2025, when the mechanical horse was officially launched.</p> <p>As a result of the expansion, our cost base has also increased. This will further increase next year too, as livery costs are expected to rise significantly in 25/26.</p>
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		<p>We estimate that ongoing costs are likely to amount to approx. £42k pa going forwards. Excluding the “non cash” depreciation cost on the mechanical horse - this still amounts to £32k pa in cash terms - and puts additional pressure on our free reserves.</p> <p>As indicated below, whilst total reserves amounted to just over £129k by the end of August 2025, the majority of this is “tied up” in fixed assets (the mechanical horse) and our free reserves are currently only just sufficient to ensure continuity of ongoing “cash” running costs for around 11 months, should further funding not be forthcoming.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity has a target to hold Free Reserves to ensure that it ideally has the capacity to run for a minimum of 12 months, should funding be reduced / ceased.</p> <p>As noted above, the current level of reserves would ensure continuity of “cash” running costs for approx. 11 months, based on budgeted ongoing costs for 2025-26.</p> <p>The Trustees are actively fundraising to help ensure that the level of reserves is maintained.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>£129,347 in total</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Free Reserves - £30,049</b> which covers approx 11 months of future ongoing cash running costs</li> <li>• Designated funds - £96,298 held as fixed assets (mechanical horse and building)</li> <li>• Designated funds - £3,000 ring-fenced for the potential replacement of ponies</li> </ul>
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	N/A

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity' s trusts:		
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Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The RDA family is a federation of member groups which are governed by a Membership Agreement with RDA UK and a standard group 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	Prospective trustees apply and are notified of a decision within 21 days. All applicants are given fair consideration. Posts are decided collectively with nominations from trustee group members, first and seconded.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wilby Riding for the Disabled Incorporating Carriage Driving
Other name the charity uses	Venture RDA
Registered charity number	1173610
Charity's principal address	77 The Ashway Brixworth NN6 9UZ

## 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	Karen Mackaness	President		
2	Kevin Hives	Vice Chair		
3	Wendy Spillane	Pony welfare		
4	Karen Vessey	Compliance		
5	Sarah Hedgecock	Treasurer		
6	JD Hives	Secretary, Safeguarding and Risk Assessments		
7	Claire Stuart	Chair		
8	Krassy Bell	Fund Raising		
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### **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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

### **Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### **Other optional information**

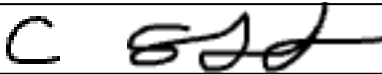
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)


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Full name(s)

Claire Stuart
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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair
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Date

2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026
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**Wilby Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Income & Expenditure for the 12 months to 31 Aug 25**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Income from riding	8,412	4,492
Grant income	34,500	68,000
Fundraising	6,337	11,078
Sale of Horses	3,000	
Interest Received	1,274	2,556
Other income		-
	<b>53,523</b>	<b>86,126</b>
<b>less Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Livery fees	26,702	19,959
Pony lease		-
Grant refund		-
Vet and Farrier fees	2,336	1,339
Repairs, maintenance and renovations	290	617
Riding equipment	1,668	492
Horses	3,000	-
Insurance	1,911	1,394
Training	-	907
Legal & Professional		244
Depreciation	-	
Other costs	944	260
	<b>36,851</b>	<b>25,212</b>
<b>Net surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>16,672</b>	<b>60,915</b>
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Reserves bfwd	112,675	51,760
<b>Reserves cfwd</b>	<b>129,347</b>	<b>112,675</b>

**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 Aug 2025**

	£	£
	31-Aug	31-Aug
	2025	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Assets under Construction to 31 Aug 24		60,628
Assets in Use	96,298	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Trade Debtors	200	
Prepayments		
Bank Account: Business Current Account	21,163	43,815
Bank Account: CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund	11,686	51,412
		-
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade Creditors		(43,180)
		-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>129,347</b>	<b>112,675</b>

**Reserves**

Free Unrestricted funds	30,049	14,047
Designated funds - assets in use	96,298	-
Designated funds - assets under construction to date		60,628
Designated funds - mechanical horse to completion		35,000
Designated funds - replacing ponies	3,000	3,000
Restricted funds - equipment for riding		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>129,347</b>	<b>112,675</b>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Date:

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wilby Riding for the Disabled incorporating Carriage Driving, working name Venture RDA, charity number 1173610**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of:

Wilby Riding for the Disabled incorporating Carriage Driving, working name Venture RDA, charity number 1173610, (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Zoe J Garrell*

Name: *ZOE JANE GARRELL*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): *BSc FCA (retired)*

Address: *31 LATTIMORE CLOSE  
WEST HADDON  
NORTHANTS NN6 7GL*

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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# Accounts

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**To** 31 August 2024 **Period end date**

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have ensured that guidance is read and understood.

