



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **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	
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	
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>Summary of activities</b></p> <p>From October till August we provided riding sessions on</p> <p>30 weeks- Thursday mornings between 9.30 to 11.30  12 weeks- Friday evening's between 4 to 6  24 weeks- Saturdays mornings 9 to 12</p> <p>We had a reduced number of Saturdays due to COVID before Christmas.</p> <p>46 different children rode and there was 284 riding sessions</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</p>

		<p>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 now been able to ride on saddles and stirrups and some are now guiding direction of their ponies. The children have developed a feeling of belonging as the Venture RDA family room offers a space to meet their fellow riders and families, create friendships, be themselves and celebrate their authentic self.</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.
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.
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## 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	Chair		
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	
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 2022**

	<b>Unrestricted 2022 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted 2021 £</b>
<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**

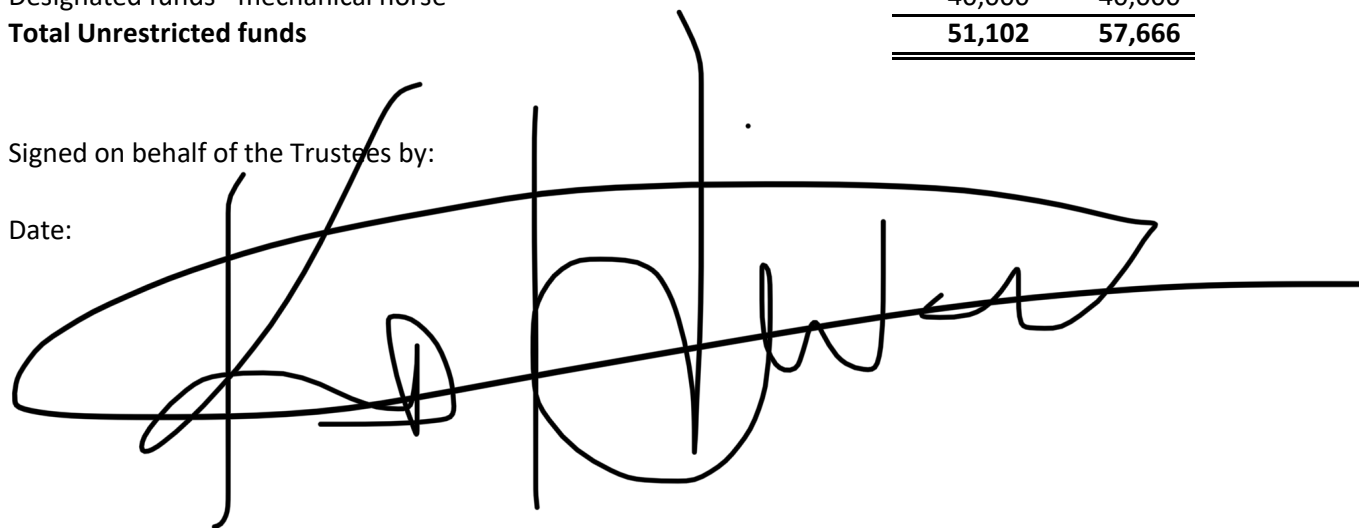
<b>51,102</b>	<b>57,666</b>
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**Reserves**

Free Unrestricted funds	11,102	17,666
Designated funds - mechanical horse	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>51,102</b>	<b>57,666</b>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Date:



**30/6/2023**