

Trustees report for Wansdyke Carriage Driving Group RDA, registered charity number 1180584

Names of Trustees

Mrs. Gillian Fallon (chair)
Mrs. Anne Oliver (treasurer)
Mrs. Maggie Lewis (secretary)
Mrs. Patricia Putland
Mrs. Caroline Mitchell
Mrs. Leonie Brown

Mrs. Patricia Gange
Mrs. Anne Reeve
Mrs. Judith Twallin
Mr. Angus Geddes
Mrs. Jo Cowley

Structure and management

The group is a charitable incorporated organisation, part of the Riding for the Disabled Association, and managed by the Trustees listed above. Trustees are recruited from the group's volunteers and formally elected at the Annual General Meeting. We have recruited a new Trustee this year, Mrs. Jo Cowley.

Aims and objectives

To promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association by providing disabled people with the opportunity to carriage drive to benefit their health and well being both physically and mentally.

Activities and objectives in the year

We continued to drive twice a week with all our participants until October 2024. However, the retirement of one of our horses (due to age) and the other horse becoming lame has meant that we have had to suspend activities until we can train new horses. We have already bought one suitable equine and it will be assessed shortly; a second is awaiting the outcome of necessary veterinary checks before arriving with us to start training. We encourage our participants, where able, to undertake the proficiency tests devised by the RDA national organisation and some also come to help with simple tasks such as grooming.

Achievements and performance

For some of our participants coming to driving is the highlight of their week and offers both physical and mental benefits. We currently have 12 participants, who attend our twice weekly sessions, and try to accommodate new applicants when we can. We aim to drive year round, weather permitting. Our three trainee coaches all passed their assessments last year and we have another coach in training at the moment.

Financial review

Our finances remain steady, if down on last year due to expenses in the search for suitable new equines.

Policy on reserves: We aim to have a reserve of approximately one year's running costs

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature: M M Lewis

Full name: Margaret Mary Lewis
Position: Group Secretary

WANSDYKE CARRIAGE DRIVING GROUP (RDA)

Charity no. 1180584

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Receipts		Total Receipts	
Driving Fees	5,787.00		
Donations	1,327.63		
Raffle	-		
Plant Fair	-		
Collecting Boxes	-		
Bursaries	5,500.00		
Sundry	4,826.54		
Fundraising	-		
Insurance claim	-		
Legacies	-		
31.3.24		£ 17,441.17	
31.3.23		£ 16,733	
2,325			
5,486			
-			
5,066			
-			
2,356			
-			
1,500			
£ 16,733			
Payments		Total Payments	
Horse Care	965.21		
Farrier	2,547.00		
Feed	1,438.65		
Vet	519.59		
Equipment/Maintenance	3,025.14		
Insurance	2,247.38		
RDA subscription	200.00		
Sundries	3,601.41		
Grazing, electricity & water	4,804.38		
Carrriage Horse	7,931.54		
Carrriage & harness	-		
Raffle	-		
Fundraising	-		
Plant Fair	-		
Bank Charges	118.50		
£ 27,398.80			
(9,957.63)			
27,329.51			
£ 17,371.88			
1,673			
25,656			
£ 27,329			
130			
£ 15,060			
703			
-			
-			
-			
-			
4,828			
1,744			
200			
2,160			
1,003			
891			
1,192			
1,459			
750			

Notes to the accounts.

2. Basis of preparation

The Annual Report and Accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission 'Guidance on Accounting and Audit Requirements for Charities.

3. Restricted Funds

No restricted funds were received during the year and none were carried forward to 2024/25.

The above receipts and payments account was approved by the Trustees on September 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts and signed on their behalf by:

Chair

Gillou E. Follen

Treasurer

Ann E. Oliver

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE

WANDYKE CARRIAGE DRIVING GROUP (RDA)

Charity no. 1180584

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2024

which are set out on the preceding page.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and of the examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity

Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements: a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

J C Davis FCA
Chartered Accountant
11 September 2024

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