

NORFOLK COAST RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

ANNUAL REPORT

1. **Chairman's Report** – Amanda Brownlow

1. A big thank you to Sarah Hancock for allowing us to use her lovely, patient horses.
2. Thanks also to the Trustees, Volunteers and Carer's who have been fantastic over the last year, without their help and of course the riders the Group could not operate
3. There is still a vacancy for a Treasurer as Zena has retired as indicated at the last AGM. At the moment the Chairman is acting Treasurer
4. The mobile shelter as been used for dismounted sessions led by our enthusiastic Activity Leaders Philippa Monteith and Scilla Landale
5. Fund raising has gone well this year:
 - a. a Tombola at the Fakenham Easter Race Meeting thanks to David Hunter and Jennie Collingridge:
 - b. Teas at Stody thanks to the Macnicol family was very successful:
 - c. Thanks to Jane Marshall and Jackie Sandford who organised a drinks party kindly sponsored by Sworders and their very generous sponsorship of our Christmas Cards –
 - d. Alison King for drawing the Christmas card:
 - e. Zena ran a successful Dressage Day
 - f. Alan Ponder for a fun Quiz Night held in Binham Village Hall:
 - g. The Cabbell-Manners family and the White Woofers
 - i. Hunter Trial
 - ii. Carols evening at Cromer Hall who has helped and supported these events.

Not only have all these events raised funds for our activities but they have also helped recruit new volunteers.

2. **Safeguarding Officer** Helen reported a quiet year as the Safeguarding Officer with no issues arising Helens name and details are clearly displayed on the notice board at the stables and the chairperson has made everyone aware that Helen is the Safeguarding Officer at our regularly scheduled volunteer training mornings
3. **Trustees – Re-election:** No change in existing trustees from 2024: Amanda Brownlow, Jennie Collingridge, Jane Gilbert, Scilla Landale, Jane Marshall and Zena Tooze. Amanda Brownlow remains as chairperson.
4. Our Annual General Meeting was circulated amongst our volunteers and relevant participating parties and was duly held on the 11 June 2025, following our trustee meeting on the 10th June 2025. Minutes are readily available

5. **Coaches Report.** – Sarah Ponder, June 2025

BACKGROUND: Another busy year for our activities at Walsingham, North Norfolk Riding Centre. We currently have 4 qualifies coaches and another following the new training path hoping to qualify in the near future. This year 2 volunteers Philippa Monteith and Schilla Landell have trained as Activity Leaders in order that they can deliver non riding horse related activities in our newly built shelter when the weather is unkind or participates are not riding for various reasons. Sadly we have lost some volunteers but have also recruited several new over the year so we have been able to maintain our levels of service to our riders. During this year we have been given a new pony, Cherry, on loan from the Greenwood family and she passed her suitability test for RDA use earlier this year, so she is an additional resource we are most grateful to have.

CONTENT: We offer riding to independent individuals as well as those from a school (Sendat school, Duke of Lancaster, FAKENHAM) and Thornage Independent Living. We currently have

several people on our waiting list and this process is managed by our chairperson Amanda alongside the trustees. Some of our riders have achieved a very good standard this year and this does mean that Amanda has to try to ensure that each rider has people of roughly equal ability. We have 10 riders on each of Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions. We actively encourage riders to take the RDA proficiency tests and also use the Endeavor Awards when riders have made a[particularly good effort. This year we have given 7 x Endeavor awards, 10 x Riding level 1, 9 x Horse care level 1, 3 x both Riding and Horse care level 2, 1 x Riding level 3 and finally 1 x Horse care level 3. We have a group coach locally who is very happy to come and assist evaluating our level 3 proficiency tests.

ACTION: we are keen to continue in our positive vein and are proud of our achievements this year.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT: attached separately

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds	
		2025	2024
INCOME			
Donations/Legacies		1,517.88	889.87
Fundraising Activities		6,729.14	5,099.67
Rider Income		4,312.00	4,028.73
Sales		722.00	331.00
Interest savings acct		452.46	459.02
TOTAL INCOME		13,733.48	10,808.29
EXPENDITURE			
RDA membership and insurance		441.00	426.00
Insurance		-	1,210.21
DBS		48.00	101.80
Advertising		180.00	180.00
Building		-	14,954.94
Riding		8,171.54	9,185.00
Equipment		1,182.39	377.12
Fundraising		898.50	561.00
Volunteers		172.20	225.00
Clothing		12.50	309.30
Training		732.00	470.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		11,838.13	28,000.37
Annual Surplus/(Deficit)		1,895.35	(17,192.08)
Fund Balance brought forward		40,187.49	57,379.57
TOTAL SURPLUS		42,082.84	40,187.49
BALANCES 31ST MARCH 2025			
Cash in Hand	Petty cash	137.89	166.39
Current Account	Bank	10,999.46	9,528.07
Savings Account	Bank	30,945.49	30,493.03
TOTAL		42,082.84	40,187.49

I have reviewed the accounting records kept by the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.
From the records I have seen, I believe the accounts fairly reflect the financial position of the Charity.



Gary May
12 May 2025