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>Summary of activities</b></p> <p>Between September 2023 and August 2024 we provided 750 riding sessions for 106 children of these 88 where new to Venture RDA up from 525 sessions for 74 participants in the previous year. Our three most important difference outcome for the lives of participants are- RDA ensures all children make progress physically whilst involved with the project. The specific outline of a child's development cannot be stated, due to every child being individual. However, this physical development could range from fine motor skills, to core strength, to gross motor skills.</p> <p>The RDA ethos means that all children build positive relationships at a pace or level suitable to them. Children can interact with ponies, side helpers and coaches. The children are able to experience respectful and kind relationships. Also, the families involved build a network of support and friendship. At every visit every child will achieve, no matter the size of the achievement.</p> <p>Achievement grows confidence, confidence grows enjoyment, enjoyment grows positivity. Positivity is the heart of Venture RDA, someone believing in you gives you inner strength, the children who come to RDA are encouraged and genuinely cared about.</p>

Communication and language are benefitted by having to say specific commands to the ponies, and having to speak to people who may not be very used to her speaking mannerisms

**What we have learnt about our project whilst we have been delivering it this year.**

We have continuing to understand the role and importance of Venture RDA for the families as a whole. It is a place where the participants grow and continue to develop through the three differences but also the place where the whole family finds support, build relationships with others. Siblings also are finding Venture RDA can offer support, build relationships and confidence.

When we see a dwindling of local authority provision for families and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, outlets and facilities like ours become eve more valuable. Adults have a space to talk, feel safe and understood and share familiar stories with people who understand and can sympathise, support and encourage.

Our riders have a sense of belonging and we have learnt from our families how important this is, particularly for our riders who are now aged over seven years old and are often finding they are asked to leave mainstream groups as the provision is not adapted for them. This has taught us that longevity of opportunity is vital and we aim to be able to let our riders stay riding with us for as long as possible.

Also with a growing demand and growing number of participants we acknowledged the need for more ponies and one that was more weight barring.

Also that our families struggle to find a place to hold birthday parties that can accommodate their class group who all have needs and celebrate fully with them.

**What we have done with this learning-**

We have continued to develop our activities within the family room, with having a weekly theme that allows children to broaden their horizons, partake in shared experiences and understand the world around them. These activities are focussed on expressive arts and design, knowledge

		<p>of the world and fine and gross motor, all with opportunities to develop communication and language and social, emotional and personal skills.</p> <p>We have managed to have acquire one pony on loan for an extended period- allowing us to offer more rides.</p> <p>We held our second Family Fun Day- inviting all participants and their extended families to a family fete style event that was tailored to ensure that all our riders could take part in every activity and share with their families, their friends and community. We held our first Christmas Party this was valuable to our families and riders to build friendships, and meet Father Christmas in a setting where their needs could be met.</p> <p>We continue to seek another pony to allow us to invite more riders to ride with us. We now offer birthday parties to our participants after a successful trial which consists of a horse ride, a craft and activities in the yard.</p>
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## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Income from riding amounts to circa £4.5k pa.</p> <p>However, the Charity initiated a fund-raising campaign during the year and was successful in raising an additional £80k in the 12 months to 31 August 2024 for the purposes of purchasing a Mechanical Horse, hoist and building to house it.</p> <p>As a result, the Charity Reserves increased to almost £113k by the end of August 2024.</p> <p>However, this amount includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £95,628 being the value designated for the mechanical horse under construction</li> <li>• £3,000 ring-fenced for potential replacement of ponies</li> <li>• Leaving £14,047 as “free” unrestricted reserves to cover approx 6 months of ongoing running costs</li> </ul>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Reserves are held to ensure that the Charity has the capacity to run for up to 6 months, if funding reduced / ceased.</p>

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£112,675
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	N/A

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7	Claire Stuart	Chair		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

## Other optional information

## 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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

**Wilby Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Income & Expenditure for the 12 months to 31 August 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>£</b>
Income from riding	4,492	4,018
Grant income	68,000	12,094
Fundraising	11,078	
Interest Received	2,556	1,550
Other income		-
	<b>86,126</b>	<b>17,662</b>
<b>less Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Livery fees	19,959	14,558
Pony lease		
Grant refund		
Vet and Farrier fees	1,339	227
Repairs, maintenance and renovations	617	1,304
Riding equipment	492	288
Horses		
Insurance	1,394	
Training	907	
Legal & Professional	244	
Other costs	260	627
	<b>25,212</b>	<b>17,004</b>
<b>Net surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>60,915</b>	<b>658</b>
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Reserves bfwd	51,760	51,102
<b>Reserves cfwd</b>	<b>112,675</b>	<b>51,760</b>

