

# BURCOTT AND DISTRICT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1176600

## Details

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**Other names** BURCOTT & DISTRICT RDA GROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-01-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTS OF THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING A CHARITY REGISTERED UNDER CHARITY NUMBER 244108 ("RDA") BY PROVIDING DISABLED PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AND/OR TO CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING IN THE BURCOTT AND DISTRICT AREA.

**Activities:** Therapeutic horse riding for the disabled.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,717	£5,490	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,723	£4,745	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,608	£5,318	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,072	£3,090	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,903	£782	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Helena Grace Crowley</b>	Chair	2018-01-10
Harry James Crowley		2019-08-06
JUDITH RIDGERS		2018-01-10
Pauline Abraham		2018-09-04
Shirley Warner		2018-01-10

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## **Burcott and District RDA – Report 2025 - 1176600**

Our last AGM was held on the 19th November 2024.

Our Christmas session for the riders was enjoyed by all.

We also had our Christmas meal here in Blossoms.

The Group started back on 14th January 2025 but had to cancel the next session due to bad weather and flooding.

Several of us attended Mendip Farmers Point to Point in March and sold over £2000 of race cards for them. We subsequently received a donation of £400 for our efforts.

We now have a new Treasurer, Maddy Battye, thank you Maddie. Thanks also go to Judith who had previously been our Treasurer for many years..

We were fairly busy with riders up until the school summer holidays, with a cake and coffee thank you after the last session.

The group received a donation from Tesco's, thanks go to Harry for organizing that. We have now received the final tranche of this making almost £1500 in total.

A classroom clear up took place after the beginning of the new term to get rid of all the spiders. Julie organized a Volunteer training session on the 9th September prior to the riders returning on 16th September.

Unfortunately we now find ourselves with only 3 riders as our older riders have either moved on to secondary school or college.

We are working hard to attract more riders, hopefully from Coxley and Dovecote schools and have put up a number of notices in the hope of attracting further interest. The Group feature in an article in the November edition of the Mendip Times. A number of enquiries have been received from prospective volunteers and some of these will hopefully result in new members for the Group.

Paul has repaired Sarah's Seat for us. He's done a brilliant job. He is also working on the class room windows which are leaking badly. Thank you Paul.

Waitrose operate a customer vote based donation scheme similar to that of Tesco's and we are now on their list of future candidates for this so fingers crossed. Our name is also down for a table at the Cathedral Volunteers Day in the hope that we can attract future Volunteers or possible riders.

We've had quite a year with some volunteers having to go into hospital. Our thoughts are with you all and looking forward to everyone being fit and well for next year.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work, we couldn't keep the group going without you.

## **BURCOTT & DISTRICT RDA Riding Group**

### **Treasurer's Report for AGM**

**20 November 2025**

#### **2024-2025 Financial Year**

We have a total of **£9698.90** at the end of the financial year, with an excess of Expenditure over Income of **£2772.17**

#### **Income £2717.46**

Significant sources of income were

£1197.00	Rides
£1110.00	Tesco Blue Coins
£100.00	Shepton Mallet Carnival
£285.46	Bank Interest

#### **Expenditure £5489.63**

Significant expenses were

£4322.00	hire of ponies and facilities
£477.00	RDA membership and insurance
£275.84	NFU contents and building insurance
£50.00	DBS checks
£105.00	First Aid courses
£83.50	AGM coffees
£74.32	Website fee
£34.05	Xmas gifts

The 2025 annual accounts have been checked and signed off by Alison Cole.

#### **2025-2026 Financial year so far as at 20.11.25**

We have a total of **£8718.31** with an excess of Expenditure over Income of **£980.59** since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

#### **Income £1836.84**

Significant sources of income were

£914.00	Rides
£400.00	Point to Point
£370.00	Tesco
£107.46	Bank Interest

#### **Expenditure £2817.23**

Significant expenses were

£2056.00	hire of ponies and facilities
£522.00	RDA membership and insurance
£104.13	Maintenance
£52.73	Website fees
£31.20	Training

As you can see we are spending more than we are receiving and our funds diminishing. Our costs remain very similar whatever the number of riders, therefore we need to consider ideas for fundraising in order to secure funds for the future.

