

East Devon Riding for the Disabled Association Group

Treasurers Report for 2020-21

At the end of the financial year 2020-21 for East Devon Group (RDA) the accounts showed a loss of income over expenditure of £2,288.80 bringing the total assets of the Group to £18,207.80.

What a year!! Due to COVID restrictions the finances were also restricted. No income was received from the riders as few rides were possible. The riders who were able to attend were due refunds from the previous term and those who were unable to attend were given refunds for the lessons we were unable to provide.

We were however, grateful to receive donations from Waitrose (£333.00), Lions Club of Sidmouth (£150.00), Nib Consulting Ltd (£400.00) and Marion who received a reward which she kindly donated to the Group from a new neighbour for finding & rescuing her cat!

We were unable to attend our regular fundraising events such as Honiton Show and Honiton Charter Day.

On the expenditure side, our main costs were for the hiring of the school and ponies for the period in February & March 2019 before lockdown and for the limited sessions we held in September and October.

The 'Sundries' figure includes payments such as RDA membership and Insurance, the purchase of the new banners and flag for fund raising events and the Christmas cards (which we recouped as they were purchased by members with extra donations given). With Helene's magnificent weekly newsletters, Carol had extra printing and postage costs but I'm sure you will agree this was well worth it as it certainly gave me a sense of belonging and companionship even if this was remote.

The livery and pony expenses were also higher than usual. We paid livery for Alice when we had her on trial. Sadly once she was vetted the trustees decided she was not suitable for our Group. The vet bills also included flu jabs for Blue Jack & May as well as farrier fees.

As always, I would like to thank Helene, our coach, for her enthusiasm and support. Thanks also to all our wonderful volunteers at riding sessions, at shows and events and for talking to others about our group. I would also like to welcome our new enthusiastic volunteers. We would not be able to operate and continue our growth without the generous time, help and support you all give.