

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

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

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

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**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

Introduction

The trustees of Aylesbury and Wendover Group Riding for the Disabled Association, registered charity number 1179542, present their statutory report together with the financial statements for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable laws and the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities and Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the United Kingdom.

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.

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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.

Under normal circumstances the first group would come 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 second ride would be of children the PACE Centre in Aylesbury who provide first class education, therapy and support for children aged 0-18 years old with cerebral palsy, related motor disorders and development delay.

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.

In order to provide these activities ponies are rented from a small riding school in Bye Green, Weston Turville. These ponies are ideal as they are all quiet and well behaved and are not disturbed by a novice rider whose movements can become unpredictable. Children are allocated to their pony based on height, weight and their condition. The mechanical horse is used when a rider has become unsuitable for riding outdoors or during bad weather. All ponies have a maximum weight limit on their back so children are regularly weighed so as not to injure the pony.

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. In the main the volunteers have a background with horses either by riding or owning their own. 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.

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.

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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.

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.


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

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**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>

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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>
 <u>INVESTMENT ASSETS</u>		
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>
Value at the end of the year	<u>11,448.10</u>	<u>12,316.03</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 (2022 final amount paid prior to the year-end)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>530.00</u>
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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.



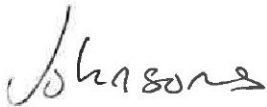
Mrs A Shipley – Treasurer

Date: 22 . 06 . 22

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

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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 2022 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: 23rd June 2022