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## Chairman's Report

Burcott & District RDA Group Charity No:1176600 – 2013-14 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2024 at Blossoms cafe, Wells at 11am.

Thank you everyone for all you have done for the group during the past year. You turn up, start work and everything runs very smoothly. The arena is set up, the ponies groomed, tacked up and we start our sessions. We certainly couldn't do it without you all.

Julie organized a Christmas meal for us at the Burcott Inn. Which everyone enjoyed.

The weather at the beginning of the year was very wet and cold with the yard suffering some flooding.

Julie and Judith passed their instructor re-assessment with flying colours.

We ran a table at the Wells Cathedral Charity day for local charities with the Somerset Levels Driving Group. This was very successful and we managed to recruit several new volunteers to the group.

One of our main fund raising events, the Mendip Farmers Point to Point was cancelled because of the wet weather.

In March the group members attended a meeting with other RDA groups in the area. This was held at the World Horse Welfare near Somerton and was very well attended. Nicki and Bob brought Scout, one of the horses we use to take part in the riding demonstration. He was a star.

After our summer break we started back with a training session followed by a meal at Blossoms in Wells.

We had a visit from several of the instructors from Milton Abbas Group and were also invited to visit their group.

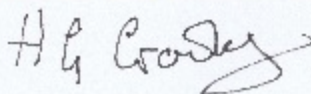
Unfortunately, Julie broke her leg and has been unable to drive so Julie has been running all the sessions. We've managed to run most of the lessons but it has been quite difficult at times. There has been a lot of sickness amongst both volunteers and riders.

We had a visit by Rachel King from HQ. Unfortunately she could not watch any rides due to the weather being very bad and we had to cancel the lessons.

Tesco have raised £1,480 for us. 75% of which we will get now and the remaining 25% in November 2025 after we provide a completion report.

Harry has also managed to find a new provider for our web site which will save us some money and allow update to be made more easily. So photos and content would be very much appreciated.

Thank you all again, you've very generously given us your time and hard work. It is really appreciated and the group could not run without you all.



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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED**  
**31 March 2024**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Rides	1168.00	Ponies	3520.00
Donations	663.12	Riding Equipment	104.55
Fundraising	735.50	Fundraising	61.00
Bank Interest	156.57	Miscellaneous	376.87
		RDA Membership and Insurance	682.48
 Excess Expenditure Over Income			
	2021.71		
 TOTALS	<u>£ 4744.90</u>		<u>£ 4744.90</u>

Balances as at 31.3.2023	14406.31 NatWest Current Account
	0.00 NatWest Saving Account
	<u>86.47 Petty Cash</u>
	£ 14492.78
 Minus Excess Expenditure	£ 2021.71 -
	 <u>£ 12471.07</u>

Balances as at 31.3.2024	£ 3255.28 Current Account
	£ 9156.57 Savings Account
	£ 59.22 Petty Cash
	 <u>£ 12471.07</u>

*I have seen and examined the records of the Burcott & District RDA Group and find the above Financial Statement in accordance therewith.*

*Aileen Cole 04/09/2024*

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# AGM

Charity no: 1176600

Of the Burcott & District RDA held on Monday 25th September 2023 at Southview, Bennetts Lane, binegar.

## Present:-

Julie, Julia, Diana, Harry (Trustee), Paul, Alison, Pauline (Trustee), Mary, Lyn, Judith (Trustee), Helena (Trustee), Shirley (Trustee).

## Apologies:-

Emma, Carole, Jude, Judy.

- 1.** Minutes of last AGM read approved and signed.
- 2.** Matters arising - None.
- 3.** Treasurers report:-

We have a total of **£14492.78** at the end of this financial year. The year ended with an excess of Expenditure over Income of **£3709.61**.

**Income        £1608.02**

Significant sources of income were

£1072.00	Rides
£536.02	Donations

**Expenditure £5317.63**

Significant expenses were

£3536.00	hire of ponies and facilities
£460.00	RDA membership and insurance
£203.32	NFU contents and building insurance
£105.00	First aid courses for 3
£62.40	DBS checks
£325.00	smaller treeless saddle
£215.01	repair of mounting block
£128.91	Website fee

£86.65	meetings at Pickwicks
£49.30	Xmas meal and drinks
£46.05	Xmas gifts

The 2023 annual accounts have been checked and signed off by Alison Cole.

