

Positive Riding for the Disabled Association (Positive RDA)

Charitable Incorporation Organisation

Registered Charity no: 1178998

First registered 29 Jun 2018

Annual Report and Accounts for Trustees and Supporters

***Covering the 4th year of Incorporation
to 29th June 2022***

***Enabling people with life-changing injuries
and illnesses to ride and be with horses***

Based near Wantage, Oxfordshire



Annual Report

Strategic Overview

As in previous reports, our purpose is to enable people to ride and interact with horses and nature by providing a mobile service, mainly using an accessible horsebox which we have been closely involved in developing.

We focus on supporting people with life-changing injuries and disabilities, such as Stroke, MS, Parkinson's, Spinal Injury, Sight Loss and age-related diseases. We recognise that these health challenges can often bring depression and mental ill-health too. Our participants are likely to have ridden and owned horses, something they can share with family and friends. We want to train our coaches and volunteers in the needs of this group.

Activity 2021-22

We put significant effort into fundraising for the final capital costs of building the vehicle, as we had received an offer of match funding for it. Funds were generated from a range of sources, including a legacy from one of our earliest supporters, sale of tack, local competitions and donations. As a result, £4,250 was raised to build the Happiness Horsebox.

Running under Covid restrictions resulted in identifying a need for changes to our operating model.

As a National RDA member group we had seen how Covid fundamentally changed approaches to RDA activities for people living with disability. It also increased awareness of mental health and the importance of accessibility to nature. The horsebox was nearing completion, however new licensing regulations required setting up an operational base to keep horses in order to visit people in care homes and hospices, and a riding school licence is now required before providing any ridden sessions.

Once again we were disappointed not to meet criteria for RDA National Office funds aimed at RDA new groups, as their operating model did not accommodate our mobile service and they could not therefore insure our activities.

Next steps in 2022-23

All funds raised to date have been donated on the basis that they will support the purchase and building of the horsebox. As we look forward to its launch we will focus on raising funds to support our unique mobile proposition, including covering the core costs of running the service within our community, as well as training our coaches and volunteers.

However the new licensing regulations mean that we will need to identify licenced providers of horses locally in order to provide our services. We are therefore discussing how our mobile service could work within the RDA operating model or whether further adjustments are needed.

Liz Morrison LLB MSc BHSII – Lead Coach

Annual Accounts

Positive RDA was first registered on 29 Jun 2018.

These accounts cover the fourth year of Incorporation to 29th June 2022.

	£	Accounts to 29 th June 2022	Accounts to 29 th June 2021
Income	<i>Funds raised</i>	4643.60	1500.00
	<i>Cashflow Loan</i>		400.00
	TOTAL	4643.60	1900.00
Expenditure	<i>Publicity & Website</i>		240.00
	<i>Fundraising Costs</i>	144.82	
	<i>Finance charges</i>	1.50	0.70
	<i>Loan repayment</i>	265.00	
	Sub Total	411.32	240.70
Ringfenced Funds	<i>Transferred for capital costs</i>	-4250.00	-1500
	Balance of Income & Expenditure	112.28	169.30
Balances in Triodos bank:		<i>As at 1/7/2022</i>	
	<i>Current Account</i>	£ 141.58	£ 159.30
	<i>Reserve Acct</i>	£ 10.00	£ 10.00

Chargeable costs have been minimised or delayed

Trustees :

Ian Lewis – Chair

Lesley Steele - Treasurer

June Morrison

Jennifer Winter