



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/24** Period start date To **31/03/25**
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 and carriage drive Providing riding therapy to aid physical, and mental wellbeing. Enabling riders to take part in Regional and National RDA 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 and carriage drivers. 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 incredibly fortunate to have our new carriage driving team and volunteers headed up by Jo Taylor and Chris Staples. They have worked extremely hard to enable Helen Atkin RDA to become a carriage driving group after a 20 year hiatus.
Other		We are extremely fortunate to have two incredible riding coaches Alison Riley and Bethan Garlick who give their utmost to ensure our riders have the best riding experience possible. We are also grateful to Dave and Louise Thompson of Buxton Riding school who hire us ponies for Riding and carriage driving with whom we have a long held close working relationship.

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 has once more become a carriage driving group. Using a specially adapted carriage we enable those who are keen to be involved with horses but are unable to ride to access and enjoy carriage driving.

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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 31/3/25 £44,765 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	15,000
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 and fees paid 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.

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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	
12	Christine Staples		Joined 27.01.2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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)

Janine Frost

Janine Frost	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Chair	
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Date

20/1/26

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Registered Charity number 1182183
(previously 1074129)

**HELEN ATKIN GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated on 22 February 2019)**

ACCOUNTS

**for the year ended
31 March 2025**

HELEN ATKIN GROUP
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION
(Registered Charity Number 1182183)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 March 2025

	<u>This year</u>		<u>Last year</u>	
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	£	£	£	£
Building	201,584		200,715	
Equipment	5,592		4,680	
Tack	1,866		3,376	
		209,042		208,771
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Debtors and prepaid expenses	2,119		3,167	
Bank and cash balances	44,765		42,951	
		46,884		46,118
		255,926		254,889
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Creditors and accrued expenses		5,209		6,421
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		250,717		248,468

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 November 2025

Mrs J Frost (Chair)

Mrs P W Atkin (Treasurer)

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	<u>This year</u>		<u>Last year</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	£	£	£
General donations		14,050		22,321
Riding donations and fees		16,988		18,622
Carriage driving donations and fees		950		1,400
Hire of arena		1,590		2,530
Fund-raising efforts		5,246		1,395
Competition entry fees and expenses reimbursed		30		194
Receipts from officials and helpers for uniforms		300		18
Receipts for Christmas meal		42		-
		39,196		46,480
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Riding fees and expenses	22,560		22,286	
Competition entry fees and expenses	255		463	
Carriage driving training and expenses	1,868		1,147	
Travelling expenses	1,184		1,208	
Insurance	955		817	
Electricity	-		148	
Repairs and maintenance	2,339		224	
Expenses of Royal visit (part only)	1,100		-	
Expenses of fund raising efforts	460		-	
Postages, stationery and advertising	368		715	
RDA Subscription and insurance	-		681	
First aid training	-		468	
Uniform for officials and helpers	1,494		-	
Disclosure and Barring Service checks	-		231	
Accountancy charges	1,071		1,012	
Refreshments	218		154	
Miscellaneous expenses	85		-	
Expenditure on building	869		4,896	
Expenditure on equipment	2,043		769	
Riding tack	513		1,896	
		37,382		37,115
<u>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</u>				
		1,814		9,365
Bank and cash balances at beginning of year		42,951		33,586
Bank and cash balances at end of year				
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SCHEDULE RELATING TO THE ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 2025

<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		38,963	37,414
Cash in hand		375	110
		44,765	42,951
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Tack</u>
	£	£	£
Net book value at beginning of year	200,715	4,680	3,376
Additions	869	2,043	513
Disposals	-	(144)	(1,694)
	201,584	6,579	2,195
Depreciation for year	-	987	329
Net book value at end of year	201,584	5,592	1,866
Accumulated depreciation	-	8,263	755
Cost/estimated market value at date introduced	201,584	13,855	2,621
Additions:	£		
Additional seating in stand	30.12.2024	680	
Steps into stand	11.3.2025	189	
4 packs of giant bean bags	18.4.2024	46	
Busse double lounging belt for hoist	11.6.2024	46	
5 wheeled storage trunks	11.6.2024	90	
White board	19.7.2024	67	
2 aprons for carriage driving	13.1.2025	66	
4 terrets for carriage driving	30.1.2025	80	
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SCHEDULE RELATING TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

FIXED ASSETS - continued

Disposals:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Net book value</u>	<u>Disposal proceeds</u>	<u>Loss on disposal</u>
	£	£	£	£
Equipment – scrapped during the year	727	144	NIL	144
Tack (including donated riding hats) – scrapped during the year	3,897	1,694	NIL	1,694
	<u>4,624</u>	<u>1,838</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>1,838</u>
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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 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 1 to 4.

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:

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