



Green Hedges Group Riding for the Disabled

Charity No. 1185227

Report 2021/2022

The first half of the year from 1st April 2021 saw a continuation of the suspension of activity as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Even when the restrictions were lifted it took a little while for normal service to be resumed and it was only in the second half of the autumn term that the first riding session of the year took place. Sadly the impact of Covid-19 continued to be felt through the year with some sessions having to be cancelled because either school staff or enough volunteers were not available. For the time being the group is working with Castle School and it is not clear when and if sessions with Gretton School can be re-established.

In the meantime the group has worked hard to recruit new volunteers, with some success. We are also looking to find new trustees who can take the group on and build it up over the next few years. The training effort has been maintained with representation at:

- First Aid and Safeguarding courses; March 2022
- CPD (Continuing Professional Development) - Communication course; 14th March 2022
- How to recognise your coaching superpowers; September 2021
- Five 'Zoom' sessions provided by RDA National, one of which counted as CPD for coaches.

Over the year there were five meetings of the trustees in addition to the AGM and there were two occasions when volunteers were able to meet socially.

The past two years have seen only a small income from activities and no fundraising events with the result that the group has had to rely on savings. There is no immediate problem as there is a substantial reserve relative to the size of the charity; also as the level of activity increases, so the level of income will increase. However, with the number of riders as it is, expenditure is likely to exceed income and therefore the group should plan to restart fundraising events during the coming year.

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Unity Bank Current

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Balance brought forward as at 31 st March	728.18	1660.40
Income £		
Fund raising		
School donations	30.00	46.50
Other donations		
Gift Aid		
Riding income:		
Castle School	120.00	64.00
Gretton School	0.00	48.00
Refund bank charges		
Total income	150.00	158.50
Expenditure £		
Riding fees	120.00	224.00
RDA membership	381.00	450.00
Discretionary payment (SCEC)	0.00	296.00
Equipment	0.00	48.72
DBS checks	24.00	
Fund raising	0.00	
Training	0.00	
Bank charges	72.00	72.00
Total expenditure	597.00	1090.72
T/f to Unity Bank Saver		
T/f from Unity Bank Saver	700.00	
Balance carried forward at end of year	981.18	728.18
Unity Bank Saver		
Balance brought forward as at 31 st March	4010.18	4006.18
Interest	2.00	4.00
T/f to Unity Bank Current	700.00	
T/f from Unity Bank Current		
Balance carried forward at end of year	3312.18	4010.18
Total value as at 31st March	<u>4293.36</u>	<u>4738.36</u>