



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Sept 2023 Period start date To 31 August 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Dovecote Farm RDA Group

Charity registration number: 1177676

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride 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	Groups of children aged between 5 and 15yrs from the Grantham Additional Needs Fellowship (GANF) schools are offered weekly riding sessions in term-time.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees regard RDA National guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers (20 on roll) support weekly sessions by preparing arena, tacking up ponies, leading and side-walking, hat fitting, and interacting with riders.
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>Delivered weekly sessions throughout the school year.</p> <p>Endeavour awards achieved by Sandon school pupils.</p> <p>Regional physiotherapist attended and provided advice.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	Para 1.41	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Balance on 31 August 2024: £3954.17.</p> <p>The charity closely balances income against expenditure. In this period:</p> <p>Income £4730.10 School fees £3442.50 Fundraising £1211.60 Donation £76</p> <p>Expenditure £4489.99 Pony/centre hire £3375 DBS fees £50 RDA Regional physiotherapist £40 Volunteer gifts £54.30 Equipment £17.95 Refreshments £15.74 Insurance (2 years) £937</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves held to offset school funding difficulties and shortfall from donations and fundraising.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Balance at 31 August 2024.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>GANF term fees (Autumn £2125.00; Spring £935.00; Summer £382.50) Fees reduced after Autumn term to address school budget constraints.</p> <p>Donation: personal £75.00 Fundraising: trustee's sponsored cycle ride £767.38</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Inability of GANF schools to continue due to circumstances beyond our control (eg staffing, transport).
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution adopted 23 March 2018
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Association
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	Trustees are elected by voting members of the group.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	As per RDA National policies and procedures.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	RDA Regional and National.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	RDA Regional and National.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dovecote Farm RDA Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1177676
Charity's principal address	Dovecote Farm, Church Street, Orston, Nottingham NG13 9NS

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	Bill Wren	Chair	To 24 August 2024	
2	Janet Watson	Chair	From 29 August 2024	
3	Heather Gunn	Safeguarding officer		
4	Alex Fogg	Treasurer		
5	Alison Parnham	Secretary		
6	Jane Clayton	Coach		
7	Mike Muscott	Coach		
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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	None.
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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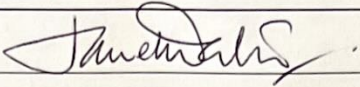
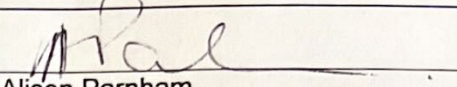
Other optional information

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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)	Janet Watson	Alison Parnham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date 18 December 2024

Financial Summary for Dovecote Farm RDA Group

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