#### **4. Chairmans report:-**

First I want to thank you all for your support and hard work this year. It has been a rather challenging year but we have managed to survive so far and hopefully, after our discussions with Nikki we will be able to continue running our sessions at Burcott for the foreseeable future.

Julie and Judith have been brilliant as our hardworking instructors. they've run fun, constructive and remedial lessons for our riders. We have had three more riders start and they certainly seemed to be enjoying themselves.

We ran our stall at Mendip Farmers Point to Point again. The weather was glorious and we nearly sold out of race cards. We also had a stand at the Bath and West Show with Quarter Pint Ponies and Somerset Levels Driving Group. The aim was to promote our profile and we also managed to raise some funds. At the begining of September we held a successful tack stall as World Horse Welfare in Somerton selling donated tack and clothing. Hard work but again trying to raise funds and our profile. We have been asked if we would like a table at Wells Cathedral in January. Somerset Levels will join us running the stand.

Three of our volunteers attended a First Aid course and are now part of our First Aid team.

As you can see there have been changes at Burcott. Judith and I spoke to Nikki about the changes. Most of our queries have been answered and we feel happier about the situation now. Nikki assured us that they like us being at Burcott.

Thank you all again for all your hard work. We wouldn't be able to keep going without you.

**5.** To note commitee members who wish to stand down this year both of whom do not wish to be re-elected

Carole Lewis  
Emma Jelly

Vacancy's opened to the floor with nobody wishing to stand at this time.

The election for the forthcoming year of the following officers(all of whom will be ex-officio members of the group committee)

Chairman - Helena Crowley Proposed- Julie Seconded- Pauline

Treasurer - Judith Rudgers Proposed - Helena Seconded - Mary

Secretary - Shirley Warner Proposed - Lyn Seconded - Alison

**6.** Appointment of Auditor - Alison Cole appointed

Meeting closed at 11.55

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**BURCOTT & DISTRICT RDA Riding Group 1176600**  
**Chair's Report for AGM**  
**6 September 2022**

I have to say it has been quite difficult at times but everyone has worked together and we've managed to keep going. Cancellations, sometimes at the last minute, by riders has caused problems. Also lack of the right size of ponies.

We've lost several of our usual riders either because they had something else to do or schools being difficult about allowing children out during school time.

The group had to move from HSBC bank because they were going to start charging for Charity accounts. Thank you Trustees for all your help with that.

We have had problems with Burcott. It was suggested that we buy a pony and then put it on working livery with them so they could use it in the riding school. I'm afraid we just couldn't afford that. Judith, Emma and I had a meeting with Nikki and Bob to discuss what we could do and things have been resolved. We will pay for the hire of the Arena and Ponies for the morning for 33 weeks per year and increase the payment when we have more riders and need the Arena in the afternoon too.

I wrote to Head Office to apply for funding. They had several suggestions but were unable to help with the large amount of money needed. By then we had decided that after other experiences of having ponies on working livery at Burcott it just wasn't the best way to spend our money. I also applied to Thatchers Cider but had no luck their.

Our riders were very well placed in the Area dressage and hand pony competition. Our group also won the Most Dynamic Volunteer Group Award. Sue Downer said that if she lived closer she would join us.

Paul has continued to keep our building standing. Thank you Paul. He has also repaired the arena fencing making it safe for us and Burcott.

Several of us attended a demonstration and training programme at Horse World Welfare near Somerton. I also went to a County Meeting. We sold race cards at Mendip Farmers Point to Point, our main fund raising opportunity of the year.

I want to thank you for all your hard work this year. Volunteers, Trustees and especially our brilliant Instructors.

