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

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1179542

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

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

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 2023 to 31st March 2024. 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 children in the Aylesbury and Wendover area with the opportunity to ride ponies 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 indoor or outdoor arena, depending on the weather, 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.

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	
Claire Watson	Coach
Tans Theobald	Coach

Michael Munday	Resigned 11th April 2023
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Within the Constitution the Trustees of the charity consist of at least three and not more than eleven individuals, all of whom 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 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.

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.

Achievements and Performance

Update

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.

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.

In order 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. 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 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 2024.

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:

17 / 07 / 2024

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**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
	<u>5,926</u>	<u>7,152</u>
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
	<u>2,841</u>	<u>4,564</u>
Other Expenditure		
Accountancy	-	144
Postage and stationery	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>2,841</u>	<u>4,708</u>
 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

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**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>

INVESTMENT ASSETS

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>

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE

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

LIABILITIES

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.



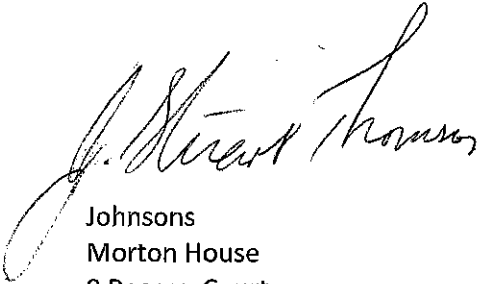
Mrs A Shipley – Treasurer

Date: 17.07.24

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
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 2024 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: 27/8 / 2024