



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **06.04.23** To **05.04.24**

Charity name: RIDING FOR THE DISABLED - EXETER GROUP

Charity registration number: 1180573

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | The objects for which the charity is established are 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 children with the opportunity to ride to benefit their health and well-being in the Exeter area. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | Weekly horse riding sessions are provided specifically for children with disabilities in order for them to gain therapeutic benefit and have the opportunity to achieve. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | <p>The Group works with children with a range of disabilities and reasons for taking part. The Group provides specialist tuition, training and support for people with disabilities to ride and take part in non-riding, equestrian-related activities. Without our support, most of our participants would be unable to take part in these activities.</p> <p>The core purpose of the charity is to benefit the health and well-being of children with disabilities through the delivery of effective and life enhancing therapy, the opportunity to learn new skills and achieve personal goals and ambitions and the chance to enjoy taking part in a social activity that promotes general well-being.</p> <p>We have complied with our duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | Not applicable. |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | Not applicable. |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | We would like to thank our large group of extremely dedicated volunteers, without whom we would not be able to operate as we do. |
| Other | | Not applicable. |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
|---|----------------|---|
| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p>We cater for young riders with a wide range of physical and mental disabilities, principally autism and cerebral palsy but also including deafness, learning disabilities, developmental delay and Down's syndrome.</p> <p>There are very few opportunities in the area we serve for children with disabilities to learn to ride within a supportive, RDA-approved environment, taught by RDA qualified instructors.</p> <p>During the course of 2024 we ran groundwork sessions for those children who don't wish to ride but would benefit from becoming more familiar with ponies through grooming sessions. We have also run "Tea with a Pony" sessions, a new meaningful activity to help those living with dementia and other long term conditions. RDA created Tea With a Pony in response to the growing number of people living with dementia, for whom horse-riding may not be suitable but who might be helped by some other form of animal-assisted activity involving horses.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | Not applicable. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | Not applicable. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | Not applicable. |
| Other | | Not applicable. |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £9,878 and the main source of income continues to be from donations. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | It is our aim to have sufficient balance of unrestricted funds which equates to a total of about three years running costs. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £22,086 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | Not applicable. |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | Not applicable. |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | Not applicable. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | Our principal source of funds is from donations. |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | Not applicable. |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | Not applicable. |
| Other | | Not applicable. |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Constitution |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charities Commission No: 1180573 dated 6 November 2018. |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Trustees are elected through nomination by the voting members of the group at the AGM. Specific posts include Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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|---|-----------|-----------------|
| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | Not applicable. |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | Not applicable. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | Not applicable. |
| Other | | Not applicable. |

Reference and Administrative details

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name | Riding for the Disabled – Exeter Group |
| Other name the charity uses | Not applicable. |
| Registered charity number | 1180573 |
| Charity's principal address | Gulliford House Mamhead Exeter Devon EX6 8HH |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Robert Gaiger | Chairman | | |
| 2 | Clive Richards | Treasurer | | |
| 3 | Rebecca Wilkins | Secretary | | |
| 4 | Caroline Steggles | | | |
| 5 | Helen Yazhekov | | | |
| 6 | Kristen Birt | | | |
| 7 | Stephanie Shanahan | | | |
| 8 | Clare Stubbins | | | |
| 9 | Camilla Melksham | | | |
| 10 | Eleanor Kerr | | | |
| 11 | Jessica Williams | | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
|---------------|--|--|
| NONE | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| NONE | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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|---|-----------------|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity | NONE |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | Not applicable. |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | Not applicable. |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| | | |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable.

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable.

Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| ROBERT GAIGER | CLIVE RICHARDS |
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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| CHAIRMAN | TREASURER |
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Date

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|-----------------|
| 12 January 2025 |
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
DING FOR THE DISABLED - EXETER GROUP

No (if any)
1180573

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Receipts and payments accounts

| For the period from | Period start date | To | Period end date |
|---------------------|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| | 06.04.23 | | 05.04.24 |

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| DONATIONS | 9,674 | - | - | 9,674 | - |
| INTEREST | 204 | - | - | 204 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 9,878 | - | - | 9,878 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 9,878 | - | - | 9,878 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| HIRE OF HORSES AND RELATED CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES | 5,606 | - | - | 5,606 | - |
| BANK CHARGES | 60 | - | - | 60 | - |
| INSURANCE | 426 | - | - | 426 | - |
| TRAINING COURSES | 317 | - | - | 317 | - |
| DBS CHECKS | 35 | - | - | 35 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 6,444 | - | - | 6,444 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 6,444 | - | - | 6,444 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 3,435 | - | - | 3,435 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 18,651 | - | - | 18,651 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 22,086 | - | - | 22,086 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | - | - | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Agreement Error

OK

OK

Unrestricted funds

Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

Details

B2 Other monetary assets

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
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| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
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| | | - | - |

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

B5 Liabilities

| | | | |
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| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

CLIVE RICHARDS

TREASURER

02.07.24

ROBERT GAIGER

CHAIRMAN

02.07.24