



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1 Sept 2024** Period start date **To 31 August 2025** 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 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		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Balance on 31 August 2025: £38,527.22</p> <p>The charity closely balances income against expenditure; however, a one-off legacy increased income in this period.</p> <p>Income £56,445.31  School fees £2,900.00  Fundraising £1,927.38  Donations £1521.64  Legacy (W. Wren) £50,000.00  [Monies received in error (Pony Club) £96.29]</p> <p>Expenditure £21,872.26  Pony/centre hire £4,500.00  DBS/First Aid course fees £343.20  RDA Regional physiotherapist £30.00  Volunteer gifts/'thankyou' lunches) £348.40  Equipment £58.97  Insurance £512.00  Arena resurfacing (using legacy) £15,983.40  [Reimbursement of monies (Pony Club) £96.29]</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves policy: reserves of £4K usually held to cover annual costs in the event of school funding difficulties, maintenance and fixed costs and shortfall from donations and fundraising. Excess reserves currently held due to bequest.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Balance at 31 August 2024. Reserves in excess of £10K transferred to savings account until used for charity's purposes.
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	GANF school fees. Reduced fees continued in this period to address school budget constraints. Donations and fundraising as above.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Savings account opened 2026 to hold excess reserves.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Inability of 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 ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , 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	Janet Watson	Chair		
2	Alison Parnham	Secretary		
3	Alex Fogg	Treasurer		
4	Heather Gunn	Safeguarding officer		
5	Jane Clayton	Coach		
6	Mike Muscott	Coach		
7	Jean Hopkinson	Coach	From March 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## 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)**

*Janet Watson*

*Alison Parnham*

**Full name(s)**

Janet Watson

Alison Parnham

**Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)**

Chair

Secretary

**Date**

15 January 2026

## Financial Summary for Dovecote Farm RDA Group

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dovecote Farm RDA Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dovecote Farm RDA Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination, which took the form of a face-to-face meeting with the treasurer where we went through the accounts on a line by line basis. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **AJ Rigby**

Name: Mrs Allison Rigby

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):  
Management Accountant (retired)

Address: 7 Court Gardens, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7SN

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025