

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

<u>Name</u>	Mid Cheshire Riding for the Disabled
<u>Charity No</u>	1173890
<u>Address & Contact</u>	Mr Barrie Dixon 11 Dean Close Partington Manchester M31 4BQ

Constitution

We are a member group with the federation for the Riding for the Disabled Association. We existed as an independently registered charity since 1st April 1999 under a Standard Constitution and Membership Agreement for an Unincorporated group (England & Wales) with the charity number 1074130 but became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the above charity number on 21st July 2017, this being accepted at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the charity held on 30th August 2016 according to the requirements laid down by the Charities Act 1993.

Officers and Trustees

There are currently five (5) Trustees, three of whom are also officers of the Charity committee. During the year one Trustee resigned and two new Trustees were officially elected at the last Annual General Meeting. There are a further five (5) officers of the Charity committee:

Chair:	Mrs Sarah Payne + safeguarding officer
Treasurer:	Mr Ian Coop (Trustee)
Secretary:	Mr Barrie Dixon (Trustee) Mrs Susan Walsh (Trustee) Miss Pamela Rigby MBE (Trustee) Mrs Jane Wellstead (Trustee)
Committee:	Mrs Jeanette Dixon – charity administrator/rider representative Mrs Charlotte McNulty Mr Richard Pickering Mrs Alison Procter

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Charity are linked to the objectives of the Riding for the Disabled Association, a charity registered under Charity no 244108, namely, 'to provide disabled people with the opportunity to ride within the area of Mid Cheshire, to benefit their health and wellbeing'.

Organisation

Voting members of the Charity are unpaid volunteers and consist of current Trustees, members of the committee and coaches. The organisation consists of:

Trustees and committee - are voted in annually at the general meeting. They are elected from the following categories:

Charity supporters – volunteers interested in our work

Helpers – members who give general assistance in the running of the riding sessions

Beneficiaries – the 'clients' with disabilities for whom the Charity exists

A list of voting members is maintained as per RDA requirements

The Charity has a written policy on safeguarding vulnerable adults and children and has

Safeguarding officers in attendance at all sessions. All our coaches have undertaken safeguarding courses as required, a number of other volunteers have also taken a course.

The Charity has in place a written procedure and method to be followed in the event of any reports. The Charity has a code of conduct, a Digital safety policy, child and vulnerable adults protection policies that are provided to all service users when joining the Charity and when the policies are updated.

Our Data Protection Policy has been updated and we work in line with the GDPR. The policy is provided to all those involved with the Charity.

There have been no reportable serious incidents relating to the Charity over the year.

Where relevant any decisions made by the Trustees give due regard to the public benefit guidance from the Charity Commission. The disabled users of our Charity are the beneficiaries. The benefits include physical, mental and social improvements to their well-being. The benefits may be measured by the use of the Riding for the Disabled Association Therapy Tracker, which measures improvement in areas such as confidence, horsemanship, communication, relationships and physical change.

Financial Review

The portfolio continues to be overseen by the Trustees of the Charity in conjunction with regular updates and discussion with a professional investment body who manage the portfolio on the Charity's behalf. The Charity remains committed to responsible fundraising and do not employ professional fundraisers. Fundraising is mostly through small social events, occasional sponsored events run by our volunteers and overseen by our Trustees and through donations. Our fundraising conforms to recognised standards and we have received no fundraising complaints. We are aware of the need to protect the public, including vulnerable people, from unreasonable pressure to give and we do not sell or pass on individual's details to third parties.

Income

Donations for the year were £4,807 up from previous year by £2,740.

The main income stream was from the increase in our Brown Shipley investment this increased by £75,202 this was mainly due to increase in the Markets since the crash in last March 2020.

Expenditure

Expenditure was down in view of the Covid 19 situation to £17,889 from £24,922 this was mainly driven by reduction in riders subsidy this is paid to support riders down to £4,500 from £12,075 the previous year.

Total funds were 31st March 2021 £408,624 compared to the previous year end £333,532 an increase of £75,092 mainly all attributable to the investment income increase.

The Charity's bank account is at Barclays Bank, 51 Mosley Street, Manchester.
The accounts were independently reviewed by Castletree Consultants Ltd.

Progress and Achievements

During the year to 31st March 2021 the Charity was greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to social distancing regulations all riding had to stop although several volunteers continue to assist with the care of our ponies whilst still maintaining safe conditions as this was classed as essential welfare. We were able to restart riding in September with only 10 riders who were able to mount and dismount with the assistance of one person from their household. Sadly we were unable to provide riding activities for anybody who required help from more than one person due to social distancing regulations. Later in the summer we were able to offer pony visits to those who wanted to visit but we maintained strict criteria in order to adhere to government regulations and following advice from RDA UK. Unfortunately when regulations changed again to reflect the increase in the virus our activities were again curtailed in November 2020. We were unable to carry out any fundraising activities and relied completely on the capital already held.

We have continued to keep contact with both participants and volunteers through regular email updates, activities (particularly for riders), which have been sent out to our riders and through our Facebook page where we have posted something every day. We also held several zoom meetings for our volunteers to keep in touch. We appreciate what a difficult time the past year has been for all.

During this period we also had to move from our venue of the last twelve years due to the retirement of the owner, but have been fortunate to find a new venue, although this is still under construction. The move necessitates a big change as we will no longer be based in a riding school so will only have use of the ponies belonging to the Charity. This has meant the acquisition of more equines so that we can continue to provide our service once regulations are eased. The latest restrictions have given time to allow the move and the construction of the new facilities, which, when we can open fully, we are sure will allow our Charity to continue to prosper.

Throughout the pandemic we have been mindful of all safety aspects that we have been required to fulfill and we are ever grateful to a number of our volunteers who have shown great resilience in continuing to support us.

Some of our riders have been able to take part in the RDA proficiency tests where appropriate and a number achieve Endeavour Awards and badges, doing this virtually.

The Charity now owns three ponies and are looking to add more suitable equines to our base. Those we currently own are settled into their new home. The well-being of our ponies is recognised as vital to our objectives.

To help us to continue to achieve our stated objectives the Charity has a number of volunteers who attend training sessions provided by Riding for the Disabled and within our Charity within the current restrictions. Our coaches are assessed on a regular basis, this was completed prior to the first covid regulations. We have nine first aiders, with at least one being present at each session. We have a safeguarding officer present at each session. Our policies on Risk Analysis, Risk Assessment, Data Protection and Safeguarding are reviewed on a regular basis. We are aware that riding is a high-risk activity and safety is always of foremost concern.

We ensure that our long term volunteers are recognised with awards for their service and recognise the essential role and value that all volunteers add to our Charity and have continued with this during our enforced closure.

Conclusion Our aim for the coming year is to phase all existing riders who wish to return to riding, into sessions as soon as social distancing restrictions allow us to do so.

Dated: 5. 10. 2021

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:

Full Name: Sarah Payne
Position Chairman



Mid Cheshire RDA
Income & Expenditure
1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

	12 Months 01.04.20-31.03.21 2020-21		12 Months 01.04.19-31.03.20 2019-20	
Income		£		£
Donations & Gift Aid	4,827.31		1,999.25	
Chaffs Hague & Lambert			14,145.71	
Race Night-net				
Adopt a Pony/Name a Pony	150.00		125.00	
HM Charities			284.67	
Tack Sale	320.00		254.70	
Interest Received	0.00		0.02	
First Aid Recharge Pendle			200.00	
Investment Movement	87,702.15		(26,807.90)	
Total Income		92,999.46		(9,798.55)
Less Expenditure				
Rider Subsidy (inc Cathy Lloyd Subsidy)	4,500.00		12,075.00	
Livery/Farrier/Vet	9,129.30		8,433.54	
Conference/Courses			1,816.07	
Equipment/Repairs/Cleaning Mats	1,629.76		769.70	
Insurance	607.75		715.00	
Leaflets/Stationery/Christmas Cards	179.82		50.82	
RDA Fees/Membership/CRB	340.25		449.00	
Audit Fees/Legal/Communications	850.00		300.00	
Bank Charges	111.24		125.45	
Welfare Visits(G Maddock)	370.00			
Website	188.76		181.71	
		17,906.88		24,916.29
Excess Income/Expenditure		75,092.58		(34,714.84)

Reconciliation
Opening Balance 01-04-20
Bank Receipts
Bank Payments (Inc Transfers below)
Transfers to(from) Investment Portfolio
Closing Balance 31-03-20
Cash Book Balances
Barclays Current Account 60989770
Barclays Deposit Account 40354376
Unpresented Cheques@31-03-20
Unpresented receipts @ 31-03-20
HSBC Deposit Account
Brown & Shipley Investment Portfolio
Closing Balance 31-03-20

333,531.80
6,282.38
(18,891.95)
87,702.15
408,624.38
4,483.38
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
404,141.00
408,624.38

368,246.64
24,219.24
(32,126.18)
(26,807.90)
333,531.80
4,592.95
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
0.00
328,938.85
333,531.80

Value Movement in Financial Year
Check

75,092.58
0.00


(34,714.84)
0.00

I approve of these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation and review.

Ian Coop - Treasurer

Signed:

Date:


14/8/2021

Having reviewed the records and documents supplied, I can confirm that these accounts represent a true and fair reflection of the Club's activities for the year and it's current financial position.

Anna Wickham FCCA
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Signed:

Date:



12th August 2020