

# BRIDGEND COUNTY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING

England & Wales · Charity number 1180631

## Details

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Other names	BRIDGEND COUNTY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-11-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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 PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AND/OR TO CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING IN THE SOUTH WALES AREA.

**Activities:** We are an independent charity based at the Equine Centre at Pencoed College. Our principal aim is to provide horse riding and horse related activities to children and adults in our local community who have physical and learning disabilities. All our riding sessions are held indoors under the supervision of highly trained RDA Coaches who are supported by a team of trained volunteers.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- Bridgend

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£10,261	£11,807	-	-
2024-08-31	£7,564	£10,352	-	-
2023-08-31	£10,789	£15,889	-	-
2022-08-31	£10,000	£17,051	-	-
2021-08-31	£1,750	£15,107	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>JULIE HUMPHRY</b>	Chair	2012-06-29
Anthony Attilio Arcari		2023-05-26
Carole Ann Evans		2017-05-11
EMMA LOUISE THOMAS		2014-06-10
JOAN ELIZABETH LEAN		2013-06-28
Leigh Deborah Thorne		2026-02-26
Linda Anne Crowhurst		2017-05-11

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# Accounts

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hire charge has had a significant impact on funding but previous discussions with the college staff about this were unsuccessful. They agreed to keep the matter under review.  
**Action: Trustees**

The Trustees were happy to accept the accounts as a true record and thanked LC for her clear and concise reporting of the accounts. LC will now make contact with Richard Breeze to audit the accounts before submitting them to the Charities Commission.

**Action: LC**

#### **7. Review of financial policy and procedure**

LC confirmed that the wording had been amended to include the new payment by card process.

#### **8. Trustee Annual Checklist**

JH said that she would review the document ready for discussion at the next Trustee meeting.

**Action: JH**

#### **9. Any other business**

Due to the drop off in volunteer numbers, ET agreed to draw up a "Volunteers Needed" poster and post it on our social media sites.

**Action: ET/JH**

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

TBA

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES 3,4,5 & 6**

<b>1 SEPT 2024 - 31 AUGUST 2025</b>	
<b>EQUIPMENT/FEES &amp; INSURANCE/SUNDRIES/ HORSE WELFARE</b>	
<b>NOTES 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>	
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>NOTE 3</b>
Riding Hats	90.25
Rugs Cleaned	33.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>123.75</b>
<b>RDA FEE/EXPENSES/INSURANCE</b>	<b>NOTE 4</b>
Membership Fee/Insurance 2022-2023	1184.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1184.00</b>
<b>SUNDRIES</b>	<b>NOTE 5</b>
Name Tags	70.00
Ink Cartridge	12.50
Lesson	-15.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>67.50</b>
<b>HORSE WELFARE</b>	<b>NOTE 6</b>
Guttural Pouch Washes, Clippings, Farrier, Injections, Endo Examinations, Oils, Dental checks etc	3275.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3275.00</b>

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**Action: LC**

**7. Review of financial policy and procedure**

LC confirmed that she would amend the wording to include the new payment by card process.

**Action:LC**

**8. Trustee Annual Checklist**

JH confirmed the only outstanding matter was the Group Members which would be actioned before the next AGM.

**Action: JH**

**9. Any other business**

There was some discussion about potential fund raising events and the possibility of investing surplus monies into a higher interest account rather than keeping it in a current account but due to time constraints it was agreed to carry these topics over to the next Trustee meeting to be arranged in the coming weeks.

**Action: JH&AA**

**10. Date of next meeting**

TBA

Signed: Anthony Arcari

Date: 10/02/2025

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 - 31 AUGUST 2024**

1 SEPT 2023 - 31 AUGUST 2024	
<b>EQUIPMENT/FEES &amp; INSURANCE/SUNDRIES/HORSE WELFARE</b>	
<b>NOTES 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>	
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>NOTE 3</b>
Saddle Flocking/Washing	95.00
Clippers & Blades	244.98
Fly Rugs	69.99
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>409.97</b>
<b>RDA FEE/EXPENSES/INSURANCE</b>	<b>NOTE 4</b>
Membership Fee/Insurance 2022-2023	1198.40
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1198.40</b>
<b>SUNDRIES</b>	<b>NOTE 5</b>
Training	126.00
Roll of paper tablecloth	23.99
5 Plastic Boxes	47.45
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>197.44</b>
<b>HORSE WELFARE</b>	<b>NOTE 6</b>
Medicals/Injections/Skin Scrape/Wormers/Strangles Tests	3364.34
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3364.34</b>

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**Action:LC**

#### **9. Any other business**

LC explained that Disclosure Services had changed the way we were able to pay them, having withdrawn their Direct Debit Service. The alternative methods are not suitable for our charity as we do not have a credit card, and we have to have two signatories on our cheques. It was agreed that this issue would be raised with our bank.

