

AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1179542

Details

Other names	AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-08-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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 CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING IN THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AREA

Activities: The main activity undertaken is to provide disabled children aged 4-11 years old with an opportunity to ride in an indoor or outdoor school in order to improve their balance, muscle tone and social skills. There is also a mechanical horse for children who, for a variety of reasons are unable to ride a pony.

Classification

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

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,380	£3,216	-	-
2024-03-31	£5,926	£2,841	-	-
2023-03-31	£7,152	£4,708	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,426	£4,046	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,348	£1,844	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALISON SHIPLEY		2015-07-09
ANNE COX		
CLAIRE WATSON		2018-06-27
Ruth Elizabeth Towell		2021-11-12
Susan Nicole Smith		2024-07-17
VANESSA ANN MORGAN		2017-09-22

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**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Introduction

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The underlying consideration in all riding sessions are for the children to enjoy themselves, which in itself helps to improve social skills, listening skills, taking instruction and interaction skills.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trustees who manage the charity are:

Ruth Towell	Chair
Vanessa Morgan	Secretary
Alison Shipley	Treasurer
Anne Cox	
Jean Kennedy	Resigned 17th July 2024
Claire Watson	Coach
Tans Theobald	Resigned 17th July 2024
Susan Smith	Coach Appointed 17th July 2024

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selection and appointment of new Trustees. One third of Trustees are required to retire at each Annual General Meeting, with those longest in office retiring first. Any Trustee who retires under this rule is eligible to seek re-election. The Trustees can appoint additional Trustees throughout the year where specific knowledge or expertise is required.

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Achievements and Performance

Update

We have had another successful year with four of our children achieving their Grade 1 in Riding Proficiency. After a period of extensive training one of our volunteers has successfully achieved her coaching qualification which puts our number of coaching staff to four. We have started to use a new pony with great success meaning that we now have access to four ponies giving us flexibility to rest ponies so they are not continuously being used. Our greatest on-going challenge is keeping volunteer numbers up so that we do not overwork the ones that we have aiming to allow every volunteer to only be needed for three out of four rides, with this in mind a social media campaign over the Summer resulted in six new volunteers being recruited.

All riding is undertaken on Friday afternoons during school term-time and consists of 4 half hour sessions using 3 ponies each session.

The first group comes from the Special Needs unit of a School in Aylesbury which supports children with physical and social needs as well as learning difficulties.

We continue to have a waiting list of children with various physical and cognitive special needs who would like to ride with us should a position become available.

As always due diligence is given to the health and safety of the children, parents, carers and volunteers.

The Trustees remain loyal to the underlying ethos of the Group. Riding has for many years been seen as very beneficial to children with these and other conditions. It helps with core muscle tone, concentration, the ability to take instruction as well as social and learning skills. Disability can be physical and/or emotional and riding helps to overcome shyness by interaction with horses as well as introducing an element of competition. Riders are taught all elements of riding including tack, equine hygiene and safety.

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All volunteers join the Group through an application process that uses an official application form which include references which are always followed up. Once this stage has been completed a full DBS certificate is obtained. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds, some with riding expertise but many who merely want to help children with special needs reach their full potential. Within the volunteer group are a number of coaches who manage each session both inside and outside the arena.

These coaches maintain their status through regular training and assessment given by regional/county coaches. The DBS certificate lasts for 3 years and is renewed as required.

Every session has a leader of the pony and two side walkers who are responsible for the safety of each child. Within the large group of volunteers are those responsible for health and safety, first aid and safeguarding. The group has a Session and a Venue Risk Assessment schedule that are regularly monitored, and reviewed annually.

This charity is grateful for the support of the volunteers as without them this important work could not continue.

Financial Review

Financially the charity could not exist without the regular and generous donations from local fundraising activities together with a nominal charge per child. The attached Receipts and Payments Account highlight the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025.

