



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	April	2024		31 st	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ride2Success

Other names charity is known by

R2S

Registered charity number (if any)

1182266

Charity's principal address

75 Mounsey Road

Preston

Lancashire

Postcode

PR5 6LU

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	Karen Needham	Chair		
2	Kerri Walton	Secretary		
3	Lindy Jolly	Treasurer		
4	Coral Mowbray	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

To support strong governance and good practice, Ride2Success has a comprehensive suite of policies and procedures in place. These include policies covering Equal Opportunities, Safeguarding and Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults, Conflicts of Interest, Health and Safety, Discrimination, Employment and Data Protection. All policies are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain up to date and reflective of current legislation and best practice.

We also maintain a detailed training and induction manual which clearly sets out the roles and responsibilities of Trustees, volunteers and staff. This manual outlines our organisational structure, charitable aims and expected standards of behaviour, including our code of conduct, ensuring consistency and accountability across the organisation.

Risk assessments are completed for all activities delivered by Ride2Success and are reviewed as required. Everyone who comes into contact with children and young people is subject to an enhanced DBS check, and safeguarding procedures are embedded into the day to day delivery of our work.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Working with disadvantaged and disabled beneficiaries from Lancashire. Providing leisure and sporting activities as well as offering education and support for any issues they may be facing in life. Ride2Success likes to adopt a multi agency working approach helping individuals in a holistic manner meaning they achieve the greatest outcomes possible.

1. To promote for the benefit of young or disabled people, in Preston and the surrounding areas, the provision of facilities for horse riding in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said young or disabled people.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in Preston and the surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals; (b) advancing education;	
Ride2Success R2S continues to deliver high quality horse riding, sport and physical activity programmes for disabled young people across Preston and the surrounding boroughs. Our programmes provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment in which disabled young people can take part alongside non disabled peers, engage regularly in physical activity and develop physically, socially and personally. Over the past year, R2S has experienced modest but steady growth and has achieved strong outcomes for participants, volunteers and families. The organisation has remained focused on delivering meaningful opportunities that build confidence, independence and skills, while maintaining a supportive community centred approach. Key achievements during the year include the following. Empowering disabled members through skills and progression R2S has continued to support disabled young people to develop skills, confidence and leadership capacity. During the year, four disabled members successfully achieved recognised coaching qualifications and are now actively contributing as sports coaches within R2S sessions. This represents a significant step in their personal development and independence. In addition, four participants progressed into Team Leader roles, supporting session delivery and acting as positive role models for other members. Inclusive opportunities in sport and physical activity The programme continues to offer a broad range of sports and physical activities tailored to individual interests and abilities. Participants are able to take part recreationally or, where appropriate, progress towards more structured and competitive opportunities. Several members have developed their skills to a level that enables them to compete with other clubs, demonstrating both personal ambition and the effectiveness of the support provided. Volunteer development and progression Volunteers remain central to the success of R2S. Through their involvement, volunteers gain practical experience in adapting sports and physical activities for young people with physical and learning disabilities. Working within this supportive but challenging environment strengthens their confidence, communication skills and professional practice. A number of young volunteers have used this experience to support progression into further education and career pathways, including sports	

therapy, medicine, social work and education.

Support for parents and carers

R2S recognises the vital role played by parents and carers and the importance of supporting the wider family network. Sessions provide opportunities for parents and carers to meet informally, share experiences and access information about local services, community support and benefit entitlements. The delivery of regular activities also provides valuable respite, allowing carers time to rest and recharge while their children are engaged in positive and purposeful activities.

Looking ahead, R2S aims to build on the progress made this year by expanding the range of sports and training opportunities available, increasing the number of participants progressing into leadership and coaching roles, strengthening partnerships with local organisations and continuing to grow volunteer recruitment and development.

The past year has reinforced the positive and lasting impact of R2S programmes on disabled young people, volunteers and families. With a clear focus on continuous improvement and sustainable growth, R2S remains committed to promoting inclusion, independence and opportunity through sport and physical activity.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

R2S does not provide any grants.

We rely heavily on volunteers who do many things at R2S including providing sports coaching, providing 1 to 1 support to the beneficiaries. R2S would not exist without the skilled volunteer base.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 2024 to 2025 period represented a year of steady growth and positive progress for Ride2Success R2S, with clear advances in promoting accessibility, inclusion and social participation for disabled young people through sport and leisure activities. Over the year, our work has continued to enhance the quality of life of participants while further strengthening R2S's position as a trusted provider of accessible sports programmes within Preston and the surrounding boroughs.