**Wilby Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024**

	£	£
	31-Aug	31-Aug
	2024	2023
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Assets under Construction to 31 Aug 24	60,628	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Trade Debtors (Fairfields Sch x 2 invoices)		520
Prepayments - livery for Sep 22		
Bank Account: Business Current Account	43,815	2,385
Bank Account: CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund	51,412	48,856
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade Creditors	(43,180)	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>112,675</b>	<b>51,761</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Free Unrestricted funds	14,047	11,761
Designated funds - assets under construction to date	60,628	
Designated funds - mechanical horse to completion	35,000	40,000
Designated funds - replacing ponies	3,000	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>112,675</b>	<b>51,761</b>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wilby Riding for the Disabled incorporating Carriage Driving, working name Venture RDA, charity number 1173610**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of:

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**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed by examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Zoe J Carroll*

Name: *ZOE JANE CARROLL*

*FCA (Retired)*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

*B.Sc*

*Accounting +  
Business Ec*

Address: *31 LATTIMORE CLOSE  
WEST HADDEN  
NORTHAMPTON  
NN6 7GL*

Date: *22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025.*

**WILBY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173610

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **September 2022** Period start date To **August 2023**  
Period end date

**Charity name: Wilby Riding for the Disabled incorporating Carriage Driving**  
**working name Venture RDA**

**Charity registration number: 1173610**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide disabled children with the opportunity to ride so as to benefit their health and wellbeing
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	To provide the above, the ponies require full livery in a appropriate yard with a facility to provide families with a welcoming family room. This is where spending on veterinary, renovation and maintenance and miscellaneous is needed, so that our service is fulfilling its purpose.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have ensured that guidance is read an understood.

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>Summary of activities</b></p> <p>From September 22 till July 23 we provided riding sessions on Saturdays and Thursdays during term time.</p> <p>Venture RDA provided 525 riding sessions for 74 children</p> <p>Venture RDA ensures all children make progress physically whilst involved with the project. The specific outline of a child's development cannot be stated, due to every child being individual. However, this physical development could range from fine motor skills, to core strength, to gross motor skills.</p> <p>The RDA ethos means that all children build positive relationships at a pace or level suitable to them. Children can interact with ponies, side helpers and coaches. The children are able to experience respectful and kind relationships. Also, the families involved build a network of support and friendship.</p> <p>At every visit every child will achieve, no matter the size of the achievement. Achievement grows confidence, confidence grows enjoyment, enjoyment grows positivity. Positivity is the heart of Venture RDA, someone believing in you gives you inner strength, the children who come to RDA are encouraged and genuinely cared about.</p> <p>At Venture RDA we have seen children develop skills within their communication and language, their interactions and confidence. Children who may have avoided conversation now greet volunteers with a hug, say hello, smile when they see a pony. We have seen children develop their independence. Each child has their own photo space, boots and hat each week and children are now start their session with success. Being able to identify their own belongings, or put on their own hat, or complete their activities within the lessons themselves. Every volunteer understands our children as individuals and celebrates their successes in line with this. These scaffolded opportunities to build upon each week are routines created to develop success and allow children to feel their achievements. Children who have ridden on a sheepskin due to their need to develop core strength and being unable to support themselves within a stirrup have</p>

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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£51,102.00 was the total reserves for Venture RDA from all accounts. This is for day to day costing, 6 months of running costs and fundraising amounts for future investment to increase longevity (mechanical horse).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to ensure that the Charity has the capacity to run for 6 months, if funding reduced/ceased. The group is currently fundraising for a mechanical horse to ensure continuity of riding for all members of Venture RDA.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£47,305.00
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	N/A

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The RDA family is a federation of member groups which are governed by a Membership Agreement with RDA UK and a standard group constitution.
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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	Prospective trustees apply and are notified of a decision within 21 days. All applicants are given fair consideration. Posts are decided collectively with nominations from trustee group members, first and seconded.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wilby Riding for the Disabled Incorporating Carriage Driving
Other name the charity uses	Venture RDA
Registered charity number	1173610

