

COLCHESTER GARRISON GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1183361

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTS OF THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING A CHARITY REGISTERED UNDER CHARITY NUMBER 244108 ("THE ASSOCIATION") BY PROVIDING DISABLE PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE AND/OR TO CARRIAGE DRIVE TO BENEFIT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING IN THE COLCHESTER AREA.

Activities: MEMBER GROUP OF THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION PROVIDING REMEDIAL EXERCISE AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING TO DISABLED CHILDREN FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS BY MEANS OF WEEKLY RIDING LESSONS ON HORSEBACK UNDER QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS AT AN INDOOR RIDING SCHOOL.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£9,820	£3,265	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,530	£22,472	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,902	£2,450	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,770	£6,704	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,573	£3,333	-	-

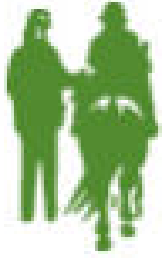
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Donald Herries Gibbs	Chair	2014-04-07
CAROL HIPKIN		2019-05-10
HENRIETTA DRAKE		2019-05-10
Jane Smith		2019-05-10
Laura Jane Banning		2023-07-17
Linda Betchley		2019-05-10
Marie-Louise Wells		2019-05-10

COLCHESTER GARRISON GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

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Riding for the Disabled
(Colchester Garrison Group)
Charity Number 1183361

Trustees' Report for year ending 31 March 2025

Founded in 1987, the Colchester (Garrison) Group of the RDA has been located at Fletchers Farm Riding School since 2004. We operate on Monday mornings during term time (except the first half of the Spring term) and provide riding experiences for both private riders and children from Lexden Springs School in Colchester. The Group provides horse riding for young children (under 9) on a weekly basis helping the children to gain in confidence and assisting them with their posture, coordination and communication skills. We also make the rides an educational experience, so they learn as they go round making it as interesting for them as possible.

Address: The Group operate at Fletchers Farm, Rams Farm Road, Fordham, Colchester CO6 3NT.

Trustees: Ian Gibbs (Chairman), Laura Banning (Treasurer), Louise Wells (Secretary), Carol Hipkin BEM (Chief Instructor), Linda Betchley, Henrietta Drake, Jane Smith and Emma Brice (resigned November 2024). Trustees are generally recruited from the volunteers with the skills they might be able to bring to the board being an important consideration for them being approached. Two new trustees have been appointed since April 2025.

Volunteers: The Group is well supported by volunteers with 34 volunteers on the books and available during this reporting period, of which 27 regularly attend.

Ponies: We hire ponies from both the stables and private individuals who livery at Fletchers Farm. The availability of suitable ponies has been an issue for us during this period and limited us on occasions as to the number of riders we are able to cater for. However, we are very grateful for the support we receive from Fletchers Farm Riding School and we remain on the lookout for more ponies.

Riders: 25 children rode on 29 occasions during the year. We had the use of six ponies at different times during the year but only three were available on most days, a maximum of four available on six days and only two on a couple of days. We held three sessions per day – one for private riders and two for children from Lexden Springs School. At the end of the summer term and the penultimate ride before Christmas we invite the parents to come and watch.

Funding: The Group has been very fortunate to receive donations from various people and organisations both on a regular basis and as one-off donations and we are very grateful to all donors. We also charge riders a nominal amount per ride and we have held a couple of successful fund-raising events during the year. We were invited to have a stall at the Five Parishes Show in August where we were able to make people aware of the RDA, and our group in particular, raise money and attract support as well as recruit volunteers.

Accounts: The annual accounts are submitted with this report having been independently examined by Christopher Thomas Accountants and approved at our AGM.

Policies: The Group adopts the policies of the RDA which are approved at the AGM. Regular risk assessments are carried out on site. The AGM is held prior to the Christmas lunch which means that it is attended by most volunteers, our accountant and a representative from Fletchers Farm Riding School.

Training: A training day is held for all volunteers at the beginning of each year, a day's first aid training is arranged for up to ten volunteers every two years, one volunteer is being trained up as a fourth instructor, two volunteers have been trained on safeguarding (in addition to the safeguarding training required by instructors).



