

**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

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 2024 to 31st March 2025. 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	Resigned 17th July 2024
Claire Watson	Coach
Tans Theobald	Resigned 17th July 2024
Susan Smith	Coach Appointed 17th July 2024

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 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.

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 2025.

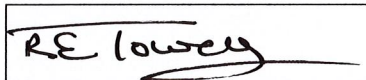

The Trustees of the charity endeavour to hold a minimum level of reserves equivalent to 12 months estimated running costs together with an estimated replacement cost of a mechanical horse.

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

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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>19,095</u>	<u>19,931</u>

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**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 on 19/03/25 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**

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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.

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