Charity's principal address	77 The Ashway Brixworth NN6 9UZ

**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	Karen Mackaness	President		
2	Kevin Hives	Vice Chair		
3	Wendy Spillane	Pony welfare	From March 2023	
4	Karen Vessey	Compliance	From March 2023	
5	Garry Herrington	Treasurer		
6	JD Hives	Secretary, Safeguarding and Risk Assessments		
7	Claire Stuart	Chair		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	


## **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

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

## **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)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

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Date

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**Wilby Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2023**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Income from riding	4,018	3,264
Grant income	12,094	10,000
Interest Received	1,550	169
Other income	-	300
	<b>17,662</b>	<b>13,733</b>
<b>less Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Livery fees	14,558	15,595
Pony lease		
Grant refund		
Vet and Farrier fees	227	477
Repairs, maintenance and renovations	1,304	1,839
Riding equipment	288	600
Insurance		675
Other costs	627	1,111
	<b>17,004</b>	<b>20,297</b>
<b>Net surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>658 -</b>	<b>6,564</b>
Unrestricted Reserves bfwd	51,102	57,666
<b>Unrestricted Reserves cfwd</b>	<b>51,760</b>	<b>51,102</b>

**Wilby Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023**

	£	£
	31-Aug	31-Aug
	2023	2022

**Current Assets**

Trade Debtors (Fairfields Sch x 2 invoices)	520	896
Prepayments - livery for Sep 22		1,223
Bank Account: Business Current Account	2,385	1,678
Bank Account: CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund	48,856	47,305

**Net Current Assets and Net Assets**

	<b>51,761</b>	<b>51,102</b>
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**Reserves**

Free Unrestricted funds	11,761	11,102
Designated funds - mechanical horse	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>51,761</b>	<b>51,102</b>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Date:

**WILBY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173610

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **September 2021** Period start date To  
**August 2022** Period end date

**Charity name: Wilby Riding for the Disabled incorporating  
Carriage Driving working name Venture RDA**

**Charity registration number: 1173610**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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2	Kevin Hives	Vice Chair		
3	Tara Bowden	Pony welfare		
4	Jane Dainty		Until January 2022	
5	Garry Herrington	Treasurer	From March 2022	
6	JD Hives	Secretary, Safeguarding and Risk Assessments		
7	Claire Stuart	Organiser		
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## **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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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)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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**Wilby Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2022**

	Unrestricted 2022	Unrestricted 2021
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Income from riding	3,264	256
Grant income	10,000	5,000
Interest Received	169	
Other income	300	550
	<b>13,733</b>	<b>5,806</b>
<b>less Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Livery fees	15,595	5,760
Pony lease		1,050
Grant refund		1,510
Vet and Farrier fees	477	508
Repairs, maintenance and renovations	1,839	
Riding equipment	600	
Insurance	675	92
Other costs	1,111	1,184
	<b>20,297</b>	<b>10,104</b>
<b>Net surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>- 6,564</b>	<b>- 4,298</b>
Unrestricted Reserves bfwd	57,666	61,964
<b>Unrestricted Reserves cfwd</b>	<b>51,102</b>	<b>57,666</b>

**Wilby Riding for the Disabled Association**  
**Charity Number 1173610**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022**

	£	£
	31-Aug	31-Aug
	2022	2021

**Current Assets**

Trade Debtors (K Crook x 3 invoices)	896	
Prepayments - livery for Sep 22	1,223	
Bank Account: Business Current Account	1,678	5,530
Bank Account: CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund	47,305	52,136

