

Trustees' annual report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Period start date

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 Period end date

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Charity name

Wellgrove RDA																			
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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide therapy, fun and achievement through riding and interaction with horses to children and adults with disabilities
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	See also para 1.20 - horse therapy and fundraising activities in year were impacted by ongoing after effects of Covid restrictions.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I can confirm that all trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and we review our services regularly to deliver our aims.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Any grants issued are reviewed on an individual basis taking into account the following: Benefit to that individual/In line with the Charity's aims/Financial circumstances.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Any social investment must be made to the future welfare of our users or enhancement of our programmes and or facilities to benefit our clients.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Every position in our Charity is unpaid so volunteers are absolutely vital; without them we would not be able to conduct group sessions or govern ourselves.
Other		

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>Our charity provides opportunities for individuals with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities via therapeutic horse riding. By improving physical coordination, building confidence, and fostering emotional well-being, we empower our clients to reach new levels of independence.</p> <p>Beyond transforming individual lives, our work aims to break down barriers for people with disabilities and promote their inclusion in our local community.</p> <p>While RDA riding activities remained curtailed in the period, we regularly review our operating guidance to ensure our activities are always conducted with complete duty of care to our riders and volunteers.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Receipts and expenditure were negligible in period, meaning our financial position healthy, despite the hiatus in the group's activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves held for regular direct expenditure. Insurance and RDA membership fees, renewal of specialist tack, training and DBS checks.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,000
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	No major concerns - the business impact on our providing partner, Wellgrove Riding Stables, meant that resumption of RDA activities coming out of Covid understandably could not be prioritised. While we fully expect resumption of activities in 2022-23, the loss of volunteers as well as regular RDA clients will need re-building.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Usually via general fundraising calendar events (eg. Easter) and individual sponsorship efforts, although none occurred in period.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	(See 1.23 Uncertainties above)
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum of Understanding
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Trustees are elected annually including the appointment of the Chairperson at our AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All Trustees receive a Trustee Information Pack, Role of a Trustee and a report on our charitable purposes and accounts.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Member group of the national Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wellgrove RDA
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1174648
Charity's principal address	Wellgrove Farm Stables Kings Toll Road Pembury Kent TN2 4BE

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	Mrs L Douglas	Chair		
2	Mr J Gower	Treasurer		
3	Mrs C Finch	Secretary		
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Reference and Administrative details

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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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)



Full name(s)

Jeremy Gower

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

25 September 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts for year 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022			
Accumulated Funds at Year Start (1 June)	2020/21	2021/22	
HSBC Community Account	11512.27	12237.60	
Cheque in hand	0.00	0.00	
Cash in hand	10.00	10.00	
<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	
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	11522.27	12247.60	
Receipts			
Donations Collected			
RDA Lesson Payments*	1471.00		
Lotto Receipts	56.50	40.00	
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Total Receipts	1527.50	40.00	
Payments			
RDA Membership Fees & Insurance**	760.50		
Wellgrove LLP Instructor fees / horse hire			
DBS (CRB) Disclosure (for LLP Staff)			
DBS (CRB) Check RDA New Volunteers			
Hire of Venues for Meetings/Fundraisers		16.00	
Christmas cards for RDA Volunteers/Clients	41.67		
Bank Account Maintenance Fees		10.00	
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Total Payments	802.17	26.00	
Net Receipts / Payments (Surplus) in Year	725.33	14.00	
Current Assets at Year End (31 May)			
HSBC Community Account (<i>closed 18 Feb 22</i>)	12237.60	0.00	
Cheque in Hand	0.00	12251.60	
Cash in Hand	10.00	10.00	
Liabilities	0.00	0.00	
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	12247.60	12261.60	
<i>Notes</i>			
<i>*Sum for 2020/21 includes £943 credited to bank in cash by E Whittaker on 30 Aug 20. This was presumed to be related to RDA client lesson activities pre-Covid - any related Wellgrove LLP invoice not received</i>			
<i>**The RDA fees/insurance payments for 2021/22 paid in 2022/23 due to HSBC bank account closure.</i>			
I confirm that the above receipts and Payments Account is in accordance with the financial records of the Wellgrove RDA charity and that the closing balances were as shown on the relevant dates.			
Jeremy Gower, Treasurer, Wellgrove RDA			
24 July 2022			