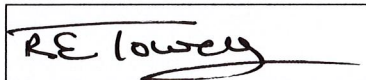

The Trustees of the charity endeavour to hold a minimum level of reserves equivalent to 12 months estimated running costs together with an estimated replacement cost of a mechanical horse.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees,

Signatures:

	
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Full names:

Ruth Towell	Alison Shipley
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Position:

Chair	Treasurer
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Date:

19/08/25

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity Number 1179542

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

GENERAL FUND (UNRESTRICTED)

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Receipts from Voluntary Services		
Donations	416	4,541
Riding fees	1,119	949
Investment income	845	436
	<u>2,380</u>	<u>5,926</u>
PAYMENTS		
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Horse hire and transport	2,000	2,110
Riding equipment maintenance	24	18
Badges, certificates and riders' presents	247	177
Helpers' expenses	108	76
Insurance and affiliation	477	460
	<u>2,856</u>	<u>2,841</u>
Other Expenditure		
Accountancy	360	-
	<u>3,216</u>	<u>2,841</u>
NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	(836)	3,085
Funds brought forward at 1 April 2024	19,931	16,846
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2025	<u><u>19,095</u></u>	<u><u>19,931</u></u>

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
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Registered Charity Number 1179542

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
CASH FUNDS		
Current Account	2,451	7,393
COIF Deposit Account	16,644	12,924
TOTAL ASSETS	19,095	20,317
LIABILITIES		
Amount owed to UK RDA Group	-	386
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	386
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	19,095	19,931
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	19,095	19,931

NOTES:

1. ASSETS USED BY THE CHARITY

The charity holds an asset in the form of a mechanical horse which is used in the activities of the charity.

2. FUNDS

The charity holds no restricted funds.

3. LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2025 the charity had provided no guarantees and had no liabilities or debts to third parties.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on19/03/25..... and confirm that all relevant records and information has been provided for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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Mrs A Shipley

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity Number 1179542

In accordance with instructions provided by the Trustees we have prepared without carrying out an audit the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2025 from the accounting records of Aylesbury and Wendover Group Riding for the Disabled Association and from information and explanations provided to us.

Resonant Solutions

Resonant Solutions Limited
Littlegreen
Barrack Hill
Nether Winchendon
Aylesbury
HP18 0DU

19.08.2025

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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024**

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
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We have now been at our new premises for eighteen months and have benefited hugely from the indoor arena which means that we can ride whatever the weather. We have also been fortunate enough to have had access to expertise and equipment to allow the children to participate in carriage driving which they enjoyed immensely. During the warmer months we have started taking the more proficient riders along a nearby track for an added challenge and lesson variation.

This year we have been particularly successful in fundraising notably from the local Lions Club and Rotary Club. One of our children's grandparents are also regular fundraisers for us.

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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees,

Signatures:

	
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Full names:

Ruth Towell	Alison Shipley
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Position:

Chair	Treasurer
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Date:

17 / 07 / 2024

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity Number 1179542

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

GENERAL FUND

INCOME RECEIPTS	2024	2023
<u>Receipts from Voluntary Sources</u>		
Donations	4,541	6,026
Riding fees	949	626
Receipts from charitable trading, shirts, courses	-	175
Interest and dividends received	436	325
	5,926	7,152
 PAYMENTS		
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>		
Horse Hire and Transport	2,110	2,510
Riding equipment maintenance	18	978
Badges, certificates, and riders presents	177	204
Helpers Expenses	76	62
Training	-	350
Insurance and affiliation	460	460
	2,841	4,564
Other Expenditure		
Accountancy	-	144
Postage and stationery	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	2,841	4,708
 NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR	 3,085	 2,443
Cash funds at 31 March 2023	6,065	3,622
 CASH FUNDS AT 31 March 2024	 9,150	 6,065

AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity Number 1179542

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
<u>CASH FUNDS</u>		
Current Account	7,393	4,358
COIF Deposit Account	12,924	1,707
	<u>20,317</u>	<u>6,065</u>
<u>INVESTMENT ASSETS</u>		
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund		
Investment value at the start of the year	-	11,448
Gain/(loss) in value of units	-	(690)
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,758</u>
<u>ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE</u>		
The main asset held by the charity is a mechanical horse.		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Amount owed to UK RDA group (Money received from	386	-
Memory giving)	<u>386</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES

1. The charity has no restricted funds.
2. The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.

I approve the Receipts and Payments Account and confirm I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