Ian Gibbs
Chairman
Colchester (Garrison) Group
Riding for the Disabled

COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

2025		2024	
£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
812.00	1387.00	1387.00	1387.00
1387.00	1387.00	1387.00	1387.00
1387.00	1387.00	1387.00	1387.00
(11.75)	32.50	32.50	32.50
32.50	652.00	652.00	652.00
184.51	184.51	184.51	184.51
374.91	184.51	184.51	184.51
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184.51	184.51	184.51	184.51
LESS: PAYMENTS			
360.00	780.00	780.00	780.00
30502.30	300.00	300.00	300.00
300.00	537.00	537.00	537.00
360.00	535.00	535.00	535.00
330.78	253.61	253.61	253.61
441.84	849.00	849.00	849.00
90.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
182.10	134.84	134.84	134.84
68.98			
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32475.01	3262.42	3262.42	3262.42
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(2942.10)	6524.09	6524.09	6524.09
38710.74	33837.44	33837.44	33837.44
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33837.44	40391.23	40391.23	40391.23
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REPRESENTED BY MONETARY ASSETS			
2025		2024	
£	£	£	£
12801.31	18698.74	18698.74	18698.74
31092.12	31887.81	31887.81	31887.81
3.08	3.28	3.28	3.28
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33837.44	40391.23	40391.23	40391.23
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COLCHESTER GROUP RDA
CHARITY NUMBER 1183361

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Unrestricted)
For the year ended 31 March 2025

COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Riders		1365.00		812.00
Unrestricted donations (including gift aid tax)		2389.50		1280.00
Sales and refunds for horses		3992.00		13135.00
Christmas lunch surplus (2024 - deficit)		35.20		(14.75)
Interest received (gross of tax)		655.66		781.43
Legacy		-		161.31
Miscellaneous sales/fund raising		1382.18		374.91
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		9819.54		16529.90
LESS: PAYMENTS				
Hire of horses	780.00		360.00	
Purchase and costs of horses	-		20595.30	
RDA subscriptions	200.00		200.00	
Insurances	277.00		260.00	
Communication costs (incl website)	222.00		270.79	
Equipment purchased/maintenance	522.61		441.84	
Training	849.00		90.00	
DBS Checks etc	180.00		185.10	
Miscellaneous/Fundraising	234.84		68.98	
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		3265.45		22472.01
SURPLUS (2024 - DEFICIT) for the year				
		6554.09		(5942.10)
Balance brought forward		33837.44		39779.54
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Balance carried forward		40391.53		33837.44
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REPRESENTED BY MONETARY ASSETS				
		2025		2024
		£		£
Cash at Bank	- Current	18699.74		12801.31
	- Business Reserve	21687.81		21032.15
Cash in Hand		3.98		3.98
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		40391.53		33837.44
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COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
DEBTORS (Inland Revenue Gift Aid for 2023/24 and 24/25) - Estimate	701.00	301.00
STOCK	6191.00	6260.50
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CREDITORS	-	-
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Date Approved by the Trustees on

8 December 2025

Chairman

Treasurer

TO THE MEMBERS OF COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025. I have reviewed the accounting records of the Club with information and explanations given to me, and confirm that overall the same are drawn up in accordance therewith.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS & CO
ACCOUNTANTS
No. 24 Blackwell House
Coggeshall Road
Earls Colne
Essex CO6 2JX

4 December 2025

COLCHESTER GARRISON GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1183361

