

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

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023**

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**AYLESBURY AND WENDOVER GROUP
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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

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 2022 to 31st March 2023. 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 30 Hale Road, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6NF.

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 pony.

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:

Michael Munday	
Vanessa Morgan	Secretary
Alison Shipley	Treasurer
Anne Cox	
Jean Kennedy	
Claire Watson	Coach
Ruth Towell	Chairperson
Tans Theobald	Coach
Appointed 18 October 2022	

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.

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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.

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.

To provide these activities ponies are rented from the riding school in Flamstead Yard, Ashley Green. 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 is very nervous and helps to show the gentle horse movement prior to them joining in the active session. 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. 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.

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Financial Review


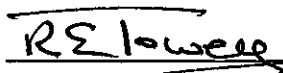
Financially the charity could not exist without the regular and generous donations from local fund-raising activities together with a nominal charge per child. The attached Receipts and Payments Account highlight the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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:



Full names:

Ruth Towell

Alison Shipley

Position

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date:

30/6/23

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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>4,046.66</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>
CASH FUNDS AT 31 March 2023	<u>6,065.35</u>	<u>3,622.13</u>

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**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

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: 30/06/23

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
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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 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