



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/23** Period start date To **31/03/24**
Period end date

Charity name: Helen Atkin Group Riding for the Disabled

Charity registration number:1182183

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association a charity registered under charity number 244108 by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the High Peak and North Derbyshire Area
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities are as follows: Offering disabled adults and children the opportunity to horseride Providing riding therapy to aid physical, and mental well being. Enabling riders to take part in Regional and National Riding competitions. Developing a supportive and inclusive environment for our riders carers and families.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. Riding and carriage driving benefits disabled people by delivering physical and mental benefits it develops self-confidence and improves communication and social skills. We welcome all disabled people regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
		N/A

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers are at the heart of all we do. We are grateful for the many hours our volunteers and coaches have spent encouraging and working with our riders. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve any of our objectives. None of our volunteers receive any remuneration. We are also very grateful to Dave and Louise Thompson of Buxton Riding school with whom we have a close working relationship.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We have provided riding sessions to children and adults from Buxton and the surrounding area with several of our riders winning regional and National competitions in Dressage, jumping and the Countryside Challenge. We have installed a hoist to enable more severely disabled riders to enjoy riding. The Group has been assessed and will soon become a carriage driving group. Using a specially adapted carriage we will enable those who are keen to be involved with horses but are unable to ride to access and enjoy carriage driving.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising		

activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash at bank at 31/3/24 £42,951 The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding and reduced donations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We aim to hold reserves of approximately 6 months operating costs in line with Charities Commission guidelines. The funds are held mainly to cover future operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations directly to the Charity, fundraising and grants
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	RDA Standard Constitution for CIO Group
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the AGM. One third of the trustees are required to retire at each AGM but may be re elected.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	References and Disclosure barring checks are carried out prior to commencement of trusteeship and for all volunteers and checks are carried out again in line with statutory requirements. Trustees are required to declare any conflict of interest. The trustees oversee the day to day running of the club and seek the views of members, the Coaches and volunteers in deciding the activities to be run. Trustees take part in ensuring that the Charity fulfils all necessary legal requirements. There are child and adult safeguarding policies, a risk assessment for the venue, a Health and Safety policy, a GDPR policy and equine welfare policy in place. Incident/accident procedures are in place Fire procedures are in place Our coaches complete RDA managed reviews yearly. Our coaches and trustees have regular Safeguarding training All Coaches have First Aid training together with approximately 12 volunteers there is appropriate first aid equipment in place. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Our group is part of the national Riding for the Disabled Association (244108) The Group carries full Insurance and a combined liability policy as required by the Riding for the Disabled Association

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Our group is partnered with Fern Farm Riding School from whom we rent equines for our RDA activities.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Helen Atkin Group Riding for the disabled
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182183
Charity's principal address	Churchdale Hall Ashford in the Water Derbyshire DE451NX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Janine Frost	Chair		
2	Patricia Atkin	Treasurer		
3	Deborah Ward	Secretary		
4	Julie Andrew			
5	Janette Sykes			
6	Joanne Taylor			
7	Richard Davies		Resigned 23.10.23	
8	Marie Butler		Resigned 19.1.23	
9	Jessica Limb			
10	Pamela Prior			
11	Adrian Brown		Joined 11.1.24	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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ACCOUNTS
for the year ended
31 March 2024

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 March 2024

	<u>This year</u>		<u>Last year</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Building	200,715		195,819	
Equipment	4,680		4,737	
Tack	3,376		2,076	
		208,771		202,632
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Debtors and prepaid expenses	3,167		3,197	
Bank and cash balances	42,951		33,586	
		46,118		36,783
		254,889		239,415
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Creditors and accrued expenses		6,421		5,880
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		248,468		233,535

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 January 2025

Mrs J Frost (Chair)

Mrs P W Atkin (Treasurer)

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	<u>This year</u>		<u>Last year</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£	£	£
General donations		22,321		18,449
Riding donations and fees		18,622		22,024
Carriage driving donations		1,400		-
Hire of arena		2,530		1,460
Fund-raising efforts		1,395		2,003
Competition entry fees and expenses reimbursed		194		-
Receipts from helpers for uniforms		18		124
Sale of riding hat		-		35
Building Society interest		-		1
		46,480		44,096
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Riding fees and expenses	22,286		16,564	
Competition entry fees and expenses	463		-	
Carriage driving training and expenses	1,147		130	
Travelling expenses	1,208		666	
Rent and insurance	817		48	
Electricity	148		-	
Repairs and maintenance	224		-	
Expenses of fund raising efforts	-		175	
Postages, stationery and advertising	715		180	
RDA Subscription and insurance	681		675	
First aid training	468		-	
Uniform for helpers	-		93	
Disclosure and Barring Service checks	231		144	
Accountancy charges	1,012		966	
Open day expenses	-		80	
Refreshments	154		-	
Expenditure on building	4,896		9,264	
Expenditure on equipment	769		-	
Riding tack	1,896		-	
		37,115		28,985
<u>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</u>				
		9,365		15,111
Bank and cash balances at beginning of year		33,586		18,475
Bank and cash balances at end of year				
		42,951		33,586

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SCHEDULE RELATING TO THE ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 2024

<u>BANK AND CASH BALANCES</u>		<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
		£	£
Nationwide Building Society account		5,427	5,427
Bank current account		37,414	27,176
Cash in hand		110	983
		42,951	33,586
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Tack</u>
	£	£	£
Net book value at beginning of year	195,819	4,737	2,076
Additions	4,896	769	1,896
Disposals	-	-	-
	200,715	5,506	3,972
Depreciation for year	-	826	596
Net book value at end of year	200,715	4,680	3,376
Accumulated depreciation	-	7,859	2,629
Cost/estimated market value at date introduced	200,715	12,539	6,005
Additions:	£		
Seating stand 22.2.2024	4,896		
Rail kit for driving carriage 8.11.2023		353	
Clamps for driving carriage 13.11.2023		100	
EE PAYG mobile WiFi router 1.3.2024		99	
Bending pole kit 13.3.2024		217	
6 bunny ear saddle adaptors 4.7.2023			120
25 riding hats 5.3.2024			1,743
8 lead ropes 15.3.2024			33
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HELEN ATKIN GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
(Registered Charity Number 1182183)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024 as set out on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (a) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- (b) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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