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### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 March 2022

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Rides	140.00	Ponies	1515.00
Donations	1826.01	Miscellaneous	673.98
Gift Aid	104.65	Training	70.00
Bank Interest	1.58	Bank Fees	17.40
		Riding Equipment	197.65
		RDA Membership and Insurance	615.61
 Excess Expenditure Over Income	 1017.40		
 TOTALS	 <u>£ 3089.64</u>		 <u>£ 3089.64</u>

Balances as at 31.3.2021		2913.45 Current Account
		16269.29 Savings Account (BMM)
		<u>37.05 Petty Cash</u>
		£ 19219.79
Minus Un-reconciled Checks (from last year)	£ 19.50 –	
Minus Excess Expenditure	£ 1017.40 –	
		<b>£ <u>18182.89</u></b>
 Balances as at 31.3.2022		18165.93 HSBC Current Account
		0.00 HSBC Savings Account (BMM)
		10.00 NatWest Current Account
		<u>26.46 Petty Cash</u>
		£ 18202.39
Minus written off checks	£ 19.50 –	
		<b>£ <u>18182.89</u></b>

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**RDA INCOME    01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022**

Rides	<b>140.00</b>
Donations	<b>1826.01</b>
Gift Aid	<b>104.65</b>
Bank Interest	<b>1.58</b>
	<b>£    <u>2072.24</u></b>

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**RDA EXPENDITURE 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022**

Hire of Ponies and facilities	<b>1515.00</b>
Insurance and RDA Membership	<b>615.61</b>
Training	<b>70.00</b>
Riding Equipment	<b>197.65</b>
Bank Fees	<b>17.40</b>
Miscellaneous:-	
DBS x 6	36.00
Xmas presents	12.00
Admin supplies	18.12
Website	173.65
Repairs to classroom etc	210.47
Classroom supplies	165.24
AGM	58.50
	<b>673.98</b>
	<b>£ <u>3089.64</u></b>

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**Chair's Report for AGM**  
**26 October 2021**

We started the year with a photo and article in the Mendip Times.

We held several socially distanced Trustees meetings so we could discuss our options to offer riding to our riders. This included moving yards. There was also a lot of information from Headquarters which we had to discuss. As rules relaxed we were able to start making plans for restarting.

There was a great deal of paperwork to sort through and lots of boxes to tick. I want to thank everyone who's helped us prepare. Julie and Judith have worked extremely hard. As you can imagine the risk assessment was extensive. We were all very relieved when we received the sign off papers. Harry has helped with the paperwork. Paul has done a lot of work on the room and also repaired the mounting block and fencing.

We had to reassess all the ponies who have also had 18 months of not doing very much. Thank you everyone who came to the yard to help with this. We will have 6 ponies. Dancer, Scout, Smokey, Lettie, Leroy and Harvey. Unfortunately, Merlin has just been sold.

We contacted Volunteers in the hope that we would begin lessons again in September. Unfortunately, Jane, Sue and Colette have decided not to return but we hope to keep in touch. Julie ran a training course and Mary, Julie and Pauline took a first aid training session. Nine of us went to the Glenda Spooner Charity for a Therapy and Medical Training Demonstration in September.

We finally managed to run a riding lesson for two of our riders, Becky and Ellis on the 19th October. It has been decided that we will only operate in the mornings to start with. It was lovely to watch them. They were both nervous getting back on but they both really enjoyed their rides and loved getting a rosette too. Several of our riders have moved on to other things and of course grown so they won't be returning. However, Julie has a very long waiting list of prospective riders. I've also been contacted by some new Volunteers.

It has been a very strange and frustrating year. Thank you all for your help, I really appreciate everyone's hard work.

Judith would still like to step down as Treasurer. If any of you would like to take over please let me know.

Burcott & District RDA Riding Group  
Treasurer's Report for AGM  
26 Oct 2021

We have a total of £19219.79 at the end of this financial year.  
The year ended with an excess of Income over Expenditure of £1120.76

Income £1902.63

Significant sources of income were

£55.10	Rides
£725.00	Tesco
£500.00	Crocombe Market
£250.00	Mrs Marten-Smith (via Oakley's grandmother)
£300.00	In memory of Carolyn Walker
£49.00	Redland Stone

Expenditure £ 781.87

Significant expenses were

£ 0.00	hire of ponies and facilities
£415.50	RDA membership and insurance
£187.04	NFU contents and building insurance
£103.83	Christmas presents for the riders
£50.00	Alison Cole, Accounts 2020

The 2021 annual accounts have been checked and signed off by Alison Cole.