**Action: LC & JH**

#### **7. Review of financial policy and procedure**

LC confirmed that there were no amendments required.

#### **8. Trustee Annual Checklist**

JH confirmed the only outstanding matter was the Group Members which would be actioned before the next AGM.

**Action: JH**

#### **9. Any other business**

None

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

November, 2024

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 SEPT 2022 - 31 AUGUST 2023	
EQUIPMENT/SUNDRIES/FEES & INSURANCE	
NOTES 3, 4 & 5	
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>NOTE 3</b>
Hire of 2 Units	1595.12
Purchase 2 units	6000.00
Skull Caps	647.02
Rug Washing	75.00
Fly Masks & Fly Rug	85.93
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8403.07</b>
<b>SUNDRIES</b>	<b>NOTE 4</b>
Trailer Damage Repair Costs	127.01
Ink Cartridges	61.85
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>188.86</b>
<b>RDA FEE/EXPENSES/INSURANCE</b>	<b>NOTE 5</b>
Membership Fee/Insurance 2022-2023	1010.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1010.00</b>

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JH went through the current document with the Trustees. There is still one unresolved area relating to the Group's Members the criteria of which had been agreed by the Trustees in May's AGM but JH hadn't completed so she agreed to action this as soon as possible.

**Action: JH**

**9. Any other business**

None

**10. Date of next meeting**

November, 2023

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BALANCE SHEET 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 - 31 AUGUST 2022**

<b>BRIDGEND COUNTY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION CHARITY NO. 1180631</b>	<b>2021 - 2022</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations (see note 1)	4709
Fundraising (see note 2)	776
Hartpury Refunded Expenses	370
Qualifier Entry Fees	300
Private Riders	2270
School Fees Paid	1525
Tack Sales	50
	<b>10000</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Equipment (see note 3)	5447
Feed	264
Livery	3027
Horse Welfare	1612
Coaching/Stabling/Travel Expenses	3847
Hartpury Expenses	376
Refundable Costs	282
RDA Fees, Expenses & Insurance (see note 4)	1209
Sundries (see note 5)	153
Internet Costs/Web Design	728
RDA Mobile Phone Costs	100
Travel Expenses	6
	<b>17051</b>
	<b>10000</b>
Income - deficit (2022)	7051
Petty Cash B/Fwd from 2020/2021	75
Petty Cash B/Fwd	0

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## **Bridgend County Riding for the Disabled Group**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### **Present**

Julie Humphry (JH)

Linda Crowhurst (LC)

Joan Lean (JL)

Carole Evans (CE)

Emma Thomas (ET)

Jeff Evans (JE)

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

JH opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and Emma and the committee of the Three Horseshoes Community Pub for allowing us to use their premises.

### **2. Previous minutes**

The minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 AGM were agreed as correct, proposed CE seconded JL

### **3. Matters arising (not otherwise on agenda)**

No matters arising.

### **4. Chairman's report**

Following the Covid lockdowns we were delighted to be able to re-start our activities at Pencoed College and welcome our schools back on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Although we were quite anxious about how all the new Covid protocols would work, in practice everything went well and it soon felt like we hadn't been away. We were also pleased to be able to offer a session to one of the schools on our waiting list, so Tremains School, Brackla joined us in January this year which means we have 8 sessions during the week (4 Monday & 4 Friday) between 6 schools.

We were also happy to welcome to our team some new volunteers who are proving to be a great asset and are full of enthusiasm and ideas so the future is looking very positive, but having said that we are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join us.

Our Saturday independent riders started back on 4<sup>th</sup> December and it was wonderful to see old friends once again and amazing to see how much some of our young riders have grown and matured into young adults. We have also been joined by some new riders who have increased our number to 12 so we are currently running 3 sessions each Saturday. The college have very kindly offered to loan us 2 of their horses on Saturdays so we now have capacity for 15 riders each week which is fantastic news.

The container company Mobile Mini have given us fantastic support over the past 12 months by providing us with a storage container to store all our equipment and on 19<sup>th</sup> October we took delivery of our office/classroom unit which, following connection to the power supply, now allows us somewhere warm and comfortable to meet and have a coffee between lessons.