**Net Current Assets and Net Assets**

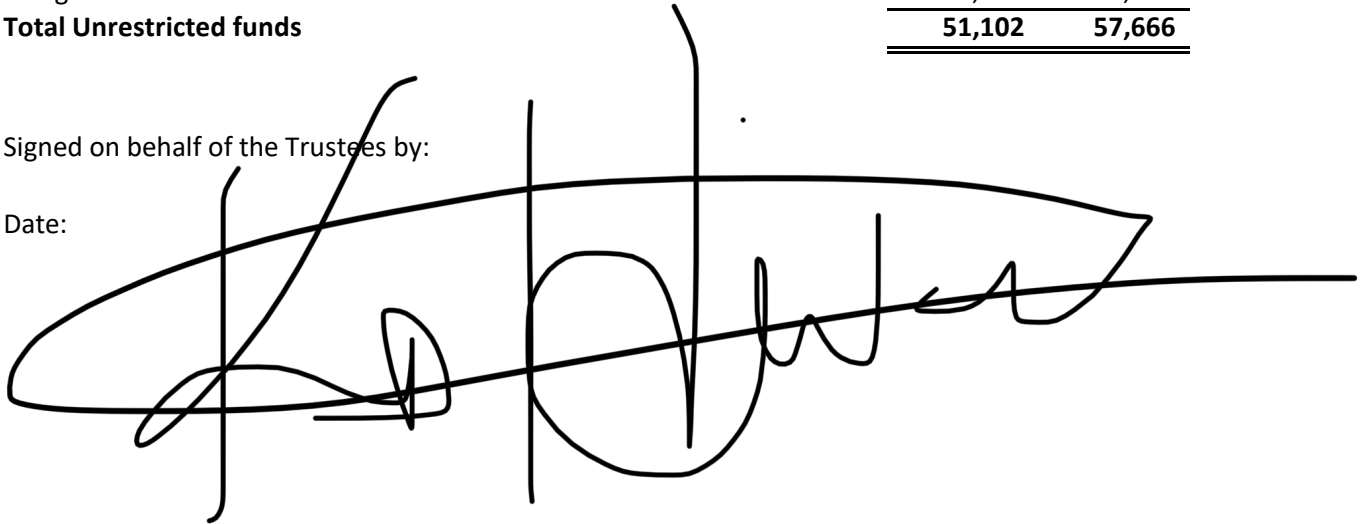
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<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>51,102</u>	<u>57,666</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Date:

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**30/6/2023**

**WILBY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1173610

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## Annual report for Wilby RDA September 2020- August 2021

During this year we have had limited opportunity to offer hands on riding sessions due to the restrictions of COVID 19 with the government regulations.

We managed to put together a pathway of return with the approval of our risk assessment by our national body of Riding for the Disabled and our insurers. Unfortunately there was more restrictions put in place in our area, then another lockdown.

During this time we have been working on supporting our families through newsletters; sharing support resources and a safe space to share stories and achievements.

Alongside this we have had the responsibility of care of our four specialist ponies ensuring they are ready to return to work when we are allowed to. With the uncertainty of the pathway to return to riding we reduced the number of ponies we cared for to two.

In July 2021, our founders, retired after 30 years. The foundations they created, and the longevity of wonderful work meant that the team were able to relaunch in their honour to take the group forward for another 30 years, and longer.

During the summer of 2021 we worked on our relaunch for Autumn 2021- ensuring that the service will be provided within the current covid regulations and meeting the participants and families current needs.

Income for Wilby RDA Incorporating Carriage Driving, Charity no. 1173610. 1/09/2020- 31/08/2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Riding Fees</b>	<b>Total</b>
07/09/2020	Donation		100		100
16/09/2020	Children in Need	2,500.00			2,500.00
01/10/2020	Kingsthorpe Grove			256	256
07/10/2020	Donation		200		200
10/11/2020	Donation		50		50
17/11/2020	Donation		50		50
09/12/2020	Children in Need	2,500.00			2,500.00
30/12/2020	Donations		125		125
06/01/2021	Donation		25		25
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>5806</b>

Expenditure for Wilby RDA Incorporating Carriage Driving, Charity no. 1173610. 1/09/2020- 31/08/2021

Date	Expenditure	Livery Services	VAT	Pony lease	Feed & Bedding	Farrier & Vet	Insurance	Admin	
01/09/2020	Turners Farm	1,200.00		240			23		
01/09/2020	Swanspool					135.36			
02/09/2020	A.Doughty			525					
03/09/2020	Belsoe-Brown				41.05				
09/09/2020	Swanspool					72.81			
15/09/2020	F.Murrell							200	
01/10/2020	Matt Fox					200			
01/10/2020	Turners Farm	1,200.00		240	42.18		23		
02/10/2020	Jane Dainty				7				
02/10/2020	A.Doughty			525					
15/10/2020	F.Murrell							200	
01/11/2020	Turners Farm	1,200.00		240			23		
13/11/2020	Belsoe-Brown				45.9				
16/11/2020	F.Murrell							200	
19/11/2020	N'ptonshire Sports								
01/12/2020	Turners Farm	1,200.00		240			23		
10/12/2020	Matt Fox					100			
15/12/2020	F.Murrell							200	
31/12/2020	Turners Farm				47.66				
15/01/2021	F.Murrell							200	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4800</b>		<b>960</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>183.79</b>	<b>508.17</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1000</b>

**Bank account balances 3/02/2021**

**Natwest £6,382.39**

**CCLA £51,131.68**

Grant refund	Total
	1,463.00
	135.36
	525
	41.05
	72.81
	200
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	1,505.18
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	1,463.00
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