



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	
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>Summary of activities</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>

		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.
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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.

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

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £
Income		
Income from riding	4,018	3,264
Grant income	12,094	10,000
Interest Received	1,550	169
Other income	-	300
	17,662	13,733
less Cost of Charitable Activities		
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
	17,004	20,297
Net surplus / (deficit)	658 -	6,564
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Unrestricted Reserves bfwd	51,102	57,666
Unrestricted Reserves cfwd	51,760	51,102

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

	£ 31-Aug 2023	£ 31-Aug 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	51,761	51,102
Reserves		
Free Unrestricted funds	11,761	11,102
Designated funds - mechanical horse	40,000	40,000
Total Unrestricted funds	51,761	51,102

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Date: