



Somerset Levels RDA Carriage Driving Group
Registered Charity No : 1174169

Trustees Annual Report
Financial Year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

The Somerset Levels Carriage Driving Group is affiliated to The Riding for the Disabled Charity and provides carriage rides, tuition and training in horse care to adults with various levels of Special Needs and gives them a sensory experience they would otherwise not achieve. Our income is primarily received from fees paid for carriage rides and also from various fund raising events, supermarket token initiatives and some donations.

Our principal risks are in obtaining volunteers to keep the Group operating in the future, Our volunteers are invaluable and give up much of their time to keep the Group running smoothly and to take care of the ponies. However the current volunteers are ageing and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit new volunteers due mainly to the later retirement age and people having to work longer.

Our expenditure for this year has been for Livery, Horse Feed, Veterinary and Farrier Fees, Horse Dentist and Insurance. Our finances are adequate for the Group to continue for many years but rising costs make everything much more difficult,

We recruit Trustees mainly from volunteers within the Group but also invite people who are known to the Group and have extensive horse experience.

Our Trustees currently are:

Roger Adams	Chairman
Julia Gibson	Secretary
Lynn Austin	Treasurer
Caroline Sturgess	
Linda Adams	
Gill Lane	
Tricia Kilby	
Angie Horne	

Ann Turner

Somerset Levels RDA

31st March 2024

Income and expenditure account

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
INCOME					
Donations	333.49	470.55	343.00	1,309.00	1,689.77
Fundraising	295.31	380.00	2047.70	500.00	287.00
Sessions and coffee	6,471.50	4,665.00	2280.00	0.00	4,671.00
Tea with a Pony	607.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of merchandise	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Membership	11.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
Other	80.94	0.00	374.77	0.00	0.00
Bank interest	509.18	1,290.00	3.54	12.39	56.62
	<u>8,308.47</u>	<u>5,660.55</u>	<u>5,089.01</u>	<u>1,821.39</u>	<u>6,715.39</u>
Horses and equipment sold	1,850.00	10,158.47	0.00	0.00	6,715.39
EXPENDITURE					
Fundraising expenses	10.00	20.00	58.50	6.51	49.98
Cost of goods for resale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	1,739.06	2,052.06	1789.70	1,430.87	1,146.15
RDA membership	460.00	0.00	0.00	220.00	190.00
Bedding	231.93	140.82	0.00	41.25	0.00
Food	215.13	228.07	266.55	143.14	98.97
Farrier	636.00	630.00	602.00	528.00	606.00
Livery costs	4,578.00	3,800.00	3000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Harness and rugs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Horse sundries	46.48	606.32	32.55	84.79	146.00
Yard equipment and repairs	746.16	508.10	132.40	11.42	55.96
Veterinary costs	1,465.11	604.31	0.00	295.28	549.26
Lorry, trailer and carriage costs	299.70	8.29	7.49	0.00	39.76
Publicity costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Training costs	18.00	250.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
Helpers expenses	160.60	40.23	182.78	20.00	0.00
Administration costs	124.74	113.91	111.32	43.93	107.70
Other costs	860.48	1,997.95	530.31	9.50	89.83
	<u>11,591.39</u>	<u>11,000.06</u>	<u>6818.60</u>	<u>5,834.69</u>	<u>6,079.61</u>
Horses and equipment purchased	0.00	-11,591.39	0.00	-5,834.69	-6,079.61
	<u>-1,432.92</u>	<u>-5339.51</u>	<u>-529.59</u>	<u>-4,013.30</u>	<u>635.78</u>

In Hand:

Bank current account	3,231.52	4961.18	10,677.58	11,131.62	15,236.30
Savings account	29,117.45	28608.27	28,479.27	28,475.73	28,263.34
Petty cash	562.96	775.4	527.51	606.60	727.61
	<u>32,911.93</u>	<u>34,344.85</u>	<u>39,684.36</u>	<u>40,213.95</u>	<u>44,227.25</u>
Balance b/fwd	34,344.85	39,684.36	40,213.95	44,227.25	43,591.47
Income less expenditure for year	-1,432.92	-5,339.51	-529.59	-4,013.30	635.78
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