Our new website was launched in January, thanks to Jeff Evans for his diligence and hard work and ITCS for their expertise and continued support. We need to work on the content to make sure it's current and have asked two of our volunteers Alan and Helen to act as media support and to liaise with Jeff on current activities so that he can upload them onto our website.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we hosted the Countryside Challenge and Led Dressage Qualifiers at Pencoed College. Thanks to Emma for organising the event and to our volunteers who did a sterling job. We were delighted with the results as two of our riders Max, who only joined us in January, and Peter qualified for Hartpury in the Countryside Challenge Led along with Rhian in the Independent Countryside Challenge. Another of our new riders Aurora also qualified for the National Championships in the Introduction to Dressage Walk/Trot Led. The Independent Dressage qualifiers will be held at Coleg Sir Gar on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May where we have four riders competing so we'll have everything crossed for another successful day for Bridgend County Group. The National Championships will be held at Hartpury College from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July and we wish all our riders every success in their respective classes.

During the lockdowns we were unable to hold any face to face fundraising events so our bank balance has been somewhat depleted. However, we have arranged a coffee and cake event on 13<sup>th</sup> August in the Brackla Community Centre and we are planning an evening function at some time in the autumn. The committee is keen to pursue any possible opportunities for fundraising so all ideas are welcome.

We were sorry to receive our Secretary Nia's resignation last December due to work commitments but were pleased to appoint Jeff Evans to the role of Secretary and Trustee and welcome him to the team. We would like to thank Nia for her efforts and support in her role over the past 4 years.

## **5. Election of officers**

The following officers were elected:

JH - Chairman	(Proposed JL seconded LC)
LC - Treasurer	(Proposed CE seconded JL)
JE - Secretary	(Proposed JL seconded ET)
ET & JH - DBS coordinators	
ET - Safeguarding	
CE - Fundraising Coordinator	

JL agreed to continue as a trustee.

## **6. Accounts and financial report**

LC presented the accounts for the 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 which recorded a closing balance of £35,922. Riding lessons have not taken place at all during this financial year due to on-going issues with Covid-19. Fund raising was also halted which led to no monies going into our account other than donations. Due to this we have a large deficit this year. We are a fortunate group as we had a good bank balance due to having received a large donation from the Topsy Trust Fund a number of years ago. This has indeed kept us afloat. Our main spend this year has been to improve our working environment by removing our old sheds and caravan. We have had two new hard standings, along with a new storage container. Additional work being carried out at the college delayed the installation of our new office/classroom facility. The Trustees were happy to accept the accounts as a true record and thanked LC for her clear and concise reporting of the accounts. LC will now contact Richard

Breeze to audit the accounts before submitting them to the Charities Commission.

**Action: LC**

**7. Review of financial policy and procedure**

LC confirmed that there were no amendments required.

**8. Trustee Annual Checklist**

JH went through the current document with the Trustees. The only unresolved area relates to the Groups Members and following some discussion the Trustees proposed that a member be elected from each section of the group ie Volunteers, Participants, Parents/Carers to meet this requirement. JH to draw up appropriate letter and nomination form for trustee consideration.

**Action: JH**

**9. Any other business**

None

**10. Date of next meeting**

May, 2023

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BALANCE SHEET**

<b>BRIDGEND COUNTY GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED</b>		
	<b>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021 CHARITY NO. 1180631</b>	
<b>2020</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
46814	Accumulated Fund as @ 1 September 2020	49279
46814		49279
3359	Deficit for 12 months to 31 August 2021	<b>13357</b>
46015	Accumulated Fund as @ 31 August 2021	49206
<b>95</b>	Petty Cash Surplus B/Fwd 1 September 2020	73
49279		35922
	<b>Represented by:</b>	
49206	Current Account at Nat West Bank 31 August 2021	35847
49206		35847
73	Cash in Hand (surplus 2020) (surplus 2021)	75
49279		35922
	<p>Our riding lessons have not taken place at all during this financial year due to on-going issues with COVID-19.</p> <p>Fund Raising was also halted which led to no monies going into our account other than donations. Due to this we have a large deficit this year.</p> <p>We are a fortunate group, as we had a good bank balance due to having received a large donation via the Topsy Fund a number of years ago. This has indeed kept us afloat.</p> <p>Our main spend this year has been to improve our working environment by removing our old sheds and classroom container. We have had a two new hard standings, along with a new container to be used for storage. Additional work being carried out by the College delayed the installation of our new classroom.</p>	