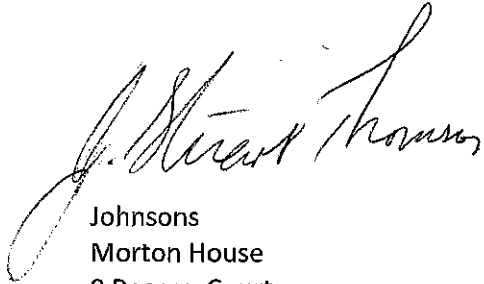
Mrs A Shipley – Treasurer

Date: 17.07.24

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit of the annexed receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2024 from the accounting records of the Aylesbury and Wendover Group Riding for the Disabled Association and from information and explanations provided to us.



Johnsons
Morton House
9 Beacon Court
Pitstone Green Business Park
Pitstone
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Date: 27/8 / 2024

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**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
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	Appointed 18 October 2022

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 (cont.)**

Achievements and Performance

Update

In January 2022 we were approached by the Hartwell Group with a request to merge with us. Meetings were held to understand the implications of this merger, and both sets of Trustees agreed to proceed with the application. Papers were delivered to RDA National Office and were subsequently approved. Finally, approval from The Charities Commission was received on 9 May 2022. All Hartwell's assets have been transferred into this year's accounts.

This is a separate set-up operating on a Thursday afternoon at Animal Antiks. This is a charity based in North Marston providing animal assisted learning for people with learning disabilities and mental health issues.

Riding takes place at the venue on Thursday afternoons after school during term time using a 15.2hh cob and the option of using a smaller pony should the need arise. They currently accommodate two riders from Stocklake Park Secondary School, a 14-year-old young lady and an 11-year-old young man.

Due to circumstances beyond our control riding at Bye Green had to be discontinued. We were fortunate to be offered a new venue at Flamstead Yard in Ashley Green. This facility contains both indoor and outdoor arenas. As a result of time needed to set up this operation riding did not start in this term until November 2022.

All riding is undertaken on Friday afternoons during school term time and consists of 4 half hour sessions using 3 ponies each session.

The first group comes from the Special Needs unit at the William Harding School in Aylesbury which supports children with physical and social needs as well as learning difficulties.

The Group is fortunate to hold a waiting list of children wishing to benefit from our facility and comes from parents who think their children would enjoy riding. These children have a range of conditions including ASD, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, cerebral palsy, Red Syndrome, and global development delay.

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Signatures:  

Full names: Ruth Towell Alison Shipley

Position Chairperson Treasurer

Date: 30/6/23

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GENERAL FUND

INCOME RECEIPTS	2023	2022
<u>Receipts from Voluntary Sources</u>		
Donations	6,025.67	3,637.32
Riding fees	626.00	398.00
Receipts from charitable trading, shirts, courses	175.00	60.00
Interest and dividends received	<u>324.85</u>	<u>330.69</u>
	<u>7,151.52</u>	<u>4,426.01</u>
PAYMENTS		
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>		
Horse Hire and Transport	2,509.75	3,065.00
Riding equipment maintenance	978.00	0.00
Badges, certificates, and riders presents	204.25	197.96
Helpers Expenses	62.10	54.00
Training	350.20	220.00
Insurance and affiliation	<u>460.00</u>	<u>381.00</u>
	<u>4,564.30</u>	<u>3,917.96</u>
Other Expenditure		
Accountancy	144.00	128.70
Postage and stationery	-	-
	<u>144.00</u>	<u>128.70</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>4,708.30</u>	<u>4046.66</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR	2,443.22	379.35
Cash funds at 31 March 2022	<u>3,622.13</u>	<u>3,242.78</u>
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Registered Charity Number 1179542

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
<u>CASH FUNDS</u>		
Current Account	4,358.48	1,944.98
COIF Deposit Account	<u>1,706.87</u>	<u>1,677.15</u>
	<u>6065.35</u>	<u>3,622.13</u>
 <u>INVESTMENT ASSETS</u>		
COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund		
Investment value at the start of the year	11,448.10	12,316.03
Gain/(loss) in value of units	<u>(690.13)</u>	<u>(867.93)</u>
Value at the end of the year	<u>10,757.97</u>	<u>11,448.10</u>

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE

The main asset held by the charity is a mechanical horse.