Programme expansion and impact

R2S experienced increased demand across its activities, most notably in horse riding, which remains one of the most popular elements of the programme. This growth reflects an increased awareness of the physical, social and emotional benefits that horse riding offers to disabled young people. During the year, R2S also expanded its offer to include carers, particularly young carers, in direct response to feedback from members and families. This development has provided valuable respite and created opportunities for young carers to connect with others with shared experiences, strengthening the wider support network around participants.

Developing future coaches and leaders

Investment in the development of members and volunteers has continued to deliver strong outcomes. A number of members achieved accredited coaching qualifications during the year, enabling them to support the delivery of activities within R2S and, in some cases, progress into opportunities within the wider community. One long standing volunteer progressed from Group Leader to Head Coach, demonstrating clear and achievable pathways for progression and leadership within the organisation. This focus on development has also supported participants to explore paid coaching and sessional work with partner organisations, contributing to greater independence and employability.

Empowering members through confidence and skills

Participation in R2S programmes has supported members to build confidence, improve physical skills and work towards recognised qualifications. These outcomes play a significant role in strengthening independence, self belief and personal development. The consistent delivery of high quality, accessible sports opportunities has led to increased interest from both young people and external organisations, further evidencing the value and relevance of R2S's work.

Support from grant giving organisations

The continued support of grant giving organisations has been essential in enabling R2S to deliver its core activities, including horse riding and multi sport sessions, to those who would otherwise be unable to access them. Grant funding has allowed the organisation to respond effectively to increased demand, particularly within the horse riding programme, which attracts participants from across Preston and neighbouring boroughs.

A year of adaptation and inclusion

Throughout the year, R2S has demonstrated flexibility and resilience, adapting delivery where required and maintaining engagement through alternative approaches, including online contact and home based activity options. The return to consistent face to face delivery has been particularly valuable, enabling deeper engagement with young people and the development of new projects and partnerships.

Disabled young people have accessed activities they may not otherwise have experienced, developed new skills and confidence, and felt a genuine sense of inclusion and achievement. This progress reinforces R2S's on going commitment to reducing barriers, creating opportunity and supporting disabled young people and their families through sport and physical activity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Ride2Success holds modest reserves, reflecting its position as a small charity with limited unrestricted income. The majority of funding received during the year was restricted and used directly to support the delivery of services for disabled young people. Trustees monitor reserves and cash flow regularly and remain committed to building unrestricted reserves where possible, while prioritising the continuation of high quality, accessible provision.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During the year, Ride2Success received grant funding from 17 grant giving organisations. This funding has been used entirely to support the delivery of activities for beneficiaries, including facility hire, specialist equipment and the engagement of qualified coaches to deliver sessions.

R2S operates with minimal paid staffing, employing professional staff only where additional specialist support is required to meet the needs of specific groups. This approach ensures that the majority of resources are directed towards frontline delivery while maintaining safe and high quality provision.

Grants during the year were awarded by the following organisations:

Garfield Weston

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust

The National Lottery

Masonic Charitable Foundation

True Colours Trust

Hargreaves Foundation

Sport England

The Shepherd Street Trust

In addition, a number of smaller charitable trusts who have requested anonymity also provided support.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>K Needham</i>	<i>M L Jolly</i>
Full name(s)	Karen Needham	Lindy Jolly
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	12/12/2025	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Ride2Success

**On accounts for the year
ended**

March 31st 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1182266

Set out on pages

7-8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit was required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

C. Kenny

Date:

12/12/2025

Name:

Claire Kenny

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACCA

Address:

8 Bedford Court, Preston, PR1 1JB

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.



Charity Name Ride2Success	No (if any) 1182266
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant Funding	18,189	52,227	-	70,416	50,015
Income from sports projects	5,003	-	-	5,003	10,660
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,192	52,227	-	75,419	60,675
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,192	52,227	-	75,419	60,675
A3 Payments					
Venue Hire	38,666	-	-	38,666	28,650
Equipment	7,900	-	-	7,900	11,900
Insurance	987	-	-	987	965
Kit	1790	-	-	1790	1040
Administration	447	-	-	447	447
Travel Expenses	6,300	-	-	6,300	7,400
Staffing Costs	16,555	-	-	16,555	9,455
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	72,645	-	-	72,645	59,857

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,645	-	-	72,645	59,857
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,774	- 1184	-	2,774	818
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,838	-	-	8,838	8020
Cash funds this year end	11,612	-	-	11,612	8,838

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	8,226	3,386	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,226	3,386	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity’s own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	
			-	

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	<i>K Needham</i>	Karen Needham	12/12/2025
	<i>M L Jolly</i>	Lindy Jolly	12/12/2025