

NORFOLK COAST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Annual return
January 17 2025

1. **Officers: Trustees:** Amanda Brownlow (Chairman), Jennie Collingridge, Scilla Landale (Secretary)
Zena Tooze, Jane Gilbert, Jane Marshall
President: Annabel Greenwood)
Resigned: J Ustina Hume, trustee
2. **Chairman's Report** – Amanda Brownlow
 - a. The Chairman started her report by thanking Sarah Hancock for allowing us to use her lovely, patient horses.
 - b. The Chairman thanked the Trustees, volunteers and carers who have been fantastic over the last year, without their help the Group could not operate.
 - c. We were very sad that Justina Hume has retired as a Trustee due to other commitments. Her legal brain has been invaluable to us.
 - d. There is still a vacancy for a Treasurer as Zena Tooze has retired as indicated at the last AGM. At the moment The Chairman is acting treasurer.
 - e. We have 21 riders, 4 coaches, 2 Activity Leaders and 23 wonderful volunteers, including Gabe who has been a great asset.
 - f. The mobile shelter has been finished and has been used for dismounted sessions.
 - g. Fund raising has gone well this year with a Quiz Night, thanks to the Kelling Estate for the very successful Sponsored Ride, Zena's Dressage Day, a bucket collection at the Fakenham Point to Point, Hunter Trails and Carols night at Cromer Hall. Thank you to all who have helped and supported these events, especially the Cabbell Manners family. Not only have these events raised money for us but we also have recruited volunteers.
 - h. Thank you for donations of equipment received from Piggy March and Pam Crewe.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Amanda Brownlow as acting Treasurer.
The Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2024 (verified by accountant Stephen Allen) were Approved.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

		2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023
INCOME					
	Notes				
Donations/Legacies	1	889.87	534.09	-	534.09
Fundraising Activities	2	5,099.67	8,071.41	-	8,071.41
Rider Income	3	4,028.73	2,165.00	-	2,165.00
Sales	4	331.00	166.00	-	166.00
Volunteer Contribution		-	-	-	-
Interest savings acct		459.02	32.95	-	32.95
TOTAL INCOME		10,808.29	10,969.45	-	10,969.45
EXPENDITURE					
RDA membership and insurance		426.00	-	-	-
Admin		-	400.00	-	400.00
Insurance		1,210.21	-	-	-
DBS		101.80	-	-	-
Advertising		180.00	-	-	-
Building		14,954.94	-	-	-
Riding		9,185.00	5,390.00	-	5,390.00
Equipment		377.12	54.50	-	54.50
Fundraising	5	561.00	4,030.23	-	4,030.23
Volunteers		225.00	296.26	-	296.26
Clothing		309.30	-	-	-
Training		470.00	180.00	-	180.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		28,000.37	10,350.99	-	10,350.99
Annual Surplus/(Deficit)		(17,192.08)	618.46	-	618.46
Fund Balance at 31 March 2023		57,379.57	56,761.11	-	56,761.11
TOTAL SURPLUS		40,187.49	57,379.57	-	57,379.57
BALANCES 31ST MARCH 2024					
Cash in Hand	Petty cash	166.39	165.91		
Current Account	Bank	9,528.07	22,179.65		
Savings Account	Bank	30,493.03	35,034.01		
TOTAL		40,187.49	57,379.57		

NOTES

1. These are private donations, there are no legacies to report
2. Primary fundraising activities were a sponsored ride, shared with the EA Air Ambulance and Piggy March Clinic
3. Our riders contribute £5/session towards the total cost of us hiring the horse and the NNRC
4. This is sales of second hand tack
5. Fundraising efforts were partially shared, along with miscellaneous expenses - eg liability insurance

I have reviewed the accounting records kept by the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 and I have examined the supporting documentation. There would appear to be no discrepancies, but the information provided does not allow for a paper audit. From the records I have seen, I believe that the accounts fairly reflect the financial position of the Charity.



Stephen Allen
10th June 2024

4. **Safeguarding Report:** Helen May no issues this past 12 months. Helens details are well displayed on the public noticeboard along with a photograph for easy identification and volunteers are clear on actions to be taken
5. **Coaches Report.** Norfolk Coast RDA

This year we have accommodated over 20 riders on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at North Norfolk Riding Centre, Walsingham. Our first Tuesday riders are a group of three. They vary in levels of ability but are off the leading rein, all can do the rising trot, ride without stirrups and complete a variety of exercises. The second Tuesday ride is a group of four people, consisting of two mature lady riders, a young boy and a man in his twenties. All are on the leading rein and all enjoy a trot, with one of the ladies making a good effort to do the rising trot, even though when she first joined us, she was very uncertain about getting on a horse. The final group on Tuesday is a group of old friends from Thornage Hall. Two of them can do the rising trot on the lead rein, one does a sitting trot with a permanent grin on her face and the fourth is relatively new to us and making a real effort to get the rising trot with much encouragement from helpers. They all look forward to Grandmother's Footsteps and What's the Time Mr Wolf at the end of their session.

Wednesday lessons have changed this year as at the end of last term, we lost 3 riders from the same family due to changes in their arrangements. We currently have one 16 year old rider at 10am who is making great headway and will be competing in RDA dressage events in the near future. Our middle session is for six students from the Duke of Lancaster Academy. Our original plan with these students was to keep the same group for a whole term but due to the teacher's strikes, we had to extend the period of time one group was with us to the next half term (most teacher's strikes were on a Wednesday so they often could not ride). Our aim for all of these groups is to get them up to Grade 2 standard of proficiency in Riding and Horsecare. Not all have quite managed both this operational year but we awarded 3 people grade 1 Riding, 7 people grade 1 Horsecare, 8 people grade 2 riding and 6 people grade 2 Horsecare. The final ride on Wednesday has a teenaged student from Norwich who rides with 2 sidewalkers and a lead. He is making slow progress towards communicating with his horse but appears to get a huge amount of benefit from riding Margo, the other rider is a girl of 11 from a primary school who is horse-mad, she is determined to learn everything she can and has progressed very quickly. We currently have four coaches and two activity leaders. Unfortunately, two of the coaches have had to undergo surgical procedures this year so have been absent for extended periods. One has returned and we hope the other will be back in the near future. We are all excited about the field shelter, which we will be using for horsecare sessions when the weather is inclement, what a luxury. Last but not least, we have an amazing group of helpers and this year particularly it has been a delight to see how well our riders respond to the help and advice of these volunteers.

Sara Ponder
17 th May 2024.