LIABILITIES

Stabling and horse hire owed at the year-end (2023 final amount paid prior to the year-end)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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NOTES

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I approve the Receipts and Payments Account and confirm I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Mrs A Shipley – Treasurer

Date: 30/06/23

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit of the annexed receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2023 from the accounting records of the Aylesbury and Wendover Group Riding for the Disabled Association and from information and explanations provided to us.

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Date: 04/07/2023

Accounts

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022**

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
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**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

Introduction

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The Charity's principal address is 25 Marroway, Weston Turville, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 5TQ.

The objectives of Aylesbury and Wendover Group Riding for the Disabled Association

Under the terms of the Trust Deed, the purpose of the Charity is to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving, a registered charity number 244108, by providing disabled people in the Aylesbury and Wendover area with the opportunity to ride in order to benefit their health and wellbeing.

The activities are planned within the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit. The main activity undertaken is to provide disabled children aged 4 to 11 years old with an opportunity to ride in an outdoor school in order to improve their balance, muscle tone and social skills. There is also a mechanical horse for children who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to ride outside.

The underlying consideration in all riding sessions is for the children to enjoy themselves, which in itself helps to improve social skills, listening skills and interaction skills.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trustees who manage the charity are:

Sally Green	President	Resigned 13 June 2021
Michael Munday	Chairman	
Vanessa Morgan	Secretary	
Alison Shipley	Treasurer	
Annette Ballantine		Resigned 18 February 2022
Anne Cox	Coach	
Jean Kennedy		
Claire Watson	Coach	
Liz Weber	Coach	Resigned 14 December 2021
Ruth Towell		Appointed 12 December 2021

Within the Constitution the trustees of the charity consist of at least three and not more than eleven individuals, all of which must be members of the Group. The existing Trustees are responsible for the selection and appointment of new Trustees. One third of Trustees are required to retire at each Annual General Meeting, with those longest in office retiring first. Any Trustee that retires under this rule is eligible to seek re-election. The Trustees can appoint additional Trustees throughout the year where specific knowledge or expertise is required.

Other than resignations and appointments the above-named Trustees have been in post for the entire period covered by this report. Thanks go to those Trustees who have resigned during the period for their tireless devotion to the cause.

As a result of the pandemic all Trustee meetings and the AGM have been undertaken remotely using Zoom or Google Meet, others were held face to face when possible.

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 (cont.)**

Achievements and Performance

All riding would normally be undertaken on Friday afternoons during school term-time and consists of 4 half hour sessions using 3 ponies each session.

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The rest of our riders would normally come via parents who think their children would benefit from riding. These children have a range of conditions including pompe disease, ASD and global development delay.

Unfortunately, the period under review has been anything but normal. Due to the pandemic all sessions had to be cancelled. A group of trustees carefully monitored the situation and following the guidelines issued by RDA National Office riding started again on 24 September 2021. As a result of age and weight most of our riders were unfortunately then unable to return to our sessions. In order to carefully monitor the effectiveness of the 'controls to start up' only 3 half hour sessions were commenced. During this period PACE advised us that they were unable to make use of the second session and over ;me new children joined us and all sessions are now filled. In all 143 sessions were achieved. As always due diligence is given to the health and safety of the children, parents, carers and volunteers.

Despite this setback the Trustees remain loyal to the underlying ethos of the Group. Riding has for many years been seen as very beneficial to children with all these conditions. It helps with core muscle tone, concentration, the ability to take instruction as well as social and learning skills. Disability can be physical and/or emotional and riding helps to overcome shyness by interaction with horses as well as introducing an element of competition. Riders are taught all elements of riding including tack, equine hygiene and safety.

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Every session has a leader of the pony and two side walkers who are responsible for the safety of each child. Within the large group of volunteers are those responsible for health and safety, first aid and safeguarding. The group has a Session and a Venue Risk Assessment schedule that is regularly monitored, and reviewed annually.

This charity is grateful for the support of the volunteers as without them this important work could not continue.