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COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Riders		812.00		960.00
Unrestricted donations (including gift aid tax)		1280.00		431.00
Sales and refunds for horses		13135.00		-
Christmas lunch deficit (2023 - surplus)		(14.75)		14.35
Interest received (gross of tax)		781.43		208.89
Legacy		161.31		2287.87
Miscellaneous sales/fund raising		374.91		-
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		16529.90		3902.11
LESS: PAYMENTS				
Hire of horses	360.00		975.00	
Purchase and costs of horses	20595.30		-	
RDA subscriptions	200.00		230.00	
Insurances	260.00		230.00	
Communication costs (incl website)	270.79		546.18	
Equipment purchased/maintenance	441.84		462.59	
Training	90.00		-	
DBS Checks etc	185.10		6.30	
Miscellaneous	68.98		-	
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		22472.01		2450.07
DEFICIT (2023 - SURPLUS) for the year		(5942.10)		1452.04
Balance brought forward		39779.54		38327.50
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Balance carried forward		33837.44		39779.54
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REPRESENTED BY MONETARY ASSETS				
		2024		2023
		£		£
Cash at Bank	- Current	12801.31		11524.84
	- Business Reserve	21032.15		28250.72
Cash in Hand		3.98		3.98
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		33837.44		39779.54
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COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
DEBTORS (Inland Revenue Gift Aid for 2023/24) - Estimate	301.00	141.00
STOCK	6260.50	-
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CREDITORS	-	-
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Date Approved by the Trustees on 9TH DECEMBER 2024


Chairman



Treasurer

TO THE MEMBERS OF COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024. I have reviewed the accounting records of the Club with information and explanations given to me, and confirm that the same are drawn up in accordance therewith.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS & CO
ACCOUNTANTS
No. 24 lackwell House
Coggeshall Road
Earls Colne
Essex CO6 2JX

3 December 2024

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**COLCHESTER GROUP RDA
CHARITY NUMBER 1183361**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Unrestricted)
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)

For the year ended 31 March 2023


	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Riders		960.00		333.50
Donations (including gift aid tax)		431.00		793.49
Christmas card sales		-		239.15
Christmas lunch surplus		14.35		-
Interest received (gross of tax)		208.89		31.66
Legacy		2287.87		1971.09
Clothing Sales		-		401.50
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		3902.11		3770.39
LESS: PAYMENTS				
Hire of horses - Donation to Fletchers	975.00		697.00	
RDA subscriptions	230.00		220.00	
Insurances	230.00		161.00	
Communication costs (incl website)	546.18		84.00	
Equipment purchased/maintenance	462.59		196.06	
Training	-		644.00	
Lottery prizes	-		33.33	
Clothing costs	-		401.59	
DBS Checks etc	6.30		102.00	
Miscellaneous	-		57.34	
Christmas meal - net costs	-		107.75	
Donations to RDA HQ	-		4000.00	
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		2450.07		6704.07
SURPLUS (2022 - DEFICIT) for the year		1452.04		(2933.68)
Balance brought forward		38327.50		41261.18
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Balance carried forward		39779.54		38327.50
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REPRESENTED BY MONETARY ASSETS				
		2023		2022
		£		£
Cash at Bank	- Current	11524.84		10281.69
	- Business Reserve	28250.72		28041.83
Cash in Hand		3.98		3.98
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		39779.54		38327.50
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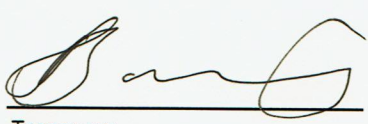
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)
2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
DEBTORS (Inland Revenue Gift Aid for 2022/23) - Estimate	141.00	55.00
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CREDITORS	-	-
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Date Approved by the Trustees on 20th November 2023



Chairman



Treasurer

TO THE MEMBERS OF COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Receipts and Payments Account. I have reviewed the accounting records of the Club with information and explanations given to me, and confirm that the same are drawn up in accordance therewith.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS & CO
ACCOUNTANTS
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Essex CO6 2JX

16 October 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Unrestricted)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

COLCHESTER GROUP RDA
CHARITY NUMBER 1183361

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (Unrestricted)
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2021	2022	
Balance b/fwd	10,000	10,000	
Receipts	10,000	10,000	
Payments	(10,000)	(10,000)	
Balance c/fwd	10,000	10,000	
Total	20,000	20,000	

COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Riders		333.50		-
Donations (including gift aid tax)		793.49		440.00
Christmas card sales		239.15		63.70
Lottery		-		970.00
Interest received (gross of tax)		31.66		99.52
Legacy		1971.09		-
Clothing Sales		401.50		-
		<hr/>		<hr/>
		3770.39		1573.22
LESS: PAYMENTS				
Refunds to riders	-		48.00	
Hire of horses - Donation to Fletchers	697.00		350.00	
RDA subscriptions	220.00		220.00	
Insurances	161.00		230.00	
Communication costs (incl website)	84.00		1049.20	
Equipment purchased/maintenance	196.06		1047.66	
Training	644.00		-	
Lottery prizes	33.33		66.66	
Christmas cards	-		152.00	
Clothing costs	401.59		-	
DBS Checks etc	102.00		132.00	
Miscellaneous	57.34		37.18	
Christmas meal - net costs	107.75		-	
Donations to RDA HQ	4000.00		-	
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		6704.07		3332.70
DEFICIT for the year				
		(2933.68)		(1759.48)
Balance brought forward		41261.18		43020.66
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Balance carried forward		38327.50		41261.18
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REPRESENTED BY MONETARY ASSETS				
		2022		2021
		£		£
Cash at Bank	- Current	10281.69		13247.03
	- Business Reserve	28041.83		28010.17
Cash in Hand		3.98		3.98
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		38327.50		41261.18
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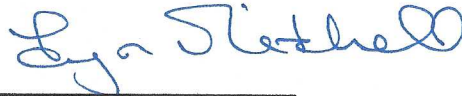
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)
2022

	2022 £	2021 £
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
DEBTORS (Inland Revenue Gift Aid for 2021/22) - Estimate	55.00	298.75
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CREDITORS	-	-
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Date Approved by the Trustees on 22 November 2022



Chairman



Treasurer

TO THE MEMBERS OF COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Receipts and Payments Account. I have reviewed the accounting records of the Club with information and explanations given to me, and confirm that the same are drawn up in accordance therewith.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS & CO
ACCOUNTANTS
6 Queen Street
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Colchester
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22 September 2022

COLCHESTER GARRISON GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

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COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)
For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Riders		-		889.00
Donations (including gift aid tax)		440.00		1708.54
Christmas card sales		63.70		301.10
Lottery		970.00		1014.00
Interest received (gross of tax)		99.52		56.22
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		1573.22		3968.86
LESS: PAYMENTS				
Refunds to riders	48.00		-	
Hire of horses - Donation to Fletchers	350.00		1028.00	
RDA subscriptions	220.00		220.00	
Insurances	230.00		230.00	
Communication costs (incl website)	1049.20		134.98	
Equipment purchased/maintenance	1047.66		87.05	
Training	-		100.00	
Lottery prizes	66.66		133.33	
Christmas cards	152.00		332.00	
DBS Checks etc	132.00		25.00	
Miscellaneous	37.18		50.85	
	<hr/>	3332.70	<hr/>	2341.21
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DEFICIT (2020 - SURPLUS) for the year		(1759.48)		1627.65
Balance brought forward		43020.66		41393.01
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Balance carried forward		41261.18		43020.66
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REPRESENTED BY MONETARY ASSETS				
		2021		2020
		£		£
Cash at Bank	- Current	13247.03		15103.09
	- Business Reserve	28010.17		27910.65
Cash in Hand		3.98		6.92
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		41261.18		43020.66
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (unrestricted)

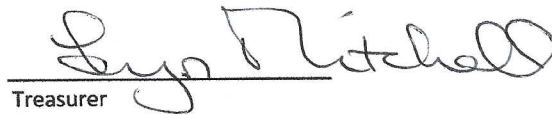
For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
DEBTORS (Inland Revenue Gift Aid for 2019/20) - Estimate	298.75	158.75
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CREDITORS	-	-
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Date Approved by the Trustees on

6-12-21


Chairman



Treasurer

TO THE MEMBERS OF COLCHESTER GROUP RDA

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Receipts and Payments Account. I have reviewed the accounting records of the Club with information and explanations given to me, and confirm that the same are drawn up in accordance therewith, excepting that I have not examined the validity of the lottery fund.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS & CO
ACCOUNTANTS
6 Queen Street
Coggeshall
Colchester
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19 November 2021