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 (cont.)**

Financial Review

Financially the charity could not exist without the regular and generous donations from local fund-raising activities together with a nominal charge per child. The attached Receipts and Payments Account highlight the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2022.


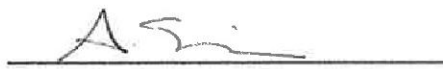
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Future Activities.

In January we were approached by the Hartwell Group with a request to merge our two groups. Meetings were held to understand the implications of this merger and both sets of Trustees agreed to proceed with the application. Papers were delivered to RDA National Office and were approved. Finally, approval from The Charities Commission was received on 9 May 2022. All assets will be transferred into next year's accounts.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees,

Signatures:		
Full names:	Michael Munday	Alison Shipley
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date: 22 . 06 . 22

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity Number 1179542

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

GENERAL FUND

INCOME RECEIPTS	2022	2021
<u>Receipts from Voluntary Sources</u>		
Donations	3,637.32	911.76
Riding fees	398.00	0.00
Receipts from charitable trading, shirts, courses	60.00	27.00
Interest and dividends received	<u>330.69</u>	<u>409.93</u>
	<u>4,426.01</u>	<u>1,348.69</u>
 PAYMENTS		
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>		
Horse Hire and Transport	3,065.00	1,235.00
Riding equipment maintenance	0.00	0.00
Badges, certificates, and riders presents	197.96	25.00
Helpers Expenses	54.00	6.00
Training	220.00	0.00
Insurance and affiliation	<u>381.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
	<u>3,917.96</u>	<u>1,716.00</u>
 Other Expenditure		
Accountancy	128.70	128.70
Postage and stationery	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>128.70</u>	<u>128.70</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>4046.66</u>	<u>1,844.70</u>
 NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR	 379.35	 (496.01)
 Cash funds at 31 March 2021	 <u>3,242.78</u>	 <u>3,738.79</u>
 CASH FUNDS AT 31 March 2022	 <u>3,622.13</u>	 <u>3,242.78</u>

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
<u>CASH FUNDS</u>		
Current Account	1,944.98	1,566.36
COIF Deposit Account	<u>1,677.15</u>	<u>1,676.42</u>
	<u>3,622.13</u>	<u>3,242.78</u>
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COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund		
Investment value at the start of the year	12,316.03	12,492.00
Gain/(loss) in value of units	<u>(867.93)</u>	<u>(175.97)</u>
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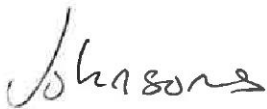
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Date: 23rd June 2022

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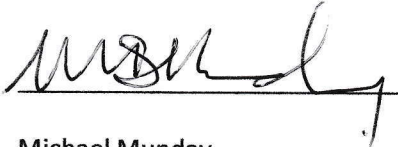

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Signatures:		
Full names:	Michael Munday	Alison Shipley
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date: 21.06.21

**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
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Registered Charity Number 1179542

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

GENERAL FUND

INCOME RECEIPTS	2021	2020
<u>Receipts from Voluntary Sources</u>		
Donations	911.76	1,290.00
Riding fees	0.00	786.00
Receipts from charitable trading, shirts, courses	27.00	100.00
Interest and dividends received	<u>409.93</u>	<u>426.13</u>
	<u>1,348.69</u>	<u>3,321.53</u>
 PAYMENTS		
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>		
Horse Hire and Transport	1,235.00	3,730.00
Riding equipment maintenance	0.00	662.40
Badges, certificates, and riders presents	25.00	600.01
Helpers Expenses	6.00	12.00
Insurance and affiliation	<u>450.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
	<u>1,716.00</u>	<u>5,454.41</u>
 Other Expenditure		
Accountancy	128.70	128.70
Postage and stationery	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>128.70</u>	<u>128.70</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>1,844.70</u>	<u>5,583.11</u>
 NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	 (496.01)	 (2,261.58)
 Cash funds at 31 March 2020	 <u>3,738.79</u>	 <u>6,000.37</u>
 CASH FUNDS AT 31 March 2021	 <u>3,242.78</u>	 <u>3,738.79</u>

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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity Number 1179542

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AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

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Date: 22 June 2021